



Excellence at Whittle



# Whittle Weekly

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## What's been happening this week?!

Dear Parents and Carers,

WHOOSH! BANG! ZOOM! What an exciting start to our busy week with our Firework Night! It was so fantastic to see so many of you come to join in with our PTFA extravaganza, which managed to raise an incredible £1000! The atmosphere was so very special, and we hope it will be the first of many!

.... A HUGE thanks to all of our brilliant PTFA .....



In the middle of the week we held our Year Group Curriculum meetings, where we hoped to give you more information about what your child studies in our school. Thank you to all of the parents who attended the meetings that were held on Wednesday after school - we hope that you found them informative and interesting. With the benefit of hindsight, we realise that these meetings would have been better at the start of the academic year. We have taken on board parental feedback and please be assured that we will be re-organising these meetings for next year to take place in September. As part of the evening we asked parents to fill in some questionnaires and for those parents that were unable to attend, we sent home the questionnaires yesterday. Please take the time to complete them, we want to make things even better for your child at



Whittle and we need your feedback to achieve this.

There is a prize draw for everyone who returns their questionnaire by Monday 13th November.



**REMEMBER:** If you have not voted so far (you get ten votes), please look on Twitter/ Facebook for the link to vote for 'Whitfit' and our outdoor gym. Votes have slowed- please share with all of your contacts, and use all of your email addresses! Thank you.

**Vote for us now at:**

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



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

## Reminders.....

- Wartime themed lunch on Tuesday 14th November
- New school menus (available from the school foyer) now available.

### CHANGES TO FAMILY ASSEMBLIES

No Y3 Y3/4 family assembly on 16th November due to the joint Y3 and Y4 Harvest Festival Assembly that has already been held.

No Y4/5 family assembly on 30th November. All of Year 5 will have their family assembly as a year group on **THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER**.

## Toddler group

Do you have a 0-3year old? Then why not join us at school on Wednesday mornings from 9-11am?

Next week (15.11.17) the toddler group is being visited by a photographer, so come along in your best clothes and capture some of those special moments. We really would love more of our families and community to come and join us.



## 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!

## Attendance so far this Academic year.....

| Class        | % Attendance |   |
|--------------|--------------|---|
| Nursery      | 91.3%        | ↑ |
| Reception    | 92.1%        | ↓ |
| 1P           | 96.2%        | ↔ |
| 1/2M         | 96.2%        | ↑ |
| 3C           | 95.1%        | ↑ |
| 3/4C         | 96.9%        | ↑ |
| 4/5HC        | 96.0%        | ↓ |
| 5A - Winner  | 97.0%        | ↑ |
| 6A           | 95.5%        | ↑ |
| 6LM          | 96.6%        | ↑ |
| Whole School | 96.2%        | ↑ |

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 looking at Numicon and exploring how to count and recognise these. We have been working hard on our pencil grip and pencil control and starting to form some simple letters.

In Reception we have been writing sentences from 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We went on our own bear hunt on the school field after creating all of the different story settings! In numeracy we have been working on recognising the tricky numbers 12, 13, 15 and 20.

## Years 1&2

This week Years 1 and 2 have been getting really involved in our 'School Days' Theme Lessons. We have been using what we have learnt during our visit to St John's Museum to compare Victorian Schools to what our school is like now. This week we have learnt to play lots of different types of playground games and decided which was our favourite. We then collected this information as 'data' and used our Maths skills to create Tally Charts and Bar Charts. The most popular game was Stuck in the mud!

**Home Learning:** Please ensure all children are bringing their reading book and diary in to school every day and regular reading at home is recorded in the reading diary. Thank you to all the children who have returned their Maths homework this week. This week's homework in Key Stage 1 is English and Writing Skills.

**Years 3&4** It was lovely to see so many of you at Wednesday's curriculum meeting; we hope you found the information and the packs useful in supporting your child at home. If you've any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

This week in English we've been planning another adventure for Claude - in Ancient Egypt! We had lots of fun acting out possible dilemmas for Claude and Sir Bobblysock, and even tweeted some of them to Alex T. Smith himself! Now we've planned our stories, we are looking forward to writing them next week. We've continued to add and subtract in Maths. We've been learning a few different methods - ask your child to show you their preferred method!

**Years 5&6** Something very interesting happened in Year 5 this week... They discovered that one of our sheds had been broken into, luckily they put their detective skills to the test and solved the crime. Ask them which notorious teacher was caught red handed. Year 6 have written some wonderful poems using their knowledge of war and are now starting their unit of work on Good-night Mr Tom. Last week, they donned their chef hats and got creative in the kitchen with Beccy... even though the ingredients were rationed, the results tasted delicious!



## Children In Need: Be Bright, Be Bold!!

We are celebrating Children in Need on **THURSDAY 16th November**. Come to school wearing the brightest outfits possible and make a donation of your choice.

Don't forget to enter our Design a Bear competition - entry forms were sent home today.



**Flu Vaccinations** - All the children from Reception to Year 4 are able to have the flu vaccination in school on Thursday 23rd November. Please send back the consent forms that have been sent home. No vaccinations will be given without consent.

Flu Video Link :

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vEiOpcdH\\_w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vEiOpcdH_w)

## MERITS FROM TODAY

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| REC   | Karthick '...his attitude towards his learning is wonderful...'                                     |
| 1P    | Chadana '...tries her best with ALL of her learning and is a kind and helpful friend to others...'  |
| 1/2M  | Zac '...for his brilliant enthusiasm during our trip to St John's Museum last week...'              |
| 3C    | Christy '...his personality has really started to shine and everyone in 3C loves it!...'            |
| 3/4C  | Tayla '...for her hard work and resilience in Maths...'   |
| 4/5HC | Matas '...is consistently hard working and produces work of the highest standard...'                |
| 5A    | Freya '...thank you Freya for your positive attitude and wonderful friendly way with everyone...'   |
| 6A    | Reyad '...for you committed attitude to learning and for being such a kind friend...'               |
| 6LM   | Logan '...I'm very proud of Logan for being resilient and reflective throughout all his lessons...' |



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