



Message from Mrs Squires

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another great week of learning at Whitmore Park! From Ancient Egypt to Science Investigations, from learning outside and through stories – the children are demonstrating a enthusiasm for all that they do.

Thank you for all of the contributions you have made to the Harvest Food Collection. Mr Maguire will be taking some children in the minibus to deliver the food to the Coventry Foodbank at the end of the week so Monday and Tuesday will be the last days for donations.

We raised an amazing £121.90 for the MacMillan from our staff and parents coffee and cake mornings. Our wonderful Mrs Simmonds has 'Braved the Shave' and has raised close to £1000.00 in total through sponsorship and the support of the local community – a massive thank you to all of you who supported this event .

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the time with your families.

Health and Safety Notices



Important Reminder about Parking

It is really important for the safety of our children, other pedestrians, road users and our School Crossing Patrol, that people do not park on double yellow lines and in particular close to the school crossing area.

Doing so significantly increases the risk of an accident happening. It also has a big impact on the visibility of the School Crossing Patrol person. There will be spot checks carried out by 'Parking Services' council staff and local police to monitor the situation and they may approach anyone in breach of parking restrictions.

In the interest of health and safety and good neighbour relations, please can parents/carers take care to park responsibly when dropping off and collecting pupils around the school site. We have received feedback to say that some cars are blocking driveways, parking on yellow lines or blocking the pavement. Many thanks for your co-operation.

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



This week, the children have been exploring the changing season. They have been very interested in collecting natural resources. They have loved collecting acorns, and cherries from the trees on the field. They have also loved squashing the cherries and eating them. (You may have noticed this on the path as you walk to Nursery)

Wednesday was a windy day; it was very exciting running into the wind and watching the leaves swirl down from the oak tree in the garden. Wednesday was also the first day that we began to use wellingtons. If you would like to leave a pair of wellies in school, can you hand them to a member of staff with your child's name clearly marked. Thank you. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs McShane

Reception

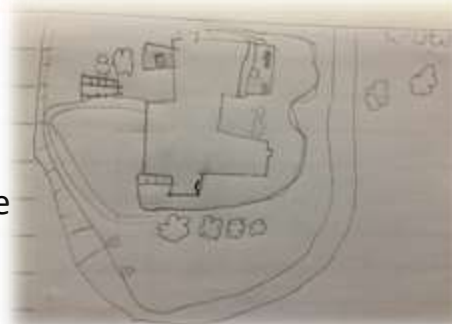
We have been busy learning the story of 'The Little Red Hen' this week. We made some masks to help us to act out the story and we have even planted some wheat grain just like the little red hen did. We hope that ours will grow just like the little red hen's did! In Read, write inc we have learned the sounds n, p, g and o - please see your child's Seesaw for more information. In Numeracy, we have written the number one with help from 'King One' and the numberblocks have helped us with our maths. We have learned that 'one and another one makes two' and that we can say 'one add one makes two!' We've also been learning to use the words 'tallest/taller than' and 'shortest/shorter than' when describing the height of objects (instead of big and small). The Coventry school nurses joined us online to talk about the importance of hand washing. We discussed how, why and when we need to wash our hands. Lots of brilliant learning has taken place this week! We hope that you all have a fantastic weekend.

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



Year 1

In Year 1, the children have been writing about the story Ruby's Worry. The children have explored different emotions and written their own sentences about the story. In Maths, the children have been learning to compare numbers. They have been learning how to find one more and one less and they have been able to say which number is smaller and which number is greater. The children enjoyed drawing some bird's eye view maps of the school in Geography lessons and they have explored the properties 'rough and smooth' in Science.



Miss Skidmore (Year 1 Leader), Miss Allison and Mrs Corbett

Year 2

Year 2 were excited to start their new text in English this week! We started reading the story "Salty Dogs." Before reading the story, the children made predictions about what they thought would happen in the story. Some children thought that the Salty Dogs would be on the hunt for bones because dogs like bones. We are looking forward to seeing if some of these predictions are correct! We also discussed which pirate island we would like to visit and why Crossbone Island was a popular choice because the children believed treasure would be found there. In Maths, we have been completing missing number lines. The children have enjoyed using the large number lines to 100 in the classroom to help them. We also learnt what the word "estimate" means and we have been estimating where numbers would go on number lines with missing intervals. The children have also enjoyed comparing numbers using the more than/less than symbols. Ask your child how crocodiles help them remember these! In Science, we investigated which materials were waterproof. The children tested paper, plastic and paper towel. They found out that plastic was the most waterproof and would be a good material to make a diving suit out of. In History, the children ordered the story of Lady Godiva. They also enjoyed acting out the story. Some children shared their experiences of going to visit the Lady Godiva exhibit in the Herbert Gallery.

