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Whittle Weekly

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What's been happening this week?!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have had a lovely half term break together, even with that very cold and frosty start to the week!

We have had a fantastic redecoration of the school hall - Mr Gardner has had a very busy week on his scaffolding: painting the walls and woodwork to create a far more warm and modern effect. We all love it; we hope you will too. Join us at Curriculum Evening next week to take a look yourself!



In PTFA news, we hope that you have seen the Twitter and Facebook feeds about the Aviva bid we have applied for to fund an Outdoor Gym as our 'Whitfit' project. If you have not voted so far (you get ten votes), please look on Twitter/ Facebook for the link.

Then pass it onto all of your friends, family members and contacts in your phone book - we've made a fantastic start with over 1200 votes....but we need more!!



Vote for us now at :

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-5948>

Today has seen our first Attendance Raffle to recognise those children with a positive attitude towards their attendance. Each week children with positive attendance receive a raffle ticket. All the raffle tickets go into a draw held every half term. The winners from our first draw today were REC - Ekomobong, Phase 1/2 - Darcy, Phase 3/4 - Brandon and from Phase 5/6 - Abigail. All our winners were awarded a £15 Toys R Us voucher! Next time, we will also hold a raffle for parents who are supporting positive attendance in school! So, make sure you are encouraging your child into school, even with those little 'dribbly' noses in these upcoming cold months, as every day counts! I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Curriculum Evening next Wednesday!

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

Reminders.....

- Bonfire Night: 6th November: 6pm - Ticket ONLY for entry!
- New school menus (available from the school foyer) now available.
- Poppy sales start this week - 20p donations please :)
- Curriculum evening: Wednesday 8th November, 3.30 onwards with class teachers. Please join us to find out more about your child's learning, and to complete a questionnaire for a raffle prize of chocs and bubbly!

How can you help?

Booster seats:

If anyone has any booster seats that they no longer use we would really appreciate them being donated to the school. This will allow for our younger children to get out and about in our school minibus. Thank you!

Clothes Bank:

You may have noticed by the gate into school that we now have a Clothing Recycling Bank, kindly organised by our PTFA. Any clothes you need to get rid of (as part of that much-needed sort out in a household of children) can now come our way, and generate funds for our school.

Many thanks in advance :)

Attendance so far this Academic year.....

Class	% Attendance	
Nursery	90.9%	↑
Reception	94.3%	↔
1P	96.2%	↔
1/2M	95.7%	↑
3C	94.8%	↔
3/4C	96.6%	↔
4/5HC	96.2%	↔
5A - Winner	96.9%	↔
6A	95.2%	↔
6LM	96.4%	↓
Whole School	95.7%	↔

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



News from around the School



EYFS

In Nursery this week we have begun our new topic of Transport. We have started to learn our new story 'Dig Dig Digger'. We have made some splatter pictures of fireworks which was very messy but great fun!

In Reception we have begun our new topic of Bears. We have been learning our new story 'We're going on a bear hunt'. The children have enjoyed acting it out and story mapping the text. We have created firework pictures and sparklers and been speaking about bonfire night safety.



All children in early years have been working hard on recognising numbers. When you are out and about with your child go on a number hunt! See what numbers you can find and which ones they can recognise. We would love to see these uploaded to Tapestry!

Years 3&4

A huge welcome back to you all; we hope you had an enjoyable break and a well-deserved rest! We would like to say a **HUGE** thank you for your cake donations before we broke up. The children ran a very successful cake sale and raised a whopping £137 for our Phase!



The highlight of this week has been our trip to Birmingham Art Museum. We learnt all about the gruesome mummification process and had great fun learning about Ancient Egypt through artwork and artefacts!

Ask your child about their 'best bit'!



Have a lovely weekend,
The 3/4 Team



Years 1&2

On Thursday Key Stage One travelled back in time to find out what life was like for children in Victorian times!



On our visit to St John's House in Warwick we had lessons in a Victorian school room, learnt about the toys children used to play with and even helped to do the laundry without any electricity! We are excited about using our learning from the visit back in our own classrooms, but we all decided that being a Victorian child would have been very hard work!



Years 5&6

It has been lovely to see the children come back to school refreshed and excited about their learning. Maths sessions in Year 5 are really taking off and Year 6 have enjoyed their first dance session with Kirstie. We have had some fantastic Power Projects completed and we are eager to see more! As a reminder, the deadline for our Power Projects is Friday 1st December. Please do ask if you would like some support with ideas or resources to help you and your child complete this.

We also have our trip coming up linked to our Blitz topic... 5A will be going on Monday 13th November and the remaining classes on Friday 17th November.

If you would like to join us on this trip, please speak to Miss Antcliffe as we are keen to recruit family helpers to share our exciting days out.

Payment for this trip is needed by Friday 10th November, but if you have any problems with this, please speak to one of the team.

Thank you for your continued support, the 5/6 Team