



Message from Mrs McGibney

Dear Parents/Carers,
The summer term seems to be flying by and once again we have had a very busy week. We couldn't have asked for a better week of weather which has enabled the children to enjoy the outdoors for learning and play! It has been wonderful to see our Year 4 and 5 children taking part in the WCB Cricket Festival. The children enjoyed the festival and played some excellent cricket! It was fantastic meeting our new Nursery parents and the children who will be joining us in September at their first induction session. Have a lovely weekend!

Health and Safety

Head Lice Information

We have been informed that there has been a case of head lice in school. Please see information via this link on how to check and treat your child as necessary:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



Warm Weather

Now that the weather is starting to get warmer, please can parents and carers send a cap/hat for your child to wear during playtime and lunchtime in the playground. Please ensure that it has your child's name clearly written inside. Please can they also bring in a water bottle, which can be filled up in school. It would also be advisable to apply sun cream before coming into school. Please note that sunglasses are not permitted, except for medical reasons.



Polite Reminder about the Trim Trail

The trim trail is only available to be used during school time when supervised by school staff due to health and safety reasons.

Please can parents remind children not to use it when dropping off and collecting before and after school.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Class Teacher Messages...

Nursery

In Nursery this week we have been looking closely at seeds. We have been looking at how the seeds are all different. Later this week we are going to plant some seeds so that we can watch them grow. We have seeds that will grow fast and some seeds that may take a long time to grow.

As the weather is getting warmer the children are going to be making dens in the Nursery Garden. Last year we had a huge "Cave Den" I am trying to construct this for the children this year, with the children's help of course. Unfortunately, I can't find the instructions, so we are practising lots of problem solving and measuring skills. I hope that you will see this magnificent den in the garden before it begins to rain once more!

Please don't forget the children's hats and sun cream whilst the weather is so warm. I hope that you enjoy this lovely sunshine.



Mrs Ruth McShane

Reception

This week in Reception the children have been very excited to observe our 10 eggs begin to crack! We have had 9 chicks hatch out of the eggs. Can your child tell you anything about them? Next week (when the chicks are a little bigger) the children will be able to handle them. I hope that they are excited! We have also been observing 5 caterpillars who have grown so much this week - they eat all day! We hope you have a fantastic weekend. Please remember to send reading books in on Monday, thank you.

Miss Ridgway (Early Years Leader), Miss Blower and Miss Mosey

Year 1

This week in English, we have been reading A day at the Animal Post Office. We have continued to work on our sentence skills and have enjoyed learning about how post travels around the country and world.

In RE, we have learnt about symbols that are important to Christians and Jewish people and why they are so important and sacred. We thought about what objects and symbols were important to us and how they make us feel.

In Science, we have continued learning about Animals and developed our knowledge of fish. We learnt about their body features, different types, where they live and what their different fins do.

Next week in RHE, we will be looking at how we have changed since we were babies. To support your child's learning, please can you send in, message or email a photo of them as a baby. Have a fabulous weekend.



Miss Skidmore, Mrs Ellis (Year 1 Leader), Mrs Corbett

Year 2

This week, we have had a fun week launching our new book in English and starting a new topic in Maths. They have also been learning a new song all about friendship in Music.

In English, we launched our new book called 'Traction Man' all about a toy who comes to life and completes secret missions. Lots of children linked this to 'Toy Story' and then wrote questions for 'Traction Man' to find out more about him.

In Maths, the children have enjoyed learning about position and direction. They learnt all about left, right, forward, backwards and different turns. They then used their knowledge to give directions their partner to follow around the classroom and playground!

The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about world habitats in Science. They learnt about rainforest, ocean, desert and polar habitats.

They then researched an animal and found out all about their habitat, what they eat, what they look like and how they survive in their habitat. You could ask your child which animal they chose and do some extra research this weekend.

In Humanities, the children were learning all about the Royal Family and the line of succession. They then created a line of succession tree using pictures of the Royal Family.



