



Excellence at Whittle



# Whittle Weekly

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## What's been happening this week

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Another busy week has gone by in a flash...this term is whizzing by as a result of all the super things happening in and around school.

### Children in Need

Many thanks for all your support with our non-uniform day and 'Bring and Buy' sale last week. It was a splendid event, and we raised the grand total of £226.74 for Children in Need. A tremendous effort - thank you one and all.



### Road Safety Week

As this week is national Road Safety week, we have been reminding the children of the importance of taking care when crossing roads and, in particular, this year's theme of being 'bike smart'. We would really appreciate you reinforcing this vital safety information at home too.



### Pantomime Trip

The highlight for many of our children and staff this week was yesterday's visit to the Belgrade Theatre to see *Sleeping Beauty*. The children were extremely well behaved and really enjoyed the show. The staff weren't too bad either!



### PTFA news

The PTFA met on Monday this week. They are holding a Christmas Fayre during the afternoon of **14 December**, after the 'Come and Share' activities. The PTFA have kindly agreed to donate Christmas gifts to all children; these will be given out on Christmas Party day. Further details to follow.

In addition, we are looking to source an Outdoor Classroom for our school. When plans are in place, the PTFA have agreed that they will be happy to contribute some exciting resources to go inside this space. We are lucky enough to have money raised this year, plus money raised by the previous PTFA, to support this exciting development. Watch this space!

Wrap up warm this weekend!  
from Mrs Docking and Mrs Upton

### Coming up .....

- ◆ 26.11.18 - 30.11.18—Year 6 Trip to Dol y Moch
- ◆ 06.12.18 - 5/6C Family Assembly

### Winter Clothing

Please be aware that now the colder weather is here, children doing after school clubs will need warmer PE clothing in school. Whenever possible children will go outside to do sporting activities.



All children also need their coats, scarves and gloves for lunchtime and playtimes and as usual please make sure all clothing is named.

### Whittle Academy Mobile App

Install the School Jotter app from your android or IOS appstore. Then search for Whittle Academy. Easy Access to the latest Newsletters, Calendar dates and more.

### Class attendance for last week..

Class	% Attendance
Nursery	73.8
Reception	88.3
R/1K	93.5
1/2A	98.0
2M	97.3
3/4H	99.1
3/4S	99.1
5/6TA	99.1
5/6C	95.2
5/6JA	96.4
TOTAL	95.2



# News from around the School



## EYFS

This week the children have been busy in Early Years getting ready for our nativity play, they have been practicing their lines and songs everyday.

In Nursery the children have been learning the story Rainbow Fish, they have been playing in the water with the under the sea creatures and different sized containers. During carpet time Nursery have been talking about the Autumn season and how the trees have changed colour and what the animals do during hibernation.



In Reception the children have had a fantastic week learning the story Goldilocks and the three Bears. They had the opportunity to taste porridge and choose different toppings. The children have been role playing the story in the role play area.

## YEARS 3 / 4 YEARS 3 / 4

This week year 3 and 4 have been working hard at their assessments; showing great resilience and determination. The children have coped well with the changes in daily routine and we are very proud of them.

We have been exploring ska music in our theme lessons and have even written our own version of a ska song. Why not talk to us about the different ska songs that we know and see if we can sing you ours! In the coming weeks we will be embarking on a large, transport themed sculpture and we will be asking for help with materials from home so watch this space for more information!

### REMINDERS:

**Don't forget that 3/4s have their parents' evening next Wednesday (28th November). If you haven't yet made an appointment with Mrs Souster, or can't make next Wednesday, please speak to her to arrange a suitable time.**

**YEARS 1 / 2** The children who attended the Pantomime this year from Years 1 and 2 had a fantastic time! There was lots of cheering, booing, laughing and dancing!



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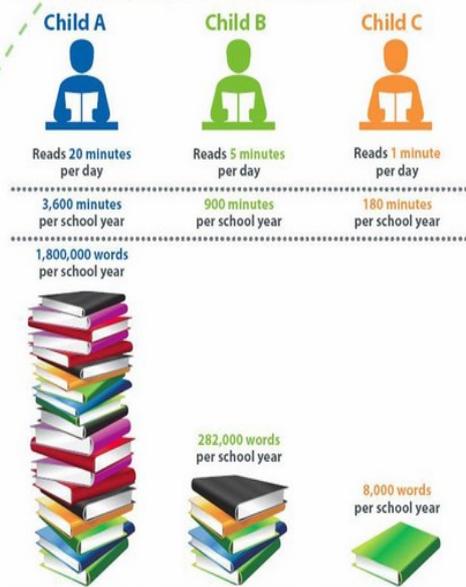
**Reminder:** Every Friday, KS1 children have an opportunity to visit the library. Please make sure that they bring their library book in to school on this day if they would like to exchange it for a different one.

## YEARS 5 / 6

We are so proud of our 5/6 Girls' Football team this week! They played a tournament against our other MAT schools and were crowned the overall winners! They drew 0-0 against Hearsall and Walsgrave but beat Clifford Bridge with an outstanding 4-1. Well done team!

A special plea from Phase 5/6 - we are in need of parent volunteers to come and help us hear readers in school. Please let the team know if you are available!

Regular reading impacts a child's success at school. If not addressed early the educational gap widens...



## MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Aaron "...for his improving confidence..."
R/1K	Jake "...for his growing enthusiasm..."
1/2A	Scarlett "...for making a fantastic start at Whittle..."
2M	Riley "...for his super attitude in PE lessons..."
3/4H	Amritpal "...for his effort in reading..."
3/4S	Shiso "...for being supportive..."
5/6C	Isabella "...for her incredible project..."
5/6TA	Freya "...for her exemplary learning behavior..."
	Girls Football Team "...for their fantastic performance..."

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