



Message from Mrs Squires

It has been another wonderful week at Whitmore Park with lots of fantastic learning taking place. The children should feel very proud of how they have started the school year and the work that they have produced in their lessons. I have also been impressed with the behaviour of the children at break and lunch. It is great to see smiling faces, children playing together nicely and enjoying themselves with their friends. The value of this half-term is 'kindness' and it has been brilliant to hear and see many acts of kindness throughout the school. I wish you all a relaxed weekend with your families.

Health and Safety Notices

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/>

Staff Car-Park

In the interests of health and safety, please can parents and carers remind children to stay on the path when exiting the front of school as we had an incident of a child running in front of a car on the staff car park earlier this week. Thank you for your continued support.

Bikes and Scooters on School Site

We are happy for children to ride their bikes and scooters to school, providing they do so safely and are accompanied by a parent/carer as appropriate. The riding of bikes or scooters is not permitted whilst on the school site for health and safety reasons. They will need to be stored in the bike shed at the front of school, please be aware this is at your own risk, or taken home by a parent/carer.



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.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Class Teacher Messages...

Nursery

The children have enjoyed exploring the rain this week. They have had lots of fun sweeping huge puddles away and catching drips from the undercover roof. Their love of water has extended to the home corner, where we have been using real water with our tea sets. Next week, we will be using our big water trays outdoors. The children will wear waterproofs for wet play.

Thank you for taking the time to name your children's belongings, it is really helpful at garden time and home time.

Your child's individual Seesaw login should be available by the end of this week.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs McShane



Reception



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

This week in Reception the children have been superstars in their Read, Write Inc lessons. They have now learned the sounds m, a, s, d, t and i. Please check Seesaw for more information about these letters and how you can support at home. In Numeracy, we have been matching and sorting by colour, size and shape. They have been encouraged to use language such as "they are the same colour but they are not a match because they are different shapes". We read a lovely story called 'The Button Box' to talk about sorting and have lots of buttons in the classroom for the children to sort into groups. If you have any buttons at home too, I'm sure they'd love to explore them. You could encourage them to talk about how they are the same and how they are different. They have also been continuing to practise their cutting skills whilst making some lovely cut and stick pictures. Next week we will be learning all about 'The Little Red Hen'. Have a great weekend everyone.

Year 1

Year 1 have been writing about the book 'Ruby's Worry' in English lessons. In Maths, they have been learning to count forwards and backwards from a given number and say one more and one less. They have also identified 3D shapes in maths lessons. In Geography, they have continued to identify features of the school and went outside to search for human and physical features. In Science lessons, they have been learning the difference between an object and the material it is made from. The children have enjoyed playing team building games in their PE lessons.

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



Year 2



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

The children in Year 2 have amazed their teachers this week with their writing about "The Sea Monster." They wrote character descriptions to describe what the sea looked like and about his personality. They enjoyed using ambitious vocabulary learnt from the story, such as vast and barnacles. In Maths, the children have been writing numbers to 100 in numbers and words. We have also been building on learning from last week. Last week, we learnt to partition numbers in one way and this week we have learnt how to partition numbers in different ways. In Arithmetic, we have been learning how to subtract one digit numbers from two digit numbers.

In Science, we explored the materials rock, paper and plastic. The children were given a list of objects and had to sort them into their different materials. They then had to describe them using their properties. In History, we found out that our important person we asked questions about last week was...Lady Godiva! The children enjoyed using different sources to write their own fact files about her. They were amazed to learn that the statue in town is her. They are looking forward to spotting it next time they are in town with their grown-ups!

Year 3

Year 3 have had another fantastic first week and we are all very proud of how hard they have worked this week. They children have completed a long piece of diary writing about pirates in English this week, and some children will be receiving Head teacher awards. Please keep an eye on twitter next week to see who! Next week, we will start our new topic in English based around a book called 'Stig of the dump' and will begin to learn about adventure story writing. In maths, we will continue to learn about place value. In Science, we will be learning about fossils and in History we will continue to learn about the Stone Age. The children made great Skara Brea models this week, that they are very proud of. Thank you for your continued support. Please can we ask you remember to read with your child 5 times a week and help them with homework.

