



Excellence
at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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What's been happening this week?!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you all enjoyed the long and sunny Bank Holiday weekend! I think we are all hoping that we continue to have some of this lovely summery weather (but maybe not quite so scorching!!)

We have really enjoyed our Family assembly this week, hearing the wonders of Y4/5 Morning of Music renditions around the theme of Britain at Play. To see the confidence and enthusiasm from 4/5HC and 5A was just tremendous-they truly sang their hearts out and were so responsive to Mr Ashbridge's silent stage direction and Mrs Cook's singing coaching from the front row. Thank you to all of those parents, families and carers who were able to join us to recognise the talents amongst our children.



The chickens are on their way....with the help of our Good to be Gold raffle ticket winners from this week and last! Luke and Mrs Barnes (with Mr Docking, the mini-bus driver) will be venturing out to collect our new feathered friends now that the chicken run is fully constructed! We have spoken to the children about being safe around the run out on the field, so please support us with this at the beginning and end of the school day in ensuring your children do not play in or around it.

We recognise that this year has brought about a lot of change in our school, as we are committed to making sure that our school is the best it can be for each and every one of our children. Attendance is a priority, and at Whittle we are keen to recognise positive attendance. This is achieved through a weekly reward for the class with the highest attendance, our half-termly raffle draws for £15 vouchers, and we are planning to hold an Attendance Ceremony and reward for **ALL** of those children who have shown positive attendance throughout the school year. As the new Head Teacher at Whittle, I recognise that this may look different to what may have been done previously, but please be reassured in that we are looking for the most valuable ways to celebrate success, and are always keen to be better. If you have any other ideas, please do pop and speak to me. Have a lovely weekend,

Pam Carpenter, Head Teacher

Coming up next week.....

- * **All week** - SAT's week for children in Y2 & Y6
- * **Thursday** - Football Tournament for some of the KS2 children
- * **Thursday** - Wedding Themed School Meal
- * **Friday** - Red, White & Blue Day

EYFS Appeal

Do you have any spare uniform that is Nursery, Reception, or Year 1 sized? If so, please send it into school to bolster our provisions of spare clothes for Early Years.

Good to be Gold winners:

This week's winners are:

Owen 1/2M
Kyra 3C
Lola 3/4C
Muhammed 5A
Freya 6LM
Scarlet 6LM



These lucky winners will be joining last week's winners to collect our new school chickens!

Attendance so far...

Class	% Attendance
Nursery	86.4%
Reception	93.4%
1P	93.6%
1/2M	95.5%
3C	93.6%
3/4C	96.5%
4/5HC	95.8%
5A	97.5%
6A	96.7%
6LM	95.8%
Whole School	95.0%

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



News from around the School

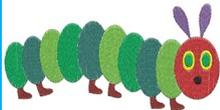


EYFS

In Nursery we have been practising to read and write simple words. We have been enjoying the lovely weather and hunting for numicon in the sand pit. We are looking forward to planting vegetables next week!



In Reception we have learnt how to share out fairly between different groups. We have spent time on the field collecting sticks and petals and sharing them out between our class toys. We have been learning how to write the days of the week and writing sentences from the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.



YEARS 1 / 2

This four day week has been full of challenging Maths learning for Key Stage One! In Year 1 the children have been learning to recognise number patterns and sequences of numbers. They have then applied this knowledge to solve problems when some numbers are missing. Year 2 have been revising what they already know about fractions of shape and fractions of amounts. The children understood that the number on the bottom of the fraction (the denominator) was the number of parts a number or shape was divided into and that the number on the top of the fraction (the numerator) was the number we needed to find. Ask us how we use different funny voices to help us remember! POWER Projects: We apologise that the hand in date was not printed on our current 'Indian Spice' POWER Projects for Key Stage One. The hand in date for these projects is **Friday 13th July**.

Reminder: Our **free** Year 2 SATs Breakfast Club will be starting next week and will be running for two weeks. Children need to arrive at 8.15am and enter school through the main office.

Years 3 / 4

In Phase 3/4 we've started writing our new chapter of The Firework Maker's Daughter. We've written the beginning and are now looking forward to planning a new dilemma for Lila.



In P.E., Kirsty has taught us the final moves to our Tudor dance routine. We're really impressed with how the children are working as a team. They have shown great resilience when practising - why not ask them to teach you the moves?!

Homework packs and POWER Project have now been given out so please ask your child to talk you through these.

Thank you for your continuing support with homework and reading,

The Phase 3/4 Team



Years 5 / 6

In 5/6 we have all been working our socks off over the past week.

Year 5 have spent time rehearsing for their spectacular family assembly which we're sure those of you who joined us enjoyed. They have also been exploring Shakespeare's classic Romeo and Juliet and our authors are in the midst of creating an alternative ending.

Year 6 had a visit from the school nurse to teach them some mindfulness strategies and how to relax. We can't emphasise enough the power of a good night's sleep and spending time enjoying the outdoors. We hope to see as many faces bright and early on Monday morning from 8am ☺

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MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Poppy-Mai "...has shown real determination and has not given up with her work..."
1P	Jenna "...is such a wonderful person to have in 1P. She is kind and thoughtful..."
1/2M	Ayla "...for her fantastic learning behaviour and attitude towards learning..."
3C	Amritpal "...for being brave, independent, kind and an all round wonderful member..."
3/4C	Charlie "...has impressed me this week with his improved behaviour..."
4/5HC	Bailee "...has matured into a sensible boy who is managing distractions..."
5A	Joshua "...has shown a superb attitude and ability in his Maths..."
6A	Latifa "...throughout year 6 you have been a pleasure to teach ..."
6LM	Curtis "...for showcasing your business skills and developing your multi-tasking skills ..."

Nursery and Reception places available



15/30 hours free Nursery provision a week.

Wraparound provision available.



A stimulating, engaging and fun filled learning environment.

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