



Excellence at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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What's been happening this week?!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see so many supportive parents and carers joining us at this week's Curriculum Evening. We hope that it has given you the opportunity to put a face to a name, whilst learning more about what the curriculum looks like for your child now that they have moved up into the next year group, and how the expectations may differ. I do hope that you found these sessions informative, and that the way we structured the evening was supportive for those of you with children in different year groups. If you were unable to attend, please speak to your child's class teacher who can give you a copy of the Powerpoint used to give you the highlights of the evening.

The PTFA have been liaising with Miss Antcliffe to hold our first event of the year with our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. Thank you for all of your donations and for those who joined us to indulge in the wares available...we look forward to seeing how much we raised for this National charity event.

We now have our 2018-2019 Head Boy and Head Girl-Joshua J and Daniella in Year 6. The staff who have watched these children grow and develop during their time at Whittle were full of praise about their attitude, work ethic and how they would act as superb role models to the rest of the children in our school. So a HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to them on this great recognition of them as positive Whittle citizens! For those children across the school who are also aspiring to have their say, our School Council is currently coming together in the classes-we look forward to seeing this take shape over the coming weeks.

Reading books and homework is now in full flow. Please support us by encouraging your child to do their homework to the very best of their ability, and do take time to listen to them read...even if it is whilst cooking the dinner-you can ask great questions to help check their understanding. If you would like any more ideas of how to support, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

Have a lovely weekend!

Ms P Carpenter

Coming up

- * 4th October - Y3/4 Harvest Family Assembly
- * 11th October - Y3/4 visit to Transport Museum

Good to be Gold winners:

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



- Jenna 2M
- Bella 2M
- Darcie 2M
- Iva 2M
- Caitlynn 3/4S
- Joshua 5/6TA

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

Attendance so far...

Class	% Attendance
Nursery	86.0
Reception	96.9
R1K	77.7
1/2A	96.0
2M	96.2
3/4S	94.6
3/4 H	94.8
5/6 TA	95.0
5/6C	98.9
5/6JA	98.5
Whole School	94.0%

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 begun reading our key text story 'Harry and the Dinosaurs'. We have really enjoyed playing with, drawing pictures of and counting lots of different types of dinosaurs! We have introduced literacy and numeracy based carpet sessions for short periods of time in order to build up the children's listening and attention skills.

In Reception we have been learning all about labels. We have been writing labels for tins, food packages and even for objects around our classroom. We have been learning how to use our Fred fingers to listen carefully to the sounds in words and we are beginning to represent these. In Numeracy we have been learning how to touch count. Have a look on Tapestry to see your child in action!!

YEARS 3 / 4

This week years 3&4 have continued to work hard and pull together as a team across the two classes. We are delighted to see children's presentation and engagement within lessons improve daily as well as seeing children work hard to support each other as they get to know their new classmates. It was fantastic to see the children getting really involved with, and enjoying, their first proper swimming lesson on Monday and we can't wait to see their water confidence grow as the term continues. Please do remember to keep sending children in with suitable swimming costumes and a towel on a Monday morning. We cannot wait to share our Harvest Assembly next week and are busy practising our songs in preparation.

REMINDER:

Don't forget to come and see our assembly next Thursday 4th October.

YEARS 1 / 2



This week in KS1 the children have begun their Science learning all about 'Materials'.



We started with a materials hunt inside and outside of school, to see how many different materials we could find! We then discussed why they were a 'good choice' to use for different objects.



Year 1 and 2 need YOU!

We are currently looking for volunteers to read with children on a one to one basis during school time. This would ideally be during an afternoon session from 1.15 - 3.00pm and could be as little as once a week or once a fortnight. If you are interested in supporting us with this, please come and speak to your child's class teacher.

Years 5 / 6

Wow, another busy week in Phase 5/6!

Tuesday afternoon was an opportunity for us to get outside and get fighting fit! Mr Ashbridge put us through our paces with our own personal fitness programme. Please ensure that your child brings in their P.E. kit every week - complete with a jumper for outside.

Science was another exciting lesson this week with us investigating reversible and irreversible changes. Ask the children what they discovered. Challenge - when you are cooking this weekend, what reversible and irreversible changes can you find in the kitchen?



Please send in any donations for our Harvest Festival by next Wednesday - Thank you.



MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Noah for his concentration and cheeky personality
R/1K	Mohanaditya for his willingness to learn and being so positive
1/2A	Lucas for his determination
2M	Summer for her caring nature and wonderful sense of humour
3/4H	Alexis for sharing kindness
3/4S	Melissa for her resilience and perseverance
5/6TA	Paula for her following our school rules and being a kind friend
5/6JA	Oliwia for her positive attitude
5/6C	Dillan for his increased confidence and "have a go" attitude

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