

Thursday 25th January 2024

# Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 18

A huge well done to Willow and Saima this week who represented the school during the Rochdale Poetry competition and got to attend the awards ceremony and meet the Mayor and senior members of the Rochdale Education Team. Not only were their poems brilliantly written, they were fabulous at reading and presenting them in front of a large audience of both children and adults at Number 1 Riverside. Their poems will be published in a collection that will forever be part of the British Library! We are proud of you girls!



The weather has not been kind to our carpark. It is a constant battle to keep it in a driveable condition but the snow and ice have badly damaged the tarmac and the wind has given us some additional greenery that we weren't expecting. We are working within a very limited budget for repairs and so are currently trying to source quotes to get it in as good a condition as we can. In the meantime, I thank you for your patience and ask that you use extra caution if using the facility.

With just three weeks to go until the half term holiday, this half term has been short and quick! We have a lot to get through in this short amount of time so please help us by having your children in school every day that they are able to be here.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Backhouse

## Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 95.47%

This week's winning class: 4M 100% Amazing!



## Collecting After School Arrangements

If you need to change your arrangements for collecting your child at the end of the school day e.g. a different person collecting or slightly earlier pickup time, please may we ask that you inform the school office by 12pm on the day by either e-mail or a telephone call. This will ensure that class teachers receive the correct information in good time and will stop any unnecessary delays. We thank you for your support with this matter.

## KS2 SATs Meeting

For the parents of children in year six, there will be a KS2 SATs meeting in the main school hall on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 5.30pm. Year six staff members will be attending the meetings so they can answer any questions you may have and share some past papers. Please try to attend if you are able.



## PTA Penny Wars

Back by popular demand from our pupils, the PTA Penny Wars will run from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Each class will have a special jar that they can put any copper coins which they find at home, into. The class that fills their jar with the most pennies will win a film and snacks afternoon. All monies raised by the event will go to PTA funds which are used to buy resources or fund special events in school.

## World Book Day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Our theme for World Book Day this year is 'Bedtime Stories'. Children are invited to come to school dressed in their pyjamas for a donation to Manchester Children's Hospital, the school council's chosen local charity for this year. Children may bring slippers to wear inside but they must have shoes or trainers to wear outside. Children may bring their favourite bedtime story to share on the day.

### Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Aleesha	5W: Aaliyah
R1: Laitham	5M: Scarlett
R2: Eadie	6W: Kate
1W: Airah	6M: Joe
1M: Haniya	Mrs Cadogan: Safaa
2W: Esme	
2M: Maiya	
3W: Kiswa	
3M: Sophie	
4W: Nola	
4M: Ayaan & Isabelle	

### Lunchtime Stars Golf Vouchers

We will be awarding 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 this week: Aleesha, Aiva, Inam, Liza, Sophie, Arya, Aleeza, Jacob and Nelly.

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



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### School Council News

The school council had a working meeting this week to create posters to be displayed around school for their upcoming events. They also spent time planning an assembly for Children's Mental Health Week.

### Eco News

Eco reps met this week to discuss participation in the Duracell Big Battery Hunt and clearing out the planters in the school grounds. More updates to follow.

### Online Safety



Please visit the staying safe online section of the parents' area of the school website for access to a wide range of information leaflets for parents about the latest games and platforms that children are accessing online.

### Dojo Winners

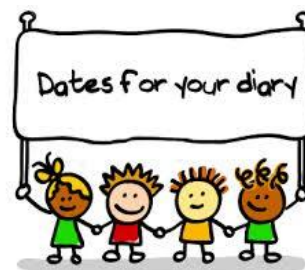
Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week:

Nursery: Zahlie	4M: Daniyal & Amelia
R1: Freddie	5W: Emelia
R2: Zac	5M: Sophia
1W: Reuben & Liyana	6W: Matthew
1M: Zain	6M: Heidi
2W: Zayn	
2M: Raees	
3W: Safaa	
3M: Rayaana	
4W: Ukasha	



## Dates for the Diary Spring Term 2024

*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 Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Clubs recommence
W/C Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA Penny Wars for two weeks
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 5.30pm	Year 6 Parents SATs Meeting
W/C Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half-term
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens after the half-term break
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day - Bedtime Story Theme. Dress in pyjamas for donation to Manchester Children's Hospital - School Council Local Charity for 2024
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 2
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	PTA School Discos 6pm - 7.30pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 3 parents
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 4 parents
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 5pm - 6pm	Year 1 Parents' Phonics Meeting
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter egg and bonnet entries into school
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 1.45pm	Pupil of the Term Assembly
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Close for Easter