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Whittle Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the second half of the Spring term and, this week, it has certainly felt like the Spring term! It has been great to see children enjoying the sunshine this week - coats and even jumpers have been abandoned on the play-ground. Our Reception children have thoroughly enjoyed their time in the outdoor area Garden Centre especially!



Library Quiz Update



Great news! We have never seen Miss Kockelbergh so excited as she was earlier this week on her discovery that our fabulous Library Quiz team have made it through to the final of this year's competition! This is a marvellous achievement. The team are reading and practising avidly in preparation for the final in a couple of week's time. We look forward to reporting the outcome and wish the team **GOOD LUCK!**

Coventry Young Ambassadors

We are delighted to report that four of our fabulous Year 5 children have been selected to become Coventry Young Ambassadors. This is a prestigious role, and we are proud that Whittle Academy is involved. Very well done to Lenny-Rae, Fontaine and Izzie for attending the Induction Conference, and to Ethan for joining the team. Mrs Cocksworth reports that the children fully immersed themselves in the activities and have already proved to be great representatives for our school. Look out for the Ambassador sweatshirts at assemblies and other school events this term!



Have a great weekend! Mrs Docking and Mrs Upton

World Book Day 2019 Thursday 7th March

Next week sees us celebrating World Book Day 2019.



A separate letter is coming home with the children today detailing all the events and activities that are taking place at Whittle **next Thursday** as we further promote our love of reading with the children. All the children will be bringing home a £1 book voucher which they can exchange for one of this year's superb World Book Day titles, including books by favourite authors such as Lauren Child, Sibéal Pounder and Alex T Smith. Do make sure your child spends theirs!



Attendance



Next week is our Early Bird & Attendance week.

Every child who comes to school on time every day next week will receive an award as part of our Attendance Ice event next Friday afternoon.



-----After School Sporting Clubs-----

The Gymnastics, Netball, Ballskills, NFL & Football clubs will continue to run with the same children until Easter. To **secure** your child's place on the clubs they currently attend please can you pay £5 per child per club to the school office before **Friday 8th March**. If payment is not received then unfortunately your child will not be allowed to continue on the club.



News from around the School



EYFS Nursery has been super busy this week. We have been looking at our new story which the children have thoroughly enjoyed - 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. They have been learning about the caterpillar life cycle and making beautiful caterpillars and butterflies in the creative area. The children have been practising writing their names without their name cards and are becoming very good at it. They have had a lovely time enjoying the sunshine in the outdoor area.



In Reception the children have been looking at their new story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' as part of their new theme. They have been counting beans, labelling pictures and making and painting castles. The weather has been lovely and the children have been exploring the outdoor area making mud pies and sand castles. Thank you for all your support with the new sound books. The children are very keen to show the teachers in the morning to get their sticker. Please continue to bring them in everyday as they will have a new sounds everyday. **Reminders -**

Please can you remember to bring your child's P.E kits as they have P.E every Thursday and also their library books for Wednesday. If your child has borrowed Nursery or Receptions spare pants, socks, t-shirts and trousers please can you return back to school washed. Thank you.

YEARS 1 / 2



We have had a great first week back in Key Stage One!

On Tuesday we started our new Science topic all about Habitats. We went outside and looked at the habitat of our school grounds. We searched for things that were 'living', 'once lived' and 'never been alive' and sorted them into these categories.



Our learning in English has linked to our Theme 'The Big Smoke'.

R/1K and 1/2A have been reading the story of 'Topsy and Tim visit London'. 2M have learnt about 'Paddington at the Palace' by Michael Bond. Ask your children to tell you about these stories at home!

Reminders: All children need to bring their reading book and diary to school every day.

Children who attend homework club on a Tuesday or Wednesday need to make sure that they are bringing

YEARS 3 / 4 This week in year 3/4 we have started work on Myths, in particular the story of Romulus and Remus. We have continued our science about the body. Some of us have been doing experiments to show what happens when we do not look after the enamel on our teeth. We have used eggs, toothpaste and vinegar. Ask your children about it. We are aiming to brush our teeth at least 2/3 minutes twice a day! 3/4H have also begun to celebrate 100% attendance with ice creams and a rocket ice lolly to encourage those who need to be in on time.

YEARS 5 / 6 Welcome back :) The children have settled well and we have enjoyed taking our learning outside to enjoy the beautiful sunshine. We have had a few spectacular power projects completed and would like to remind you that they are due by the 1st April. To support with homework, we have introduced a 'Homework Club' that we invite your children to attend free of charge.

Year 6 - Monday from 3:15pm - 4:00pm

Year 5 - Wednesday from 3:15pm - 4:00pm

If you would like your child to attend, please speak to their class teacher to sign a collection sheet.

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