Animals of the Oceans



Animals of the Arctic



Animals of the Tropical Rainforest



Animals of the Desert



Mrs Sandhu, Mrs Gill (Year 2 Leader), Mrs Nolan

Class Teacher Messages...

Year 3

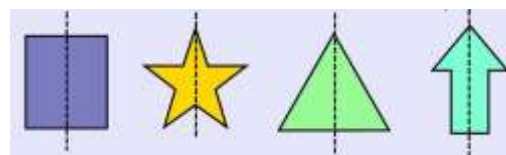
This week the children have had lots of fun learning about David Attenborough and ordering his life in chronological order. In maths, the children have continued their learning of time and have started to apply their new knowledge of time to solve problems. In humanities the children have had lots of fun learning about maps and using their new knowledge of the 8 points of a compass to give directions.

Overall the children have had a wonderful week full of great learning.

Miss Khan (Year 3 Leader), Miss Hussain and Miss Waddell.

Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we have been working very hard towards our Multiplication Tables Check which we completed this week. In English, we have written a newspaper report based on The Whisperer. In Maths, we have started learning about symmetry and really enjoyed testing 2D shapes for lines of symmetry. In geography, we have been learning about what it is like to live in the Ecuadorian rainforest. In science, we have begun to look at food chains; what a predator and consumer is. In RE, we have continued to learn what it is to be Hindu living in Britain today.



Miss Cox (Year 4 Leader), Mrs Hatton and Miss Chapman

Year 5

It has been a good week in Year 5. In maths, we have started a new unit of work on perimeter. The children have shown a good understanding of how to calculate the perimeter of different shapes, draw the perimeter of a given total and apply their understanding to problem solving. Whilst in English, the children have thoroughly enjoyed reading 'Who Let The Gods Out' and completing work on this. The children have also enjoyed learning skills needed to write a biography and are looking forward to writing their own biography next week.

In History, we learnt about different gods and goddesses and the children presented the information they found out in the style of a mind map. In science, it was great to see the children engaged when investigating the effects of air resistance. Well done on a brilliant week; remember to be the best that you can be Year 5.



Mr Johnston (Assistant Head and Year 5 leader), Miss Wherly, Mrs Sharratt and Mrs Williams

Year 6

Year 6 have been exploring 'Light' as their topic in Science, investigating how we see things and whether light always travels in straight lines. To support this learning, the children made periscopes to experiment with light reflections and looked at how a periscope is used in a real life context.

We've been thoroughly enjoying the sunshine this week, taking our Memory Cage books outside and reading the chapters in the fresh air. The children are really enjoying the text as it has a lot of flashbacks, adding in crucial information throughout the narrative. They've been learning to mimic this style in their writing, and have produced their own flashback stories based on 'The Piano', a short film by Adrian Gibbons.

We are looking forward to a maths orienteering event at Coombe Abbey next Thursday before our departure to Dol y Moch on Sunday.

Mr Payne (Assistant Head and Year 6 Leader), Mrs Harrison and Mr Openshaw

Attendance



WEEKLY WINNERS (w/e 17/06/2022)

KS1 – 1DELTA – 99.3%

KS2 – 3GAMMA – 97.1%

Whole School – 93.0%



**Congratulations! Your class will receive the Attendance Trophy next week
PLUS you will be rewarded with 5 dojos each!**

**Here Today Here Tomorrow
Every School Day Matters!**

Reporting Absence

Please Remember to call school by 8:55am to report your child's absence – 02476335697
You can also report absence via School Comms.
Please remember to give a valid reason for absence.

Mrs Smith and Miss Keeling
are here to support you with any attendance or
welfare concerns.

Please call or email us at
familywelfare@whitmorepark.org

Summer Attendance Party

Children are getting excited about out
end of term Summer Attendance Party!
There will be special drinks, games, prizes
and music. Children must have
attendance of 96% or more for the 7 week
half term to be invited to the party. This
means being in school every day (or
almost every day) from Tuesday 7th June
until the last week of term.

