



## Message from Mrs Squires

Dear parents/carers

Yet again it has been another action-packed week at Whitmore Park with lots and lots of fantastic learning taking place inside and outside the classroom.

It has been great to see the children learning about different countries from around the world during Cultures Week and understanding the importance of diversity. The children have learnt lots of new information, tasted a range of food, performed dances, created drawings and so much more. I am looking forward to seeing all this fabulous work displayed on our Cultures Week display board over the coming weeks.

During our school assembly on Monday, it was great to hear the buzz in the room when each class found out which team from the Men's World Cup they were randomly allocated from the spinning wheel. The children are enjoying following their team and talking about the results and who will win the World Cup.

I hope you all have a brilliant weekend and enjoy spending time with your family.

## Health and Safety Notices



### Would you like to be a School Crossing Patrol?

Or do you know of someone who would be an ideal person to do this job?

Our current School Patrol person will be leaving at Christmas, so we will have a vacancy outside of

### **Whitmore Park School on Halford Lane**

and would like to hear from you if you are interested.

Hours of work are term time only,  
Monday to Friday before and after school.

The role will be advertised shortly at [www.coventry.gov.uk](http://www.coventry.gov.uk) in the 'Jobs and Careers' section.

**We will send further information once the job is live.**

For an informal chat about being a School Crossing Patrol, please don't hesitate to contact Mel Statham on (024) 7683 2024.

# Attendance



Our school target for attendance is **96% or above.**

School attendance for this week = 92.6%

School attendance for the year = 93.9%



## Class Winners

**Reception = RDELTA – 95.7%**

**Year 1 = 1GAMMA – 94.7%**

**Year 2 = 2BETA – 96.7%**

**Year 3 = 3DELTA – 93.6%**

**Year 4 = 4BETA – 94.6**

**Year 5 = 5BETA – 96.0%**

**Year 6 = 6DELTA – 95.3%**

## Do I need to keep my child off school?



### Chicken Pox

Until all spots have crusted over

### Conjunctivitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

### Diarrhoea & Vomiting

48 hours from last episode

### Glandular Fever

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

### Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

### Impetigo

Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

### Measles or German Measles

4 days from onset of rash

### Mumps

5 days from onset of swelling

### Scabies

Until after first treatment

### Scarlet Fever

24 hours after commencing antibiotics

### Slapped Cheek

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

### Whooping Cough

48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

### Flu

Until recovered

### Head Lice

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

### Threadworms

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

### Tonsillitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

# Class Teacher Messages...

## Nursery

This week in Nursery we have looked at the book "Pete the Cat...I love my White Shoes". The children have all loved this book, and I have heard lots of them singing the song to themselves as they have been playing in Nursery. You can hear this story on YouTube if you search for Pete the Cat.

We have been looking closely at colour this week, we have been taking part in matching activities. We have also experienced finger painting to explore colours. This has been a very messy activity. The children have all worn aprons; however, some children did get a few spots of paint on them, for which I am very sorry.

We have experienced so much rain this week that the garden was flooded including the astro turf. The children who have wellies in school had lots of fun exploring the squishy turf. I do have some spare wellies in school, but not enough pairs for every child to experience the outdoors fully. We can keep named wellies in school, or if you prefer to bring them daily, just pop them in a named carrier bag. Have a lovely weekend.



**Mrs McShane**

## Reception

This week in Reception the children have learnt the sounds ng, nk and ll. In Numeracy, we have been looking at the composition of the numbers 4 and 5. We have been exploring the ways that these numbers are made from smaller numbers. We have begun to learn how to write simple captions - we are learning to separate the words in the sentence and use our Fred fingers to segment the sounds in the words before writing them down. We are also getting ready to start practising our Nativity performance. Your child should have come home with a letter so that you can confirm that you would like to come and watch. Please return slips to your child's class teacher. Have a great weekend everyone!



