



WHITLEIGH PRIMARY NEWS

*'Children at the heart of the school
School at the heart of the community.'*

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A message from Mr Summerfield

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in week 4 of remote learning and I know that all of the pupils and parents/carers have been doing a brilliant job engaging with all of the live lessons. A massive well done to all of the children, parents and carers who are continuing to access learning via the google classroom. Next week the children will be taking place in a number of activities linked to Children's Mental Health Week.

Lateral Flow Testing

As you are aware, all staff are taking twice weekly lateral flow tests. I am delighted to inform you that all tests taken to date have returned a negative result.

Pupil Interactions during Zoom Lessons

We have had some feedback that teachers are not acknowledging all of the pupils during lessons on zoom. Please be aware that teachers will try to acknowledge your child when they join the zoom before the lesson starts. When they are teaching using the flipchart and/or slides you cannot always see the whole class as the video images obstruct the view of the teaching slides. Please can you reassure your children that this is not intentional.

Get Help with Technology

To date, we have loaned several laptops, data SIM cards to families that require additional support with technology. If you need additional support please contact the school so that we can help your child access online learning.

Half Term...

Guidance was released from the Department for Education this week stating **that all schools will close as usual over February half-term** and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week. The school will continue to follow the agreed term dates, unless we receive a further directive from the DfE. Remote learning will not be set for your children during half term.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Mr G Summerfield

Head Teacher

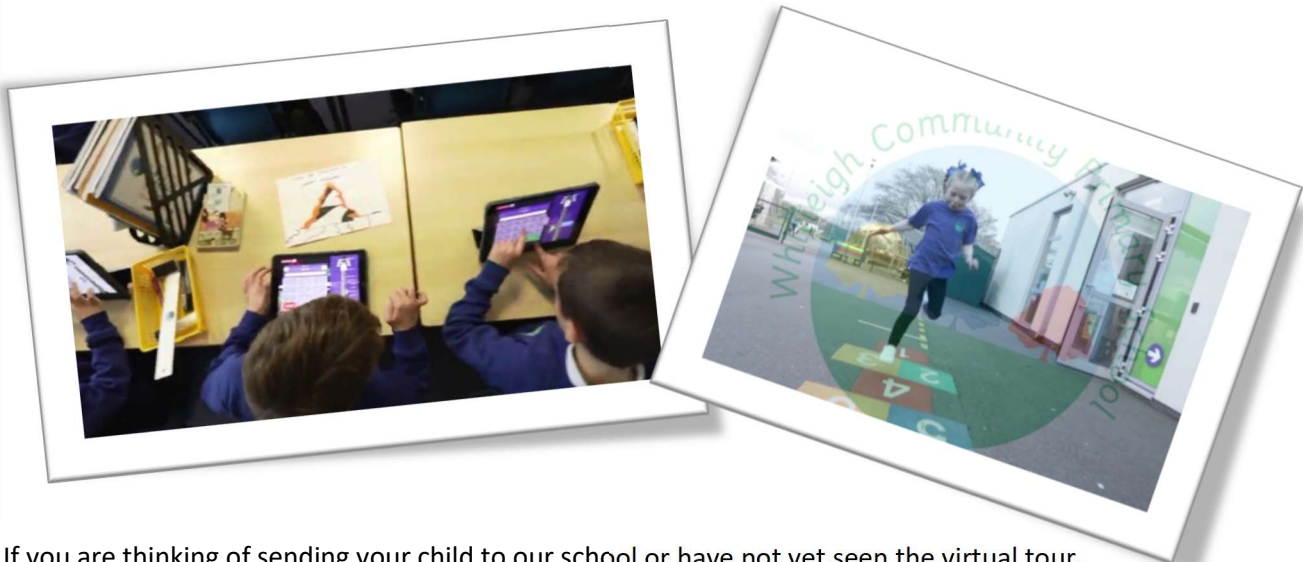


www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

From 1-7th February 2021 we are taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is Express Yourself. Place2Be has created activities and resources to help children and adults to explore the different ways that they can share their thoughts, feelings and ideas.

There are lots of resources on the [Children's Mental Health Week website](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk) that you can use with your child at home including [activity ideas](#), [tips for parents and carers](#), and an [online assembly](#) which will be available from Monday 1st February.

Virtual School Tour



If you are thinking of sending your child to our school or have not yet seen the virtual tour, Please click on the link below:

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Whitleigh word of the week

Each week in school we focus on one word to enrich the children's vocabulary. We encourage the children to use this word in their writing and when working across other subjects in class.

This week's word
was:

**'Every cloud has a
silver lining.'**

Next week's idiom is:

'On the ball.'