Holidays in Term Time

Holidays in term time will **not be
authorised** and can lead to a Fixed
Penalty Notice (FPN).

Please make sure you complete a
Exceptional Leave in Term Time
form, you can collect the form from
the school office. Thank you.

Start the Day Right

Being late to school can be really tricky for
children as they often miss vital settling in time,
such as going to the toilet, getting their things
ready and talking with their teacher

Learning begins at 8.55am in all classes

Punctuality is being monitored by the
Attendance team and we want to help make
sure that all children arrive to school on time to
start the day right.

Please contact us if you are finding it difficult to
get to school on time.



Reading

As you all know, at Whitmore Park we are continuing to encourage ALL of our children to read, read and read some more! Reading is a key life skill and its value is fundamental within our curriculum; as a school we are extremely dedicated to all our children learning to foster a love of reading.

Reading can come from anywhere! Something our children thoroughly enjoy learning about at school are arts and crafts. Our talented children can spend hours and hours creating new things using old scraps. So this week's book recommendation is dedicated to this. Its called, 'Epic Cereal Box Creations'.

Take one box – a cereal box for example – and this craft ideas book and get creating! Thanks to a set of recycled plastic corners just right for joining up card (and neatly contained in a storage compartment) with clear, easy to follow instructions, kids will be able to transform the box into any one of 20 different toys. Once they have got to grips with the easier creations including a dinosaur, a rocket and a fabulous looking car they can challenge themselves with the trickier space helmet or unicorn mask. Like all the best ideas it's really simple, really effective and likely to be just the start of more creative activity. The JUNKO ethos is all about reuse and being eco-friendly. The Epic Cereal Box Creations is a brilliantly clever concept, turning household waste and packaging into toys: even those plastic corners are made from recycled plastic! Not only is it fun, it's a great way to build those all-important STEAM skills too. Who needs plastic toys when you can have fun and make your own out of cardboard?

Happy Reading!



Mrs Sandhu, Mr Johnston and Mrs Dankaro (English Team)

PE / Sports News

It's been a cricket crazy week for our year 4 and 5 pupils. Both Year groups participated in the WCB Coventry Cricket festival. When selecting the squad, the PE Team selected pupils who had tried hard during lessons and showed a fantastic attitude to learning new skills.

Year 4 were up first on the Monday session, where they competed against 5 other schools in a round robin festival. The year 4 team played 4 games and won 2 and lost 2, this was a great effort against some tough opponents.

Year 5 took part in the Tuesday festival and again competing against 5 schools and they played 4 games, they won 3 and lost only 1 game, finishing third overall. Mr Parry and Mr Wilson were so proud of all the children's efforts over the two festivals. Well done everyone!