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

## Year 1

Year 1 have produced some fantastic exclamation sentences about the Little Red Riding Hood story in English. In Maths, they have been subtracting by finding parts of a whole amount. Year 1 have loved learning about Brazil as part of Cultures Week. They pretended to go to Brazil and looked at some famous landmarks. They also learnt about the Amazon rainforest. The children drew some things they had learnt about Brazil. They also loved doing some Brazilian dancing and learning about Brazilian foods.



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

## Year 2



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

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed Cultures Week. We were given the country Japan to learn about. We started the week by researching facts about Japan. The children were really interested in sushi and how it is made. We also showed the children some real-life kimonos. They were amazed by the beautiful colours on them. They created cherry blossom trees using tissue paper and learnt about why these are important in Japan. They learnt simple phrases in Japanese and learnt how to count to 10. The children especially enjoyed making sushi sandwiches. They added cucumber and carrots to their sandwiches and rolled them up to look like sushi! The children even challenged themselves to do some writing in Japanese. It has been consolidation week in English and we have been going over things we have already learnt. We also read two new texts- "How the birds got their bright feathers" and "Stone Soup." The children enjoyed showing what new vocabulary meant by drawing pictures. In Maths, we have been learning how to add two 2-digit numbers. The children represented their problems in different ways. They enjoyed showing how they could draw bar models to show a problem. The children are doing extremely well in their times tables tests each week. The children could challenge themselves by learning the 2 X tables at home as we will be starting this after Christmas.

## Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have had a great time celebrating Cultures Week. We have been busy learning all about America. During this week, we created a fact file, we learnt some of the skills used in American Football, we wrote a recipe and tasted a pumpkin pie. We learnt about the Famous American Artist called Andy Warhol and even created some pop-arts. Please look at twitter to view the amazing work we have done! In English, we have been working on specific targets including speech marks, punctuation, subordinating conjunctions and expanded noun phrases. In Maths, we have started our new topic of Multiplication and Division. The children have learnt about arrays this week. Look out for another tweet. Thank you for your continued support. Please continue to read with your child 5 times a week so they get a stamp and some extra dojos!

**Miss Kukathasan, Miss Khan (Year 3 Leader) and Miss Waddell**

## Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have had lots of fun. We have really enjoyed learning about India during Cultures Week and have really loved learning about the different traditions they have in India in comparison to England. We have learned dances, words and experienced tasting some traditional Indian foods. In addition to this, the children in English have loved writing stories and then redrafting to make them better. Overall, it has been a fantastic week!

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

## Year 5

WOW! What a week we have had in Year 5 this week. The children have been working extremely hard in their maths work, learning about prime numbers, factors of numbers and squared numbers. In English we have been planning, writing, and editing our own play scripts which all of the teachers have really enjoyed reading. A huge well done for all your efforts. This week at school, it has been 'Cultures Week'. We started the week off watching the England match, and what a fantastic first game it was! It is safe to say the children were very excited within their classrooms. As the week progressed, we have spent time learning about Poland. We have focused on interpreting artwork from Polish artists, learning about Polish landmarks and creating a fact file about the history of Poland, from the War to their football team! The children will continue to do some research as part of their homework this week. Have a wonderful weekend!



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

## Year 6

This week, in English, we have started writing a non-chronological report about the dragon in our book, Darwin's Dragons. We have been writing an encyclopedia style text to tell the reading all about the dragon's appearance, diet, behaviour and habitat. In maths, we have been learning to multiply and divide fractions and it is wonderful to see all of the children really understand their fraction work. In the afternoons all week, we have been celebrating Cultures Week and we have been learning about Mexico. We have been completely immersed in Mexican culture - trying foods, learning about the Day of the Dead and learning traditional Mexican songs! Everyone has really enjoyed learning about a new culture in a



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



# Reading

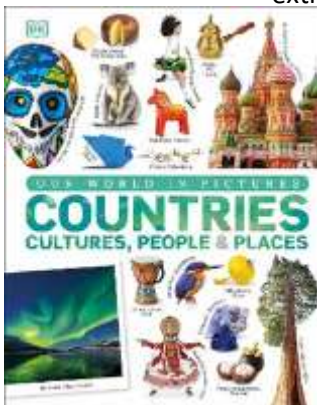


At Whitmore Park, reading is at the heart of our curriculum and we want to ensure that every child has a love of reading. To help children in school to achieve this, we want every child to read...read...read.

