



Excellence at Whittle



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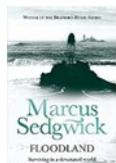
What's been happening this week?!

Dear Parents,

Unfortunately, Ms Carpenter has been poorly this week and it is looking likely that she won't be back at Whittle until after half term. This has meant that we have spent more of our time here, and it is somewhere we love to be! Every time we walk around the building, we see things that make us feel proud to be part of this wonderful school community. Highlights from this week include:

 The super voices and great enthusiasm shown by the children (and Mr Ashbridge) during Thursday's fabulous singing assembly. It was the first time we'd experienced this and it brought such a smile to our faces!

The children's engagement in our Forest Schools sessions with Miss Newell - ask them what they've explored this week



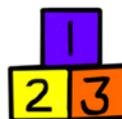
The brilliant sentences our Y6 children have written when writing in role as Zoe from *Floodland*

The resilience shown by children in Y3 when working out how to solve some tricky addition problems

The excited conversations teachers had during this week's staff meeting where they discussed how to provide even better support for our children who speak English as an additional language

and

The concentration shown by children in Reception when practising their numbers in the sand.



We also celebrated Harvest this week - thank you for your generous donations.

Enjoy the weekend. Let's hope it stays warm and dry!

Mrs Docking and Mrs Upton

Coming up

- * 16.10.18 Dol y Moch Parent's Meeting
- * 19.10.18 Wear it Pink
- * 19.10.18 Break up for half term
- * 29.10.18 Teacher Day - school closed
- * 31.10.18 Deadline for applications for Secondary School for Y6 children

Good to be Gold winners:

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



Libby 5/6C
Summer 2M
Abi A 5/6JA
Katie 5/6TA
Taylor 5/6C
Suhas 5/6TA

Attendance so far...

Class	% Attendance
Nursery	88.5
Reception	89.4
R/1K	91.7
1/2A	95.4
2M	96.6
3/4H	98.2
3/4S	95.6
5/6TA	97.9
5/6C	99.6
5/6JA	99.3
TOTAL	95.7

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 have had a big focus on our cutting skills. We have made some wonderful dinosaur masks and been scaring Mrs Hussain with our loud roars! We have enjoyed playing in the green slime with our dinosaurs and walking them through the Numicon pieces which we have also begun to learn about.

In Reception we have changed our story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' to 'The Elephant Who Came to Tea'. We have been thinking about new characters and settings within our story. The children have enjoyed this new focus and have made some wonderful elephant pictures to add to our class gallery!

YEARS 5 / 6

Year 6 have been getting stuck into our text for English - Floodlands. They are loving it! We've seen some fantastic writing in the role of Zoe, the main character. Ask them to tell you all about her traumatic experience.

Year 5 are also enjoying their text - Wolf Brother. They've been honing their drama skills and writing some lovely descriptions about Torak. We can't wait to read their stories.

We are really proud of the children who are reading daily and recording it in their diaries. Please support us with improving their skills by asking them questions about what they have read and signing their diaries. Thank you.

YEARS 1 / 2

It's been another busy week in KS1! On Thursday the Year 1 children had a great time during their Forest Schools afternoon. (A big thank you to Miss Newell for leading this!) All the children have been working really hard in the mornings too. In Year 1, children have been learning all about comparing numbers and writing their own number stories. Year 2 have been exploring addition this week, using their place value knowledge to add two digit numbers. Thank you to all of the families who have been reading with the children at home - we are really noticing how quickly some children are progressing! Please can you ensure that when you do read at home, you record this in your child's reading diary (even if it just the page numbers and an adult's signature). Thank you for your continued support.

Reminder: The Forest School session for Year 2 children will take place on Thursday 18th October. Children will need to bring in some old clothes and a warm coat to wear for this session.

YEARS 3 / 4

Years 3 and 4 have been super excited about their trip to the Transport Museum all week. Early reports are that they had a fabulous time. More information about the trip will follow as the children will be writing their own newsletter all about their day. Thank you to all the adults who accompanied the children and who made it such a special learning experience for our children.



Football News

On Wednesday seven of our Year 3/4 boys attended the Annual School Games Football Tournament at Centre AT7. They did FANTASTICALLY, they won every game in the group stages and sailed through the Quarter Final, finally reaching the final after a tense Golden Goal game in the Semi-Final. Due to tired legs, and intense heat we unfortunately fell short at the last hurdle. Well Done Boys, you represented Whittle and showed all of us that you can work as a team and showed superb sportsmanship.



MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Brooke for always trying so hard
R/1K	William for his positivity
1/2A	Dheeraj for his continued hardwork
2M	Nathan for his resilience and determination
3/4H	Sally for her kindness
3/4S	Anastasia for her positive attitude
5/6TA	Elisha for being conscientious
5/6JA	Yudish for his efforts
5/6C	Robyn for her enthusiasm

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