When we say someone is **'on the ball'** we mean that they are prepared and ready. This may mean they are knowledgeable, alert or quick to understand and read situations. For example, we may say that your new teacher is **'on the ball'** because they have prepared good lessons and have read your previous teacher's notes on each member of your class.

However, we may also say that a shop assistant is **'on the ball'** because they know all about everything the shop sells and can tell when customers want help or are just looking.

Another phrase with a similar meaning is: 'up to scratch'.



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Week 4 League Tables for Timestables Rockstars



Coins earned in the last 7 days

Year 4,5 & 6

Name	Class	Coins
Pauline I	5RT	32,490
Blake G	4PB	23,804
Tia W	5SG	10,600
Amy B	5RT	10,235
Leo W	4PC	10,166

Year 3

Name	Class	Coins
Charlie H	3RH	42,364
Darcie T	3BR	25,633
Archie B	3BR	13,615
Jack R	3BR	10,380
Milo C	3RH	6,922

Year 2

Name	Class	Coins
Kendra D	2KE	22,680
Paris R	2KE	9,780
Callum	2KE	8,197
Abbie J	2SW	2,680



All Time Total Coins

Year 2

Name	Class	Coins
Paris R	2KE	211,036
Kendra D	2KE	124,258
Ellie Mae	2SW	45,460
James C	2SW	38,660

Year 3

Name	Class	Coins
Charlie H	3RH	919,814
Layla S	3RH	363,695
Charlotte B	3RH	213,660
Archie B	3BR	123,240

Year 4

Name	Class	Coins
Blake G	4PB	379,551
Lottie H	4PB	331,061
Emmie T	4PB	235,183
Honey M	4PB	172,370

Year 5 and 6

Name	Class	Coins
Pauline I	5RT	1,250,491
Aoife	6PS	1,108,536
Conner B	6PR	638,860
Peter I	5SG	552,985

Rockname	Initial Studio Speed	Current Studio Speed	Rock Status
Red Sanchez	1.09	0.60	Rock Hero
Anthony Enighk	2.06	0.62	Rock Hero
Johnnie Rockalicious	6.98	0.73	Rock Hero
Rudy Hawkins	1.30	0.94	Rock Hero
Richard Carter	1.11	0.95	Rock Hero
Danny Kay	2.78	1.00	Rock Hero
Travie Slate	6.12	1.04	Rock Legend
Billy Dukes	6.82	1.07	Rock Legend
Andy Neil	5.83	1.10	Rock Legend
Lotis Raines	5.22	1.13	Rock Legend
Brendon Grushecky	1.62	1.22	Rock Legend
Erol Mercury	3.09	1.45	Rock Legend
Grant Bush	2.25	1.47	Rock Legend
Geoff Howerdel	2.31	1.57	Rock Legend



Renaissance Reading Results

Week ending: **Friday 22nd January 2021**

Whole School Figures	
Word count for the whole school	Total quizzes passed this week
321,055	77/83

Class Success		
Top class Quizzers of the week	Top class word count of the week KS1	Top class word count of the week KS2
1st 3BR 16/17 2nd 2SW 15/15 3rd 5SG 11/13	 2SW 18,134	 5SG 90,023

Individual Success		
Top pupil for word count lower years	Top pupil for word count middle years	Top pupil for quizzes passed
James C 14,761	Elijah B 53,186	Jack R, Harry S, James C and Sandra C 4/4