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

Year 4

In year 4 this week, we have written our own story ending for the book 'The Boy who Grew Dragons' using the skills of subordinating conjunctions, adjectives for description and inverted commas for speech. We will continue to read the book in story time. In maths, we have been using our place value knowledge to determine mid-points on number lines to 10,000 and deciding if a number is greater than or less than a given number. In History, we have learnt about the importance of the River Nile to Ancient Egyptian life. In Science, we have learnt about how evaporation is caused and in RHE we have continued to learn about how to be a good school citizen.

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

Year 5

This week in Year 5, the children in 5Beta and 5Delta have made some excellent progress in their swimming lessons. All members of staff have been amazed when seeing their capabilities when in the pool, so well done!

In English, we have continued to look at our narrative genre, and are building up to our planning and writing of a short story next week, children are consciously choosing vocabulary, identifying features needed for their stories and working really well on their handwriting. In Maths, we are continuing with our work on place value to 1,000,000. Children have been using number lines and thinking about the varying intervals used on them, again working really hard to improve on their skills.

The children in 5Gamma (who are not yet swimming), have worked really hard at school in their afternoon lessons. In History, they have been creating a timeline of World War II and in Science they have been separating mixtures!

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

Year 6

Year 6 have had great fun in Science this week learning more about the human body and the different elements of the bloods. We even made some blood by using different things to represent red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. In English, we have been working on different skills to develop cohesion in writing and then have used these skills to write a character description of Skellig from the book we have been reading. In maths, we've moved on to addition and subtraction and have been working on finding common factors of groups of numbers. Linking to maths, we learnt about the Maya number system in history and how they used lines and dots to represent numbers in order to track the sun and stars and create a calendar.



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

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:

4Beta

w/c 19.09.22
88.9%

w/c 30.09.22
97.7%

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

KS1 – 2 Beta – 100%
KS2 – 3 Delta – 99.3%

WEEKLY WINNERS!
(w/e 30/09/2022)



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.

Online Courses: Saturday 1st October 2022

Understanding and Supporting Children
Aged 3-11 Years with Anxiety - 9am to 11am
Understanding and Supporting Children
Aged 12+ Years with Anxiety - 12pm to 2pm
Understanding and Supporting Children
who Self-Harm - 2:30pm to 4:30pm



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

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.

Reading helps to build a strong and rich vocabulary. It increases empathy, showing children new perspectives and new worlds. Some ways that you can encourage your child to read at home includes:

Take turns reading aloud.

Act out the story as if it were a play.

Remember to ask questions and talk about what you've read.

Read a bedtime story together.



In our Monday whole school assembly, we will announce the winning class who has had the most children reading at least 5 times for the previous week. Classes who had the highest amount of reads last week were:

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

Thank you for your support.

The English Team

PE Team

This year we are delighted to announce we are continuing with our school football teams. As a school we will be entering league and cup competitions for both our boy's and girl's football team. The PE team will be hosting two trial sessions during lunchtime, to allow all children within Year five and six the opportunity for both boys and girls to showcase their skills. The PE team will then invite some of the successful children who attended the trial session to the football team training. Unfortunately, not every child who attends the trial will be invited to the team training, but other opportunities will be offered through the year to represent the school at lots of different sporting events. If your child has been successful, you will receive a further letter shortly after the trial.

The trial sessions will be on the dates below, as this is the same day as your child carousel P.E. day. This means they will not need to bring any additional PE kit except shin pads and boots if possible. The trial will take place during the year group's lunchtime.

Year 6 – Monday 3rd October

Year 5 – Tuesday 4th October

Macmillan Coffee morning

When: Friday 30th
September 2022, 9:30am

Where: Whitmore Park
Community room.

Why? To support a
fantastic charity close to
many of our hearts.



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