

# Whittle Weekly

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### Our personal highlights from this term.....

This could be said every Autumn term, but this one has flown by particularly quickly! The children and staff have worked so hard and achieved a huge amount. Whether it be in-class work or after school activities, there has been a definite buzz around the school.

#### Reception and Key Stage 1 Performances

Over the last two weeks, we have been so proud to stand and introduce Reception's Nativity and KS1's performances. As Reception presented 'The Sleepy Shepherd' to the parents/carers and extended family members, it reminded us all of the true meaning of Christmas. The children beamed as they stood on stage and we were really impressed with the quality of singing and stage-presence for such young children. They have really settled well into their first term in Reception and are getting on very well as a new year-group. KS1's production 'Angel Express' was equally as magical - our children just love standing up and performing! From Year 1's dances to Year 2's speaking parts and acting, the children really did put on a fantastic performance. We would like to say a big congratulations to all the children and grown-ups involved in this year's performances. Utterly brilliant!

#### Charity Events & The PTFA

This term has seen a number of excellent additional activities and events in and out of school. Our PTFA led the marvellous Fireworks event earlier this half term, and more recently hosted a superb Christmas Fayre. This event raised over £400, a fantastic amount. The passion the PTFA have for the Whittle community and our children is an amazing asset. An additional 'thank you' must go to all the staff who regularly attend meetings, help organise events and keep us on our toes. Thank you to you all!

#### Come and Share & YOU 😊

Last Friday's Come & Share was again very well attended. It means a lot to the staff and children for parents/carers and other family members to take time out to see what the children have been up to during the term. We were really touched by the amount of time that had been put into some of this term's Power Projects. We know a lot of 'collaboration' has been involved - it is great family time together that make these creations so special.

**And finally**, after such a busy term, may we wish you and your families a lovely Christmas and very happy 2019. We look forward to seeing all the children in school, bright and early on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January from 8:45am, ready for another busy and exciting term.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Docking and Mrs Upton



# Class highlights from Autumn Term 2018



## Nursery



Wow what a term we have had! The children have settled into school life so well and are able to follow the routine. Their listening skills have improved and we have children learning to speak English. In Nursery we have children that have amazing cutting skills and they can now independently complete an activity. Over the past few weeks we have been busy getting ready for our Nativity play 'The Sleepy Shepherd' which the children performed excellently.



We are so very proud of them and so pleased with progress they have made. Well done to everyone.

## Reception

We can't even begin to talk about how much fun and learning our Reception children have had in their first term at school. They've had tea with a tiger, been on a bear hunt and even made porridge for Baby Bear. They are storming through the Read, Write, Inc sounds and it has been wonderful to send home their very first reading book. They have finished the term showing their creative side by making some fantastic Christmas keepsakes and have dazzled us with their spectacular performance of 'The Sleepy Shepherd'. We can't wait for more exciting things next term. We would like to thank you for all your support and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## Autumn Attendance

Whole School  
Attendance %

Class % Attendance	
N	88.3
REC	93.2
R/1K	90.9
1/2A	94.8
2M	96.5
3/4H	95.9
3/4S	94.3
5/6C	96.0
5/6JA	95.6
5/6TA	95.9

## R/1K - Miss Keith

We have had such an exciting term with lots of great learning.



Reception children have had fun exploring the different learning areas of our classroom. They particularly enjoyed being doctors.

They have also been impressing me with their super phonics skills in our phonics lessons.

Year 1 have also had some fantastic experiences at Cannock Chase Toy Museum and the pantomime. They have thoroughly enjoyed their theme lessons and have learnt lots about toys.

We have had two amazing performances that WOWed us all. Thank you for your continued support and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## 1/2A- Mrs Adcock

What an exciting term we have had in 1/2A. All the children have made my first term at Whittle very enjoyable. We have enjoyed our 'In The Toy Box' theme, we have made pop up puppets and sock puppets where the children were able to design and make their own.



One particular highlight was our KS1 performance. All the children worked really hard to learn their dances and the songs and we are all really proud of their dazzling success. I am looking forward to the exciting things we have planned in the Spring Term and I thank you all for your continued support. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and am excited to see you all in 2019!

