

Whytemead Summer 1 Newsletter



Year 3-4 have completed some brilliant writing about predators!



AARGH! Pirate fun in Reception! 😊

It's hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of another happy half-term at Whytemead Primary! Once again, a huge thanks must go out to you all for making it such a good one. With extra thanks to the children and staff for all their hard work. The school has been buzzing with learning – from dragons to division, pirates to partitioning, Frankenstein to fractions! Phew!

SATs

The big event this term in the year 6 SATs. The children and teachers have worked incredibly hard with their preparation and are ready to do their absolute best. It's worth remembering at this time that SATs are not just for year 6. The learning children do throughout their time at Primary School supports your child's ability to do well in year 6. One of the best ways for parents to help and support at home is to ensure that your child reads often (at least 5 times a week) and, from year 3 on, knows their times tables for quick recall (up to 12 x 12). Please use Times Tables Rock stars to help you with this. This will make more space for new learning in years 5 and 6 and help us to ensure that they can do their best.

Having said this, we also understand that your child is so much 'more than a score!' Being determined to be 'the best that I can be' is a quality that we admire in our Whytemead children and we are proud of all of them.

Bags of Support

Thank you to everyone who brought in bags of clothes for this collection. We are still awaiting confirmation of the amount raised but it was a great opportunity to have a conversation with children about being environmentally responsible. Our Eco-Warriors work hard to get their eco message across in school and would like to remind you some of the ways that you can be 'eco-friendly' at home;

- ✓ Don't keep the tap running when you clean your teeth
- ✓ Take your own bags to the shops
- ✓ Turn your thermostat down by 1 or 2 degrees
- ✓ Buy second hand clothes
- ✓ Turn your appliances off standby
- ✓ Turn lights off when you leave the room

PE kits

We are still getting too many PE kits in school that are not named, or the name has washed out. Can I please ask that you check your child's kit? Make sure that *EVERYTHING* is clearly named – even shoes! Unfortunately, we cannot find owners to unnamed clothes!

Swimming

This term, year 3 children began their swimming lessons. It's on Friday – please remember your swim stuff! I am delighted to report that we have already had positive comments from members of the public about our children's excellent behaviour! Very well done year 3! Although I must say that I am not surprised – I am always very proud of the way Whytemead children conduct themselves outside school and how they wear their Whytemead uniform with pride 😊

Twitter

I regularly update our twitter account with photos and tweets about what's going on at Whytemead! Please follow us on @whytemead for our latest news! It is the school's only official social media account.

Also follow @WhytemeadP for our PE updates.

Mental Health Support

Although we would like everyone to feel positive and at ease all the time, in reality, this is not always the case. I would like to take this opportunity to sign post parents to some websites that may be useful should you need them. These websites provide help for the child and parent during difficult times;

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/>

If you feel that you would like to talk to someone at school, our door is always open. Please let us know if you are worried or concerned in any way and we will do our best to support you.

CAN YOU HELP US?

The beautiful hand-print tiles have now been delivered from 'Artful' café. Every child in school had their hand printed onto a tile. We would like to create a mural of these hands on the wall to the right as you walk into the big, green school gates. However, we don't have any spare money for a tiler! So, we are appealing to our school community for the help of an experienced tiler to volunteer to support Mr Grant in creating our beautiful mural. If you can help, please can you let the office know. Many thanks!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 7/6 – mufti day (luxury hampers £1)

Tuesday 11/6 – Legacy Games

Friday 14/6 – mufti day (jars of sweets £1)

Wednesday 19/6 – Sports Day at the Manor Ground

Friday 21/6 – mufti day (cakes £1)

All that remains now is for me to wish you a very happy half term when it arrives on Friday 24th May! Enjoy the family time together and come back safe and well on Monday 3rd June

Mrs Clare Mavin