

Thursday 14th March 2024

# Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 24

This week we are celebrating being awarded the Silver Award for our mental health and well-being provision. A number of NHS professionals have praised the school for our approach and provision which I am delighted about and reflects the huge amount of hard work and dedication put in by the whole school staff but in particular Mrs Cadogan who leads in this area. Look out for press releases and photographs with our school Well Being Ambassadors!

The attendance at this term's parents' evenings this week continues to be high. Thank you for giving up your evenings to come along and share your children's work and celebrate their successes. Thank you also for the positive feedback received about individual classes and the school as a whole - it is much appreciated.

This week I have had the privilege of spending lunchtimes with our Year 5 and 6 pupils who are fasting for Ramadan. We have shared some very mature and insightful conversations about faith, commitment, and obligation this week. We have 50 children at school undertaking this very important aspect of their faith and it is both a source of pleasure and pride to be able to support them during this holy month.

Last but not least, I would like to thank our hardworking and dedicated PTA for all they do in raising money for all children of the school. We benefit immensely from the funds they raise which help to pay for the experiences we are able to provide for all of the children. It isn't just about the events: it is the meetings, organising, accounting, marketing and a myriad of other roles and responsibilities that they do behind the scenes to make those events happen. All members are volunteers and give their own time whilst juggling their own work, families, and commitments. They are always open to new members and help so please feel free to come along to their next meeting in the Summer Term if you would like to be part of the committee and offer your organisational skills!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Backhouse

## Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 95.72%

This week's winning class: R2 99.6% Amazing!



## Red Nose Day



Children may come dressed in non-uniform on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March for Comic Relief. Donations are welcome but not necessary. We thank you for your support. Parents are able to donate via ParentPay if they wish.

## Parents' Evenings

Thank you for your attendance at Parents' Evenings this week. We hope you found your meeting informative and enjoyed celebrating your child's successes with their class teacher.



## Marie Curie Daffodils

Thank you to everyone who has supported Marie Curie by purchasing a daffodil from our school council members.



## Mental Health & Wellbeing

School received notification this week that we have achieved the Mental Health Silver Award for our work and commitment to mental health and wellbeing. A massive thank you to everyone involved with the school for their support in helping us to achieve this award.

## Eco News

The school Eco Council has registered to take part in the Duracell Big Battery Hunt this year. Please send any used batteries into school over the next two weeks. The class who recycles the most batteries will receive a prize.

### Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Ada	5W: Rehan
R1: Darcy	5M: Maryum
R2: Charlie	6W: Ibrahim
1W: Liyana	6M: Sami
1M: Mirha	Mrs Cadogan: Aisha
2W: Pippa	
2M: Nathan	
3W: Oscar	
3M: Grace	
4W: Aiza	
4M: Eliza	

### 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. Well done to our voucher winners for last week: Austin, Arabella, Max, Pearl, Eva, Azka, Emelia, Ayub, and Aria.

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



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### School Council News

The school council will be running an Easter raffle over the next two weeks of term (30p per ticket or £1 per strip of tickets). Please send money into school with your child if you would like them to participate in this event. They will also be running a name the rabbit competition which is 30p per guess. The school council have voted that the money raised will go towards the purchase of new playground equipment to be used across school.



### Science Week 2024

If you wish to enter the poster competition, entries need to be handed to class teachers by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Good luck!



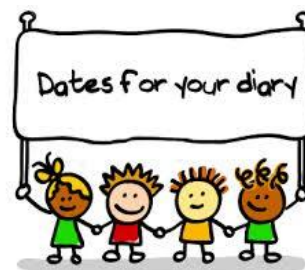
### Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Ben	4M: Azeem
R1: Aleena	5W: Maleeha
R2: Oliver	5M: Aamad
1W: Sami	6W: Isaac
1M: Eliza	6M: Aahil
2W: Nomi	
2M: Jessica	
3W: Harry	
3M: Rayyan	
4W: Musa	

## 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.*



Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-uniform Day for Comic Relief
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

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **British Science Week is here again!**

We are going to be celebrating British Science Week in school from 8<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March. Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering, and maths. This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of British Science Week and so the theme for this year is 'Time'. We aim to inspire our pupils to investigate and discover elements of time, in a variety of ways. Throughout the week, children will take part in a range of activities based around the theme of 'time'. We will also be joined in school by Professor Dan Tastic, who will deliver 'Science Week Spectacular' workshops to all classes from nursery to Year 6.

We would like to invite pupils to get creative and enter the British Science Week annual, UK-wide poster competition! To enter, they simply need to create a poster which fits in with the theme of 'Time'. Students could create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself. Budding poster makers could also go futuristic show us how they think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution, and hibernation – nature is full of timely topics.

The poster must be on A3 or A4 paper. Children can use pop up pictures, pull out tabs or materials such as pencils, paints, crayons, and paper to create their posters. We will then select the 5 best creations and submit them for a chance of winning an array of prizes.

Your poster must be submitted to your child's class teacher by Monday 18th March 2024.

### **Information from British Science Association...**

How will the posters be judged?

We wish that everyone could be a winner, but we only have a limited number of prizes. So, here's the lowdown on what the judges will be looking for:

Creativity in approach – Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme – don't be afraid to think outside the box.

Content – Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic.

Effective communication – presented and communicated in an engaging way.

### **What are the prizes?!**

Prizes for the 2024 competition winners include:

- Cool Cat Chem Cards
- 15-minute STEM books
- Shape Aliens Game
- At the museum jigsaw
- A Day in the Life...books
- Shroot pouches
- Memberships for My Science Club
- MegaWatt Games
- A collection of Science Works books