



Excellence at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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What's been happening this week?!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the half term break and spending time with your children.

We had a very busy Teacher Day on Monday. The teachers across the Trust met and received training and shared best practice in the teaching of reading and writing. Support staff worked tirelessly in the background updating general displays and displaying some of the art work that the children produced before half term across the school.

We started the week with an assembly where the children thought about what it is that makes Whittle Academy such a special school. The children came up with some super ideas, Mrs Upton thought she would like to share them with you:

- * Fun work
- * Kind teachers
- * Everyone helps each other
- * Fair rules
- * Good behaviour
- * Teachers make you feel better when you're sad
- * Good curriculum
- * All the people here



Whittle Academy a great place to be!



PTFA

The PTFA have had a very busy week. Not only did they run a very successful disco on Wednesday but they, along with Mr Harris and Mr Gardner, are also busy preparing for our Firework

Extravaganza on Monday 5th November. Gates are open from 5.45 and will be closed at 6.15pm, the bonfire is due to be lit about 6.00pm and the firework display is due to start at approx. 6.30.

Many of you will remember what a great success the event was last year. We are looking forward to seeing lots of you in school with families and friends.

Golden Award Winners

I would like to apologise that ill health necessitated us postponing the trip. Please be reassured we will reschedule as soon as possible.

Mrs Docking and Mrs Upton

Coming up

- ◆ 07.11.18 - Years 1&2 are visiting the Toy Museum
- ◆ 08.11.18 - Class 5/6TA Family Assembly
- ◆ 14.11.18 - Flu Vaccination Day

Poppies in School

We will be selling poppies in school during break times next week.



Whittle's Toddlers



Our morning session for younger children & their parents to stay and play on a Wednesday morning has proved to be so popular that we are going to hold an afternoon session. Starting Monday 12th November between 1.30 to 2.30pm in the dining room. Please come along if you have pre-school aged children and would like a chance to have a drink and meet other parents.

Attendance per class for the week... 19th Oct - 1st Nov

Class	% Attendance
Nursery	89.4
Reception	95.8
R/1K	91.3
1/2A	93.5
2M	97.7
3/4H	95.1
3/4S	94.4
5/6TA	97.8
5/6C	96.3
5/6JA	95.1
TOTAL	95.0

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



News from around the School



EYFS

This week in Early Years we have enjoyed welcoming our children back to school and catching up with what they have done over the holiday. We are so impressed with how they have settled back into the school routine as though they have never been away!

We have enjoyed creating bonfire night pictures and we have done some amazing firework artwork. We have also been speaking a lot about how to stay safe over bonfire night.



Nursery have begun their new topic of 'Transport' and Reception have begun their new topic of 'Bears'



We are looking forward to getting stuck into our new key texts next week!
Welcome back everyone!

YEARS 1 / 2

We have been continuing our theme learning this week by investigating the prices of toys! We have looked at different coins and used our maths skills to decide which coins we would need to use to pay for the toys that we would like to buy!

In our English lessons this week, R/1K and 1/2A have been learning about what a 'recount' is and have been writing recounts of what happens in a normal day at Whittle Academy! Next week they will be using these skills to write recounts of our trip! 2M have been looking at information texts and researching facts about old toys ahead of our visit to Cannock Chase Toy Museum next week!

Reminder: The Year 1 and 2 trip to the Toy Museum is on Wednesday 7th November. Children will need to



come into school on this day wearing their school uniform and a warm coat. They will not need to bring their bags or reading books with them as we will be out of school for the whole day having lots of fun!

YEARS 3 / 4

It has been lovely to welcome years 3/4 back to school this week and to see them return to school refreshed and eager to learn. The children have settled back into their learning straight away and are showing a growing maturity and positivity in their learning.

This week we have been working hard in English to prepare our recounts telling you all about our trip to the Coventry Transport Museum so watch this space. We have also rounded off our 'Good Vibrations' topic in science with many investigations about how sounds travel and how we can change them — noisy science lessons have been great fun!



REMINDERS: PE in years 3/4 is now on a Friday, please make sure that your child has their PE kit including warm trousers, a top and outdoor trainers as we will be outside whenever possible.
Swimming will continue on Mondays, don't forget to remove all jewellery beforehand. Thank you.

YEARS 5 / 6

We've had a wonderful first week back with the children settling back into routines.

We've welcomed Ryan (our new sports coach) who is going to be teaching us athletics so that we can enter a competition!



We've also been learning about the firework safety code ahead of our Bonfire Night on Monday. Ask the children what their top tips for keeping safe are.

Year 6 Dol Y Moch parents - please make sure your child's medical and dietary form has been returned. Ask Miss Antcliffe if you need another.

Welcome back everyone!

Flu Vaccinations - These are taking place on Wednesday 14th November for all the children in Reception to Year 5. Please return your completed forms to school as soon as possible.

Check out the link to view a video with your child:

<https://www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/search/text-content/immunisations-and-vaccinations-770>

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