

Thursday 28th March 2024

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 26

Happy Easter!

Thank you everyone for your support this term, it has been busy and your kind words and support have been much appreciated.

This week we have seen two fabulous performances from our Year 3 and Year 4 children. Their singing and performance poetry was skilfully delivered with confidence and great big smiles! Thank you to parents and carers for coming along to watch them and to support this aspect of our curriculum.

We have had a lovely time in school parading Easter bonnets and hats and looking at some very creative egg designs! It was a difficult job for the office ladies to choose the winners as the standard was so high. Well done also to the winners of the School Council Easter Raffle. This has been their annual fundraiser for the children of the school and monies raised will go towards playground equipment.

When we return after the holiday, our carpark should be finished and remarked. Please use it responsibly and only park in the marked bays. This week we have had a 'near miss' with a child nearly being reversed into by a car not parked in a designated bay. As I'm sure you can understand, this has really shaken them up and upset the parents very much. Whilst I understand the difficulties in parking around all schools, we are lucky to have our car park and we do need to use it responsibly for the safety of everyone on site.

Our first week back after the holiday will be our Eid celebration week which we look forward to every year. We will be holding special assemblies with our friends from Neeli Mosque and having a full party day on the Friday. Donations of party foods are welcome and children can attend in their party clothes on the Friday.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break. We will see you all when the school re-opens on Monday 15th April.

Mrs Backhouse

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date:
95.6%

This week's winning class: 4M 99.7%. Super!



Easter Assembly

A big thank you to Mr Willis for leading an Easter assembly for both key stages on Wednesday. The children really enjoy having visitors to school.



Easter Holidays

School closes for the Easter holiday on Thursday 28st March. School re-opens on Monday 15th April. We wish all our families a lovely time.

Website

Please have a look on the school website as there have been lots of updates to the online safety, mental health and news and events sections. Calendar dates for next term have also been added.

Easter Bonnets / Eggs

A big thank you to everyone who decorated an egg or bonnet for our Easter competitions. The standard was extremely high. Well done to our winners who received an Easter egg.

Thank you to everyone who supported our entry to the Duracell big battery hunt by bringing in used batteries to recycle. Members of the school eco council have been busy counting them this week before taking them to be recycled at Currys.

Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Nahla	5W: Amelia
R1: Arabella	5M: Amaad
R2: Polly	6W: Matthew
1W: Marwah	6M: Inaaya
1M: Teddy	
2W: Owen	Mrs Cadogan: Hattie
2M: Ayda	
3W: Uhyab	
3M: Buddy	
4W: Nola	
4M: Isla	

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 for last week: Jamal, Ella, Zain, Jessica, Buddy, Zac, Sulaiman, George and Thea.

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



School Council News

The school council Easter raffle will be drawn today. The names of the bunny and the lamb will also be revealed! A massive thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraising event. The school council have voted that the money raised will go towards the purchase of new playground equipment.

Smile Champions

Some of our KS2 children participated in a Smile Champions workshop with Rochdale dental nurses and another local school last week. Those pupils who took part are now planning events for Smile Month in May and June. More details to follow. We are now officially a Smile Champion School!



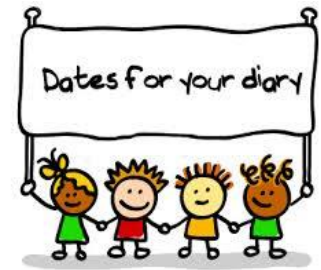
Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Hashim	4M: Lucas
R1: Grayson	5W: Isla
R2: Amber	5M: Thomas
1W: Fara	6W: Happy
1M: Liyana	6M: Ilyaas
2W: Aria	
2M: Skye	
3W: Safaa	
3M: Ayaan	
4W: Ayaan	

Dates for the Diary Summer 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, including trips for classes that are still being organised. Please contact school if you have any queries relating to dates of events or holidays.



Monday 15 th April 2024	School re-opens after the Easter break
Tuesday 16 th April 2024	Emma's Crazy Creatures Visit to Reception
Wednesday 17 th April 2024	Year 3 Walk to Greenbooth
Friday 19 th April 2024	Eid Party Day - children may come in own clothes
Friday 19 th April 2024 9.15am	PTA Eid Coffee Morning - see flyer below
Wednesday 24 th April 2024	Class 2M Trip to Samlesbury Hall
Thursday 25 th April 2024	Class 2W Trip to Samlesbury Hall
Monday 29 th April 2024	Clubs recommence
Tuesday 30 th April 2024	Year 6 Parents Residential Meeting 5.30pm
13 th - 17 th May 2024	Year 6 SATs week
Wednesday 5 th June 2024 5.30pm	New Reception Parents' Evening
10 th -14 th June 2024	Year 4 Times Table Test
10 th - 14 th June 2024	Year 1 Phonics Screening Test
Friday 21 st June 2024	Year 3 Trip to Ribchester
Wednesday 26 th June 2024	Year 1 Trip to Fire Station
Thursday 27 th June 2024	Year 1 Trip to Fire Station
24 th June - 5 th July 2024	New Nursery Children Stay & Play Sessions
Friday 28 th June 2024	Year 6 Magistrates' Competition
1 st - 5 th July 2024	Health and Fitness Week
Tuesday 2 nd July 2024	Whole School Transition Day
Tuesday 2 nd July 2024	Reception visits with parents
8 th - 12 th July 2024	Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 8 th July 2023 9.30am	Year 5/6 Performance for Year 5 Parents
Tuesday 9 th July 2023 9.30am	Year 5/6 Performance for Year 6 Parents
Friday 12 th July 2024	School Council Dress As Role Model - fundraiser for Dogs' Trust
Friday 12 th July 2024 6.30pm	Year 6 Leavers' Party
15 th - 19 th July 2024	New Reception Visits Without Parents
Tuesday 16 th July 2024	School reports sent out
Tuesday 16 th July 2024 9.15am	Star of the Year Assembly
Tuesday 16 th July 2024 2.30pm	Childer Assembly
Wednesday 17 th - Friday 19 th July 2024	Year 6 Residential to Mount Cook
Monday 22 nd July 2024	KS1 and KS2 Sunshine Award Assemblies
Tuesday 23 rd July 2024 9.15am	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	School closes for the summer break

PTA News

Please see the flyers below for information about our latest events.

Spring Disco

Thank you to everyone who supported last week's Spring Disco either by buying tickets for it or helping to ensure it ran smoothly. The event was a great success. Pictures of the event can be found under the News and Events section of the school website.

If you would like to contact the PTA directly with any feedback or ideas, please email whittakermosspta@gmail.com

Paris Olympics and Paralympics 2024 - Get Involved!

The Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games are nearly here! To celebrate the games, schools across the country are invited to get active and embark on a virtual journey with Path to Paris, a free programme for children aged 5 to 11 and their families.

Log activity and follow your schools progress on the Path to Paris website - <https://www.getset.co.uk/pathtoparis>

You can also find lots of resources to launch and support the challenge, including quick activities to get children moving - <https://www.getset.co.uk/resources-home>

Win prizes!

There are regular prize draws throughout the programme. Log activity or share how you're getting active to be in with a chance to win prizes for your school!

Kind Regards

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Happy
Eid Mubarak
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Join us on
Friday 19th April
9:15am

for a very special Eid themed coffee morning
in Highwood Hall

Contributions Welcome
Email: Whittakermosspta@gmail.com