STAR LEARNERS Week 4

Class	Child	
RK	Leon W	Leon has worked incredibly hard this week and has impressed all adults in the unit. He has been speaking in 3 and 4 word sentences and using his new knowledge of colours to describe objects. He has smiled and joked all week long- to the point where the adults in the Foundation Unit had hurting sides from laughing so much. Keep up this great enthusiasm towards your learning Leon.
RM	Georgie H-S	For being an absolute superstar each and every week. This week you have amazed me with the way you have approached every single learning task with a fantastic 'can do' attitude. I have been particularly impressed with your ability to recognise our tricky red words in sentences. Keep being amazing Georgie, it is an absolute privilege to see you progress in all areas of learning. Well done! 😊
1AD	Olivia C	Olivia is my star learner because she is always showing fantastic learning behaviours. Olivia has accessed her online learning every day and is putting 110% effort into all her work. Olivia always responds to feedback on Google Classroom and completes it at a very high standard. Olivia is always polite, caring and smiley and is a pleasure to work with. Keep up the fantastic online learning Olivia well done! 😊😊
1YH	Ava S	I would like to award 'Star Learner' to Ava! Ava has impressed me this week with her perseverance. She has found some of her learning difficult at times, but she has not given up. Every day she joins our zoom lessons and shows me she is ready to learn. She has tried very hard to complete every activity and has stretched her trying muscles to the max. Well done Ava! Keep going, you can do it.
2KE	Naomi JS	For being a superstar learner! Naomi, I have been blown away by your efforts at home and I am so proud of you. Not only do you attend the live lessons each day with a beaming smile on your face (which by the way, makes my morning much brighter!), you listen and participate when asked questions and have been submitting work daily which shows just how hard you have been working outside of school. Continuing to learn at home is so important and I am super proud of you. Keep up your fantastic attitude as I can't wait to see more of your learning. Well done you!
2SW	Logan C	Logan I have been so impressed with your commitment and dedication during our remote learning lessons. Every day you are ready with pencil and paper to participate in our activities. You are consistently, enthusiastic and keen to contribute. Not only this but you have attended every single lesson without fail and completed all the tasks set to the very best of your ability. Keep this up Logan, this super learning behaviour guarantees you success!
3BR	Oscar P	Oscar is our star this week for his incredible learning behaviours. Every day he comes to school willing to learn. He puts 100% effort into all of his learning and he is a pleasure to have in class. Well done!
3RH	Annabelle	Annabelle consistently turns in high quality pieces of work. Annabelle has really developed her written responses to explanation activities in maths and ensures that she uses the correct mathematical vocabulary.
4PC	Riley P	Riley, you have been amazing this week, as you are EVERY week!! You are always ready to learn and you are very focussed during lessons. You may not find everything easy, but when you are faced with challenges you quietly rise to them, without fuss, and you try your best. In addition to all of this, you are helpful and kind to all the other children and your caring attitude is appreciated by everyone around you!! Keep up the great work, Riley, you are amazing!!
4PB	Ella	I have chosen you as my star learner because I feel the stars are where you are reaching towards. No matter what the task you always give a bit extra. This can be clearly seen in your excellent non-chronological report about the anglerfish. Ella, with your continued hard work and with the high standards you set yourself the closer those stars will get!
5RT	Madison	Madi you are Star of the Week because you have shown real effort with the remote learning. We were particularly impressed with your excellent hand drawn website template and the superb video where you described clothes in Spanish. Keep it up!
5SG	Miley	Miley has been absolutely amazing since remote learning began. Her focus and enthusiasm in all live lessons has been brilliant. She has amazed us with her division skills in Maths and written some fantastic sentences with relative clauses in English. I have no doubt that she will continue to make progress throughout this term with the effort she is showing.
6PS	Jayden B	My star learner this week is Jayden. Jayden, you continue to thrive in Year 6 while being extremely well mannered and polite to all those around you. In school, or at home, you produce learning that is fantastic. This is down to your hard-working attitude and desire to achieve. Keep this up Jayden- you are a star!

6PR	Lilly	Lilly, you are an absolute star because you come into school with a fantastic, positive, ready to learn attitude and always enthusiastically join in with lessons. In addition, you continue with this mentality the days that you are at home. Not only that, you are such a lovely, friendly, polite member of our class and it is a real pleasure to work and chat with you.
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Thrive activities useful for parents of children up to 11 years old – week three



Parents and carers can support and acknowledge children's emerging values and morals and individual ways of doing things. Parents can teach children the significance of rules and regulations and support them to develop their negotiation skills. Children enjoy sharing their options and using their skills.

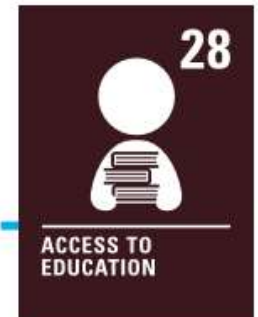
We have put together some daily activities to support social and emotional development at through the arts, play and creativity.

Monday	Create a picture of your safe space using anything you can find.
Tuesday	Using only a newspaper and Sellotape, see what you can create. Send us a photo of your creation on social media.
Wednesday	Pretend you are on Gogglebox – critique a programme
Thursday	Do some star breathing exercises.
Friday	Doodle on a piece of paper and then see what you can make out of your doodles – email them to us!
Saturday	Make a picture of all the things you are grateful for.
Sunday	Everyone stay up late and stargaze.

Top Tips:

- ✓ Draw up a routine of what you are doing and when.
- ✓ Keep cardboard boxes or clean recycling objects to use for arts later.
- ✓ The emphasis is to be alongside and have fun, even if they do not win the game or things don't quite go to plan.

INTRODUCING... ARTICLE 24 & 28



Kathy introduces Article 24 & 28



Article 24 – Health care ensures that every child has the right to the best possible health

Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Article 28 - Every child has the right to an education

Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this

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