

Thursday 3rd October 2024

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 5



This week we have had the opportunity to visit all classrooms to observe learning. As part of this, we have also been speaking to children about their learning, what they enjoy, what they are proud of and how much they remember from previous learning. Children were actively engaged in lessons and learning and were able to speak in great detail about the work they are proud of and why and how previous learning is helping them in their present units of work. Behaviour across school is also good. Visitors to the school this week have made several comments about the calm learning atmosphere, the happy relationships across all members of the school community and how positively children talk about school life.

We are really pleased that the PTA have been able to appoint new members to the committee. We give our very grateful thanks to Kirsty and Becky for their time in role and also our 'welcomes' to the new members of the committee. As always, I know the PTA always welcome help and support from anyone who has the time and is able to help out, even in the smallest capacity.

Please can you encourage your children not to bring in precious items from home. Children get very upset if precious things are lost, broken or go missing and we are unable to look for, repair or take responsibility for them if they do. We have invested heavily in our playground and breaktime equipment to ensure that all children have access to high quality resources at breaktimes which keep everyone busy!

Lastly, next week is world mental health day and we are holding a coffee morning in school on Thursday morning next week. Please do join us if you are able to and find out more about what we can offer in school and the outside agencies we work with.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Backhouse.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.68%

This week's winning class: 1W 100% Amazing!

World Mental Health Day - Thursday 10th October

Please join us at 9.00am for a coffee morning on Thursday 10th October, World Mental Health Day. There will be the opportunity to speak to Nida, the school young person's mental health practitioner, about the range of mental health and wellbeing support available at Whittaker Moss. She will also provide some information and advice around separation anxiety. We hope to see you there!

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

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning last Friday. We will let you know the total raised by the event, shortly.

European Languages Day

Thank you to everyone who came dressed in their country's colours to celebrate this day with us. Pupils had a brilliant day researching, dancing, cooking and creating pieces of art. Photos of the day can be found on the school website. Thank you to Mrs Orley for organising the day.



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: Roman 5M: Haris
R1: Olivia 6W: Thomas
R2: Ayda 6M: Laurie
1W: Darcy
1M: Eadie Mrs Cadogan: Liberty
2W: Ralph
2M: Sumayyah
3W: Yusuf
3M: Knoah
4W: Finley
4M: Amaya
5W: Alizah



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: Abigail, Molly, Annie, Liyana, Norah, Hassan, Gabriel, Aleeza and Max.

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 met on Friday to decide roles and responsibilities for the year. They also discussed what fundraising they wanted to do this academic year. The eco council will be meeting shortly to decide on their priorities for the year.

Harvest Assemblies 2024

Our Harvest assemblies will be led by Stuart Willis (ALM) and Rev. Jason on **Thursday 24th October**. We will be collecting Harvest donations on this day which will go to Rochdale Food Bank. Please send donations into school with your child. We thank you for your support with this - all donations are much appreciated.



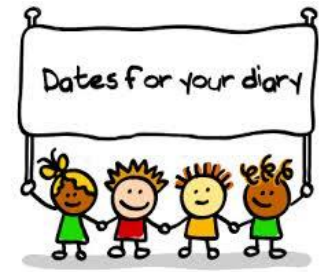
Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Lottie
R1: Charlie 5W: Sami
R2: Hashim 5M: Rumaisa
1W: Darcy 6W: Elsie
1M: Ella 6M: Imaan &
2W: Rosie Charlie
2M: George
3W: Connie
3M: Rumaysa & Norah
4W: Ayaan
4M: Hassan

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.



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 9.30am	Open morning for prospective Reception parents
Friday 29 th November 2024 9.30am	Open morning for prospective Reception parents
Monday 9 th December 2.30pm-3.30pm	EYFS Christmas Craft Afternoon
Tuesday 10 th December 9.30am - 10.30am	EYFS Christmas Performance
Tuesday 10 th December 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 3/4 Christmas Craft Afternoon
Wednesday 11 th December 9.30am - 10.30am	Year 1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 11 th December 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 1/2 Christmas Craft Afternoon
Thursday 12 th December 9.30am - 10.30am	Year 2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 12 th December 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 5/6 Christmas Craft Afternoon
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 13 th December 10am - 11am	Nursery Christmas Performance
Friday 13 th December 10am - 11am	KS2 Christmas Carol Service St. Paul's Church
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 17 th December	Star of the Term Assembly
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Party Day
Thursday 19 th December	School Closes for Christmas Break


PTA News

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**

