



Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to start this week's newsletter by saying how proud we all are of our Y6 pupils who have worked so hard over the course of this year and this week they have completed their KS2 SAT tests. Their focus, determination and work ethic is a reflection of them as a year group and we hope their outcomes reflect their brilliant attitude!

I would also like to thank all the staff who have worked tirelessly to prepare the children over the course of the year and ensure that they were able to do their best this week.

I would also like to offer huge congratulations to our Y3/Y4 gymnastics team who performed brilliantly and became Merseyside champions a couple of weeks ago. Our work with Beth Tweddle Gymnastics in the PE curriculum has helped the children to develop a strong skillset and also supported our teaching staff in developing their expertise. Thank you to Mr Wong who gave up his own time to prepare the children for the competition.

One final group of children I would like to specifically mention is our Eco Team. I was recently showing some adults from another school around Whiston Willis and we bumped into our Eco Team. Their knowledge and passion for the work/ learning they are completing is fantastic and I really hope that our whole school community support them with implementing their ideas to achieve Eco school status. Remembering reusable packaging for your packed lunch as a starting point is a great idea.

This group of children have also begun to make great use of our developing Well being garden. This area has been developed with the support of both The Rainford Trust and James Greenop Foundation. The planter beds installed by The James Greenop Foundation have become home to some vegetables that do appear to be starting to grow well!



Over the remainder of the academic year we will also be having some curriculum showcase events for parents at the end of a school day (dates on school website). This will be an opportunity for you to attend school for a short session at the end of the day and see some learning that the children have been completing in one subject area. It is great to begin to rebuild our home school links!

Children in all 6 classes in KS2 have begun working with The LFC Foundation staff to complete the iWill programme. This is a programme designed to enable the children to consider social action and as a class develop a project to make a difference to life in general. This work is brilliantly aligned to our school vision and ambition to develop our children in terms of becoming socially and morally intelligent and citizens who can make a positive difference. We will share updates on the project over the coming weeks.

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Attendance League Table (25/4/22-13/5/22)

Position	Class	Percentage attendance	
1st	Shark	98.08%	The class with the best attendance at the end of the half term will receive a prize.
2nd	Pangolin	97.21%	
3rd	Cheetah	96.15%	
4th	Panda	94.43%	Our current whole school attendance for the whole year is 93.2%.
5th	Zebra	93.82%	
6th	Wolf	93.54%	Please do avoid holidays during term time as every day really does count for your child given the disruption over the last two years.
7th	Jaguar	92.44%	
8th	Hedgehog	91.81%	
9th	Lion	91.38%	
10th	Owl	91.08%	
11th	Squirrel	89.56%	Please be aware that the LA attendance team will be continuing to contact families in which a child has inconsistent attendance and who has attendance below 90%.
12th	Penguin	84.46%	
13th	Rabbit	80.95%	

We have seen a small improvement in attendance over the last couple of weeks and I am hoping that this continues over the next few weeks. We continue to have some positive Covid cases and I do ask you to be aware of your children displaying symptoms and then follow the government guidance.

Special mentions for positively standing out in the last few weeks.....

CLASS	PUPIL	
Squirrel	George P and Alfie W	To follow what is going on in your child's class, please join Twitter and follow the class page. It is a great way to see all the learning and fun that goes on in classes.
Rabbit	Lottie H and Tristen J	
Owl	Teddy D and Connie T.C	
Hedgehog	Skyler R and Grace B	Class newsletters will be sent out next Thursday so look out for what is going on through them.
Jaguar	George N and Marcie S	
Pangolin	Ryan J and Una A	
Panda	Frankie C and Brooklyn F.M	
Zebra	Francis T and Freddie H	
Lion	Jake R and Luna L	Also follow @whistonwillis1 for updates and information.
Shark	Bethany Mc and Eva A	
Penguin	Ethan W.C and Summer S	
Wolf	Klayton A and Michael M	
Cheetah	Abbie S and Jacob T.E	

For dates for your diary please look at the calendar on the school website

Have a lovely weekend,

Ian Cooper

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