



Excellence at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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What's been happening this week?!

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week we have had in school. The week started with a visit from representatives from the **Scouting Movement**. We even had a tent in assembly! The assembly brought back so many memories. As a mother of two boys, who were in Scouting from Beavers through to Ventures I am a real advocate of the organisation and all they offer. As an ex Brownie and Guide I well remember the enjoyment I had going to camp and singing around the campfire. I do hope some of you will consider taking your children to local groups.



<https://scouts.org.uk/get-involved/map-page/>
(this link will list the groups closest to you when you enter your postcode)



All classes have taken part in our **Art Day**. Children have been looking at the work of famous British Artists and practising some key art skills. I have already seen some great work around the school and am looking forward to seeing them proudly displayed after half term.

The ballot for our parent **governor elections** was held this week and I am delighted to inform you that Dr Neal Checker was elected. We look forward to him joining our Local Governing Body. I would like to thank the other candidates, Mr Scott Line and Mr Daniel Hudson. I do hope they will consider standing again when subsequent elections are held.

Good to be Gold - We are planning a special trip after half term for those 'always' children who will be nominated by their teachers for consistently giving of their best and showing fantastic behaviour. I am not sure where they are going yet, but feel sure Luke has a plan. Watch this space! The Friday Bake off was such a success last week we are looking to introduce this each Friday for our golden ticket winners.

Sadly we are saying goodbye today to Miss Newell who is leaving us to pursue a career in sport. We wish her well and are very grateful in the way she introduced Forest Schools and improved our sporting provision. Finally, I would like to wish you all a fantastic half term holiday. I hope the sun shines and the weather is mild and you find time to relax and have fun!

Mrs Docking and Mrs Upton

School Council News

School council had a very successful first fundraising event.

They all enjoyed making biscuits with Becky from the kitchen and



Donna from the PTFA.

After school the children sold the biscuits and made a whopping £70!



Well done School Council!

Their next job will be to judge

the "wear it pink" colouring competition after half-term. They've made a great start and we look forward to seeing them in action over the coming year.

Attendance so far...

Class	% Attendance
Nursery	85.2
Reception	97.4
R/1K	90.9
1/2A	92.3
2M	96.9
3/4H	95.4
3/4S	95.9
5/6TA	96.8
5/6C	94.6
5/6JA	97.1
TOTAL	94.9

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

Coming up

- ◆ 29.10.18 - Teacher Day - school closed
- ◆ 30.10.18 - Open Evening for prospective parents for REC & Nursery - **unfortunately this has been postponed until 14th November**
- ◆ 31.10.18 - Deadline for applications for Secondary School for Year 6 Children
- ◆ 07.11.18 - Years 1&2 are visiting the Toy Museum



News from around the School



EYFS

In Nursery this week we have been getting messy in the corn flour tray and continued to walk the dinosaurs through the Numicon pieces. We have been focusing on our cutting skills and made some lovely dinosaur masks.

In Reception we continued to learn the story 'The Elephant Who Came to Tea' and added different characters in the story.

On Thursday EYFS took part in Art Day we copied the artist Damien Hirst and created a beautiful canvas to display around the school.

YEARS 1 / 2

There has been some fantastic writing from all the KS1 classes this week! We have had some great writing about our favourite toys, animals and the children in 2M have been writing instruction texts for 'How to make a Cup and Ball Toy'.

Super resilience everyone!

Reminders: Please can you ensure that your child brings their Reading Book, diary and folder into school every day. Children do not need to bring large rucksacks and other items into school.

PE kits should be left in school during each half term and clothing for after school clubs should be brought in on the days required.

Our PE Days after half term will be:

R/1K - Mondays and Thursdays

1/2A and 2M - Mondays and Wednesdays

We hope you all have a lovely half term break! We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 30th October.

YEARS 3 / 4

Year 3 and 4 have had a wonderful week of learning and on top of all that, they have had their art day.

We have focused on the British artist - David Hockney who was influential to the Pop art movement. We have been using oil pastels to blend and create bold coloured landscapes.



Look out for these masterpieces.

David Hockney could get some ideas from us!



YEARS 5 / 6

It's been an action packed half term in Phase 5/6 and we're really proud of how the children have settled in their new classes and are improving their learning behaviours.

We've also noticed a difference in their enjoyment of P.E. and how each week they are raising their motivation to participate and encouraging each other to beat their personal bests. Over half term we encourage them to get out and be as active as possible - we'd love to hear about it! All children should come home with a book for them to read this week. Just 5 minutes a day will make a huge difference! Please don't forget to record it in their diaries so that we can reward them with dojos.

Thank you for your support so far - we hope you have a lovely half term break.

Year 5/6 Team.

.....Information from the PTFA will be coming out soon about an upcoming disco & a firework display.....

MERITS FROM TODAY	REC	<i>Evie-Mae "...for settling into Reception really well and making lots of friends..."</i>
	R/1K	<i>Reid "...for being such a helpful and caring member of my class..."</i>
	1/2A	<i>Gabriella "...for being an absolute delight to have in class and always doing the right thing..."</i>
	2M	<i>Chengwu "...for his incredible kindness and teamwork during our English lesson..."</i>
	3/4H	<i>Sophie "...for having the most amazing start to this year..."</i>
	3/4S	<i>Sally "...gorgeous human being with kindness, hard work & resilience oozing out of her pores".....</i>
	3/4S	<i>Lacey-Mae "...for her exemplary behaviour on the trip to the Transport Museum..."</i>
	5/6TA	<i>Charlie "...for his wonderful writing during English sessions..."</i>
5/6JA	<i>Nicole "...for her wonderful work ethic. It has been a pleasure to welcome Nicole into our class..."</i>	
5/6C	<i>Mason "...for his super attitude to work! Mason has 'wowed' me with his quality writing..."</i>	

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