

Whittle Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week here at Whittle Academy.

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening on Wednesday (and Thursday for Reception). There was a lovely atmosphere in school, and we really value your attendance at these important events. If you were unable to attend for any reason, please speak to your child's Class Teacher, who will be able to arrange an alternative appointment and/or give you a copy of the interim report card that was shared during the appointments.

These interim reports are new to our school, and we decided to implement them following feedback from parents. Please do let us know your thoughts about them, we're always keen to review and improve how we communicate with parents.

Also at parents evening, we were joined by a representative from the Coventry Library Services. Coventry libraries are free to use - all you have to do is sign yourself up! Once you are a member, you are able to borrow up to 20 books at a time for FREE! You can also download magazines, audio books and e-books to your devices. If this is something that you are interested in, please contact your local library or speak to Miss Antcliffe who has further information.

Sports Relief 2020 was a roaring success! Thanks for all your support with this, the children really got behind the cause and it was fantastic to see so many of them in their sports gear.

We would also like to say a huge WELL DONE to our girls Rowing team who came third in the Coventry Primary Rowing Competition, a special mention to Fontaine who came 2nd out of all the girls in Coventry who attended.

As we come to the end of our second week, I would like to re-iterate my thanks from last week. You and your children have made Mr Darling and I feel so welcome and we're enjoying getting to know you all.

Wishing you a lovely weekend
Amy Husband & Rob Darling

Coronavirus Update

We will continue to stay open and follow Government guidance. Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:
a high temperature
a new or continuous cough
Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

I know you will join us in wishing Mr and Mrs Harris a huge congratulations on welcoming a beautiful baby girl into the world. We can't wait to meet the newest addition to the Whittle family!

What a little beauty!



ATTENDANCE matters Class attendance for last week...

Class	%
Nursery	91.3
Reception	90.3
LA	98.9
LS	95.9
HP	91.7
AC	93.1
DM	98.6
JA	94.7
TA	97.5
Whole School	94.7

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

Upcoming dates for your diary.....

16.03.2020	KS1 Morning of Music.
16.03.2020	Netball tournament at Clifford Bridge
19.03.2020	Reception Family Assembly & Afternoon Tea
23.03.2020	Early Bird Week
25.03.2020	Yr3 & Yr4 trip to Mini Meadows Farm
27.03.2020	Rock Steady Concert



News from around the School



EYFS

Nursery have been reading the story of The very hungry caterpillar. Linked to this they have discussed and drew pictures of their favourite food. They have learnt all about the life cycle of a caterpillar and made their own by cutting out and sticking the pictures in the correct order. They have painted butterflies and learnt some very important words—chrysalis and pupa—ask them what they mean.

Reception have been reading the story of Jack and the beanstalk. They received a letter from the Giant telling the class all about Jack who had been helping himself to the Giants possessions so we made wanted posters describing Jack to help capture him. Then we received a phone call from Jack who had spotted the Giant stuck up the beanstalk. The children wrote what they could see to help us to find him. They have measured beanstalks and the giants footprints using cubes and rulers. They have made their own castles using finger painting. We also learnt how to plant seeds and what they need to help them grow. We then planted some magic beans of our own and can't wait to see our beanstalks grow!

KS1

KS1 have enjoyed their first two weeks back at school. We particularly enjoyed seeing the children dressed up as lots of wonderful characters for World Book Day! Thank you to all of the children and parents who put so much effort into this.



We are continuing to encourage reading as much as possible and will be regularly rewarding children when they read and change their books.

Our PE lessons will continue to be on Thursdays and Fridays for the rest of the term. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school.

Thank you for the support that has been put into so many POWER Projects so far. We are excited to see more creations over the next few weeks!

LOWER KS2

We've thrown ourselves back into our Theme learning this week learning about the different food cultures available to us in Coventry. After visiting ASDA, we discussed how immigration and travel opportunities are allowing us to experience new foods from all over the world.

In Maths, the Year 4s are showing great resilience as they learn to compare fractions. The Year 3s are investigating length and have really enjoyed measuring each others heights!

As we approach Spring, our Science topic is now "How Does Your Garden Grow?". This week we learnt about seed dispersal. We had fun acting out the different ways that seeds can get transported— ask your child to tell you what they learnt!

Reminder: a mid-morning snack is a great way to maintain your child's concentration throughout the morning. Children can bring their own healthy snack or flapjack is available to buy each day for 20p.

Have a great weekend,
The Phase 3 /4 Team

UPPER KS2

We had a blast at the Space Centre last week! With the profits from our fundraising, we were able to buy everyone a pencil and rubber as a memento :). Here are some of our pictures from the day!



Two people had to go head to head to power the rockets and propel them the highest in the air with water power.



We were able to spin an orb to see how weather is affected by the movement of the clouds.

A particular highlight of the day was using the green screen to report on the weather. Watch this space to see if we have the next BBC reporter in our mists.

Have a lovely weekend.



KS1 - Shasha

Lunchtime Awards

KS2 -Japleen



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

MERITS FROM TODAY	REC	Meghana has been trying hard in the classroom and we are especially proud of her creative work.
	LA	Aaron's confidence in his abilities has really started to grow and he is becoming a terrific learner.
	LS	Bhavya always listens carefully and follows instructions without a fuss.
	HP	Evie-Mae has been a superstar this week. She is trying her best in all of her lessons.
	DM	Nathan we have noticed an increase in your maturity and good listening skills, well done.
	AC	Over the last few weeks I have seen a huge improvement in Aidin's confidence.
	JA	Since half term, Kasim has really focused on both his writing and his fractions .
TA	Destiny, lately you have impressed us with your resilience and positive attitude towards learning.	

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