

Thursday 28th September 2023

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 4



Our European languages day this week was a great success. Our Modern Foreign Language in school is French and every class from Nursery to Year 6 learns it. This year we focused on countries that speak French where children explored the food, music traditions and landmarks for each country. There was also a scavenger hunt to complete, French sessions with madame Audren and her trusty assistants Pierre and Stella, and an assembly at the end of the day to share new learning. A big thank you to Mrs Orley, Miss Parkinson, and Madame Audren for putting together such a well organised day and thank you to our families for supporting us with the red, white, and blue theme.

Our Year 6 children have been to Crucial Crew this week where they learned some important safety lessons through interactive workshops with services such as Greater Manchester Police. As always, we received glowing feedback about our pupil's behaviour and engagement. Well done Year 6!

We are experiencing a surge in cases of covid in school and this is having an impact on our staffing levels. Schools still have protocols to follow where staff have tested positive for covid which includes not coming into work until two negative tests have taken place and this can take a number of days. Although the same protocols are not in place for children or the wider public, we would appreciate it if you would consider testing your child if they show symptoms of high temperature, sore throat and fatigue and not sending them back to school until a negative test has been recorded (usually after day 3). It would help us to reduce the transmission in school, protect our vulnerable pupils and families and keep staffing levels stable.

Next week we look forward to visiting lessons in each year groups to observe learning across school and seeing how learning links together across the school.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Backhouse.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.5%

This week's winning class: 5W 99.3% Super!

Jeans for Genes Day Friday 22nd September



Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Jeans for Genes day. The final total raised was an impressive £302.60.

Clubs

All clubs commenced this week. Thank you for your patience while staff assigned over 250 club places across school. Please remember to inform the member of staff running the club if your child can not attend for any reason.

Photographs

Individual and family photographs will be taken on Monday 30th October. All children should come to school in uniform. If your child has P.E. on this day, they may come to school in their trainers. The school will be open from 8.30am for photos with siblings who do not attend the school.

World Mental Health Day - Tuesday 10th October

Please join us at 9am for a coffee morning on Tuesday 10th October, World Mental Health Day. There will be the opportunity to speak to Mrs Beswick, the school pastoral lead, about the range of mental health and wellbeing support available at Whittaker Moss.

Mental Health & Wellbeing Update

If you have any concerns around your child's emotional wellbeing, there is a range of support that the school can offer to parents. For a wealth of resources, please visit the mental health and wellbeing section on the school website, within the parents' tab. If you would like to speak to someone, please contact Mrs Cadogan, the senior school mental health lead, on the school telephone number or by e-mailing

scadogan@whittakermoss.rochdale.sch.uk.

Whittaker Moss, along with over 30 other schools in the authority, is currently part of the Mental Health Support Teams Project. MHSTs are intended to provide early intervention on some mental health and emotional wellbeing issues, such as mild to moderate anxiety, as well as helping staff within a school or college setting to provide a 'whole school approach' to mental health and wellbeing. As part of the project, the school has access to an onsite NHS mental health practitioner, one day a week. Referrals to Katie, our practitioner, are through Mrs Cadogan.

Stars of The Week

Well done to the following children for winning our Star of the Week Award:

Nursery: Zahlie	5M: Elsie
R1: Isma'il	6W: Willow
R2: Oliver	6M: Esme
1W: Ayva	
1M: George	
2W: Nomi	
2M: Ava	
3W: Amaya	
3M: Finley	
4W: Amelia	
4M: Max	
5W: Oliver	



Lunchtime Stars Golf Vouchers

We will be awarding up to ten vouchers per week for two free rounds of mini golf at Rochdale Putt Stars for children who display excellent behaviour at lunch times, both when they are eating and when they are playing outside. Congratulations to our winners for last week: Darcy, Mirha, Rumaisa, Freddie, Amelia, Liberty, Saima, Buddy, and Evie.

Thank you to Rochdale Putt Stars for offering this scheme to the school.

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School Council / Eco Council

School council and Eco council members received their badges this week. The school council will meet on Friday when roles will be assigned and photos for the school council display board will be taken. The eco council will be meeting shortly to decide on their priorities for the year.

Data Collection

Please let the ladies in the office know if you need to make any changes to your data collection sheet. It is very important that we have up to date telephone numbers to enable us to contact you quickly.

Dojo Winners

Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week:

Nursery: Charlie

R1: Eva	5W: Laurie
R2: Wilfred	5M: Rubens
1W: Rosie & George	6W: Cole
1M: Eliza	6M: George
2W: Rumaysa	
2M: Jessica	
3W: Kiswa	
3M: Olive	
4W: Fearne	
4M: Thomas	



PTA News

PTA AGM

Our PTA AGM for the 2023-24 school year will be held at 7pm on Thursday 12th October at Millcroft Tea Gardens.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. We will be electing members of the committee at the AGM and discussing the charity's accounts as well as planning fundraising events for the coming school year.

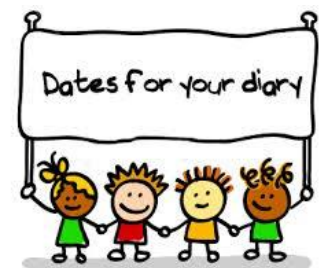
We encourage everyone to get involved as much as you can, but we promise you won't be roped into something you don't want to do or cannot commit the time to.

Every parent is automatically a part of the PTA and coming to our AGM is a great way to get to know all of the committee and have some input into fundraising ideas for our brilliant school children.

Babes in arms are welcome and tea, coffee and cake will be provided.

Dates for the Diary Autumn Term 2023

We try to include as many useful dates as we can but suggest that you keep checking this list over the following weeks as dates may be added or amended. Please contact school if you have any queries relating to dates of events or holidays.



W/C 2nd October 2023	Black History Week
Tuesday 10 th October 2023	World Mental Health Day. Coffee Morning 9am - Highwood Hall
Thursday 12 th October 2023	PTA AGM 7pm Millcroft Tea Gardens
Monday 16 th October 2023	GB Athlete Visit to School
Thursday 19 th October 2023	Harvest Assemblies - please send in donations for Rochdale Food Bank
Thursday 19 th October 2023	School Closes for Half-Term
Monday 30 th October 2023	School Re-Opens
Monday 30 th October 2023	School Photographs from 8.30am
Thursday 2 nd November 2023	Flu Vaccines Reception to Year 6
Friday 3 rd November 2023	Halloween Dress Up Day & After School Discos

Monday 6th November 2023	Remembrance Assemblies
W/C 6th November 2023	Scholastic Book Fair in School
Tuesday 7th November 2023	Prospective New Parents Open Evening 6pm - 7pm
W/C 13th November 2023	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 14th November 2023	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 15th November 2023	Parents' Evening 2
Friday 18th November 2023	Children in Need - non-uniform, small donation, please.
Tuesday 21st November 2023	Open morning for prospective parents 9.30am and 11am
Friday 1st December 2023	Advent Assemblies
Tuesday 12th December 2023	Reception Christmas Concert 9.30am
Wednesday 13th December 2023	Year 2 Christmas Concert 9.30am
Thursday 14th December 2023	Year 1 Christmas Concert 9.30am
Friday 15th December 2023	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
Tuesday 19th December 2023	Nursery Christmas Concert 10am
Tuesday 19th December 2023	KS2 Christmas Carol Service St Paul's Church 10am
Wednesday 20th December 2023	Whole School Christmas Party Day
Thursday 21st December 2023	Star of the Term Assembly
Thursday 21st December 2023	Pupils finish for the Christmas break