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Whittle Weekly

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What's been happening this week?!

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been filled with 'busy-ness' as our children have been working hard across the school completing assessments in Reading, Grammar and Maths. A huge well done to everyone!

Thank you so very much to all of you who have helped in our bid to Aviva to develop our outdoor gym. We have been overwhelmed by the hard work of the PTFA in getting this bid written, and by the sheer number of people who have shared the link to obtain more votes. We, as a school, really value our children's wellbeing and happiness in addition to their academic achievements. Our Terrific Tuesday initiative has proved a real success, with children starting their Tuesday with their yoga, or circuits, or meditation...amongst others. We have collected ideas with the children about the types of activity they would like to do next term, and we are so very pleased with the way in which the school has embraced this opportunity.

We would also like to thank you for your responses on the Parent Questionnaire. It is important that we hear your views on how we are performing as a school, and we value your feedback about how we can further improve. If there is anything that you feel you would like to chat through with me in person, please do contact the office to make an appointment, as we are very keen to be the best that we can be. As promised, we have our 'winning' Parent Questionnaire which was won by Dhyanesh in 3/4C, who has received a box of chocolates and a bottle of wine! Well done!!

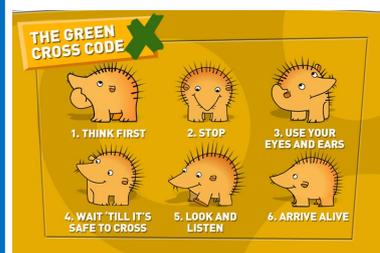
Have a lovely weekend! *Ms P Carpenter*, Head of School

Road Safety Week



This week has been National Road Safety Week.

When at the roadside, please prompt your child to talk about how they should cross the road safely. Remind them of the 'safe' places to cross roads, and to keep looking and listening!



Attendance so far this Academic year.....

Class	% Attendance	
Nursery	92.4%	↑
Reception	94.4%	↑
1P	95.8%	↓
1/2M	96.2%	↓
3C	94.9%	↓
3/4C	97.1%	↓
4/5HC	96.6%	↑
5A	97.2%	↑
6A	96.3%	↑
6LM	96.8%	↑
Whole School	96.0%	↓

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

Reminders.....

- POWER Projects are due in on FRIDAY 1st December
- Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school (with appropriate outdoor joggers/ hoodies - in school colours where possible)
- Please support in recording any time you listen to your child read-it could be a menu/ newspaper/ recipe when cooking. All reading is important, so show us what you are doing at home :)



News from around the School



EYFS This week in Nursery, we have been making aeroplanes with a focus on the positional language 'up' and 'down'. We have also been creating trains out of simple shapes and talking about the shapes we can see. The children have been looking at circles, triangles, squares, rectangles and even semi-circles. In Reception, we have changed the story 'We're going on a bear hunt' to our new version 'We're going on a snake hunt'. Get your child to tell you the new version! In Numeracy we have been using number lines to find 'one more than' and 'one less than' numbers to 20. We would like to say a huge thank you to all parents who brought in cakes for our cake sale. We raised all the money needed to buy our Christmas play props and costumes and we cannot wait until it is performance time!!

Years 1&2

This week we have begun learning our lines for our Key Stage One Christmas Performance. You should now have received a letter informing you of the dates of our performances and I hope you are all looking forward to it!

We have also given all children a copy of their lines to learn at home and asked some children to bring in some items of clothing to help with their costumes. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to Miss Morgan or Miss Powell if you have any questions.

This week's homework for both Years 1 and 2 is English homework.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Years 3&4 This week the children have been editing and improving their 'Claude in Ancient Egypt' stories. We've had such fun writing them and we can't wait to show you the published versions. We're sending them off to Alex T. Smith to get his expert opinion! Recently, a very kind gentleman in our community donated his Ancient Egyptian artefact collection to school. We were amazed by what we saw! There were models, plates, drawings, textiles and much more! We can't wait to explore them in more detail in the coming weeks. Just a reminder that POWER Projects are due in by December 1st. We've had some absolutely fantastic projects so far and we can't wait to see the rest!

Years 5&6

This week has been our chance to see how the children are progressing with their learning and they have been working hard completing their assessment papers. We are really proud of all of the children for their positive attitudes towards these and for their resilience too.

We have also shared some more brilliant Power Projects and reflected on our trips to the Cathedral. We have an exciting assembly planned for the children to share their knowledge about WW2 with you. We can't wait for you to join us on Thursday 14th December... Prepare to be amazed!

Yr 6 Reminder—Medical forms for Dol Y Moch please.

School Christmas dinner will be served on December 14th - order forms will be sent out next Monday, PLEASE look out for them. No orders will be accepted after 4th December.



Don't forget to use Agora to pay for the **pantomime trip** on 7th December. (£14.00 - children in year 1-6)

MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Arin '...for working very hard during his RWInc lessons to recognise sounds...'
1P	Darcie '...for trying her hardest with her learning and has such a positive attitude...'
1/2M	Melissa '...for her resilient and positive attitude towards her learning...'
3C	Bobby '...for producing an outstanding piece of writing, filled with creativity and his own ideas...'
3/4C	Muhammed '...for his resilience when writing he listens carefully during modelled and shared writing...'
4/5HC	Bethany '...is hardworking, reliable and conscientious...'
5A	Abigail '...I'd be lost without her and the fantastic contribution she makes to my class...'
6A	Evie '...thank you for shining bright like a diamond and setting a wonderful example...'
6LM	Mercedes '...for all her efforts during our three Lindy Hop dancing sessions...'



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