



Excellence at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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What's been happening this week?!

Dear Parents and Carers,

The week got off to a 'Wheelie' great start, with Years 3 and 4 theme launch where the children brought their own modes of transport into school for their 'Wheelie Good Day!' The children absolutely loved tackling the obstacle challenges set before them, and it really set the tone for the exciting learning to come!

Years 5 and 6 have also been busy with their theme 'Disaster' taking on the challenges as members of the DRU (Disaster Response Unit). They'll have many missions ahead to help them understand and tackle a range of natural and man-made disasters.

Our PTFA met for the first time this year on Monday, and the new committee have many great ideas to support our school with events to raise money for those extras to make our children's time special at Whittle. If you are interested in offering some time to help out, please let us know.

Rocksteady rocked our Friday with the sounds of Nirvana last week. I'm sure you'll agree from WhitFest that Jonny does a fantastic job in teaching our budding musicians how to play the drums, guitar and keyboard. If you are interested in tuition for your child, there are places available.

And sadly, we have some bad news this week...we have unfortunately lost one of our chickens to the neighbourhood fox. Mr Gardner discovered the loss on Wednesday morning, and has now moved the rest of the chicken team into safe housing within our school courtyard.

Have a lovely weekend, *Pam Carpenter*, Head Teacher

Reminders.....

- * Please support us in developing your child's independence by sending them in from their school door on their own to hang up coats and bags in the morning. Thank you.
- * Library book amnesty: Please take a look and home and return any school library books as we seem to have many that have not been returned.
- * School uniform donations: If you have any old school uniform that is on good condition, can you please send into your child's class teacher so we can add to our spare uniform bank. Many thanks for your support.

Coming up

26.09.18 ~ Years 1-6 Meet the Teacher 6:00-8:00pm

28.09.18 ~ Macmillan Coffee Afternoon come and join us from 2:15pm

Good to be Gold winners:

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

Mirren 1/2A

Luke 1/2A

Tiago 1/2A

Brodie 1/2A

Emily 3/4S

Ayush 3/4S

Adam 3/4S

Bailee 5/6TA

Dan 5/6TA

Ethan 5/6TA

Olivia 5/6TA

Erin 5/6TA



They are having a fun time on Friday afternoon!

Attendance so far...

Class	% Attendance
Nursery	90.2
Reception	91.1
R/1K	92.2
1/2A	96.2
2M	98.2
3/4H	97.2
3/4S	95.9
5/6TA	92.6
5/6C	93.3
5/6JA	92.8
Whole School	94.4%

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



News from around the School



EYFS In Nursery this week we are continuing to settle into our new classroom. The children have learnt about our daily routine and are collecting lots of stickers for their new sticker charts. They have especially enjoyed painting self-portraits this week and it seems we have a lot of budding artists!

In Reception we have begun learning our key texts 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' (in RD) and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' (in R/1K). We have started creating a story map to help us remember the story and we have been drawing and labelling the characters from the story using the initial sounds we can hear in their names. In our maths lessons we have been doing lots of counting practise and we are starting to have a think about forming our numerals correctly. Thank you to all parents who are using Tapestry, if you are still unsure how to use it do please come in and let us help you as it is such a wonderful resource for you to have to see what your child gets up to each day!

YEARS 3 / 4 Years 3 and 4 have been really busy this week. It has been a 'Wheelie Good' week for us with our launch for our 'On the move' theme. The children brought their transport into school, varying from scooters to roller blades and spent the launch navigating an obstacle course and having fun whizzing around the playground. We also began swimming lessons, which really showed our bravery and willingness to learn. Next week, as the swimming groups have now been selected, we will be starting lessons aimed at their level of ability. All children have settled well into their timetabled lessons and we are really looking forward to seeing them progress over the term.

- Some reminders:
- Swimming Monday**—costumes/ trunks and towel in a bag
 - PE Tuesday**—Outdoor kits needed for football lessons
 - Snacks**—Children need to bring their own snacks into school in KS2
 - Water bottles**—Children need to bring a drink in.

YEARS 1 / 2

This week the children in Years 1 and 2 have been learning all about the story of 'Old Bear' by Jane Hissey. The children really enjoyed the story and by the end of the week they had written their own descriptions of the main character, 'Old Bear'.

In our theme lessons this week we have been sorting and classifying toys into different groups. We also found out which are the most popular in our classes!

Reminders:

- ◇ Today your child will have received their Homework Pack and Power Project. Please come and speak to us if you have any questions about these.
- ◇ If your child goes to an after school club, please ensure that they bring the correct clothing/kit.



Years 5 / 6

Years 5 and 6 had a great time this week with the launch of their new Theme "Disasters!". The D.R.U (disaster response unit) set them a series of challenges they had to pass in order for them to become D.R.U. agents. These challenges included locating countries around the world, building towers strong enough to withstand a hurricane, and building a defense system to protect houses from flooding. The children threw themselves into the challenges and showed great teamwork, resilience and resourcefulness. We are pleased to confirm all the children passed their induction and are confirmed D.R.U. Agents! Well done children!

MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Caidee-Lei - for her excellent behaviour
R/1K	Leighton - for always doing the right thing
1/2A	Mirren—for showing great resilience with her handwriting
2M	David—for his positivity and resilience
3/4H	Maria - for providing fantastic support
3/4S	Ellie - for being attentive and her eager to "have a go" attitude
5/6TA	Erin—for her exemplary learning behaviour
5/6JA	Nahlene— for her mature attitude and learning behaviour
5/6C	Ebony - for "her have a go attitude " and enthusiasm

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