

Thursday 6th February 2025

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 20

This week we are very proud of our Whittaker Moss ten-pin bowlers! Last term they were successful in making it through to the GM finals this week in Bolton where they represented Rochdale. They represented both the school and Rochdale brilliantly this week. We are super proud of them all - Well done Bowlers!

Thank you for supporting our School Council fundraising for Springhill Hospice last week. Lots of children (and staff), found lots of creative and fun ways to break the rules for an extremely good cause. We raised almost £500 which I am sure will be gratefully received.

Just a quick reminder that on Thursday this week, it is the Schools Mental Health day. Children will be completing a number of activities and talk-based sessions based on having a healthy approach to mental health and well-being. Our school therapist Nida will be attending the parent coffee morning at 9am and will be available for a chat and advice to parents for anything she can help with. Our My Happy Mind programme has really started to take effect. Lots of children around school talking about their brains and how happy breathing helps them to calm, relax and make good decisions. Some of the terminology is quite scientific. Every week I will include a fact from what we are learning in school this week for you to ask your children about. We are putting the final touches to our parent information so you will also be able to access the app, find out more or even complete elements of the program at home with your child. The best and most impactful results are seen where both school and home interact with the elements of the program over a sustained period of time.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Backhouse



Interesting Fact:

The **pre-frontal cortex** helps us to make decisions, understand different perspectives, solve problems, analyse and make choices.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date:
96.19%

This week's winning class: 5M 99.3% Super!



School Council Break the Rules Day

Thank you to everyone who supported the School Council Break the Rules Day last Friday. A fantastic £456.90 was raised by the event for Springhill Hospice. Pictures of the day can be found in the news and events gallery on the school website.



World Book Day Friday 7th March

Our theme for World Book Day this year is 'My Story' Children are invited to come to school dressed in an outfit that celebrates them. It could be the kit they wear for the local sports team they play for or it could be an outfit to highlight a hobby or interest. We just request that children wear sensible footwear.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme is Know yourself, Grow yourself. Children have completed activities around this theme in their classes. We will be holding a coffee morning in Highwood Hall at 9.15am on Thursday 6th February. This will be an opportunity for parents to drop in and speak to our Young person's Mental Health Practitioner, Nida. We hope you can join us!

Tuesday 11th February is Safer Internet Day.



Children will be completing activities in school around the theme of protecting yourselves and others from scams online. Please visit the staying safe online section of the parents' area of the school website for access to a wide range of information leaflets for parents about the latest games and platforms that children are accessing online.

Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Phoebe	5W: Roxy
R1: Deen	5M: Adam
R2: Lily	6W: Maryum
1W: Darcy	6M: Aleeza
1M: Evie	Mrs Cadogan: Rory
2W: Ava and Sami	
2M: Lamisah	
3W: Francesca	
3M: Saafa	
4W: Annabel	
4M: Saafa	

Lunchtime Stars

Unfortunately, we can no longer award lunchtime stars golf vouchers due to Rochdale Putt Stars being taken over by Hollywood Bowl. If you have any vouchers at home, these can be used until the end of February. Pupils who received our new Lunchtime Stars Certificates last week were: Wilfred, Charlie, Laitham, Hollie, Owen, Zainab, Ellie, Sophie and Daniel.

Well done to them!



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School Council News

The school council met on Tuesday to finalise their ideas for an information leaflet about Roblox for parents as this is an extremely popular game with many pupils in school. Councillors agreed what information would be useful. The finishing touches to the leaflet will be completed this week. Watch this space!



Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA Penny Wars over the past two weeks. The winning class will be announced shortly.



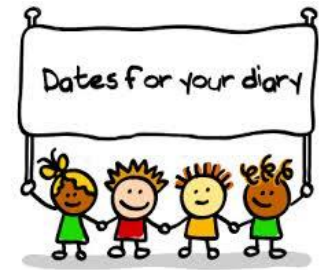
Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Matthew	4M: Aaryan
R1: Toby	5W: Aliza
R2: Isaak	5M: Daniel
1W: Grace	6W: Aila
1M: Amber	6M: Maleeha
2W: Ava	
2M: Rory	
3W: Will	
3M: Owen	
4W: Olive	

Dates for the Diary Spring Term 2025

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.



W/C Monday 27 th January	PTA Penny Wars for two weeks
W/C Monday 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 th February	Year 2 Theatre Trip
Friday 14 th February	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Friday 14 th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 24 th February	INSET Day
Tuesday 25 th February	School re-opens after the half-term break
Monday 3 rd March	Year 3 Local Walk - Norden and Greenbooth (Please note change of date)
Thursday 6 th March	Year 4 Trip to Liverpool World Museum
Friday 7 th March	Whittaker Moss celebrates World Book Day. Theme - My Story. Dress in something to celebrate you.
W/C 10 th March	Science Week
Monday 10 th March	Parents' Evening 1
Tuesday 11 th March	Parents' Evening 2
Tuesday 11 th March	Wonder Dome (inflatable planetarium) in school
Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief Day: non-uniform
Monday 24 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 3/4 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Tuesday 25 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 1/2 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Tuesday 25 th March 5 - 6pm	Year 1 Parents' Phonics Meeting
Wednesday 26 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Nursery & Reception Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Thursday 27 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 5/6 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon
Wednesday 2 nd April	Easter egg and bonnet entries into school
Wednesday 2 nd April	Eid Party Day (Date added)
Thursday 3 rd April 9.30am - 11.00am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 3 parents (Please note change of date)
Friday 4 th April 9.30am - 11.00am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 4 parents (Please note change of date)
Friday 4 th April 1.30pm	Pupil of the Term Assembly
Friday 4 th April	Close for Easter Break