



Excellence at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been some wonderful learning going on this week at Whittle Academy. We have heard some fantastic stories written by Year 3 and Year 4, based on *The World's Worst Children* by David Walliams. We're not sure we would like to meet Pranking Pat, Spiteful Sunny or Minecraft Morgan! We're hoping that David Walliams himself will be inspired by our stories. Well done Year 3 and Year 4!



Science

Lots of super Science learning has been happening in all our classes this half term. Years 1 and 2 have begun learning about seeds and what they grow into. Year 5 and 6 have been making circuits, exploring the different components, and Year 3 and 4 are fascinated by the digestive system, finding out the answer to our key question 'Where does the food go inside your body?' Ask your children to tell you all about their Science investigations.



Wear your Sports Kit to School' day



Thank you so much for your support with our 'Sports Kit' day last week. Thanks to your kind donations, we have raised £265.56. This is tremendous and goes to a very deserving charity. Thank you one and all.

Holidays

We have had a number of holiday request forms sent in. We would like to clarify that we are not able to authorise term time holidays. Please look at the policy on the website for more information under Parent's Zone/Attendance.

Enjoy yourselves this weekend!
Mrs Docking and Mrs Upton

Class attendance for last week..

Class	%
Nursery	90.4
Reception	90.4
R/1K	86.4
1/2A	94.0
2M	97.6
3/4H	91.1
3/4S	96.1
5/6TA	99.6
5/6C	92.2
5/6JA	95.4
Whole School	93.6



KS1 - SPORTS

Last Friday some children from Y2 went to 'The Tribe' Gymnastics centre to take part in a competition against other schools from across Coventry. They performed brilliantly and were super ambassadors for Whittle! Our team of 8 children came 5th place overall and were awarded the highest of all schools for our vault routine!

Today another group of children, this time from Year 1 and Year 2, visited 'The Alan Higgs Centre' to compete in an Agility and Multiskills competition. The children have been training for this with Mr Quinn, our sports coach and were excited and proud to represent the school. Look out for some photographs of both these events on our Facebook and Twitter pages!





News from around the School



EYFS

In Nursery this week the children have been reading the story of 'Room on the Broom' and doing lots of exciting activities linked to this. They have made their own witches using play doh, created some marvellous potions, and practised their number recognition by threading the correct number of beads on to the witch's wand.

In Reception children are continuing to look at the story 'Lost and Found.' This week they have thought about where the story is set and in their writing described what the South Pole looks like. In Maths they used a treasure map and positional language to make their way around obstacles in the outdoor area. They also found a variety of items from the story and named the different shapes. The children were so excited to be doing lots of outdoor learning, and with the cold weather this week, it really did feel like we were in the South Pole but it was lots of fun!

YEARS 1 / 2 Key Stage 1 have been working hard in their Maths lessons this week!

Year 1 have been learning all about 2D and 3D shapes. They have been naming them and recognising their properties. Try encouraging your child to look for shapes at home in everyday life and see how many they can remember! E.g. Football = sphere, TV screen = rectangle.

Year 2 have also been busy! This week they have been consolidating their understanding of addition and subtraction and continuing to develop their understanding of written methods. If they have not already done so, please ask your child to complete one of the pages of the addition calculations in their homework pack this week to further support their understanding.



Spellings - All children in Years 1 & 2 have weekly spellings to learn home. Please ensure that they are doing so regularly by using the space in their reading diaries to practise. We suggest that children use the *Look - Cover - Write - Check* method, but using their spelling words in written sentences at home is also a great way to practise!

YEARS 3 / 4 This week some of the children have begun to show their love for our new theme - 'Here Come the Romans' by bringing in Power Projects that they have been working on at home. We have been super impressed by the standards that our children are reaching and how our parents are



going above and beyond to help our children achieve excellent home school projects. Here we have Skye and Jakob's amazing contributions!! We are looking forward to seeing what other skills parents have in order to help our children. Keep surprising us!

We have 2 pairs of lost glasses in the office - a black pair and a pink speckled pair - please call and collect them if they are yours.



YEARS 5 / 6

What a busy week in Phase 5/6!

The Year 5 children have been working hard during their maths lessons to convert mixed numbers to improper fractions - applying their new skills to real life contexts. We are impressed with what we've seen so far...

We have also been so proud of our Year 6 children this week and the positive learning behaviours they displayed towards our first mock SATs run.

We can really see how much progress they're making and how much effort they are putting in. Well done children!

MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Brooke "...has been a superstar this week. In all areas of her learning she has tried really hard..."
R/1K	Harley-Blue "...for his brand new attitude to learning. He is now showing more confidence..."
1/2A	Kai "...has made great progress this half term with how he comes into school..."
2M	Jenna "...for her exceptional behaviour and sportsmanship during the KSI Gymnastics Tournament..."
3/4H	Skye "...I have been so impressed with the effort Skye has made with creating a Roman shield..."
3/4S	Adrianna "...for her consistently positive attitude towards her work..."
5/6C	Josh A "...for your positive attitude and super contributions to class discussions..."
5/6JA	Lenny-Rae "...I am so impressed with Lenny's real commitment to learning..."
5/6TA	Maddison "...you have really stepped up to the challenges of Year 6..."

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