## 2M - Miss Morgan

We have had a wonderful first term in 2M!

We have been working very hard in our lessons and also on our acting skills for our Key Stage One Christmas Performance. (We hope you enjoyed it!)

"I have enjoyed our Maths lessons!" - Bella and Owen

"I liked Forest School Club." - Nathan and Darcie

"I have loved writing stories about Old Bear and Rama and Sita." - Chadana, Emily and Riley

"I really love Science and am excited to learn about our next Science topic." - Samuel and Iva

We all especially enjoyed our theme learning and our trip to Cannock Chase Toy Museum this term!

We hope you all have a great Christmas Holiday!

Love from Miss Morgan & everyone in 2M. ☺



### 3/4S - Mrs Souster

What an exciting start 3/4S has had; we have enjoyed getting to know each other and learning to work with new class mates.

This term has brought so many opportunities. Our favourite bits have included: learning Spanish; studying fun stories and poems in English and watching performances by the Rock Steady bands and other key stages within school.



Outside of school, we loved the colourful characters in the pantomime and the cars from the '80s at Coventry Transport Museum.

### 3/4H - Mrs Brock

What an amazingly harmonious term we've had! Highlights include a Happy Harvest performance, a terrific trip to the transport museum inspiring super songs based on SKA music and an enthusiastic trip to the pantomime; Baby Shark will stay with me for quite a while!

We've created metallic sculptures from the scrap you marvellous parents have sent in and written super Firebird stories.

Many Year 3/4s amazed us with their Rock Steady performances too! I can't wait for the new year!



### 5/6C - Miss Charles

What a busy term it has been! A third of the way through the school year and the children have already learnt and achieved so much. We've really enjoyed our 'Disaster' topic; it definitely captured the children's interest! The POWer projects that have been made are fantastic! We've got erupting volcanoes, a tsunami,

a hurricane in a bottle, a Lego model and even a painted canvas! It's been wonderful to see the children as scientists as well. They've investigated how light travels by reading coded messages with mirrors; they've studied how bacteria can grow and enquired about reversible and non-reversible changes. Thank you for supporting your child's reading at home.

Reading regularly plays a huge role in your child's learning and we appreciate your support in hearing them read and discussing books with them.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas. I look forward to seeing all the children, well rested, for an equally busy Spring term.



### 5/6JA - Mr Ashbridge

Wow! What a term! Firstly, well done everybody, we made it to Christmas, what an achievement.



Along the way, we have taken part in Sports Hall Athletics, impressed in football tournaments (girls and boys) and performed a brilliant assembly about Pompeii. We have sung and danced, made Mexican crafts and created some wonderful artwork.

For me, the highlight has been our Science experiment - Why Does Milk Go Off? The children set the experiment up, made their predictions and after THREE WEEKS, we looked at the 'milk' and what had happened to it.



We appeared to have made our own yoghurt and cheese, although I wouldn't recommend tasting it.

The results were truly revolting.

Thank you children, I have enjoyed a great first term with you all.

Have a well-deserved Christmas break.

### 5/6TA - Miss Antcliffe

Reflecting back on this term gives us a lot of happy memories together. The highlights of Year 6 have been our trip to Dol Y Moch and the volcanic eruptions created by the children at school.



The Year 5 children (and Year 6) have all enjoyed learning about our Theme topic in particular creating earthquakes in the classroom. Our other highlights have been our learning in Science with an explosive mentos experiment and getting messy with shaving foam.



We've really settled into 56TA and are looking forward to what happens in the Spring Term!

Autumn Term 2018	REC Class	Class R/1K	Class 1/2A	Class 2M	Class 3/4H	Class 3/4S	Class 5/6C	
		Shasha	Bogdan	Holly-Mae	Iva	Amritpal	Ellie	Emaa
Gold Merit Certificates & Cup Awards	Class 5/6TA	Class 5/6JA	★		🏆		★	
	Harvey	Nicole						
	Special Recognition	Academic Award	Creativity Award	Sports Award	Headteacher's Award			
	Roman	Harry	Esha	Owen	Erin			