



Excellence at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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What's been happening this week?!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been yet another busy week at Whittle- I'm sure you've been keeping up to speed with all of the action and learning in school via our Twitter feed and Facebook. If you haven't, make sure you take a look! Tuesday 14th November marked the 77th anniversary of the bombing of Coventry during the Blitz, so in true Coventrian-style, Whittle commemorated with a Blitz Day in Y5/6, and a whole school Blitz lunch. The children (and staff) really did look great with headscarves and uniforms galore! Thank you to all of those who made such an effort to bring our history to life!!



As part of this theme on Blitz, our Year 5's and 6's have been out this week, in their WW2 attire on their visit into Coventry to feel what it was like first-hand to be part of such a momentous and historic time in our local area.

Our Forest School project is beginning to take shape, and had a helping hand (well, quite a few) thanks to our local McDonald's team. They, and some of our children, worked tirelessly all day to fight the brambles and litter to clear an area ready to develop for our outdoor education. Miss Newell has been doing a great job in leading this initiative, so a huge thank you to her, our children and the staff from McDonald's.

To end the week, it was fantastic to see so many children supporting Children in Need on Thursday by being BOLD and BRIGHT! Once again, we would like to thank you for your support in raising funds for this National Charity event-we look forward to seeing how much our donations to this cause raised.

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

Reminders.....

Reception children will be holding a cake sale at break and lunch on Wednesday in order to raise money for costumes for their Christmas performance. Small cakes will cost 30p and large cakes will cost 50p. Please send your child in to school with some coins!

Toast is available for the cost of 20p every morning outside Year 6.

Mrs Benning would love to see you!

WE NEED YOUR VOTES

As you know, we have been working hard trying to get votes for our Aviva bid to finance an outdoor gym for our children [#whitfit](#).

For those of you who haven't been able to vote, we are opening our doors after school on Monday so that you can pop in, and we can help you to make your vote count! Staff and the PTFA will be on hand to help you navigate the site, and if you do pop in, your child will receive a Good to be green raffle ticket for the weekly draw!

Spare PE kit

If you have any old PE kit that we could use as spares, **PLEASE** send into school to build up our

Spare kit bank.

THANK YOU!

Attendance so far this Academic year.....

<u>Class</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>	
Nursery	92.0%	↑
Reception	94.3%	↑
1P	96.3%	↑
1/2M	96.4%	↑
3C	95.1%	↔
3/4C	97.2%	↑
4/5HC	96.3%	↑
5A	97.1%	↑
6A	96.0%	↑
6LM	96.7%	↑
Whole School	96.2%	↔

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 been continuing to look at our book 'Dig Dig Digging'. The children have enjoyed joining in with the words and re-telling it from memory. We have had a big push on pencil control skills this week and have been doing some super tracing! Have a look on Tapestry!

In Reception we have been learning about the words 'more' and 'less'. We have been having 'dinner parties' where we must work out which person has more sweeties and which person has less sweeties. Both Reception and Nursery have begun to practise our songs for our Early Years Christmas production. The children are very excited about this performance. In order to raise some money for the costumes we are asking for donations of cakes or biscuits for us to sell at a cake sale next Wednesday. Anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated!

Years 5&6



Wow! What an amazing week in phase 5/6... your effort and creativity with costumes was fantastic!



On Tuesday we all enjoyed learning about gas masks and how important they were. We created our own boxes to carry them and some of us even made masks (luckily they didn't have to be used).



We also enjoyed our trips to the Cathedral, learning about why Coventry was targeted and having the opportunity to interview people who were there about their experiences. Ask us about our learning.....



Years 1&2 This week Year 1 have been reading the story of 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes. They have created story maps and used these to write their own fantastic version of the story!

Year 2 have been busy using their knowledge from theme lessons to create their own information leaflets about Victorian Schools. We have done lots of research about different types of information texts and looked at some real leaflets to help us know what we needed to include. We have now begun learning songs and lines for our KS1 Christmas Play! Please look out for a letter next week for more information on this.

Reminder: Please can you ensure that all children have their PE kit in school every week, even if they may sometimes use it for an afterschool club.

Years 3&4 This week the children have worked extremely hard when writing their "Claude in Ancient Egypt" stories. They have worked particularly hard at writing multi-clause sentences and including expanded-noun phrases. Ask your child all about Claude's dilemma in Egypt!

In Maths we have focused on subtraction. It has been fantastic to see the children working together to explore different methods to carry out calculations. We are really encouraging the children to talk about their learning so please ask your child what they have enjoyed or found tricky about subtraction! It was fantastic to see so many children dressed 'bright and bold' for Children In Need on Thursday. A huge thank you for all your support.

MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Georgie-Leigh '...her behaviour is always superb and it is nice to see her gaining confidence...'
1P	Sarvesh '...has been working so hard this term! I am particularly impressed with Sarvesh's reading...'
1/2M	Alexis '...for increased confidence and determination she has shown towards her learning...'
3C	Amy '...I have seen such an improvement in her confidence and enthusiasm towards her work...'
3/4C	Andrej '...consistently gives 100% and never shies away from a challenge...'
4/5HC	Lenny-Rae '...his reading record is exemplary and his improved efforts in class are really standing out...'
5A	Joshua '...well mannered, interested, helpful, a great contributor to teamwork!...'
5A	Eleazar '...for his amazing effort and hard work during the forest school clearing day...'