



Excellence
at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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What's been happening this week?!

Dear Parents and Carers, It's been a week of real highs here at Whittle, jam-packed full of exciting news to share with you all!



On Wednesday afternoon, our Yr3/4 football team represented Whittle at the East Coventry Football tournament. They were one of 24 teams from the area who played in the tournament, and the team certainly did us proud getting through to the final!

Unfortunately, after putting on a great show of camaraderie and showmanship, they lost to the opposition 3-1. We want to say a HUGE well done to our team, and for all of the support from Miss Powell, Mr Ashbridge and Miss Dymek in helping to make this happen. In other news, the PTFA have been beavering away to an incredibly tight deadline to put in a bid to Aviva for a community grant of between £10-£25K. It is hoped, that if successful with the help of your votes after half-term, we will purchase an outdoor gym to support in developing our children's health and wellbeing. The written bid was absolutely stunning, accompanied by an emotive video created by Mr Laurens and his team of experts. Keep your eyes peeled for further information, as we will have to vote on force with all of our friends, family and local community to help make this become a reality. Thanks once again to our PTFA who are so eager to help in giving our children the very best experiences at Whittle.

We simply cannot thank you enough for all of your kind harvest donations. Our Head Boy and Head Girl with a team of Y3 and Y4 children boarded the minibus on Thursday, full to the brim with all of the goodies to donate to Coventry Mission Food Bank. It was quite an eye-opening experience, and so rewarding to feel that we had contributed so much to help those in need in the community.



Have a lovely Weekend! *Ms P Carpenter*, Head of School

Reminders.....

End of term is on Friday, please remind your children to bring PE kits home for a good wash!

Teacher Training Day is on Monday 30th October NO CHILDREN PLEASE.

Phase 3/4 are holding a cake sale for the whole school next Thursday at 20p per cake to raise money for their phase.

'Wear it Pink' day next Friday 20th October.

Bonfire Night



On Monday 6th November, we are going to holding our very own Whittle Bonfire and Fireworks Night. Letters will be coming out to purchase your tickets (which will need to be bought beforehand) for this exciting opportunity to pull our school community together. The School Council and PTFA have plans for a class Guy Fawkes competition the Friday before; fireworks and the bonfire; hot food (so no need to cook!); refreshments, and even glow sticks and neon face paints! It should be a fantastic night, so please do come and join us.

Attendance so far this Academic year.....

Class	% Attendance	
Nursery	90%	↑
Reception	96%	↓
1P	96%	↓
1/2M	96%	↔
3C	96%	↑
3/4C	97%	↔
4/5HC	95%	↑
5A	97%	↓
6A	94%	↔
6LM	98%	↔
Whole School	96%	↔

Well done to all the children who were in school every day last week!



News from around the School



EYFS This week in Nursery we have been collecting food for the dinosaurs outside and counting what we have got. We have continued learning the story 'Harry and the dinosaurs' and we have nearly finished our story map. Most of the nursery children can now count to ten! Ask them to show you.

In Reception we have had a big push on sentence writing this week, have a look on tapestry to see how your child is doing. On Wednesday we will be having an informal drop in session if any parents need technical support with logging on to tapestry, come into the reception classroom at 3.15 when you collect your child.

Years 1&2 It has been fantastic to see the children so excited and engaged in their English lessons this week!

1P have been learning the story of 'Whatever Next!' by Gill Murphy and on Wednesday they shared their stories with the children in Year 6.

1/2M have been learning the story of 'Rama and Sita' and have been using their acting and performing skills to retell the story through drama.



Reminder: Thank you to everyone who has already returned permission slips and paid online for our trip to **St John's House, Warwick** on 2nd November. If you have not already done so, please could you do this as soon as possible as we need all permission slips and payments in before half term. If you would like another letter about the trip, please just ask us. Thank you for your continued support.

Years 3&4 This week, the children wrote their own endings to the Three Little Pigs. They did so well as were given a long list of things to include such as direct speech, adverbs of manner and ambitious vocabulary! Well done children! We're now looking forward to learning about poetry. During the afternoons, the children transformed into electrical engineers! They were given circuits that didn't work and had to work collaboratively to find the fault and fix the circuit! Maths this week has focused on rounding to estimate. Lots of great problem solving was seen in Phase 3/4 - well done everybody!

Years 5&6 Another week of excellent learning from Years 5 and 6.....

Year 5 have been impressing the teachers with their planning skills ahead of their story writing next week - ask them about Varjak's Paw!



During Maths, they are investigating number patterns and Mr Ashbridge has commented how impressed he is with their understanding so far - well done year 5! Class 6A were invited to read Year 1's stories this week and it was brilliant to see the two year groups collaborating.

In Science, all of the Year 6 children started an experiment to see what the cause of rust is using nails and different liquids. Check back next week to see our conclusions!



MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Leon '...works so hard during all parts of the day in Reception. His behaviour is exceptional...'
1P	Nathan '...I am so impressed with how much pride Nathan has been taking in his work...'
1/2M	Shaun '...for his consistently positive attitude and determination in all lessons...'
3C	Abdallah '...consistently displays green behaviour and approaches all work with enthusiasm and rigour...'
3/4C	Fontaine '...for taking so much pride in her work...'
4/5HC	Elisha '...for being reliable, trustworthy and conscientious. An absolute star who always does her best...'
5A	Joshua '...Very impressed how Joshua has applied himself to our new Maths No Problem work...'
6A	Ethan '...for being a writing superstar and a joy to teach...'
6LM	Daniel '...for his hard work and dedication to succeed...'



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