



Excellence
at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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What's been happening this week?!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has this half term gone? It seems to have whizzed by in a flash of an eye, and then we will be left with just one half term of the academic year-my first full year at Whittle!

There's so much that we have enjoyed at Whittle this half term with the launch of our Forest Schools project with Miss Newell; Mad Science and their explosive assembly to launch their After-Schools Club; the arrival of Luke to our Pastoral team; our re-launch of Good to be Green and Gold with our outings to recognise the achievements of our children at school; the arrival of the school chickens...and the buzz of exciting learning across the school!

We are also pleased to announce the promotion of Mrs Dowler to Assistant Head Teacher at Whittle Academy. She is very much looking forward to embracing her new role and impacting on children across the school taking a more strategic lead in Assessment.

Next half term, we are set to enjoy some more great experiences, starting with a Drumming Day on our first day back funded by our brilliant PTFA. Children from Nursery to Year 6 will be submersed in different aspects of drumming, with Early Years exploring the story of Sammy the Spider through percussion, Key Stage 1 learning to play Bhangra, and Key Stage 2 enjoying some African Drumming. It is sure to be a fun and noisy first day,- please keep your eyes peeled for photos to capture the moments!

Other exciting events to keep an eye on next half term:

- Whittle Enterprise Week-culminating in our Whittle Market Place event open to you to with the wares on sale
- Whit Fest-an afternoon of food, entertainment, stalls, and more!
- Lots of Year 6 Leavers' events-watch this space!

In terms of our next year's Year 6 children, we still have places available for the Dol-y-Moch trip. It is a fantastic experience that I have never forgotten since going as a child, and instalment payments are available to help spread the cost. Please contact the office for more information.

Enjoy your weekend,

Pam Carpenter, Head Teacher

Coming up next week.....

- * **28th May - 1st June** - School closed - Summer Half Term
- * **4th June** - Drumming Day
- * **6th June** - Y3/4 trip to Blakesly Hall
- * **7th June** - Dog's Trust Assemblies



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:

Kieron 3/4C
Chadana 1P
Charlie 5A
Freya 6LM
Christy 3C
Ruby 6A



Attendance so far...

| <u>Class</u> | <u>% Attendance</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Nursery | 86.2% |
| Reception | 93.6% |
| 1P | 93.1% |
| 1/2M | 95.2% |
| 3C | 93.4% |
| 3/4C | 96.4% |
| 4/5HC | 95.9% |
| 5A | 97.6% |
| 6A | 96.9% |
| 6LM | 96.0% |
| Whole School | 94.9% |

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



News from around the School



EYFS

Early Years children have taken responsibility for looking after our school hens this week. We have collected (and eaten!) the eggs each morning and made sure they have had fresh food and water. This week in Nursery we have been really pushing ourselves by hearing sounds in simple words and representing them. We have been reading the stories 'Cinderella' and 'Snow White' and we have been making our own perfume for the princesses by mixing different coloured liquid together!

In Reception we have been learning all about plants and what they need to grow. We have planted our own sunflower seeds in our garden as well as some cress seeds in our classroom (we hope to be able to have fresh egg and cress sandwiches soon!) Each child has been given their own bean which they have had to look after and grow themselves. They will bring their beans home with them today and you can watch them grow!

Years 3 / 4

It's been a busy week of Theme learning in Phase 3/4 this week!

Class 3C have been learning the skills of sketching ready to produce their own Tudor portraits. Class 3/4C and the year 4s from 4/5HC have been busy with their Tudor family assembly.

In English all the children in phase have been learning about instructions. They've been busy learning the features of instruction writing. This will come in very handy after half-term when they will be writing their own sets of instructions!

The Phase 3/4 team wish you all a lovely half-term. Here's hoping this sunny weather continues!

YEARS 1 / 2

We would firstly like to say a huge well done to all our amazing Year 2 children who have worked their socks off over the past two weeks during their SATs! No test can ever show how kind, funny, creative and wonderful you all are. Miss Morgan and Mrs Westley are so proud of you all!

As part of our theme work this week, the children in both Years 1 and 2 have been learning about the weather in India and comparing it to our climate here in the UK. We found out all about the rainy season in India and used our new knowledge to write our own Monsoon poems!

KS1 Dates for your diary:
 Tuesday 19th June - KS1 Gurdwara Trip
 Thursday 12th July - 1/2M Class Family Assembly
 Friday 13th July - Power Projects due in

Years 5 / 6

WOW! Year 6 enjoyed a trip to the Herbert Art Gallery this week to discover how art found it's 'POP!'. They have blown us away with their artwork in the style of the famous pop artists Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein. Look out for our gallery which will be on display soon...

Year 5 have been working extremely hard on their persuasive writing. They're trying to convince Coventry City Council that we should be allowed to have live bands performing at our upcoming Whit Fest. We think that these letters will be successful!

Have a lovely half term break. Year 5/6 Team

STAFF MERIT

Miss Antcliffe

Miss Antcliffe deserves much applause for how she managed the whole of the SAT's process in Year 6. She worked vey hard to make

MERITS FROM TODAY

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| REC | Frankie-Lee "... working hard in all areas of learning..." |
| 1P | Lucas "...he is a friendly boy and it is wonderful to see him excited about his learning..." |
| 1/2M | All of Year 2 "...approaching your SATs with amazing determination, confidence and positivity ..." |
| 3C | Oliver"...His enthusiasm is infectious and he really brings a positive energy in to 3C..." |
| 3/4C | Enriko "...he shows such resilience, even when he finds things tricky..." |
| 4/5HC | Rhea "...amazes me with her positivity, kindness and enthusiasm..." |
| 5A | Harvey "...worked hard to ensure his persuasive letter is a more accurate piece of writing..." |
| 6A | Ethan Ayres "...phenomenal change in your attitude towards school..." |
| 6LM | Callum "...you are a pleasure to teach and listen to..." |

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