



Excellence at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wild and windy week at Whittle it has been! Despite this, we have had another great week of fun and learning across the school.

Comic Relief 2019

What do you call a man with a rubber toe? Roberto

What do you call a boy in paper trousers? Russell

We've had lots of laughs today with everyone's fabulous jokes and we are so looking forward to seeing the first Whittle Academy joke book. Thank you as ever for all your generous donations for Comic Relief. We will let you know the total raised next week.



Parents' Evening Tuesday 12 March

We would like to say thank you very much to all the parents/carers who attended our Spring Term Parents' Evening on Tuesday. It was lovely to see so many people here to chat about children's achievements and progress. We have received some great feedback from parents, which is very much appreciated. We have a fantastic, dedicated staff here at Whittle and it is lovely to hear how much this is recognised.

Alison Cope visit

Alison Cope visited the school last week to talk with Years 5 & 6 about the importance of keeping themselves safe, particularly online. This visit was very timely given all the media coverage lately, and addressed some really difficult issues in an age-appropriate way. Thank you to Alison for her time and for a really super session, and well done to Years 5 & 6 for your mature and sensitive attitude.

And finally... Fancy Fridays

From this week, any class who has 100% attendance for the week are going to be invited to take part in 'Fancy Friday'. The whole class will be allowed to wear non-uniform for the day the following Friday. This is really exciting for the children. When your child is taking part, please make sure they still wear appropriate clothing for school - no shoulders or stomachs on show - and appropriate footwear for an ordinary school day. Thank you again for your support.



Enjoy the weekend!
Mrs Docking and Mrs Upton



Library Quiz



We won!

Congratulations to our fabulous library quiz team, and to Miss Kockelbergh, for winning this year's Schools' Library Quiz.

We are very proud of this superb achievement.

Well done to Daniella, Nehal, Josh A, Josh J, Abigail, Maddison, Nahlene, Miss Kockelbergh and Mrs Rendall.

Class attendance for last week..

Class	%
Nursery	87.6
Reception	94.8
R/1K	90.9
1/2A	96.7
2M	97.5
3/4H	93.2
3/4S	100.00
5/6TA	97.7
5/6C	94.2
5/6JA	98.8
Whole School	95.3



News from around the School



EYFS

This week in Nursery, the children enjoyed their new story 'Handa's Surprise'. They looked at the different types of fruits in Handa's baskets and painted them. The children retold the story in the story telling area with the animal masks and character puppets.

Nursery's new sound this week was the letter 'i', 'down the body and dot for the head'. The children are looking forward to next week, when they are making fruit kebabs.



It was the last week of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' in Reception. The children helped Jack to write letters to the giant; they helped him with his letters, capital letters and full stops. In Numeracy, the children were shown how to double numbers. They also measured beanstalks using cubes. The children learnt about the different parts of the plants.

YEARS 1 / 2

This week our Maths lessons in Key Stage 1 have been getting our brains working hard and developing our reasoning skills!

Children in Year 1 have been learning how to solve word problems and number stories. Mrs Adcock and Miss Keith have been impressed with the children's resilience and use of their reading skills within their Maths lessons.

Year 2 have been challenging themselves when learning about fractions! We have learnt about finding half, quarters and thirds of shapes as well as amounts.



We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that came along to Parents' Evening on Tuesday. It was lovely to see so many of you there. If you were not able to attend, please see your child's class teacher as soon as possible to arrange an appointment for another date.

Thank you for your continued support.

YEARS 3 / 4 This week has been a great week! We have been in role in English as the shepherd from Romulus and Remus. In Theme we have been creating the jewellery designs inspired by our work on Boudicca. All the children have been preparing for indoor athletics. Mr Quinn has been getting them to build up their stamina, in different activities, in preparation for an indoor athletics competition coming up in May. We also have to celebrate our own Sally Bradley, who has raised around £390, as an act of kindness by doing a 'Tapathon' for Muscular Dystrophy. All year 3 and 4 supported Sally in her 30 minutes of tap dancing. It was super to share this with her in school. Well done Sally!



YEARS 5 / 6

As part of World Book Day last week, Years 5 and 6 focused on the Harry Potter series. The children were tasked with writing a character description about a character of their choice. We saw some fantastic descriptive vocabulary used, some interesting riddles to solve and even some rhyming poems. We were so impressed with their creative writing! Check out our 'Who am I?' display in the school hall.

We've also teamed up for a Science experiment to find out if fruit could light a bulb. Unfortunately our experiment failed but we drew the conclusion that we had the wrong type of nails! A more successful version can be seen here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DnIG6kqQVck>



KS1 - Ota

Lunchtime Awards

KS2 - Kieron



Awarded by the dinner ladies to children who have shown excellent manners and impeccable behaviour during lunchtimes.

MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Kanata "...has blown us away with how much work he is completing in the classroom!..."
R/1K	Harley-Blue "...for his attitude towards his learning. He is taking a lot more responsibility..."
1/2A	Tilly-Rae "...is really impressing me with her attitude towards her learning..."
3/4H	Sally "...for her outstanding contribution to fund raising. So far she has raised £390!..."
3/4S	Kyra-May "...for her incredible work on her Power Project!..."
5/6C	Alisha "...for her hard work and determination to succeed. I am always so impressed..."
5/6JA	Finley "...I am so proud of the efforts Finley is making with his work..."
5/6TA	Maram "...we are so impressed with Maram's efforts so far. She has settled well..."

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