

# Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 38

Thursday 11th July 2024

## Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date:  
95.8%

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



A big well done this week to our Year 5 and 6 pupils who performed their end of year show for parents this week. The show was fabulous! There was lots of excellent singing, some great dance moves and also lots of laughs throughout the performance. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who took time out of their day to come and watch the shows, I am sure you weren't disappointed. Thank you also to the staff who have worked hard to bring the production to fruition.

On Friday this week we host our Year 6 Leavers party and are looking forward to a special evening with all of our Year 6 pupils. If parents can drop off at 6.30pm and pick up at 8.30pm at the main hall door, there will be an opportunity to come in afterwards for photos.

Our School Council hosted an inter-school event last week, presenting with other schools from around Rochdale. I am really pleased that they retained their Platinum status and helped assess other schools on their council development journeys too. Well done everyone!

We have been busy planning and setting dates for the Autumn term and will get these out to you as soon as possible so you can put dates in diaries. There will be a 'Meet the teacher' opportunity early in Autumn term as well as Christmas craft afternoons towards the end of the term. We will also be sending out, via email and in hard copy, details regarding the changes being brought in by the DfE around school attendance and penalty notices. These cover all schools and are a change from what is currently in place brought in by the DfE, not school. I would encourage all parents to read through the changes and keep the hard copy somewhere safe should you need it for future reference. School does not receive any of the monies collected via penalty notices.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend ahead.

*Mrs Backhouse*

## P.E. Kit / Bags for September

A number of parents have contacted the school office regarding P.E. kit for September. Children will continue to come to school dressed in their Games kit for P.E. days, which consists of trainers, plain black joggers, plain white t-shirt and, for cold days, plain black hoodie or school jumper. Children are asked to leave, in their class cloakroom, a draw-string bag with pumps in for gymnastics lessons. Due to this bag being left in school, there is no room in cloakrooms for big ruc-sacs. Please send your child in with a small book bag for reading books and homework. Please ensure all uniform and kit is clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you for your support with these matters.

## Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who has supported the book fair this week. All commission earned from the sale will be spent on purchasing new books for the school library. If your child did not bring money into school to purchase a book earlier in the week, they have a final chance to purchase one on Friday (12<sup>th</sup> July).

## School Council Platinum Renewal

Congratulations to our fantastic school council who retained their platinum status for effective school councils last week. In order to retain this status, councillors hosted a network event that seven other local schools attended. They presented their mental health and wellbeing campaign which they have worked hard on over the year. Pupils from the other schools voted unanimously that they had done enough to retain the platinum status. Well done to all!

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### Dress As Your Role Model Day

The school council invites everyone to dress as their role model on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**. If you are able, please send your child in with a donation on this day. All donations received will go to Dogs' Trust, the school council's chosen national charity this year. Role models could be family members, authors, sports stars, scientists - the choice is endless! Please support the school council if you can in their fundraising efforts for this worthwhile charity.

### Stars of The Week

Congratulations to all our children who were announced as our Stars of the Week for last week. We are really proud of you all!

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| Nursery: Olivia | 5W: Ayaan           |
| R1: Hashim      | 5M: Mia             |
| R2: Erin        | 6W: Matthew         |
| 1W: Yousaf      | 6M: Charlie         |
| 1M: Yusuf       |                     |
| 2W: Jessica     | Mrs Cadogan: Liyana |
| 2M: Skye        |                     |
| 3W: Finn        |                     |
| 3M: Rahan       |                     |
| 4W: Is'haq      |                     |
| 4M: Hattie      |                     |

### 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. The winners for last week are: Ayda, Grayson, Aayan, Pearl, Lucia, Safa, Elsie, Ashia, Hawa and Finn. Well done! Thank you to Rochdale Putt Stars for offering this scheme to the school.

### School Reports

Your child's end of year report will be sent home next Tuesday (16<sup>th</sup> July). Please remember to send the parent comment slip back into school with your child. Thank you for your support with this - your comments are important to us.

### School Council News



Our school council is pictured above, receiving their platinum status certificate. Please see above for more information about what they needed to do to earn it.

### School Climate Debate



Well done to Sophie and Ismail who took part in a climate debate with other local primary school pupils at Rochdale Town Hall last week. You articulated your points clearly, showing passion for the issues debated.

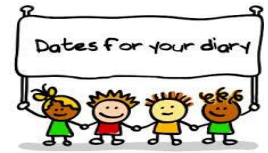


### Dojo Winners

Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week. We are really impressed with your efforts.

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| Nursery: Isaak      | 4M: William   |
| R1: Jonah           | 5W: Sulaiman  |
| R2: Nelly           | 5M: Thomas    |
| 1W: Matilda & Ralph | 6W: Charlotte |
| 1M: George          | 6M: Ilyaas    |
| 2W: Adam            |               |
| 2M: Faith           |               |
| 3W: Finn            |               |
| 3M: Buddy           |               |
| 4W:                 |               |

## Dates for the Diary Summer Term 2024



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| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024                              | School Council Dress As Role Model - fundraiser for Dogs' Trust |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 6.30pm                       | Year 6 Leavers' Party   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024                  | New Reception Visits Without Parents                            |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024                             | School reports sent out   |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 9.15am                      | Star of the Year Assembly                                       |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 2.30pm                      | Childer Assembly  |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 | Year 6 Residential to Mount Cook                                |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024                              | KS1 and KS2 Sunshine Award Assemblies                           |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024 9.15am                      | Year 6 Leavers' Assembly  |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024                             | School closes for the summer break                              |

### PTA News

*On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July there will be a Pop-Up Shop after school. PTA will be selling the school uniform. An ideal opportunity to get those spare items for next school year! Jumpers and cardigans are £2 each and all other items are £1.*

*Payments can be contactless or cash.*

*We will also be selling off some leftover sweets, drinks and ice pops from school events at 50p each item.*

*There will also be a book stall.*

*Both stalls will be open under the back-playground canopy.*

# Design a Library Card Competition

We need a new design for a children's library card, and we'd love your help! We'd like our new design to be as exciting as possible.



Think about how visiting the library makes you feel, and why you think more children should join.

Pick up an entry form from any Rochdale Borough Library or ask your teacher for one.



Hand your completed entry in to any library in the borough by 14th September 2024.