Date	Time	Event
Monday 20 th June	1:00pm	Choir to Coventry City Centre
Thursday 23 rd June		Year 6 Coombe Network Day PM only
Sunday 26 th June – Thursday 30 th June		Year 6 Dol-y-Moch Residential Trip
Tuesday 28 th June		Year 1 Twycross Zoo Trip
Tuesday 28 th June		Nursery Hoar Park Trip
Friday 1 st July	AM	Year 5 Virtual Space Workshop
Monday 4 th July	9:00-1:00	Year 5 to Ricoh
Monday 4 th July	1:30 – 3:00	Year 5 Choir to Broadgate
w/c July 4 th		Enterprise week
Monday 4 th July	3:30-6:00	Year 5 Activity Evening
Monday 4 th July		Reception stay and play AM/PM
Tuesday 5 th July		Reception stay and play AM/PM
Tuesday 5 th July		Year 6 Drayton Manor Trip
Wednesday 6 th July		Transition Day whole school & Year 6 to secondary school Reception stay and play AM/PM
Thursday 7 th July	PM	Year 5 to Coundon Performance
Friday 8 th July		Year 3 Coombe Abbey Trip
Monday 11 th July	3:30-5:00	Family picnic on the school grounds
w/c 11 th July		Sports week and Healthy Body/Healthy Mind
Tuesday 12 th July	2:00pm	Year 6 Production
Wednesday 13 th July		Year 2 Conkers Trip
Thursday 14 th July	6:00pm	Year 6 Production
Friday 15 th July	3:30pm	Reports to Parents
Monday 18 th July	9:00am	Year 1 group assembly to parents
	2:30pm	Year 2 group assembly to parents
Tuesday 19 th July	9:00am	Year 3 group assembly to parents
	11:00am	Nursery group assembly to parents
	2:30pm	Nursery group assembly to parents
	6:00pm	Open Evening for parents (books, classroom and corridor environment, meet the teachers) Reception – Year 6
Wednesday 20 th July	9:00am	Year 5 group assembly to parents
	2:30pm	Year 4 group assembly to parents
Thursday 21 st July	9:00am	Year 6 leavers assembly to parents
	2:30pm	Reception group assembly to parents
Friday 22 nd July		Break up

Our School Nursing Team Health focused websites

Coventry School Nurses have launched two websites, one aimed at children and another tailored towards teenagers:

www.healthforkids.co.uk offers a fun way for children to learn about health with games, activities and quizzes. www.healthforteens.co.uk hosts videos and webchats as well as articles to educate teenagers on a range of health topics such as contraception, mental health, drugs and alcohol.

Chat Health texting service Chat health is a free service that enables 11-18 year olds across Coventry to send confidential SMS text messages to School Nurses who will provide impartial advice and support. The number to text is 07507 331949.

Parent Advice Parents can call the School Nurses between 8.30am -16.30pm, Monday to Friday on 02475189190 to discuss any child health concerns they may have.

For advice and support from your school nurse please text "Chat Health" on 07507 329114 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. If your child is unwell please call your GP or call 111. For medical emergencies ring 999.

Useful Links

Finance

[Coventry Independent Advice Service](#) is a charity offering free advice, information and support to Coventry residents. Our service is confidential and our skilled advisers can help you with things like:

- Identifying entitlement to benefits and helping you make claims
 - Helping you to sort out debt or other money problems
 - Challenging decisions on benefit claims

Domestic Abuse

[Coventry Haven](#) - ensure safety and empowerment for women and children who are subjected to Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) in any form. They offer a range of services including a Safe To Talk Helpline **0800 111 4998** or **024 7644 4077**
(Monday to Friday 9am-4.30pm)

[National Domestic Abuse Line \(REFUGE\)](#) - Refuge supports women, children and men experiencing domestic violence with a range of services including a 24-hour helpline **0808 2000 247**.

Mental Health & Wellbeing

[Young Minds](#) - a national charity which supports children and young people with mental health and well being. They have specific resources for young people around COVID-19, and also offer support to parents.

[Childline](#) - Childline is available to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. You can talk about anything. Whether it's something big or small, they have trained counsellors to support you. The helpline is **0800 1111** and is available between 9am to midnight every day.

[Samaritans](#) - Coventry & District Samaritans is an independent charity, run entirely by unpaid volunteers. They provide a free 24-hour helpline for people who are upset, troubled or who are feeling suicidal. Call **116 123** at any time of the day or night or email jo@samaritans.org.

In addition to their normal services Samaritans has set up a [confidential support line for NHS workers and volunteers in England](#). This operates from 7am to 11pm every day. NHS staff can, of course, still use the 24 hour helpline if they prefer.

Pathways Family Hub

Our local Family Hub is 'Pathways', they are based at Radford Primary School. You can follow them on Facebook or Twitter for information about local events and support for families. [Facebook - pathwaysfamilyhub](#) [Twitter - hubsfamily](#) Tel: **02476978130**