

[Inclusion At Whittle Academy](#)

At Whittle Academy we believe in the individual. All children are valued for their unique contribution to a whole school ethos of inclusion. Alongside the teaching and learning of academic skills required for adult life, we work hard to ensure everyone has opportunity to discover their own strengths and develop these to feel successful and fulfilled.

"Everyone is a genius. But of you judge a fish on its ability to climb a tree; it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid." Albert Einstein

Children need to try new and exciting opportunities in order to learn about themselves and discover interests and talents. As a part of our thematic curriculum we have created 'Golden Moments' of learning. We are always looking for new innovative ideas to excite children.

Trips out of school are an important aspect of developing the whole child. We endeavour to give every child the opportunity to join the Year 6 residential to Dol-y-moch. Here children often experience time away from the family home for the first time. They try different outdoor challenges like orienteering, rock climbing and kayaking. We try to remove all barriers and obstacles to attending this trip, whether it is money, family circumstances or a physical disability. This has made a huge impact to a great many of children who have been able to articulate just how important this holiday was to them at a crucial time of their development particularly independence.

"I can't wait to go to Dol-y-moch because...

I've been waiting for years! The children always have so much fun. It's just the sort of things I like to do and you can't do them in school - like rock climbing. We can be with our friends and not our parents! Year 6 have to use teamwork and it gets them ready for the year ahead. It will be an adventure!" Year 5 quotes (from children looking forward to going next Autumn term in Year 6).

We also have an extensive variety of clubs and events where children can embed skills or have a chance to try new interests. Look at our various website pages and newsletter updates. Look for:

Dol-y- moch residential trip, termly trips and 'Golden Moments'.

Our various sports clubs and sporting visitors into school.

Dance and Music opportunities such as the KS1 and 2 'Morning of Music' and Grace Academy Workshops.

'Rocksteady' sessions every Friday morning

Art opportunities including our various Art Days.

Competition times and events like 'World Book Day' and Coventry's Library Quiz.

Links to charity groups and fundraising - Project Ecuador, Sports Relief and Comic Relief to name a few.

Along with developing the whole child we are very mindful that children need to gain certain key skills to give them the best opportunities in life. We are committed to children reaching their academic potential.