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.

On the right are our winning classes for this week. Each child will receive an additional 5 dojo points each as well as some extra playtime in the afternoon.

YEAR 1 = 1 GAMMA  
YEAR 2 = 2 GAMMA  
YEAR 3 = 3 DELTA  
YEAR 4 = 4 BETA  
YEAR 5 = 5 GAMMA  
YEAR 6 = 6 GAMMA



This week in school, children have been learning about different cultures and countries from around the world. It's been a brilliant week listening to children talk about cultural difference, tasting food from there, learning songs, dances and the language that would traditionally be found in the different places around the world.

So, this week's recommendation is a non-fiction text called 'Our World in Pictures: Countries, Cultures, People & Places'. Packed with more than 1,000 incredible images and full of fascinating facts, this beautiful children's book takes you on an exciting round-the-globe tour, with a stopover in every nation on every continent! Enjoy!

The English Team

## PE / Sports

### Whitmore Park World Cup Draw:

This week's assembly which was led by Mr Parry and he covered the Men's FIFA World Cup 2022 in Qatar. To celebrate the event each class and department within school will be taking part in the Whitmore World Cup Challenge.

- Each class was randomly allocated a World Cup team, from the spinning wheel.
  - Each class to create a display celebrating their country.
- The display will showcase information about the continent, the flag, best player, national anthem, their highest finish in a World Cup and anything else the pupils would like to add.
- For the best class display, each pupil from the winning display will be award 10 Dojos. All to be judged by Mr. Johnston.
- It would be great to see pupils watching games with their families or even celebrating the country which their class has been allocated by trying foods or learning information about their country.

Please feel free to send photos via ClassDojo to the P.E Team on how you and your family are celebrating the World Cup at home.

### President Kennedy Football Team Training:

Over this academic year, our boys and girls football teams will be training weekly at President Kennedy's new 3G astro turf to help support them develop as a team. We had our first session last Friday, and everyone had a great time. As a P.E Team we are hoping to develop other sports which we can offer for after school clubs with President Kennedy School and their amazing facilities.



Freephone: 0808 196 2660

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## Housing Advice

Weekly appointments available at all hubs across Coventry

Do you need advice about your housing situation?  
Are you at risk of losing your rented property or mortgage due to arrears?

**\*Come and speak to us about your housing situation\***

We also provide appointments at our office every Wednesday from 10am to 2pm

We have **families** appointments available on the following days ...

<b>FAMILY HUB</b>	<b>DAY/TIME</b>
PATHWAYS HUB	EVERY TUESDAY FROM 11am-1pm
ASPIRE HUB	EVERY THURSDAY FROM 10am-12pm
HARMONY HUB	EVERY FRIDAY FROM 10am-12pm
PARK EDGE HUB	EVERY MONDAY FROM 12-2pm
MOSAIC HUB	EVERY TUESDAY FROM 12-1pm
WOODSIDE HUB	EVERY MONDAY FROM 9am-11pm
FAMILIES FOR ALL HUB	EVERY FRIDAY FROM 9am-11pm
THE MOAT HUB	EVERY FRIDAY FROM 1-3pm

Contact us by email at: [cov@p3charity.org](mailto:cov@p3charity.org)

### Hats and Gloves

As the weather begins to turn chilly children will need to keep warmer when outside, please contact Mrs Smith if your child needs a wooly hat or a pair of gloves.

Donations also appreciated.

# Whitmore Park Christmas Fayre



Friday 9th December 2022 3pm - 6pm

Meet Santa  
Raffle

Face painting

Guess how  
many sweets  
in the jar.

Are you interested  
in having a stall?

Contact  
**admin@whitmore  
park.org**

And many more ...



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