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at Whittle



# Whittle Weekly

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## What's been happening this week?!

*Dear Parents and Carers*

We have very quickly reached the end of another busy half-term, full of hard work which has been peppered with coughs, flu and sickness! It has however, been an eventful time of learning inside and outside of the classroom-culminating in today's Enrichment Day 'Coventry through the ages'.

### **New Yoimoji**

In assembly, we have launched our new core value 'Bravery' with the associated Yoimoji characters. We had great fun exploring how some of our children and our staff have overcome their fears and taken on 'brave' characters: Mrs Newell bungee-jumping, Mrs Dowler swimming with sharks, Mr Laurens and Mrs Caunter skydiving (not at the same time!) If your child does something where they have been brave, we'd love to hear about it! Any photos would be gratefully received by class teachers.

### **Attendance**

Our new LA attendance officer, Ellen Morgan, who will be working closely with the school, and will be joining us in half-termly attendance meetings after February half-term break. Please remember that we operate a free-flow entry every morning between 8:45 – 8:55. If your child would benefit from having toast to start their day with a full stomach, Mrs Benning will be selling toast for 20p outside Year 6. Please be aware that your child will be marked as absent at 9:25am.

I wish you all a lovely half-term break to make memories, and have a well-deserved break. I am certainly looking forward to doing the same with my children! Can I thank you all for your continuing support during my time as Head of School, and I am very proud to now be Head Teacher at Whittle Academy.

*Ms P Carpenter*  
*Headteacher*

**Nursery /  
Reception Open  
Mornings**

**28th Feb  
1st & 2nd March  
9:00–11:00**

- \*Meet the Staff**
- \*See our current children enjoying learning**
- \*Bring your child along too!!**

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

<u>Class</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>
Nursery	87.0%
Reception	93.0%
1P	94.4%
1/2M	95.7%
3C	93.3%
3/4C	97.4%
4/5HC	94.9%
<b>5A</b>	<b>97.5%</b>
6A	96.5%
6LM	95.4%
Whole School	95.0%

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



**A huge thank you to our PTFA and Asda!**  
Our PTFA have been liaising with Asda, and as a result Asda have kindly donated these games for our Lunch Club - free of charge!!



# News from around the School



## EYFS

This week we have really enjoyed celebrating pancake day. The children each designed their own pancakes and we all got to try some on Tuesday! Nursery have had their last week on their topic 'Traditional Tales' and they have enjoyed painting pictures of the characters in the story. In numeracy they have been using language relating to size to describe some worms! Reception have had their last week on their topic 'Monsters and Aliens'. They have been using describing words to speak about the 'wild things'. They have spent a lot of time this week creating and editing a film of 'Where The Wild Things Are' including adding their own music. You will get a chance to see this film at our family assembly in March! **EYFS Team**



## Years 1 & 2

This week Year 1 and 2 have been artists! They have designed, planned, built and evaluated their own bird and butterfly sculptures out of recycled materials (thank you for all your kind donations towards this!) The children have had lots of fun and showed great creativity, initiative and strong team work skills too!

**Home Learning:** Please continue to read at home regularly, complete pieces of work from the homework packs and get creative with the 'Flight' themed Power Projects. Year 2 children will also have some extra Maths and English homework for over the half-term holiday. **Years 1 / 2 Team**

See below for photographs !

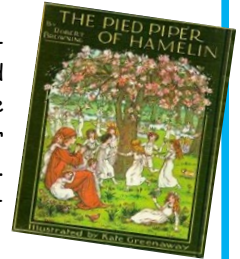
**Years 3 & 4** - What a fun-filled week this week has been! We started on Monday by getting the instruments out for our Theme lesson. We learnt about pentatonic scales in preparation of composing our own Chinese Dragon music. On Wednesday, we then used what we learnt about pentatonic scales to compose a piece of music. Mrs Cherry even treated us to a Chinese lesson! To celebrate pancake day on Tuesday, we all made pancake batter in our maths lessons. We had to read the recipe, measure out the ingredients and prepare the batter according to the instructions. We then spent the afternoon having great fun in pancake races and flipping competitions! Thank you for your support in this by sending your child to school with a frying pan. We hope you all have a well deserved rest over half-term. **The Years 3/4 Team**



## Years 5 & 6

This week, years 5 and 6 have been exploring the space race and time-lining the events involved. Ask them to tell you some fascinating facts.

Year 5 have become authors and published their own chapter for The Pied Piper of Hamelin. Year 6 have become journalists and published newspaper reports about their invented villains. Watch out for them, some are particularly dangerous!



We're really proud of their work this half-term. Have a well deserved rest over the holidays. **Years 5/6 Team**

### CASHLESS OFFICE WORKSHOP - Parents'/Carers' Evening - Wednesday 28th February

On Parents'/Carers' Evening, the School Office staff will be available to talk to you about registering onto 'Agora' - our online payment system. Pop into the School Office where we will be happy help you.

### PHOTOGRAPHS FROM YEARS 1 / 2

**MERITS**  
back after  
half-term



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