



Excellence
at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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What's been happening this week?!

Dear Parents and Carers

The Autumn bitterness is certainly setting in with the weather at the moment, but that is not stopping us at Whittle.

There's been much activity in the outdoor area in Nursery as Mrs Hussain has been busy enhancing the outdoor environment with equipment and resources to support our 'little acorns' with their learning. We think they will have a lot of fun with the mud kitchen, the sandpit and the garden centre to name but a few of the exciting additions. Wellies are lined up and ready to go, but of course we must make sure that we are appropriately dressed, so please make sure that your child has their coat in school-hats and gloves would be great too as the temperature is really dropping!

Our Year 6's were bursting at the seams yesterday as they arrived ready for their adventure at Dol-y-Moch! As a Coventry child, I recall three great stays in Wales in this stunning location, and am certain that they are set for some hair-raising experiences which will stay with them (as have mine) for a lifetime. Please keep an eye on Twitter as Mrs Docking, Miss Antcliffe, Miss Newell and Mrs Westley will do their best to keep us up to speed with their daily adventures!

And finally... Christmas has arrived at Whittle! It's official as the school is filled to the brim with Christmas decorations. We look forward to next week's festivities with the Panto, Year 4 and 5's Coventry Cathedral Christingle and our PTFA Christmas Fayre! It's all go!

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

PTFA Christmas Fayre
1:30—4:00pm
Friday 8th December

Christmas Fayre

Santa's Grotto
Tombola Christmas
Hampers and more . .

School lunches

We have had a few issues with dinners this week where children have gone for a hot dinner when this has not been ordered and paid for. Please help us by making sure payments are up to date. Many thanks for your support.

Attendance so far this Academic year.....

| Class | % Attendance | |
|--------------|--------------|---|
| Nursery | 92.1% | ↓ |
| Reception | 94.6% | ↑ |
| 1P | 96.0% | ↑ |
| 1/2M | 96.1% | ↓ |
| 3C | 94.8% | ↓ |
| 3/4C | 97.1% | ↑ |
| 4/5HC | 96.7% | ↑ |
| 5A | 97.2% | ↑ |
| 6A | 96.6% | ↑ |
| 6LM | 96.3% | ↓ |
| Whole School | 96.0% | ↓ |

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

Reminders.....

- Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school (with appropriate outdoor joggers/ hoodie- in school colours where possible).
- If your child attends an After-School Club, please aim to pick your child up promptly, and let us know if there are any issues that we can help with.
- Please continue to bring items into school for the Christmas Hampers and **thank you for all contributions already received.**



News from around the School



EYFS In Nursery we have finished our Dig Dig Digging story. The children have been role playing all the different characters in the story and they have really enjoyed this. We have been painting different types of transport and talking about the shapes that we can see.



In Numeracy we have been learning our simple 2D shapes. Some children have even learnt to recognise a semi-circle! In Reception we have been learning all about four different types of bears; the polar bear, the grizzly bear, the spectacled bear and the panda bear. We have learnt how to recognise these bears and where they live. Next week we will be learning what they eat and writing sentences about them. Our EYFS outdoor areas have had a lot of work this week. They have been cleaned and prepared for the children to spend more time learning outside and we are excited to begin using them more next week. With this in mind please ensure your child comes to school with an appropriate winter coat (these may get a bit muddy!)

Years 1&2

The stage is up and rehearsals for our Christmas Performance are underway! Thank you to those who have already provided costumes. If you have been asked to provide your children with any clothes for the performance, please can you send them into school in a named carrier bag as soon as possible.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that children should be reading at home as often as possible and this needs to be recorded clearly in their reading diaries. Children's books and diaries need to be brought into school every day please.

Thank you for all your support at this busy time.

Years 3&4

Another busy week in Phase 3/4! In English we're excited to start a new genre - information texts. We're going to spend the next few weeks becoming experts on information texts ready to write our own all about Ancient Egypt. We're then going to collaborate our writing and publish a class book to go in the library! We're really excited about this!

The children are all doing so well at swimming and making great progress. At the end of this term, each child will be assessed and receive a certificate and badge. As a reward for their hardwork, the last swim of this term will be a fun session. Once again, we'd like to say a big thank you for your support when hearing your child read at home and supporting your child when completing homework. - **Thank you!**

Years 5&6

This week Year 5 have spent time reflecting upon their recent visit to Coventry Cathedral to learn more about the Coventry Blitz. The children imagined Coventry during the days after the attack of November 14th 1940 and have written diary entries and letters to evacuated brothers and sisters. There has been some very emotional writing. We are very proud of their work.

Hear all about the trip to Dol y Moch next week!

School Christmas dinner—Orders will NOT be accepted after **Monday 4th December.**



COMING SOON Christmas Jumper Day—Friday 15th December

MERITS FROM TODAY

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|-------|---|
| REC | Gabriella '...has worked really hard on her writing this week...' |
| 1P | Phillip '...has impressed me in school and with work he has done at home...' |
| 1/2M | Adam '...for his bravery, resilience and hard work...' |
| 3C | Tate '...represents the true meaning of hard work and dedication...' |
| 3/4C | Kieron '...you are impressing me on a daily basis with your resilience when writing...' |
| 4/5HC | Jakub '...for being an outstanding member of our class...' |
| 5A | Abigail/Ethan/Elazar/Nehal/Joshua A/Joshua D '...for being prepared to be WRONG!...' |
| 6A | No Merits—back next week |
| 6LM | No Merits—back next week |



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