Please can we encourage all children to read at home and to bring their reading diaries into school. We expect children to be reading at least 5 times a week at home.



Mrs Merkelbach, Mrs Gill (Year 2 Leader) and Mrs Nolan

Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic week. We have enjoyed reading more of Stig of the Dump and learnt lots more about the story. We have used the story to identify the different characters and settings and learnt lots more adjectives to put into our writing. In Maths, we have finished our place value unit and are ready to move on to addition and subtraction next week. The children are really looking forward to learning the column method. In Science, we learnt about fossilisation and identified the five steps of how a fossil is formed. The children did really well with this and found it really interesting. In History, we learnt about Stonehenge. We watched some fantastic videos of how Stonehenge was built all those years ago and researched lots of facts about the famous monument. Another great week of learning from Year 3! Can we please remind parents to read with their child five times a week so they can get their stamp.

Miss Kakathasan, Miss Khan (Year 3 Leader) and Miss Waddell

Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we have begun to read a non-fiction book called 'Everything Ancient Egypt' and we will be writing a non-chronological report on an aspect of this topic in two weeks time. The writing skills we have learnt this week are past tense and third person. In reading, we have learnt all about glossaries and contents pages. In maths, we have been rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. In arithmetic, we have been practising how to add 1,000s mentally to four-digit numbers. In Science, we have learnt about why some changes of state are irreversible. In History, we had an amazing day with our Ancient Egyptian visitor who commented on the impressive historic knowledge of all the children.



Miss Bassi, Mrs Cox (Year 4 Leader) and Mrs Hussain

Year 5

This week in Year 5, the children who have been going swimming have made so much progress! All of the teachers have been so amazed at their growth in confidence, and their abilities in the water. In our English lessons, we have been preparing to and writing our short story based on the Michael Morpurgo text we are reading 'Friend or Foe' and again, we have been astounded by the quality of work produced in the lessons. Well done to all of the children! The Children in 5Gamma have been continuing their work on World War II, and they have been learning about the different countries involved in the War. Children have learnt about the different allies and axis as well as coming up with their own questions to deepen their understanding based on what they have learnt already. 5Gamma parents, just a reminder that next week your children will be going swimming **every afternoon**, and they will return to school at the later time of **3:45**.



Mrs Hatton, Mr Maguire (Year 5 Leader) and Miss Wherly

Year 6

In English this week, Year 6 have been learning about suspense and tension in their writing and they have practised using relative clauses so that they can extend their sentences when trying to create suspense in their own writing. In maths, we have been learning about, prime, squared and cubed numbers and now we know that prime numbers only have 2 factors! In History, we have been learning about the structure of society in the Maya civilization and how priests and rulers were the most respected in their society. We learnt about the different hieroglyphs that Maya used to write - they used pictures and symbols to represent sounds - and we used them to write our names!

Mrs Sandhu (Assistant Head and Year 6 Leader), Mr Payne (Assistant Head and Year 6 Leader) and Miss Knowles

Reading

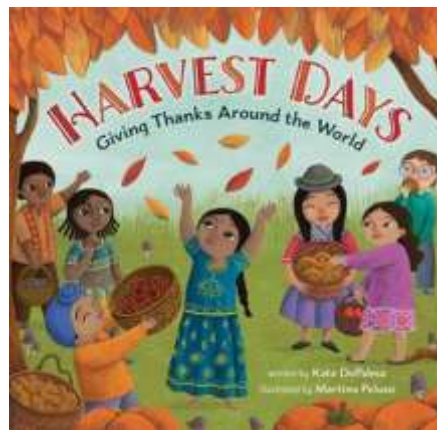
At Whitmore Park, reading is at the heart of our curriculum and we want to ensure that every child has a love of reading. To help children in school to achieve this, we want every child to read...read...read. The expectation is for children to be reading at least 5 times every week; reading diaries need to be signed by an adult to show how many times children have read.

