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Whittle Weekly

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What's been happening this week.....

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great week seeing all the children working so hard and having fun in their lessons. It is always a pleasure to walk around Whittle Academy and see so many smiling faces! Our Yoimoji value for this half term is 'Creativity', which fits beautifully with our Arts-focused themes. Ask your children how they have been creative this week.



Uniform

Thank you for ensuring children are coming to school looking very smart in their uniform. We do have a huge amount of lost property though! Some of these items look almost new, but don't have names on, so we can't return them to owners. Please, please write your children's names in their clothing, and especially their coats. Thank you very much! Also, please see the information alongside for an update about our uniform supplier.

'Wear your Sports Kit to School' day today



Thank you so much for your support with our 'Sports Kit' day today. It has been a real success! The children (and staff!) have thoroughly enjoyed spending the day in comfier sports clothes, and

we will let you know what we've raised next week for what we know is a really important charity. Thank you for your kind donations.

Whilst on the subject of the NSPCC, we wanted to share with you all how impressed our visitor from the NSPCC was with our Year 5 and 6 children. She commented to Miss Antcliffe and Miss Charles about the children's mature and sensible attitudes to sensitive issues and their overall politeness. Well done Year 5 and Year 6!

VIP lunch

We were pleased to restart our 'VIP lunch' last Friday. This is a special lunch, held in the Dining Room and hosted by one of us, or one of the other senior leaders. The 'very important people' are our Merit Winners that were presented with their certificates in assembly that morning! It is a lovely time where we can celebrate the children's successes and have a good chat over lunch.

We look forward to more of these occasions over the term.

Start of the day

We have noticed an increasing number of children are arriving at school just as the bell rings. We would be very grateful if you could try to get your child to school as near to 8:45 as possible. Teachers and support staff are ready to support children learning from that time. We were delighted to see so many children reading to an adult just after 8:45, whilst others were practising spellings etc. Lessons now start at 9:00 with assembly after lunch, so we appreciate your support in ensuring your child is prompt at the start of the day.

Have a lovely weekend and wrap up warm!
Mrs Docking and Mrs Upton



Class attendance for last week..

Class	%
Nursery	92.0
Reception	85.6
R/1K	90.0
1/2A	97.2
2M	95.9
3/4H	96.8
3/4S	96.1
5/6TA	98.5
5/6C	98.1
5/6JA	93.1
Whole School	94.6

School Uniform

Unfortunately, Tesco are no longer selling school uniform online.

Our new supplier is
'MyClothing.'

You'll find all our school uniform items on their website and ordering is as simple as it was before. Nothing has changed except for the name.

Leaflets are available from the school foyer.

For more info or to order visit:

www.myclothing.com





News from around the School



YEARS 1 / 2 This week R/1K and 1/2A have been continuing their learning about 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. They have changed some of the characters in the story to create their own versions of the traditional tale! In 2M the children have been learning about 'The Twits' and have written some super instructions on how to make one of Mrs Twit's disgusting recipes! Ask us what features we needed to include.



Next week all classes will be learning about non-fiction texts, specifically information or fact books. We will be looking at different examples and then writing our own information texts linked to our new theme, 'The Big Smoke'.

If your child has a favourite information book at home we would like to encourage them to bring this in to school next week. We can then discuss the features of these types of text and use them as part of our learning.

Home Learning: The homework packs given out to the children on Friday last week are designed to last them a whole term. Please complete 1 page of Maths and 1 page of English homework with your child each week. We will be asking the children to return these half completed packs at half term to be checked. *Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.*

EYFS This week Nursery have been looking at the story 'The Gruffalo's Child'. They have shown a great interest in the story telling area, with the toy characters re-enacting the different scenes. The children have been getting very messy this week in the messy tray. They have had jelly and spaghetti to cut up using scissors to improve their cutting skills.

Reception have been looking at their new story 'Lost and Found'. They have been looking at winter animals and talking about different sizes. The role play area has a boat and suit cases in it to allow the children to act out the story. The children have been very creative making penguins and talking about where they live.

YEARS 5 / 6 Years 5 and 6 are very excited to be starting our new Science unit, 'Switched On'. The teachers have been impressed with the children's prior knowledge on electricity and we've enjoyed our first investigation about how to make a circuit.

The Year 5s have been enjoying their P.E. lessons learning the skills of American football. Their top tip for you to spin the ball when you throw is to hold it by the laces.

Year 6 have been writing some wonderful diary entries in the role of Theseus from the Ancient Greek myth.

Ask them to tell you their perspective.

YEARS 3 / 4 This week we have been busy writing narratives for the World's Worst Children. Please ask your child about what they have been planning to write about. Be warned-some of the characters do really have awful characteristics! It is also an exciting time in Year 3/ 4 as we are learning all about the body, in particular the digestive system. It has been good to hear that some of the children have already made a start on their POWER projects.

Remember to keep supporting your child with their reading and weekly spellings. Record their achievements in their reading diary. Thank you.

MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Maruthi "...has settled brilliantly in to life in Reception..."
R/1K	Nigar "...has dived into life at Whittle and fitted perfectly into my class..." Poppy-Mai "...for her constant positive attitude to everything..."
1/2A	Boyana "...for her amazing start to her journey at Whittle Academy..."
2M	Darcie "...for her improved attitude to learning and concentration in lessons..."
3/4H	Matus "...for his super efforts and resilience in everything that he does..."
3/4S	Sera "...because she is just brilliant! She has settled fantastically well..."
5/6C	Ashton "...for his improved learning behaviours. Ashton has worked hard in class..."
5/6JA	Rhea "...that wonderful good morning smile! Also her sheer determination..."
5/6TA	Joshua D "...you are a fantastic role model to your peers..."

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