

Whittle Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday everyone!

We have, as always, had a lovely week at Whittle with lots to celebrate and share with you.

This week in our assemblies we have been 'finding our brave' - sharing picture book stories about bravery and courage linked to 'Place2Be' Children's Mental Health awareness week. We have also learnt a new song about celebrating and respecting our differences.

It was great to welcome our PCSO into school again this week supported by one of our Parent Governors. The children are very much enjoying their junior PCSO training.

Well done to the children who went to a Writing event at Caludon Castle this week, again they represented Whittle so well and the writing they produced was excellent.

We also welcomed Catering Academy into school who did a nutrition workshop with some of our children and they enjoyed tasting some new foods—healthy ones!

Our Library quiz team represented Whittle excellently at trials this week and just missed the final (I think by one point) so very well done. A huge thank you to Miss Kockelbergh for running the library quiz team and organising this event.

We have lots of exciting things to share soon about reading at Whittle. We believe that reading is key to the children's success and we are really placing reading at the heart of all we do. Thank you to those of you who read at home with your children at least three times a week, we really notice the difference! Watch this space for updates on all the reading enrichment ideas we are in the process of rolling out! Miss Antcliffe, Miss Kockelbergh and I are busy working on it!!

Anyway, that's all for this week... have a great weekend...

Michelle Harris

Coronavirus Update

A national campaign has been launched with clear messages for members of the public about the importance of handwashing, and "catch it, bin it, kill it" messages, important not just for Coronavirus, but also other viruses that circulate at this time of year. Resources (including Chinese versions can be found here):

<https://campaignresources.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101-novel-coronavirus-/resources>



Class attendance for last week...

Class	%
Nursery	88.2
Reception	95.2
LA	97.8
LS	95.0
HP	91.3
AC	95.9
DM	92.4
JA	90.7
TA	96.8
Whole School	93.8

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

Upcoming dates for your diary.....

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
24.02.2020	HALF TERM
06.03.2020	Year 6 trip to National Space Centre



News from around the School



EYFS

Nursery have been enjoying the story of 'The Gruffalo' and painting their own Gruffalos. They have been sequencing the story and made some Gruffalo crumble. For this the children used knives and practiced the skill of cutting the fruit. Thank you for the wonderful sharing on Tapestry this week, we have had some lovely talk time from it together as a class.

In Reception we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We took a dance around the school dressed as a traditional Chinese Dragon and wished every class Happy New Year. We tasted some Chinese food, made some colorful fans and masks and even had a try at writing our names using Chinese writing. Our new role play area has become a Chinese restaurant and the children have written some fantastic menus to use and loved cooking up lots of treats to serve. The teachers have all visited the restaurant and were thoroughly spoilt! They will be bringing home a traditional and very special treat to end our celebrations so ask them about everything they have learnt this week.

KS1

Year One have been busy reading 'Zog and the Flying Doctors'. They have been enjoying the magical story. Ask the children what they like about it!

In Year Two, children have been learning about Information Texts. They will be writing their own information leaflets all about airports, linking with our current Flight theme.

In Year Two maths lessons, the children have been consolidating their knowledge of addition and have been brilliant at using column method to solve calculations and word problems!

We are looking forward to our trip to Midland Air Museum next week. Please read and give your child's letter back to their teacher.



LOWER KS2

Last week, both classes enjoyed being Scientists, investigating friction. They made ramps and tested how far a toy car travelled over different materials. We learnt that the further the car travelled, the less friction it experienced. Ask your child which material produced the most friction!

Year Three have been working very hard this week as they have been multiplying 2-digit numbers. They've been partitioning to help them. Year Four have been consolidating their understanding of dividing 3-digit numbers. All children are working incredibly hard and showing lots of resilience in the classroom!

In our Theme lessons this week we have designed and made pizza boxes. We've learnt about nets and have had to be very resourceful in scoring the sides to make our boxes. Lots of great teamwork was seen.

Mrs Cornfoot has continued this week to teach the children the P.E skills involved in the Magnificent 7 sports competition. At the end of the unit, some children will be invited to represent Whittle at a sports competition.

Have a lovely weekend,
The Phase 3/4 Team

UPPER KS2

Library Quiz Team



This week four of our Year 6 girls took part in the Library Quiz heats for Coventry City Libraries team.

The children have been working hard with Miss Kockelbergh and Mrs Rendall since September—they had to read four books (very long books!) and

memorize lots of facts as well as test their general knowledge about the literary world. The girls missed out on qualifying for the next round by 1 point but we are so very proud of the progress they made and the effort they put in! A great achievement!

Our Theme topic is really taking off in 5/6—this week has been a musical treat. We've listened to Gustav Holst's music 'The Planets' and the children have re-created their own soundscapes in teams.



KS1 - Mounica

Lunchtime Awards

KS2 - Jacob C



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

MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Ciara is ALWAYS a superstar! She ALWAYS does the right thing. She is ALWAYS kind.
LA	I have seen such a change in Roman. He is really blossoming into a successful learner.
LS	Benjamin has been impressing me these past few weeks with his thoughtfulness and kindness.
HP	Frankie-Lee has been showing his best listening and has been helping his friends with their learning.
DM	Zac has joined in so well with all of our afternoon lessons including PE, Science, PSHE and Theme!
AC	Melissa has risen to all the challenges set and is constantly striving to improve.
JA	Shiso, you are brilliant, absolutely Out Of This World.
TA	Amna, you have impressed me so much this week with your resilience in writing.

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