Classes who had the highest amount of reads last week were:

YEAR 1 = 1 DELTA
YEAR 2 = 2 GAMMA
YEAR 3 = 3 DELTA
YEAR 4 = 4 GAMMA
YEAR 5 = 5 DELTA
YEAR 6 = 6 GAMMA
KEEP READING!



This week in assembly, Mr Maguire spoke about the importance of Harvest and used the example of the amazing job that the Coventry Food Bank do for families in crisis. This week's book recommendation is based on Harvest from around the globe!



Lyrical, rhyming text and lush, detailed artwork from Italian artist Martina Peluso immerses readers in some of the most ancient traditions in the world. Dive deep with more information about the 12 cultures explored in the book and invite readers to ask questions about food and the labour that produces it.

Enjoy!

The English Team

PE Team

This week we held the football trials for boys' and girls' teams across Year 5 and 6. We had over 50 players turn up for the trials, and it was great to see so many children keen to try for a place within the team and so much skill on show. The P.E team will be meeting this week to discuss the final selection and will announce the team in due course. As a reminder, there will be plenty of opportunities for pupils to represent the school in various sporting teams, so this is not the only opportunity for pupils during their school journey at Whitmore Park Primary. Good luck to everyone involved!



Attendance

Reporting Absence & Appointments

It is a parent/carer's responsibility to notify school by 9am if their child is absent. A clear reason must be provided on the day of absence. You can report your child's absence by leaving a voicemail on the school's absence line or message school via school gateway. Please be sure to contact school **everyday** of absence. If we are not provided with a reason for an absence, this will be marked as **unauthorised**.

The Attendance team will be contacting families this week where attendance and punctuality is becoming a concern. We may be inviting parent and carers into school to discuss concerns and identify the barriers to achieving good attendance.

We will also be writing to parents and carers whose children who have made a great start back to school and have seen an improvement in their attendance already this year.

More information regarding our Attendance expectations and focus will be shared next week.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Smith

Most improved class from last week:

5Gamma

Last week

This week

95.2

98.3

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

KS1 - 2Beta – 97%
KS2 - 3Delta – 99.3%

WEEKLY WINNERS!
(w/e 07/10/2022)



Punctuality

Registration is at **8:55am** for all classes. Gates are opened from **8.30am**. The gates will close at **8.55am** therefore, please ensure your child is in school before this time. If your child arrives after this time, then you must take your child to the Main Office to sign them in late. If you know your child is going to be late, please call school to inform us of this and a reason why.

Holidays in Term Time

Family holidays should be arranged outside of a school term. If you are planning to take a holiday during school time then a **Exceptional Leave of Absence** form must be completed and handed back into the main office.

Please note that holidays will **not** be authorised following Local Authority guidelines and a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) could be issued.



Cost of Living

www.coventry.gov.uk/costofliving

www.Clothingcoventry.org

www.bare-necessities.org.uk

Pathways Family Hub

Telephone 024 7697 8130

E-mail

PathwaysFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk

Health

Parent Advice Parents can call the School Nurses between 8.30am -4.30pm, 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 **07507329114** 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. If your child is unwell please call your GP or call 111. For medical emergencies ring 999.

www.healthforkids.co.uk offers a fun way for children to learn about health with games, activities and quizzes.



Finance

Coventry Independent Advice Service offers free advice, information and support to Coventry residents.
Call **024 7652 1100**

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Young Minds supports children and young people with mental health and well being www.youngminds.org.uk

Childline available to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. **0800 1111** 9am to midnight every day

Samaritans provides a free 24-hour helpline for people who are upset, troubled or who are feeling suicidal.
Call **116 123** at any time



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"In Guides we earn lots of fun
badges and do lots of exciting
trips and have a great time
with new people to create
friendships for life."

Where: St Thomas's church hall, Keresley

When: Saturday 10-11am and also zooms
(with a view to meeting Thursday evenings)

Who: girls ages 10-14

What we do: The full Girlguiding
programme, adventures outdoors, camps,
life skills

To join our unit, please email:
nicparr73@hotmail.com or
nat_parr@hotmail.com

Santa is coming to Coventry



This book normally retails at £4.99 each, as a special deal to Whitmore Park Primary School they cost £4.00 each.

If you wish to buy any copies, please could you send the money into school in a sealed envelope with your child's name/class/amount and number of books you wish to order.

Once we receive the books in school, we will get them sent home.