



Friday 1st October 2021

Our week at Whitemoor started with a fire drill on Monday where we evacuated the whole school to ensure that everyone knows what to do in the event of a real fire. We were all so impressed with how sensible the children were and how they moved out of their classrooms to the designated fire assembly point. We complete fire drills every half term to keep this knowledge fresh in everyone's minds.

Today we have had a wonderful day for our school Languages Day. Our language curriculum usually involves the teaching of French in Years 3 and 4 and Spanish in Year 5 and 6 so it has been great fun to learn some other languages as well. Please ask your children to share some of this with you over the weekend.

On Thursday next week, we have our individual and sibling photos by Tempest photography. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to invite siblings who do not attend Whitemoor Academy to attend. We look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces for the photos.

Mrs Hooper, Head of School

Class 1

This week in Class 1 we have been looking at different types of houses that people live in. The children have been great at using the blocks to build towers, castles and caravans. We have also been looking at matching in Maths, making sure that the items we choose are the same. The children have also worked on their counting skills ensuring they say one number per item. Please continue to practice this at home. The Reception children have also started learning their phonic sounds and will soon receive their first reading book.

Class 2

This week we've been busy bees in Class 2!

As well as counting one more or less than a number, we've been using part-whole models to show tens and ones in two-digit numbers. We've started working on the short film, The Little Red Boat, thinking carefully about appropriate adjectives and writing descriptive sentences. We've made models of Viking Longboats in History, and in PE we learnt to hold a tennis racket correctly and return a ball to a partner.

Great stuff, Class 2!

Class 3

Class 3 have enjoyed learning about the Anglo-Saxons this week. We found out where they came from and why they settled in England. In Geography, we learned all about the United Kingdom's human and physical features. In science, we gathered data for an investigation into whether muscles became stronger the more you used them. In English, we used editing techniques to improve our writing and in maths we were comparing and ordering 3 and 4-digit numbers. Finally in art, we were using shading techniques to draw a self-portrait, thinking about the way that light changes the tone.

Class 4

Class 4 have had another great week! We have started to recap addition and subtraction Maths and have been researching Viking longships as part of our report writing in English. We were very enthusiastic about our brass lesson again on Wednesday afternoon and had great fun during indoor PE when we played some very competitive team games! Class 4 have just been signed up to another Sumdog competition which will take place between October 8th and 14th, so look out for that and try to score some points for Team Whitemoor!

Important Upcoming Dates

- ◆ 07.10.21: Individual & Sibling Photos
- ◆ 12.10.21 & 13.10.21: Parent/Guardian Consultations
- ◆ 22.10.21: Year 1 Hearing Screening
- ◆ 12.11.21: Flu Vaccinations Reception to Year 6 pupils

P.E days

We are still asking children to come dressed in their P.E kits on the days they have P.E:

Monday: Class 3

Tuesday: Class 4

Thursday: Class 2

Friday: Class 1

Parent Consultations

This year Parent/Guardian consultations will take place online via Teams. A Teams link will be sent to parents/guardians in due course. Once you have received this link, you will be waiting in a 'lobby' and the teacher will allow you in to your scheduled appointment.

Parents/Guardians can book time slots on Monday 4th October from 8am and bookings will close on Friday 8th October at 6pm.

If you do not have access to Arbor, please contact the school office on 01726 822274.

If you do have access to Arbor you can book appointment slots via your Arbor account.

Second hand uniform

We want to thank parents for kindly donating school uniform to the school. We are intending on displaying the uniform on a dry day next week. There will be a donation pot outside if you wish to give towards the uniform.

Early Start Club

Early Start Club is on offer before school from 8am. The club is run by Mrs O'Mahoney and must be booked online the week before. We currently charge a very reasonable £1 for the facility.

If you would like more information about Early Start Club then please speak to Mrs Dowd in the office.

Volunteers

We are now in a position to welcome back volunteers.

