



Excellence
at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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What's been happening this week?!

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a week of fun, exploration, and lots of learning with a touch of royalty (Y5 and Y6 saw Princess Anne at the Space Centre!)

We have been trying hard at school to improve our lunchtimes, and have spoken with the children about how we can make lunchtimes better. As you know, we now have lunchtimes provisions inside and outside to give children more choice of ways to enjoy their downtime, but they still felt that the lunch hall could be better. Your child may have told you about how we are exploring how we can have different sittings for dinners and packed lunches in a social and relaxed environment, and we are keen to see if this helps improve things. Watch this space!

Our netball team had a great time in their competition this week against other schools in INSPIRE Multi-Academy Trust, and Miss Powell was so pleased to see how their confidence just grew and grew as the tournament went on. Many thanks to all of the team, and to Miss Powell and Mr Ashbridge for helping to make this possible.

I was blown away on Thursday morning by our fantastic Family Assembly by Reception. They were truly phenomenal, with their re-telling of 'Where the Wild things are'; their amazing writing; Mr Peep and his number bond sheep, and of course that sneaky subtraction snake. And with Mothering Sunday this weekend, we had those touching videos and pictures that brought tears to our eyes. It was lovely to see so many of you coming to join us.

A last little plea for me. We would REALLY appreciate some more Reading ambassadors to help us hear children read. If any of you parents or grandparents would like to support us, please do pop into the office to let us know. Have a lovely weekend,

Ms Carpenter

SCHOOL CALENDAR

13th March
Reception Trip to
Warwick Castle

15th March
KS1 to Midland
Air Museum,
Library Quiz

16th March
Year 1 Morning of Music

19th March
SPORTS RELIEF WEEK

22nd March
KS2 Morning of Music

Attendance so far this Academic year.....

Class	% Attendance
Nursery	87.2%
Reception	93.1%
1P	94.1%
1/2M	95.7%
3C	93.4%
3/4C	97.4%
4/5HC	95.4%
5A	97.5%
6A	96.6%
6LM	95.5%
Whole School	95.0%

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



"Watch this space We will be launching a **Parent App** to support General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) data accuracy. This App will allow schools to collect the most up-to-date data on pupils and parents. The **App** provides schools with the ability to send notifications to parents/ carers reminding them to update their details, as well supporting the safe transfer of any data and the upkeep of what is collected. We will issue more information when it is available"



News from around the School



EYFS

In Nursery this week we have been thinking all about Mother's day. We made some cards and we worked hard at fingerpainting some flowers and writing our names inside them.



In Numeracy we have been learning to match numeral to quantity and the children had to match the right number of sweets to the plates. In Reception we have been learning how to count on and back from numbers to 20. This will set us up for learning a new way to add and take away next week! In Literacy we have been making some missing posters with a focus on what describing words we can use. We were so proud of the children for their Family Assembly which they had worked so hard on and would like to thank all parents who attended.

YEARS 1 / 2

There has been some wonderful writing happening this week in both 1P and 1/2M!

1P have been retelling and writing the story of 'Tiddler' the story telling fish by Julia Donaldson. Ask them to retell the story to you! 1/2M have been working equally hard on writing their revolting character descriptions about the awful Mr and Mrs Twit! Miss Morgan and Miss Powell have been so impressed with the children's hard work and resilience. Well done, KS1!

Reminder: Our trip to **Midland Air Museum** is on Thursday next week! If you have not done so already, then please return the permission slip to school and pay for the trip online using the **Agora** payment system. Thank you..

Years 3 / 4

Phase 3/4 have enjoyed an arty week in their theme lessons. Following on from Chinese New Year, the children have learnt about the significance of dragons in Chinese culture. They then learnt how to draw a dragon and used sketching techniques to experiment with line and pattern.

Our hard work in English has paid off as we published our play scripts this week. We had lots of fun creating stage directions for Mr and Mrs Twit. Ask your child about their play script!

We hope you enjoy your weekend,

The Phase 3/4 Team

Years 5 / 6

The highlight of the week for Years 5/6 has got to be our out of this world trip to the Space Centre. There was lots of excitement amongst the children as they explored life out there in the galaxy. The day started with a show in the planetarium which was all about the life of astronauts. The children's jaws dropped in wonder and there were lots of gasps as we went on a journey through space. They also enjoyed presenting the weather from the weather station and climbing aboard Colombia (a replica of the I.S.S).

We were proud of their behaviour walking round the centre, especially as there was a royal visitor. Thank you Year 5 and 6 for a lovely day. **Photos below!!**

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MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Ekombong "...has done some fantastic writing!..."
1P	Lacie "... is an absolute pleasure to have in 1P..."
1/2M	Lainey "...for all the thoughtful ideas and positivity every day..."
3C	Lola-Mai "...for being an all round superstar..."
3/4C	Maria "...for her superb attitude to learning and exemplary behaviour..."
4/5HC	Katie "... has tried so hard to make more positive choices..."
5A	Nehal - "...I have seen Nehal be an absolute angel in my class..."
6A	Emmanuel "...6A are so impressed with how well you have settled into Whittle..."
6LM	Chantelle "...I'm so proud of your positive and resilient attitude..."

