

Thursday 26th September 2024

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 4



Our European languages day this week has been a great success. This year each year group has focused on a different country from around the world. This gives our children a broader understanding of countries of the world, their languages, cultures and customs. The children have really enjoyed completing lots of different activities, practical tasks and even cooking! Thank you for your support in helping children to wear the colours of their year group country.

On Tuesday, 30 of our Year 5 children attended a Wild World workshop at Rochdale town hall. This followed a whole year group workshop held in school the week before where the children all wrote letters and thoughts and ideas about how they would like the future of Rochdale to be. The work will culminate in an exhibition at Hollingworth Lake. Unfortunately, the organisers haven't allocated us any tickets for this which is a shame. As I understand it, the tickets are free and can be booked via Rochdale online. This week our Year 3 children have also spent the day as stone age warriors learning all about life in the stone age and how to hunt for food. They found it very exciting and interesting and all of their games lessons have paid off as they were very accurate with the (foam) hunting spears!

This year we have joined the RUSC sports collaborative. This means we will have increased opportunities across the year for teams to go out and represent the school in a wider range of sporting events. We have invested in new kit and are ready to go! The events are year group specific and organised via RUSC. Mr Chapman will be organising these events as they come up and will liaise across year groups/children for each event.

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.

Mrs Backhouse.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.78%

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

Jeans for Genes Day Friday 20th September



Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Jeans for Genes day. The final total raised was an impressive £309.63.

Photographs

Individual and family photographs will be taken on Monday 21st 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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please join us at 9.15am for a coffee morning in Highwood Hall this Friday, 27th September, to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

European Languages Day

This takes place on the 26th September. Children have been invited to attend school in clothes in their country's colours.



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 Nida, 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: Cerys 5M: Dylan- James

R1: Rafael 6W: Ismail

R2: Archie 6M: Albie

1W: Ismail

1M: Emily

2W: Evie

2M: Eric

3W: Sara

3M: Jessica

4W: Ethan

4M: Uh'yab

5W: Isabelle



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: Ismaeel, Zahlie, Harry, Ayva, Jessica, Buddy, Haris, Evie and Charlie.

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 last 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: Roman

R1: Airah 5W: Max

R2: Arthur 5M: Is'haq

1W: Jenson 6W: Sofia

1M: Amber & Aiva 6M: Aila

2W: Arnie

2M: Liyana

3W: Rukaiyah

3M: Oliver

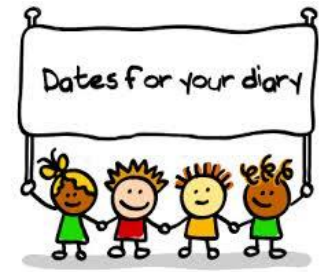
4W: Buddy

4M: Lucia



Dates for the Diary Autumn 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.



Wednesday 25 th September 2024	Year 3 Stone Age Experience In School
Thursday 26 th September 2024	European Languages Day
Friday 27 th September 2024 9.15am	Macmillan Coffee Morning in Highwood Hall
Thursday 3 rd October 2024	Poetry Workshop for a group of Year 5/6 pupils
Wednesday 9 th October 2024	Year 6 Crucial Crew
Thursday 10 th October 2024	World Mental Health Day
Monday 14 th - Friday 25 th October 2024	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 21 st October 2024	Individual & Sibling Photographs from 8.30am
Thursday 24 th October 2024	Harvest Assemblies - please send in donations for Rochdale Food Bank
Friday 25 th October 2024	School Closes for Half-Term
Monday 4 th November 2024	School Re-Opens
Thursday 7 th November 2024	Year 6 Red Cross First Aid
Friday 8 th November 2024	Remembrance Assemblies
W/C 11 th November 2024	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 th November 2024	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 13 th November 2024	Parents' Evening 2
Wednesday 13 th November 2024	Olympic Athlete Visit
Friday 15 th November 2024	Children in Need - non-uniform, small donation, please.
Wednesday 20 th November 2024	Prospective New Parents' Evening 5.30pm
Thursday 28 th November 2024	Open morning for prospective Reception parents 9.30am
Friday 29 th November 2024	Open morning for prospective Reception parents 9.30am

Christmas Activity Dates To Follow

PTA News

Hello everyone!

Our AGM is going to be held on 1st October at 7pm at Norden Old Library.

The term of office is coming to an end and there are a number of committee roles that will be to be filled to enable our PTA to continue.

As our PTA is a registered charity, these roles are a statutory requirement and to enable our PTA to continue to run events, we need to elect more committee members.

If you don't feel you can commit to being on the committee, we are also asking for parents to volunteer to help with the organisation of any future events and fundraising activities. Discos for example take a lot of time and preparation so help with shopping, setting up, tickets etc is needed, as well as helping on the evening for the duration.

If you are able to give time to help or have suggestions or ideas, please come along to the meeting.

If you are interested in taking on one of the committee roles, please message the page directly and we can let you know what the roles entail. Or please speak to a member of the current committee.

Thanks so much and we hope to see you there.

WMPTA

Please see below for news about Halloween Discos.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1st October 2024
-7pm start

Norden Old Library,
Edenfield Road




PTA School Disco Announcement

Get ready for our next school disco, happening on **Friday, 18th October!** 

Key Details:

- **Date:** Friday, 18th October
- **Tickets on Sale:** **Friday, 4th October at 6pm (First come, first serve!)**
- **Where to Buy:** Tickets will be available online
- **Waitlist:** If your child doesn't get a ticket, don't worry! They'll be placed on a waitlist and given priority for the next disco.

 Please note: We are limited on numbers due to hall capacity and fire regulations, so be sure to grab your tickets early!

Nursery & Reception Children Special

Nursery and Reception children will have their own separate disco **during the school day** with no need to purchase a ticket. We hope this helps maximise ticket availability for other year groups and makes the experience less overwhelming for our youngest students.

PTA Volunteers Needed!

Our PTA is run by a small group of dedicated volunteers, and we'd love to have more hands on deck to make our events even more special for the children. If you're interested in getting involved, please join us at our **AGM on 1st October at 7pm at Norden Old Library**. We'd love to see you there!

We can't wait to see everyone dancing the night away!

Best wishes,

PTA 

**Tickets on
sale 04/10**

18th October

6 - 7.30pm

HALLOWEEN

DISCO



**It's
Spooky
Time!**

**ADDITIONAL STAMP CARDS
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ONLINE.
ITEMS PRICED AT 50P & £1.00 AT KS2 DISCO
(ALL ITEMS AT KS1 DISCO FREE)**

KS1 TICKETS £5.00

**TICKET INCLUDES A DRINK, CRISPS, A SWEET
TREAT, GLOW STICK & GLITTER TATTOO.
GAMES WILL BE INCLUDED FREE OF CHARGE.**

KS2 TICKETS £6.00

**TICKET INCLUDES £2.00 OF TOKENS TO SPEND
THE KS2 DISCO WILL HAVE A DJ, DISCO LIGHTS,
TUCK SHOP, GAMES, GLOW STICKS STALL & GLITTER
TATTOOS**

