

Whytemead Primary School Newsletter



Message from Mr Waddington and Mrs Mavin

This is our last newsletter for the Spring Term and what a term it has been! Between us all, we have achieved so much and the best news is that we are still smiling! We would just like to take a moment to say a big 'well done' to ALL the staff at Whytemead. Everyone, bar none, has worked their hardest and done their best in what has been the most unusual of circumstances.

Your children have also been incredible, whether at home or at school, we have been so impressed with their strength of character, optimism and resilience. Nevermind all this chat about what we have missed, our children will have skills that no other generation has had to develop. Life long skills that will benefit all of our futures!



Now we are back in school, we continue to ensure that we are providing the best learning opportunities for all of our children. As we move into the summer term, we look forward to more opportunities to learn and grow. Please help us to help your children by ensuring that they complete any homework set, they read at home often (at least 5 times a week) and that they attend school every day that they can.

As our school values state 'Through Curiosity, Collaboration and Determination, we are 'Growing Minds'.

Stay safe, Mr Waddington & Mrs Mavin

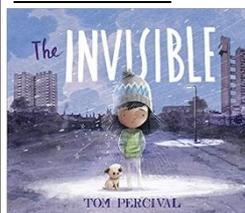


Book Recommendations:

You may have heard of our new reading spine. These are the books that the children will definitely read during their time at Whytemead. We have one for year A and one for year B. You can see a link for this on our website.

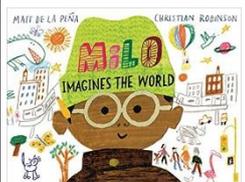
We would also like to recommend some other books that your child may enjoy. You will be able to buy these easily online or request from the library.

Picture Books



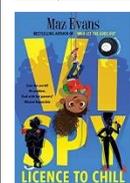
The Invisible by Tom Percival. The Invisible is the story of a young girl called Isabel and her family. They don't have much, but they have what they need to get by. Until one day, there isn't enough money to pay their rent and bills and they have to leave their home full of happy memories and move to the other side of the city.

It is the story of a girl who goes on to make one of the hardest things anyone can ever make...a difference.



Milo Imagines the World by Matt de la Peña. *Milo Imagines the World* is a warm and richly satisfying story from the award-winning and New York Times bestselling picture book duo, about a little boy with a big imagination who learns that you can't know anyone just by looking at them. Set in a bustling city, and full of a family love that binds even in difficult circumstances.

Chapter Books



Vi Spy - Licence to Chill by Maz Evans. Divorce is tough for any kid. But when - like Vi's parents - your mum is ex-secret service and your dad is a retired bad guy, 'till death do us part' takes on a whole new meaning. And with her parents' focus on each other, the real super-villains are having a field day. To save her family - and the world - from evil domination, Vi must turn spy ..



The Shark Caller - Zillah Bethell. Dive beneath the waves with this spell-binding adventure of friendship, forgiveness and bravery, set on the shores of Papua New Guinea, perfect for fans of Katherine Rundell and Eva Ibbotson.

We are currently working on ways that we can improve our book stock in school. One of these is to have an Amazon Wish List of books that we would like to be donated to school. We will be updating the list on our INSET day so please look out for the link in our newsletters after Easter.

Today is Epilepsy Awareness Day

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Talulah and her mum who have completed their 26 miles on their scooter. This is an incredible achievement and we are very proud of them both!

Thank you to all those who followed the just giving link to sponsor them in their endeavour, they have raised lots of money for Epilepsy Awareness.

Well done Talulah! ☺

For those of you interested to donate, here is the link again;

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nicki-buchus?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=nicki-buchus&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=18d6abd9f6c94b778c6cca568697cf4d



Diary Dates

Parent's Evening: Tuesday 30th March and Wednesday 31st March

Last day of term: Wednesday 31st March

INSET DAY: Thursday 1st April

First day of summer term: Monday 19th April