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# Whittle Weekly

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## What's been happening this week

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children returned to school on Monday to find that Christmas had arrived. Staff worked extremely hard last Friday decorating the school. It is certainly not only 'starting to look a bit like Christmas' at Whittle Academy but sounding like it too, as the hall reverberates with children singing and dancing along with Mrs Cornfoot pretending to be a sleepy shepherd or maybe a woolly sheep! The display in the entrance hall, by our youngest children, brings a smile to my face each time as I walk past. Our assembly this week was all about Advent and waiting for Christmas. The children had some great ideas about Christmas presents they would like to give to the special people in their lives.

### Dol-y-Moch

It was lovely to welcome the Year 6 children back from Plas Dol y Moch. I was delighted to receive a letter from the head of the centre who described the children as 'outstanding ambassadors for



the school' and that they showed great resilience and positiveness throughout their activities and were particularly kind to each other. Well done Year 6 I know only too well how hard it is to smile through the cold and rain while climbing a mountain.

### Young Writers

We were delighted to hear from Miss Antcliffe that we have seven children whose poems have been selected to be published in the Young Writers' poetry book 'Poetry Wonderland'. Our soon-to-be-published writers are Josh A, Esha, Delight, Brandon, Tayla, Lenny and Katie. This is a marvellous achievement. Well done to you all!

### Family Learning

After our highly successful Family Learning sessions this term I am delighted to tell you that we will be running maths sessions after Christmas. Places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. There are 12 spaces and we already have some parents who have indicated they want a place. Please pop into the office if you want more details.

Following a short period of ill health Ms Carpenter has decided that she will not be returning to her employment of Head teacher. Mrs Upton and I will continue to provide leadership across the school.

Have a great weekend!  
Mrs Docking and Mrs Upton

## Christmas Jumper Day

14th December 2018

All children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their Whittle sweatshirt on Friday 14th December.



All other uniform should be worn as normal - no jeans or tracksuit trousers please.

NO money donations are needed but we would be very grateful for any Christmas food bank donations you would like to contribute.

This is a purely voluntary donation.

THANK YOU



## Christmas Dates

14th Dec - Come & Share followed by the PTFA Christmas Fayre

18th Dec - Reception & Nursery Nativity Performance 10am & 2pm



## Class attendance for last week..

<u>Class</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>
Nursery	87.6
Reception	90.8
R/1K	90.7
1/2A	92.8
2M	95.7
3/4H	93.9
3/4S	96.1
5/6TA	94.3
5/6C	98.1
5/6JA	92.3
Whole School	93.6



# News from around the School



## YEARS 1 / 2

The Key Stage One Christmas performance is almost here! We have been singing, dancing and rehearsing our lines in school and are so excited to perform for you all next week! We will be having a dress rehearsal for the rest of the school on Monday, but our performances for parents and families are on **Tuesday 11th December at 2:00pm and 6.00pm (children need to return to school at 5.30pm to get ready).**

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

**EYFS** What a week we have had in Early years! The children have been amazed with all the different Christmas activities and classrooms they walked into on Monday morning. We have a Santa's workshop in Nursery the children wrap presents and put them under the Christmas tree. In Reception the Role play area is a Christmas toy shop and the children have been taking turns to be the shop keeper. Both classes have been getting very creative, they have started to make Christmas cards and calendars. We have had so much fun getting messy.



**YEARS 3 / 4** In year 3 and 4 in theme, over the next few weeks, we are hoping to create some larger than life sculptures using recycled car and bike parts—please keep an eye out for a letter about how you can help provide these (or come and talk to a member of staff). We have continued to develop our understanding of *The Firebird* in English and started working towards retelling it to the year 5s and 6s; we are planning to really impress them with our English skills!

**REMINDERS:** Please make sure that all children are coming to school with full and correct uniform including a named jumper or cardigan and a coat. Shoes should be black school shoes NOT trainers. In wet weather, if your child comes to school in wellies, please ensure that these are named and that they have a pair of shoes for in class. Girls' hair should be tied back. Thank you.

## YEARS 5 / 6

Our English units at the minute are really hooking the children in! Year 6 have been learning to re-tell the gruesome tale of Macbeth - we've seen some wonderful acting and story maps and we're looking forward to reading their own versions next week. Year 5 are focusing on descriptive language to write letters and diary entries in the role of evacuees from the city of Pompeii.

During our Science sessions, they've investigated how light travels and using mirrors to decipher secret codes. Ask them what they know about light!

As a reminder, please sign your child's diary to show that they have been reading at home, we really appreciate your support.

## NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

With a tech-filled Christmas on the horizon, the National Online Safety team thought parents might need a little help in keeping their children safe when using their new digital devices...

**Twitter:**

<https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1070288625877872641>

**Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/videos/1080494295458667/>

**Youtube:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qg8CtHpszi8&feature=youtu.be>

## ADMISSION CONSULTATION 2020

In line with Coventry City Council, **WHITTLE ACADEMY** have officially gone out to consultation regarding primary admission arrangements for 2020. The documents are now on our school website [www.whittleacademy.org](http://www.whittleacademy.org) You have the opportunity to make comments during the consultation period which is from now until 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019.

## MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Evie-Mae "...for always doing the right thing and trying her hardest..."
R/1K	Marvel "...for just being her! She's a lovely, polite member of the class..."
1/2A	Eden "...starts every lesson ready to learn..."
2M	Lacie "...for her increased resilience and determination to improve..."
3/4H	Zac "...for focusing and trying hard during swimming lessons..."
3/4S	Shashwath "...is one of Whittle's 'always' children ..."
5/6C	Oliver "...for the maturity and empathy he shows in our P.H.S.E. lessons..."
5/6JA	Faith "...refused to let her maths beat her and just kept working at it..."
5/6TA	Nevaeh "...you are a little ray of sunshine whose smile lights up the room..."

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