

Thursday 25th September 2025

# Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 4



We are really looking forward to our European Languages Day on Friday this week. It is non-uniform for all children, and we ask, where possible, that they come in the colours of the flag of the country they will be learning about in class. I am especially looking forward to hearing about Mrs Beswick's Italian workshop in Year 5!

Lots of children have been really brave across school this week. The school nursing team have been in delivering Hearing checks and also the Flu Vaccines. Well done everyone!

We will shortly be sharing information about The Junior Parkrun. The program has been backed by the Department of Education and the Deputy Chief Medical officer. It is free to take part, but you must register first, and our closest event takes place every Sunday at Queen's Park in Heywood. Children that take part will receive the credits on their Children's University accounts. You can find more information here:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/queensparkrochdale-juniors>

Once again, I find myself politely requesting those using a car to bring and collect children from school do so responsibly. Like other schools, parking is limited both on site and on the surrounding streets and there are far more families needing to use cars to then go onto to work so are unable to walk to school. Arriving a little earlier and parking a little further away makes all the difference to the area surrounding school and makes it safer for children walking on and around the school site.

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. Our latest pupil voice survey has said that children think they learn best when they are working practically, so this is a big focus for us this year.

*Mrs Backhouse.*

## Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.78%

This week's winning classes: 4W & 6M 99.3% Super!

## Jeans for Genes Day Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September



Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Jeans for Genes day. We will let you know the final total raised, shortly.

## Photographs

Individual and family photographs will be taken on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, 26<sup>th</sup> September, to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

## European Languages Day

This takes place on the 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 Emma, 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: Amaal	5M: Buddy
R1: Penelope	6W: Hattie
R2: Khadijah	6M: Bella
1W: Charlie	
1M: Jessica	
2W: Hashim	
2M: Maya	
3W: Inam	
3M: Matilda	
4W: Layla	
4M: Nomi	
5W: Sienna	



### Lunchtime Stars

These certificates are awarded to pupils who display excellent manners and behaviour during lunchtimes. Pupils who received our Lunchtime Stars Certificates last week were: George, Bella, Nahla, Mason, Ralph, Ciara, Bruce and Hattie.

Well done to them!



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## School Council / Eco Council

Thank you to everyone who put themselves forward to be a school or eco councillor. Your speeches and presentations were amazing! School council and Eco council members received their badges this 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 with Miss Buckley and Mrs Ashton to decide on their priorities for the year.



### Dojo Winners

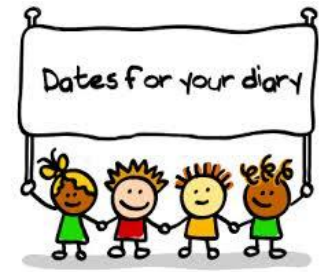
Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week:

Nursery: Elizabeth

R1: Billie	5W: Bruce
R2: Kade	5M: Sophie
1W: Florence	6W: Lucas
1M: Zahlie	6M: Musa
2W: Lottie	
2M: Ani	
3W: Adeem	
3M: Haniya	
4W: Jack	
4M: Jessica	

## Dates for the Diary Autumn 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.



Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	European Languages Day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 9.15am	Macmillan Coffee Morning in Highwood Hall
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop Experience
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Year 6 Poetry Morning - Spotland Library
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025 (pm)	Year 6 Crucial Crew - Rochdale Football Club
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Mount Cook Residential
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	World Mental Health Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Group of Year 5/6 Children - Writing Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	PTA Halloween Disco
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025	Harvest Assemblies - please send in donations for Rochdale Food Bank
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Individual & Sibling Photographs from 8.30am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	School Closes for Half-Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	School Re-Opens
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Remembrance Assemblies
W/C 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Parents' Evening 2
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Children in Need - non-uniform, small donation, please.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Prospective New Parents' Evening 5.30pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Open morning for prospective Reception parents 9.30am
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Open morning for prospective Reception parents 9.30am

*Christmas Activity Dates To Follow*



## European Day of Languages

On Friday 26th September we will be taking part in the European Day of Languages. Each year group will be focussing on a different country where they will research the language spoken, landmarks, famous/significant/inspirational people, food, music and flag etc. We will all come together via Zoom at the end of the school day to share our research with each other. The children can come into school/nursery in non-uniform on this day and, if possible, it would be great if they could wear the colours of the country flag they are researching.

**Nursery/Reception - France (blue, white, red)**

**Years 1/2 - Germany (black, red, gold)**

**Years 3/4 - Spain (red and yellow)**

**Years 5/6 - Italy (green, white, red)**

The official theme this year is 'Languages open hearts and minds' to reflect that language learning involves both the emotions and the brain.

Thank you for your support with this event.

Mrs Orley (MFL Lead).

## Attendance At Whittaker Moss

Last year, our overall attendance figure was 95.6% which is above local and national attendance. This year, our overall attendance target is 97%. Please support us by ensuring your child is in school, on time, every day. Please phone the office attendance line if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, at the earliest opportunity. The best attending class of the week will be announced on the weekly newsletter. For further information and advice around attendance please see the school attendance policy:

<https://www.whittakermoss.rochdale.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Policies&pid=119>

### Attendance Ladder

