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# Whittle Weekly

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## What's been happening this week?!

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

Wow! We have had another fun-filled week here at Whittle! It all began on Monday with a visit from the Guide Dog charity. They brought in Freddy the guide dog to meet us in assembly. The children were taught about how tricky life can be for some people with reduced vision and how much the dogs can help. We really enjoyed hearing all about Freddy's training and learning how important it is not to distract the dogs when they are working!



On Tuesday and Thursday, our 'Good to be Gold' winners went on their well deserved visits to Coombe Abbey. They had a wonderful time playing in the park and in the grounds of Coombe. They came back buzzing about their visit and have told me that they will work extra hard for those prized gold raffle tickets as they hope to go again!



On Wednesday, we had our Transition Day. The children went up to their new classes and spent the day with their new teachers. There was such a lovely feeling around the school as the children all enjoyed taking part in some creative activities designed to help them form strong relationships with their new teachers. We appreciate transition can be a tricky time for some children and we were so proud of how well they handled the change. If you have any further questions, do come in to speak to us in school.

On Friday, I took some children from Year 4 to Broadgate to celebrate 100 years of the RAF. The children were photographed for local papers and spoke on the radio about Sir Frank Whittle. They really did themselves proud and were a real credit to the school!

Have a lovely weekend making the most of this sunny weather!

Mrs Dowler - Assistant Head Teacher

### Good to be Gold winners:

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

Riley 3C      Latifa 6A      Curtis 6LM      Mercedes 6LM  
Logan 6LM      Scarlet 6LM

**They will join next week's winners for some time outdoors having fun!**



### Coming up ....

12th July - 'Whittle Enterprise Market'  
17th July - PTFA end of term discos  
18th July - 1/2M class assembly



# News from around the School



## EYFS

This week in Nursery we have been embracing our theme of Superheroes. We have dressed up as many different Superheroes and designed our own masks! We have enjoyed speaking about different types of super powers we could have! We have been getting messy with the paint and glitter this week and have enjoyed creating some wonderful pictures and collages.

In Reception we have been continuing with our Handa's Surprise story. This week we tasted a guava and most of the Reception children really enjoyed this new flavour! We have been making the most of the sunshine and have spent lots of time outside playing in the water and in the schools garden area hunting for different types of insects and bugs! We have been writing our speeches for our Graduation and are excited to share them with parents soon!

## Years 3 / 4

What an exciting week! There was lots of apprehension and wonder on Wednesday morning as children found out about their classes for next year. After speaking with the children at the end of the day, it seemed all had a great day and are already looking forward to September!

Back in classes, we've been planning a Tudor banquet! All children were given a budget and had to plan a meal. Ask your child what Tudor foods they included in their menu! You should have by now received a letter about Enterprise Week. We really hope you can join us at 2:15pm on Thursday to experience our Market Place! Year 4s have been taught their first SRE Jigsaw lesson this week. They learnt about the male and female body parts involved in making a baby. Enjoy your weekend, Phase 3/4 Team

## Attendance so far...

Class	% Attendance	Class	% Attendance
Nursery	86.0%	4/5HC	95.5%
Reception	93.1%	5A	96.9%
1P	93.3%	6A	96.4%
1/2M	95.6%	6LM	96.1%
3C	92.7%	Whole School	94.6%
3/4C	95.8%		

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

## Years 1 / 2

This week we have been continuing our learning about India by asking some of our parents here at Whittle to fill out questionnaires! We have some children in 1P and 1/2M who's families have moved to the UK from India and we have been finding out about why they moved, what they like about living in the UK and what they miss about living in India.



We interviewed some of our volunteers and staff in school too!

**PSHE:** This week in our PSHE lessons Years 1 and 2 have been completing 'Piece 4' of our changing me unit. Please see the lesson overview sheet that was sent out that gives details of each lesson.



**Years 5 / 6** This week, we've focused on coping with changes in Years 5 and 6 and experienced some exciting ones! Whilst our Year 6s moved up to their secondary schools for the day, our year 5 children met their new teachers for September. A wonderful day was had by all and the buzz in the 5/6 corridor on Wednesday and on Thursday when our Year 6s returned was fantastic to see!

We've also had our first two sessions of 'Changing Me' as part of our PSHE sessions. It has to be said that your children were mature and responsible citizens whilst discussing some of the sensitive content of these lessons, we couldn't be prouder of them. If you have any questions about these, please come and ask Miss Antcliffe who will be happy to help you.



## Reports ....

End of year reports will be given out to the children on Thursday 19th July. If you would like to discuss the report further with your child's class teacher, there will be a drop in session on Monday 23rd July from 3.30 to 5.30pm.