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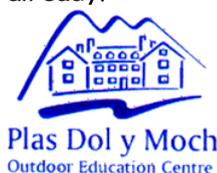
What's been happening this week

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Whittle our busy pace continues. Our school hall has been full of rehearsals for Nativity performances and the KS1 Christmas show. It has been wonderful to see the children making so much progress with their confidence. Thanks to parents for your support at home and who have no doubt heard lines and songs plenty of times already!

Dol-y-Moch

On Monday, we waved goodbye to many of our Year 6 children (and some staff) who have spent the week on our annual residential visit to Plas Dol-y-Moch.



This is the highlight of lots of children's time at Whittle, and something they will remember forever - one Dad was telling me about his trip many moons ago! The children report that they are having a great time, with Ashton saying that it is "the best trip ever!" More information about the trip in next week's newsletter.

Winter Weather

As we have moved into colder weather, can we please remind you about the importance of wrapping up warm. Please ensure your children have hats, gloves and warm coats in school. Our teaching and lunchtime time staff will always remind and encourage children to put them on for outdoor play.



Poppy Appeal

A special thanks for all your kind donations to this year's Poppy Appeal. We raised £43.62 - well done to you all.

Girls' Football tournament

This week we heard all about the recent girls' mini football tournament. This was a competition between Inspire MAT Schools - Clifford Bridge, Walsgrave, Hearsall and ourselves. In a tournament which was extremely competitive, all teams showed considerable improvements in level of skill from the event last held in July. Mr Ashbridge was really proud of the girls' team spirit and overall play. Well done girls!

Have a lovely weekend!
from Mrs Docking and Mrs Upton



Christmas Calendar

Dates



- 6th Dec - POWer Projects
hand in day
- 10th Dec - Height & Weight checks for Y6 & Reception children
- 11th Dec - KS1 Christmas Performance
2pm & 6pm
- 14th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day
- 14th Dec - Rocksteady Assembly
- 14th Dec - Come & Share followed by the PTFA Christmas Fayre
- 18th Dec - Reception & Nursery Nativity Performance 10am & 2pm
- 19th Dec - Gold Merit Assembly
- 20th Dec - Class Christmas Parties in
afternoon
- 21st Dec - Children break up for the
holidays



8th January -
Children return to school

Class attendance for last week..

Class	% Attendance
Nursery	85.0
Reception	96.5
R/1K	90.0
1/2A	90.8
2M	96.1
3/4H	93.9
3/4S	93.9
5/6TA	96.7
5/6C	95.4
5/6JA	92.5
Whole School	93.6



News from around the School



YEARS 1 / 2

Our Christmas Performance rehearsals are now in full swing! If your child is in Year 1 or Year 2 and you have had a letter requesting a costume, please could you bring it into school as soon as possible. We will be having a dress rehearsal in school before the main performances. Script lines have also been sent home for children in Year 2. Please could you ensure that they are practising these at home. Thank you for your continued support at this busy time.

[Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance:](#)

Tuesday 11th December
2.00pm and 6.00pm

All children need to attend **both** performances. Please can children arrive back to school for **5.30pm** in order to prepare for the 6.00pm performance.

This is not a ticketed performance. Looking forward to see as many of you there as possible! 😊



EYFS

This week has been a very busy week.

Early years have been making Christmas decorations for their classrooms and the school corridors.



The children have been amazing practising their lines and songs for our Nativity play.

As the weather is getting colder please make sure your child has a warm coat and a hat as they will be going outdoors during their learning time.

If you have any spare girl/ boy pants and socks please could you bring them in for Nursery and Reception. Thank you.

YEARS 3 / 4

We have been reading *The Firebird* in English this week and talking about the features of traditional tales. Ask us about the story and see if you can spot some of those features. In Theme we have started looking ahead and wondering how we will travel in the future—maybe we will live in our cars or they will go underwater. We have also been discussing the advantages and disadvantages of driverless cars and electric cars.

REMINDERS:

Please remember to remove all jewellery on a Monday before swimming and to ensure that children have their PE kits on a Friday.

Reading books need to be in school everyday and children should be having their reading diaries signed at least 4 times a week.

Spellings are coming home this week, please help your child to practise these.

Thank you.

YEARS 5 / 6

It's certainly been a quite week in 5/6 with the majority of year 6 children away at Dol Y Moch. Based on the pictures posted on Facebook, it looks like they're all having a wet and wonderful time! We're all really looking forward to the stories on their return!

The Year 6s back in school have been kept busy too. Given the weather this week it seemed apt that they do a miniproject on tornadoes. They have also made their own volcanoes using paper mache - it was messy but good fun!



Our Year 5s have started a new English text this week. They've been using inference skills to make predictions - ask them about it!

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening on Thursday. If you didn't have an appointment, please contact your child's class teacher as we are very keen to meet with every parent.

Enjoy your weekend,
The Phase 5/6 Team.

MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Benjamin "...has done an absolutely fantastic job with his learning this week..."
R/1K	Georgie-Leigh "...is a ray of sunshine in my classroom..."
1/2A	Tiago "...always comes into school ready to learn..."
2M	Srivalli "...for simply being fantastic and making my job enjoyable..."
3/4H	Skye "...for always doing her best with a smile on her face..."
3/4S	Christy "...for his increasing resilience and improving attitude towards his work....."
5/6C	Aden "...for his superb attitude to learning..."
5/6JA	Abhilasha "...always a smile, always a positive attitude to work..."

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