



Excellence
at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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What's been happening this week?!

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been for all of our children who have been sitting their SATs in Year 2 and Year 6. The children have been an absolute credit to you all, and have certainly done themselves proud with their attitude and determination to show themselves at their very best.

We recognise that SATs gives an indication of our children's abilities, but at the same time, the message that we instil is that there are so many other special attributes, talents and skills that we recognise and celebrate at Whittle, which are not solely reflected by a SATs test. I'd like to thank you all for your support at this time, and to our team of staff who strive for the children to be the best versions of themselves. Year 2 will continue with their assessments next week, and we all wish them luck!

The chickens have enjoyed their first week at school, and I hope that you have taken the opportunity to go and have a peek for yourselves. We obviously have happy hens as they are beginning to lay eggs, and the children have enjoyed taking turns to help Luke with egg collection and their care. We will be reminding the children that we need to be mindful of the amount of noise etc around the chicken coop so as not to frighten them, and appreciate your support in letting Luke know if you spot any children not being respectful before or at the end of the school day.

I trust that you received my letter re: online gaming, and would like to re-iterate that we are monitoring 'rough play' outside as it can and has led to injury. If you've any queries, please do come and see me.

We hope you enjoy the momentous occasion of the Royal Wedding this weekend. Our red, white and blue day and special lunches with golden tickets are sure to be remembered to commemorate this event in history!



Enjoy your weekend,
Pam Carpenter, Head Teacher

Coming up next week.....

- * **Tuesday** - Class Photographs & Y6 Individual Photographs
- * **Tuesday** - Y4 Fire Safety Visit
- * **Wednesday** - Y6 to Herbert Art Gallery
- * **Thursday** - 3/4C & Y4 Class Assembly



PTFA

Members of the PTFA are selling lollies and ice creams in the playground every day after school.
50p each.



Good to be Gold winners:

Well done to this week's Good to be Gold raffle ticket winners:

Ashton 4/5HC
Jacob 3C
Bailee 4/5HC
Lexi 3C
Rabeel 3C
Bradley 3C



Attendance so far...

Class	% Attendance
Nursery	86.2%
Reception	93.5%
1P	93.5%
1/2M	95.5%
3C	93.6%
3/4C	96.4%
4/5HC	95.9%
5A	97.5%
6A	96.8%
6LM	95.9%
Whole School	95.0%

Well done to all the children who were in school every day last week!



News from around the School



EYFS This week in Nursery we have been celebrating the Royal Wedding. The children have been dressing up as brides and grooms in our role play area. We have made wedding invitations, bunting and flags! We had a very British tea party to celebrate on Friday and the children made their own jelly which was served!



In Reception we have been looking at creating our own stories. The children have learnt about story structure and had a think about key features of a narrative. We have also been learning how to tell the time. After all this hard work it was wonderful to join with nursery on Friday for our celebrations. We also made jelly and it was delicious!



Years 3 / 4

Another busy week in Phase 3/4!

In English, we've been writing our adventure story for Lila, the main character in *The Firework Maker's Daughter*. All the children have shown great resilience as they've planned and written the build up, dilemma and resolution. It's been a great opportunity to show off our descriptive vocabulary. We can't wait to wow the Year 6's when we read to them!

The children have had their final Tudor dance lesson with Kirsty this week. They've all worked really hard to learn the sequence and worked so well as a team to help and encourage each other. Don't forget to ask your child about this month's *Voimoji - curiosity*.

Thank you for your continuing support,

The Phase 3/4 Team

YEARS 1 / 2 This week has been a challenging but enjoyable one in Key Stage 1.

The Year 1 children have had lots of fun when learning about instruction texts - they even made their own sandwiches with different fillings. The children are excited about writing their own instructions for 'How to make a Sandwich' next week!

In Year 2, all the children have shown resilience, maturity and a positive attitude during the first week of their SATs tests. They have all worked extremely hard and everyone has tried their very best (which is all that we ask of them!) Miss Morgan and Mrs Westley are so proud of them all and have enjoyed spending time with all the children who have been coming to breakfast club this week. Our free Year 2 breakfast club will continue next week from 8.15am every morning. Reading: We have noticed this week that there have been a number of children who are not bringing their reading book and diary into school every day. Please can you ensure that children have these in school and that they are reading regularly at home too. We are continuing to give children stamps and reading rewards for reading at home and will be awarding some extra bonus prizes at the end of the school year for children who have shown commitment to their progress in reading and improved the amount they are reading at home.

Years 5 / 6 Wow Year 6! We are tremendously proud of you all this week! You all gave it your absolute best for your SATs tests and have worked your socks off. Enjoy a well deserved rest this weekend!

Year 5 have been working on their persuasive writing to write a letter about an upcoming music festival at Whittle... Fingers crossed they work their magic. In Science, they've been investigating whether custard is a solid or a liquid - ask them to explain their hypotheses.



KS1 having fun making sandwiches



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MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Harley "...for pushing himself to complete increasingly harder challenges..."
1P	Brooke "...is a brilliant friend who is kind and helpful to others..."
1/2M	Sally "...for her cool, calm and collected attitude during our first week of Year 2 SATs..."
3C	Jacob "...a kinder, happier and more helpful Jacob..."
3/4C	Mya "...a great role-model and great fun to have in our class..."
4/5HC	Isabella "...worked really hard to organise her ideas and used her wonderful imagination..."
5A	Olivia "...challenge herself within her Maths..." & Ebony "...real determination in her efforts to beat Maths..."
6A	All of Year 6 "...positive learning behaviours towards all of your SATs papers..."
6LM	All of Year 6 "...positive learning behaviours towards all of your SATs papers..."