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# Whittle Weekly

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## What's been happening this week?!

### Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a lovely half term break, and have managed to stay warm this week, despite the freezing temperatures outside. We have both thoroughly enjoyed our week at Whittle Academy whilst Ms Carpenter has been attending her Thrive training course. Whittle Academy children and staff are very special to us, and it is always a pleasure to spend time in their company.

Many thanks for your support with World Book Day yesterday. It was great to see so many of the children dressed as book characters in their pj's. We bumped into the Gruffalo, Wally, Harry Potter, Alice in Wonderland and many others as we travelled around school. Your child will have brought home a **World Book Day book token** - do pop to a local supermarket so your child can choose a free new book.



### REMINDER

#### Attendance Update

We are now being advised by the Local Authority Attendance Officer to monitor attendance and punctuality across the whole school. Can we take this opportunity to remind you that we operate a free-flow entry between 8:45 and 8:55 each morning with registers closing at 9:00. If your child arrives between 9:00 - 9:30 they will be marked as 'late' and if your child arrives after 9:30 will be counted as 'unauthorised absent'. This will take effect from the Tuesday 27th February after half term. As ever, we want to work with all families to promote good attendance. If you need any support, please don't hesitate to contact either myself, Ms Carpenter, Mrs Tromans or Mrs Caunter.

Enjoy the weekend and take care when travelling.

*Mrs K Docking*  
Executive Principal

*Mrs J Upton*  
Teaching and Learning  
Consultant

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**7th March**  
Years 5 \ 6  
Visit to Space Centre

**8th March**  
Reception Family Assembly  
Debating Competition

**13th March**  
Reception Trip to  
Warwick Castle  
Library Quiz

**15th March**  
KS1 to Midland  
Air Museum

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

Class	% Attendance
Nursery	86.9%
Reception	93.0%
1P	94.3%
1/2M	95.6%
3C	93.4%
3/4C	97.3%
4/5HC	95.3%
5A	97.5%
6A	96.5%
6LM	95.3%
Whole School	95.6%

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

### DID YOU KNOW?

From September 2018, Whittle Academy is offering  
30 hour Nursery provision.  
Contact the School Office for more details.



# News from around the School



## EYFS

This week in Nursery we have begun our new topic of 'Lifecycles'. We are learning the story Jasper's Beanstalk. The children have enjoyed playing in our new garden centre themed role play area. We are continuing to practise writing our names and the children are getting really good at doing this themselves now. We will be continuing with our RWInc sounds this half term in preparation for starting to write initial sounds of words next term. In Reception we have begun our new topic 'Knights and Princesses'. We are learning the story George and the Dragon. Our role play area has transformed into Warwick castle and the children are very excited about their upcoming trip! We have been working hard practising for our Family Assembly on Thursday and hope to see many of you there!



St. George wasn't scared!

## YEARS 1 / 2

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term break! We have loved hearing about the what the children have been getting up to and have also been very impressed with the super learning behaviours they have shown this week. Everybody's been working so hard!

Thank you to everyone who came into school this week for a Parents Evening appointment. If you were not able to attend and would like to arrange a meeting for another time, please do not hesitate to ask Miss Morgan or Miss Powell.

**\*Help Wanted\*** We are currently looking for parent /carer helpers to listen to the children read in Years both 1P and 1/2M. If you would like to help and you are able to spare an hour or two any day of the week (morning or afternoon), please let us know. Please speak to Miss Morgan, Miss Powell, Mrs Westley or Mrs Rendall if you are interested.



## Years 3 / 4

It's been a week of wiggly worm spaghetti as Years 3 and 4 have been reading The Twits in their English lessons! We've all had great fun using drama to get to know the conventions of play scripts. This is all in preparation for writing our own play script to perform in school. We've been learning about dialogue this week and look forward to having fun with stage directions next week. In Maths, children have wowed us with their multiplication knowledge. Ask your child about the methods they have learnt! We'd like to say a big 'thank you' to the parents/carers that came to parents'/carer's evening. If you were unable to attend on Wednesday, please see your child's class teacher to arrange a time to look through their books.

## Years 5 / 6

This week in Year 6, we have been focusing on all things related to astronauts. We are combining our knowledge to write newspaper reports about Neil Armstrong and information texts about life in Space. In Maths, we've focused on reasoning skills to help us prepare for SATS.

Year 5 have started their journey with Sky Blues in the community. Their faces looked really excited to be working with them and learning about how to stay fit and healthy.

Next Wednesday is our trip to the Space Centre. Please make your payments via Agora and remember to send their lunch in a plastic bag.



Thank you for coming into the School Office on Parents'/Carers' Evening to register on Agora—our cashless payment system. You are most welcome to pop into the School Office at any time and we will help you through the registration process.

## MERITS FROM TODAY

REC
1P
1/2M
3C
3/4C
4/5HC
5A
6A
6LM

No Merits This Week due to the snow day



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