

# Whittle Weekly

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## What's been happening this week.....

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

I hope that you have all had a lovely week... we certainly have done in school.

Last Friday the children in Years Three and Four had a brilliant time tasting food from different countries as part of their World Kitchen topic. It was lovely to see so many parents in school helping out with the event. The children are looking forward to doing some cooking for themselves in school.

It has also been great to see the children enjoying their 'The Lost Words' theme day across school. They learnt about words linked to nature that are 'being lost' from our vocabulary and wrote poems, made artwork and made bird boxes as part of their learning. Watch out for the emerging displays in the hall. The bird boxes are up in the trees along the main walkway into school.

Young Voices was also a brilliant success this week. The children absolutely loved it and I hope the parents who came to watch us did too! A special thank you to Miss Smith and Luke who joined me in taking the children to the event.

Well done also to the children who went to the Endball competition. They represented us very well as usual, as did those children who went with Mrs Souster to test out new software for Legoland. Some of the children couldn't believe that designing an avatar could be a 'real job'!

Thank you to those of you who came to one of the Year Four times table workshops on Thursday. Miss Charles shared information about the national times table test that Year Four children will sit for the first time this summer. If you have any questions about it, please speak with Miss Charles.

A group of Year Five children started work with our local PCSO this week looking at road safety. Please can I remind you of the importance of parking safely when you bring your child to school. Thank you for not parking on the school site - we are starting to see a reduction in this!

All that is left to do is to wish you a very happy weekend. I look forward to seeing you all next week.

## Upcoming dates for your diary.....

27.01.2020	Early Bird Week
29.01.2020	Whittle Local governing Body Meeting 6pm
29.01.2020	Sports cup final Years 5 & 6
03.02.2020	Library Quiz first round
04.02.2020	Reception and Year 6 children Height and Weight checks
10.02.2020	Year six SATs meeting for parents 6pm



If you have a child in **Reception, years 1,2,3,4,5 or 6** and they did not receive a nasal Flu vaccine in school, this can still be given.

Please contact the Vaccination Team to confirm your attendance or speak to us if you have any queries on: 02476 961 422 OR  
Email:

[bewise.immunise@covwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:bewise.immunise@covwarkpt.nhs.uk)

Date: 29/01/2020 and 20/02/2020

Time: Drop in session between 3:45pm – 5:45pm

Venue: City of Coventry Health Centre, 4th Floor Stoney Stanton Road CV1 4FS (Car park entrance is via Russell Street)



## Class attendance for last week...

Class	%
Nursery	86.7
Reception	93.8
LA	98.9
LS	95.4
HP	93.6
AC	93.1
<b>DM</b>	<b>99.3</b>
JA	89.3
TA	99.0
Whole School	94.5

Well done to class **DM** for achieving the highest attendance last week.



# News from around the School



## EYFS

In Nursery, we have been looking at the story of 'The Gruffalo'. As part of this we have been looking at rhyming words, and counting different animals from the story. We have also been very creative and made our very own little brown mouse and had a go at making Gruffalo crumble in the Tuffspot tray. Just a reminder that we are looking after the chickens next week so can children please bring Welly boots in to school and make sure they have a warm coat, hat and gloves ready for when we go outside.

In Reception we have been looking at information texts and thinking about what makes them different to story books. We are going to make an information text for nursery all about Antarctic Animals so this week we have been finding out about different snow animals by watching videos and labelling pictures of them. This is as well as making some animals of our own and using our new junk modelling area. It has been lots of fun and the children have loved using the classroom to be creative!

## KS1

On Monday we had a very enjoyable day discovering the lost words of our natural world. We completed some activities inspired by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris' book 'The Lost words'. The children created some lovely British bird artwork and poetry which is now on display in the hall.

Years One and Two have started their gymnastics unit in PE and are thinking about body control and movement. As we are beginning to use PE equipment we would like to request that all earrings and other jewellery be removed in order to take part in the lesson. This is for the children's safety.

All children across Key Stage One have been working hard on their handwriting in order to publish their latest piece of English work.

We have now started our Flight theme with a Geography lesson looking at different cities and countries around the world. If you have any photographs of the children visiting another place (within this country or around the world) that you wouldn't mind us using for display, please send them in with your child in a named envelope. Thank you.

## LOWER KS2

Last Friday's Theme launch was a great success! The children all came together in the dining hall and had the opportunity to taste foods from all over the world. We had noodles from Japan, curries and samosas from India, cakes from Wales and much, much more! We'd like to say a massive 'thank you' to those that gave food so generously, and to those adults who gave up their time to help. We hope we created a really memorable experience where children were able to taste different food for the first time. Ask your child which food they enjoyed sampling!



## UPPER KS2

On Friday last week, our Year Five and Six children worked collaboratively to create some wonderful poetry based on the book 'The Lost Words'.



To start the day, we looked at which words linked to nature are becoming 'lost' in the English language...

Words that used to be commonly used by children are now no longer spoken—Bramble, Acorn, Adder and Otter to name a few.

The children were then given the choice of some plants and animals to research in pairs. Once they had found the key information, the children wrote some incredible acrostic poems to describe their chosen word.

In the afternoon, they used crayons to create art work to go alongside their poems.

The next time you visit our school hall, check out the display featuring all of this beautiful work!

Thank you for your generous donations of cakes—information about our trip is to follow! Have a great weekend.



KS1 - Evie-Mae

## Lunchtime Awards

KS2 -Emma



Awarded by the dinner ladies to children who have shown excellent manners and impeccable behaviour during lunchtimes.

<b>MERITS FROM TODAY</b>	REC	It is lovely to see Pranith growing in confidence and interacting with other children in the class.
	LA	Ella is an ALWAYS child. She ALWAYS comes to school ready to learn .
	LS	Leighton has earned merit this week for his constant persistence and resilience.
	HP	Lakshana is an all round superstar! She tries her absolute best in every single lesson.
	DM	Akshit always consolidates his own learning outside of the school day.
	AC	It is lovely seeing Maja mature and try so hard to concentrate in the classroom.
	JA	Matus can be relied upon to ALWAYS help others whilst achieving his own high standard of work.
	JA	Lexi-Lea has a willingness to rise to ALL of the challenges given to her.
	TA	Daniyal is concentrating in class, completing his work to a high standard.

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