

Whittle Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a great week!

Firstly thank you very much to those of you who came to the Year 6 SATs meeting on Monday night after school. The aim of the session was to inform you of what SATs week looks like and what they are expected to do. If any of you missed it but would like to find out more, please do come in and speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you to Mrs Souster who led this week's Safer Internet Day. The children enjoyed the assembly about how to keep themselves safe online.

It has also been lovely to see the children in Years 1 and 2 so excited about their trip to the Midland Air Museum, they have loved telling us all about their visit.

Yesterday it was great to welcome one of our governors into school to spend time in Miss Morgan's classroom. She very much enjoyed spending time in class, engaging with the children and talking to them about their learning.

As I said last week, we are focusing on extending our reading provision at the moment. Something that we have decided to add to the newsletter is a weekly story time. A member of staff will read a story to the children and you will be able to access this through a QR code at home. We are starting by reading our favourite short stories and poems. If any of you fancy being recorded reading a book and sharing, then feel free to come and join in! This will roll out after half term!

Finally, as you know, I will be going on maternity leave soon. Currently I am hoping to return after half term for Monday 2nd March. On this day both Mr Darling and I will be in school together, I know that school will be in very safe hands with Mr Darling and Mrs Husband stepping in, whilst I step into a very different world for a time!

I hope to catch as many of you as possible during the week...

Happy weekend!

Michelle Harris

A huge thank you to the parents in years 5 and 6 who have organised a Valentine's raffle and have donated cakes etc to raise money to support the upcoming trip. Thank you so much!

Please see a list of winning ticket numbers on Facebook, Twitter and displayed around the school. Your prizes will be available to collect from Mrs Smith at the end of the day outside Year 5/6.



Can I also say a huge thank you to the volunteers who have applied to listen to children read and help out in school.



Class attendance for last week...

| Class | % |
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| Nursery | 86.7 |
| Reception | 95.2 |
| LA | 91.7 |
| LS | 97.9 |
| HP | 92.1 |
| AC | 93.4 |
| DM | 97.9 |
| JA | 93.4 |
| TA | 97.8 |
| Whole School | 94.5 |

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

Upcoming dates for your diary.....

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| 18.02.2020 | Year 3 & 4 Walking to Asda |
| 21.02.2020 | Geography Enrichment Day |
| 24.02.2020 | HALF TERM |
| 05.03.2020 | World Book Day |
| 06.03.2020 | Year 5/6 trip to National Space Centre |
| 09.03.2020 | Reception Audiology Screening Programme |



News from around the School



EYFS

Nursery had a crime scene to investigate this week to work out who had been in their classroom. They found out it was Goldilocks and shared the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. Linked to this they have been using lots of size language and doing some size ordering. In Read, Write Inc we have learnt the new sounds m, a, s and t.

Reception have been reading the story of 'Love, Splat' and learning all about why we celebrate St Valentine's Day. We have been thinking about words that rhyme with splat using our phonics knowledge and have written some lovely sentences. In Math's we have been learning all about the numbers 6 and 7 and different ways that we can make these.

Look out for the new 'Borrowing Books' box outside of Nursery and Reception. This is an exciting new resource where you can pick a book with your child to take home and read. It would also be fantastic if you could record this on Tapestry and we will be able to share it during talk time in class. Also if you have any old books that you would like to donate to this, they would be very much appreciated.

KS1

We had such a lovely time on our trip to Midland Air Museum! The children behaved beautifully and were a credit to Whittle Academy. Take a look at some photos of the children enjoying themselves!



LOWER KS2

The weeks seem to be flying by and we can't believe we are nearly at half term! We are delighted to see how much the children are enjoying The Worlds Kitchen theme. With our pizza boxes made, we can't wait to design and make pizzas to bring home to you!

The Year four children have thrown themselves into their English topic of persuasion; they've written some fantastic adverts to persuade children to buy their fruity flapjacks. Beccy in the kitchen was kind enough to bake the flapjacks with us to sell this week during playtimes—fingers crossed their adverts are effective and we sell all of them! The Year three children are continuing their learning about The Iron Man and thoroughly enjoying it. They're doing some great drama and as a result producing fantastic writing.

This week, we got all the children together to make a wish list of books they would like to see in our classrooms. We've sent the list off and will keep you all posted as to which books we will be reading first! Have a great weekend,
The Phase 3 /4 Team

UPPER KS2

Year 6

This week, Year six have finished writing their own versions of Macbeth and some of the results are truly spine-chilling! Please ask them to share their newfound Shakespearean knowledge with you as their enthusiasm has been wonderful to see (and read).

Thank you to those parents who joined us for our Year six SATs meeting on Monday—for those who couldn't make it, your child came home with a copy of the power-point that was shared. Please see Miss Antcliffe if you have any questions.

Year 5

Year 5 have been reading 'Wolf Brother' and exploring the characters of Torak and the bear. They have begun to story map the key events so that they are ready to write their own chapter. Watch this space...



KS1 -

Lunchtime Awards

KS2 -



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

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| MERITS FROM TODAY | REC | Skyla has come on in leaps and bounds at school lately! |
| | HP | I am so proud of how kind and helpful Robert is to others in our class and school. |
| | DM | Riley is always one of the first children at the door in the morning and he is always prepared. |
| | AC | Aditya is well-mannered, works hard, and has a thirst for knowledge. |
| | JA | This week, a new boy started with us at Whittle. Aaron volunteered to help him settle in. |
| | TA | What a pleasure it is having Christian in our school! He has become an integral part of the learning. |

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