



Excellence at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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What's been happening this week?!

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Year 6's are back from Dol-y-Moch where they have had a spectacular time exploring the wilds of Wales in all weathers. It was lovely to see them return safe and sound to so many happy families. We are sure that the memories that they have made will last a lifetime, and it has been great to hear so many of their funny stories! A huge thanks to Mrs Docking, Miss Antcliffe, Mrs Westley and Miss Newell for their support in making this such a special experience.



The pantomime has gone down really well again this year, so we hope that we can continue to keep this festive tradition alive in years to come. We are in full pre-Christmas flow now, so please keep an eye out for any updates regarding the upcoming events. We are really excited about our **PTFA's Christmas Fayre**, and are sure that it will be a real success as was the Bonfire Night event.

As our wonderful British weather is becoming more and more icy-cold, please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for their much needed breaks outside on the playground

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



SCHOOL CLOSURE PROCEDURES

In the event of severe weather conditions please check the following:

- TWITTER:**
[@whittleacademy](https://twitter.com/whittleacademy)
<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolclosures>
www.whittleacademy.org
 Listen to your local radio

We will endeavour to let you know our decision whether to open or shut the school by **7:30am**

Attendance so far this Academic year.....

Class	% Attendance
Nursery	92.3%
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 be considerate to our neighbours when parking your car in order to drop off or collect your child from school – thank you!
- You are welcome to send your child to school next Friday (15th December) in a **Christmas Jumper**.



News from around the School



EYFS

In Nursery this week we have been writing our Christmas lists! We have also received some letters from Santa who has been asking for our help finding things that he has lost. The children have enjoyed hunting for Santas missing decorations! We have been working hard to practise our dance and song ready for our Christmas performance and we have begun making some special costume additions for us to wear! In Reception we have had our final week focusing on 'Bears'. We have learnt all about the diets of our 4 bears and been writing some super sentences about them. Have a look on Tapestry. We have also made some salt dough Christmas tree decorations and we can't wait for them to dry so we can paint them next week; they are going to look beautiful hanging on your Christmas trees!



Reminder: KS1 Christmas Performances

The Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance for Parents and Families are on **Wednesday afternoon & Thursday evening**

Wednesday 13th December

Afternoon Performance starting at **1.45pm**

Thursday 14th December

Evening Performance! (After school)

All children will need to back at school at **5.30pm**

in time for the performance to start at **6.00pm**

It is extremely important that all children attend school for these performances as everyone has a role to play and we are hoping to make it a very special event for all the children .



Years 3 / 4

Phase 3/4 have had a really enjoyable week! On Tuesday, the Year 4s were lucky enough to go to Coventry Cathedral to take part in a Christingle service. They joined with other schools to sing and learn about the significance of the Christingle to Christians. Back at school the whole phase had fun making our own Christingles. On Thursday, those who went to the pantomime had a fantastic time! The children's behaviour was fantastic and we all enjoyed a morning of singing, booing, hissing and lots of laughing.

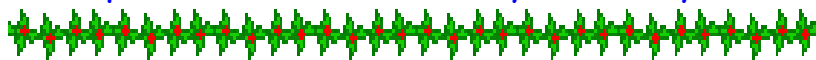


Years 5 / 6 - WOW, what a fabulous weekend we had in Dol Y Moch! Our cheeks hurt from constantly smiling and it was wonderful to see everyone thriving on new experiences. Some of the fun activities included mountain biking, kayaking, visiting a beach and even having lunch inside a mine (it was pitch black and very eerie). On our last evening, Mrs Docking led a Christmas sing song around the camp fire and it was unanimously agreed that we had the best time **EVER!**



Christmas Holidays Friday 22nd December to Monday 8th January 2018

Pupils return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2018



MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Oscar "...has worked really hard this week..."
1P	Zara "...has really impressed me this week..."
1/2M	No Merit this week
3C	Aisha "...for her improved focus and presentation..."
3/4C	Paula "...for being simply wonderful!..."
4/5HC	Oliver "...has been working really hard on becoming a reflective learner"
5A	No Merit this week
6A	Kayla "...At Dol y Moch you truly shone like a diamond..."
6LM	Callum "...I was very impressed with Callum's attitude last week..."



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