



Excellence at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at Whittle Academy and we have a lot of lovely news to share with you all.

Teaching and Learning Review

We were delighted to welcome Paul Weston, Independent School Improvement Advisor, and Mrs Harris, our new Head Teacher, to school this week to carry out a review of the school and identify ways we can make our school an even better place for your children. Both Mr Weston and Mrs Harris have commented on how warm and welcoming everyone has been. Mrs Harris was thrilled to have been given a hand-drawn map by one of our children to help her find her way around.

Mr Weston was particularly thrilled to spend time with our Reception children as they helped Supertato in his battle against the evil peas. He was blown away by the amazing learning environment which is a tribute to the hard work of the staff. This is a testament to our hard working staff and children, and to you for all the support you provide. Well done everyone!

British Science Week

Last week was British Science Week, so Mr Ashbridge organised for classes across the school to take part in an exciting science experiment. The investigation involved seeing what happened to gummy bears when they were placed in different liquids. The children really enjoyed learning the science behind the experiments and some were quite surprised by the results!



Do ask them about it.

KS1 Morning of Music

On Thursday morning, Miss Keith, Mrs Adcock, Mrs Westley, Mrs Lavery and Mrs Meese had the privilege of taking our Year 1 children to this year's Morning of Music event at Broadheath Primary School. The children thoroughly enjoyed singing all the songs and their behaviour on the trip was superb. Well done children, and thank you to all the staff that went. (Photographs can be seen over the page).

And finally... Child-Friendly Search Engine

Swiggle is a child-friendly search engine from the Online Safety experts at SWGfL. This search engine has been specifically designed to make searching the internet for images or content more than just a bit hit and miss.



Swiggle can help with better online searching.

Find out more at <https://swiggle.org.uk/teachers/>

Enjoy the weekend!
Mrs Docking and Mrs Upton

PTFA - Mother's Day

Following the huge success of the Christmas gift shop last term, the PTFA



have decided to organise a Mother's Day gift shop, which is taking place on Friday 29th March. Each gift costs just £2 and the children may purchase up to 2 gifts. The children really do love choosing a secret gift for a special someone. If you would like your child to take part, please send in money in a named envelope to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

The PTFA Team

AGORA - if you need help signing into Agora please call into the office next Wednesday afternoon, 2-3pm.



Class attendance for last week.....

Class	%
Nursery	80.7
Reception	95.6
R/1K	90.1
1/2A	98.3
2M	100.00
3/4H	96.4
3/4S	97.4
5/6TA	100.0
5/6C	96.2
5/6JA	98.8
Whole School	95.7



The firefighters that came in this week from Binley Fire station informed the children that if they do not have a smoke alarm then they can ring their local fire station and it can be installed for free.



News from around the School



YEARS 1 / 2 KS1 had their 'Big Smoke' enrichment day this week. We had a visit from the Warwickshire Fire Service who came in to talk to us about The Great Fire of London and Fire Safety. They taught us about the equipment they would have used in 1666 and about 'stop, drop and roll.' They taught the children about fire safety and about making sure their homes have a smoke alarm.



On Thursday 1/2A and R1/K went to Broadheath Primary School to perform their Morning of Music songs about Saving the World and Climate Change. The children really enjoyed performing with other schools and had a fantastic time!



YEARS 5 / 6

Do you know what's inside your body? Our Year 5 and 6s have begun to investigate how our body pumps the blood around to keep us alive. Our first experiment was to discover what is inside our blood. It started with researching information before using some secret ingredients to make our own blood (cornflakes, tic tacs, red cough sweets, red midget gems, water and red food dye).



Ask your child what the different components are!



KS1 - Arin

Lunchtime Awards

KS2 - Freya



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

MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Kenzo "...is showing so much more confidence in the classroom! It is great to see..."
R/1K	Eshwersaisriram "...has blown me away with how much his learning has improved in Year 1..."
1/2A	Oscar "...is trying really hard to ensure his handwriting is legible and neat in all subjects..."
2M	Emily, Maja & Bella "...for their superb attitude to learning when planning, rehearsing and performing..."
2M	Jenna "for her excellent behaviour in all lessons and around school..."
3/4H	Joe "...for his unbelievable effort in Theme learning..."
3/4S	Bobby "...for his consistently positive attitude towards his learning..."
5/6C	Mason "...for his quiet resilience and hard work in class. His hard work speaks volumes..."
5/6JA	Mya "...she is a good friend, she always takes part in her learning, she is always here..."
5/6TA	Bailee "...we've seen a huge improvement in your learning behaviours lately..."

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