Whether you are trying to gain experience to support you in job applications or you would just enjoy supporting us with the children, we would like to hear from you.

All volunteers must undertake a full induction and DBS check.

If you are interested, please just email **hello@whitemoor.org.uk**

National Fitness Day: Update

On Wednesday 22nd September children took part in the National Fitness day.

The sponsorship money received from the pupils family and friends has been amazing.

We are extremely pleased to confirm the total received: **£1041.11p**

We would like to thank everyone for supporting their child/ren for this event and the fantastic amount of money raised. The chosen pupils for school council will be helping the school to decide what to spend the money on.

Term Dates 2021/2022

25.10.21 to 29.10.21: Autumn Half Term

20.12.21 to 31.12.21: Christmas Holidays

03.01.22: Bank Holiday

04.01.22: INSET Day (School Closed)

05.01.22: Children return to school

18.02.22: Aspire INSET Day (School Closed)

21.02.22 to 25.02.22: Spring Half Term

11.04.22 to 22.04.22: Easter Holidays

02.05.22: May Bank Holiday

30.05.22 to 03.06.22: Summer Half Term

06.06.22: INSET Day (School Closed)

07.06.22: Queen's Platinum Jubilee (School Closed)

26.07.22: Last day of term

School Council

We are pleased to introduce our School Council for 2021– 22. The children worked hard to create manifestos and were voted in by their peers in their class. The School Council will be working with Mrs Toher this year and we look forward to hearing more about their projects.

Class 1- Lottie & Percy

Class 2 - Athena & Angus

Class 3 - Ethan and Chanel

Class 4 - Casey, Georgia and Jayce

Brannel Open Event

Brannel open evening is on Thursday 5th October (5pm-7.30pm). This will be a face-to-face event with accompanied tours and opportunities to meet students and staff. Families do not need to book to attend but tour group sizes will be limited. All tours will be accompanied by a member of staff or student ambassador.

Attendance

Absence - Illness

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, then please inform the office before 9am in the morning, and let us know why your child is going to be absent, and when you expect them to return. If your child is off for more than one day, we must still be informed each day of your child's absence until they return to school. **Sickness / Diarrhoea - Please keep your child off school for 48 hours**

COVID-19 Absence: Self-isolating rule

From 16th August 2021 Individuals are **not** required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. Please take a PCR test if advised to do so and remember, **PHE do NOT recommend the use of LFD tests on children under the age of 11 years.**

Medication

The School cannot hold or administer any medication that has not been prescribed by a doctor. If your child requires prescribed medication whilst attending school, then please see the office, as you will be required to fill out an 'administration of medicine' form. If your child requires non prescribed medication whilst at school, then you are able to come to the office at the appropriate time to administer the medicine yourself.

Head Teacher Awards



Congratulations to the following children for achieving headteacher award this week:



Class 1: Abbey and Max

Class 2: Zack and Amelia-Lily

Class 3: Jacob and Ellie

Class 4: Seth and Paddy

Free Gardening Equipment for our School



Whitemoor Academy has registered with Morrisons supermarket to get free gardening equipment.

Parents/Guardians can support our school by spending £10 or more and you will get a Grow Token to donate to your chosen school. The school can then exchange the tokens for free gardening equipment.

For further details and to support our school, follow this link: www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk

Census Day

Census day will take place on Thursday
7th October.

All pupils in EYFS and KS1 will have the opportunity to try a hot school lunch to try to encourage them to try some new foods.

If your child normally has a packed lunch, please send this as well so they won't be hungry if they don't enjoy their school lunch!

WHIZZ, BANG Sparkle

Census Lunch Thursday 7th October
@ Whitemoor

**Bangers (sausages)
or
Quorn Sausage**
Served with Potato waffles &
steaming Beans or Peas
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**Jacket potato with a choice of
fillings & Salad**
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Chocolate Cookie
Or
Fresh fruit/Yogurt

**FOOD
FESTIVAL**
By Aspens