

# Whittle Weekly

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

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

I hope that you have all had a good week, whatever it is that you have been doing.

It has been lovely to be able to welcome a couple of new volunteers into school this week. It is a brilliant way of our children getting to read with another adult, so thank you.

We are having a real focus on reading in school because we believe that it is at the heart of all we do. It would be great if you could support us at home by listening to your child read as regularly as possible and at least three times a week. The younger children also have word purses to help them learn their high frequency words. We intend to run some further reading workshops and embark on a number of ideas to further enrich our reading provision so watch this space!

This week it has also been brilliant to see Forest Schools up and running again. The children loved being outside as did Miss Ketley who is running this. Thank you.

It was also lovely to have some of our governors in school this week as we also have next week. It is brilliant that they can help us to monitor what is going well in school and consider what it is we can do to continue to improve. We very much enjoy working in partnership with our school governors and parents and are happy to continue to hear any suggestions you may have.

A big well done to the children who went to the final of the athletics competition this week with Mrs Smith and Mr Ashbridge. They did really well coming third across the city out of 29 schools. Well done everyone—impressive!

In our assemblies this week and next we have been talking about aspirations through stories. We have talked about the idea that all of our children at Whittle can be anything they want to be and that this may be very different to what their friends aspire to be. We are encouraging the children to be proud of themselves and their differences with others. It would be lovely for you to talk about this more at home.

You will have noticed our new 'figures' outside of school reminding you not to park on the double yellow lines. This is because we all want to make sure that children and families are safe on their walks to and from school and in response to many conversations with parents. We are very pleased with them and hope that they serve as a reminder of the importance of parking sensibly and safely.

Have a brilliant weekend with your children and families, Michelle Harris

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

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| 04.02.2020 | 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                  |
| 11.02.2020 | Safer Internet Day 2020                                |
| 13.02.2020 | Year 2 trip to Midland Air Museum                      |
| 14.02.2020 | Year 1 trip to Midland Air Museum                      |

## Early Bird Week

Thank you children for trying to come to school on time everyday this week. We have had our Early Bird running this week and children who have managed to come to school on time have been rewarded with doughnuts today!

Well done children—I hope you enjoyed them!

Also, please can you check your children's bags for letters. Just in case they forget to let you know that they have been given one, this would be helpful.

Thank you.



## Class attendance for last week...

| Class        | %           |
|--------------|-------------|
| Nursery      | 86.2        |
| Reception    | 95.0        |
| LA           | 98.9        |
| LS           | 94.0        |
| HP           | 97.2        |
| AC           | 90.8        |
| <b>DM</b>    | <b>99.3</b> |
| JA           | 89.0        |
| TA           | 96.8        |
| Whole School | 94.2        |

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



# News from around the School



## EYFS

Nursery have loved looking after the chickens this week, making sure they have plenty of food and clean water and collecting the eggs.

As well as this they have been practicing their counting to 10, writing their first poems and learning all about Chinese New Year, it has been a fun filled week that's for sure.

Reception have continued to find out and write about Antarctic animals and have been busy making their information book. It is nearly finished now and we are excited to pass it on to Nursery!

We have been looking at our number bonds to 5 and have been extremely creative making some lovely penguins and polar bears. As the Chinese New Year celebration runs for 15 days, we will be learning all about this next week and have lots of very exciting things planned. Look out for the separate letter to tell you all about it.

## KS1

Key Stage One have been working hard on their writing this week.

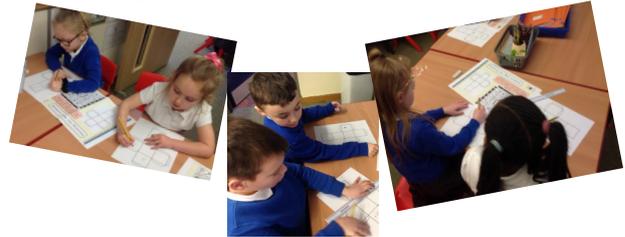
In Year One, the children have been reading the story 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. They have been describing the main character, Baby Bear, and writing super sentences about him using adjectives!

The Year Two children have enjoyed continuing their learning about the gruesome Twits characters!

This week, they wrote a set of instructions.

Ask them to tell you how to make wormy jelly!

If you have any spare time and would like to become more involved in supporting the children within school, please speak to your child's class teacher about volunteering to hear children read. Thank you.



## LOWER KS2

What a busy week we have had in Phase 3/4! Last week in Theme we were Geographers, looking at where our food comes from and finding those countries on a world map. This week, we have been Designers! Our design brief is to make a pizza take-away box ready for when we make our own pizzas! We had a great time investigating current pizza box designs which enabled us to make our design criteria. We then let our creative juices run wild as we designed our own packaging. Ask your child the features they will include in their pizza packaging! Last week as Scientists, we began our new topic of 'Forces'. The children played with a variety of toys and then decided which force was making each toy move. It's really important that children link their Science learning with the real world, so it would be great if you could ask your child if they can spot the pull, push and twist forces in action around the house!

Thank you for all your support with hearing your child read and encouraging them to log-in to Times Tables Rockstars! Have a super weekend!

The Phase 3/4 Team

## UPPER KS2

### Year 5/6 Athletics Competition Finals



On Wednesday, some of our year 5/6 children visited the Alan Higgs Centre to compete in the finals of the School Games Coventry East athletics competition. Our children came an incredible 3rd place out of 25 competitors! It was an intense morning but Whittle Academy showed resilience and teamwork—cheering on the other teams as well as each other. We are very proud of them!



Our film night on Tuesday was a 'roaring' success. The children who came were really well behaved and enjoyed the film! Thank you for your support with our fundraising this term.



KS1 - Eden G

## Lunchtime Awards

KS2 - Zac



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

### MERITS FROM TODAY

|     |  |
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| REC | David has had a super week, working really hard and doing a fabulous job with his speaking!    |
| LA  | Jack is trying really hard to complete all of his work to a high standard.                     |
| LS  | Bogdan is always a team player and will help those around him when they need it.               |
| HP  | I have been very proud of Efraim over the last few weeks. His confidence just keeps growing!   |
| DM  | I have been so impressed with Alexis' mature and thoughtful attitude recently.                 |
| AC  | Owen is an absolute delight to teach. He listens well, works hard and takes pride in his work. |
| JA  | Daniel, your homework is staggering. Please, carry on with this extra learning at home.        |
| TA  | Fontaine, you are the perfect example of what a Year 6 learner looks like.                     |

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