



WHITLEIGH PRIMARY NEWS

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

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Message from Mr Summerfield

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whitleigh Primary School is delighted to know that we can once again fully open our schools on Monday 8th March.

What an extraordinarily difficult year we have had!

Thank you to all of you for the sacrifices you have made in ensuring that your children's learning has continued. The staff have worked incredibly hard to provide remote education but now we will be so pleased to see your children back in school! We have missed them!

If you have not seen the reopening March 8th letter please go to the Letters page on the school website:

<https://www.whitleigh-pri.plymouth.sch.uk/parents/letters-1>

Have a great weekend!

Mr G Summerfield

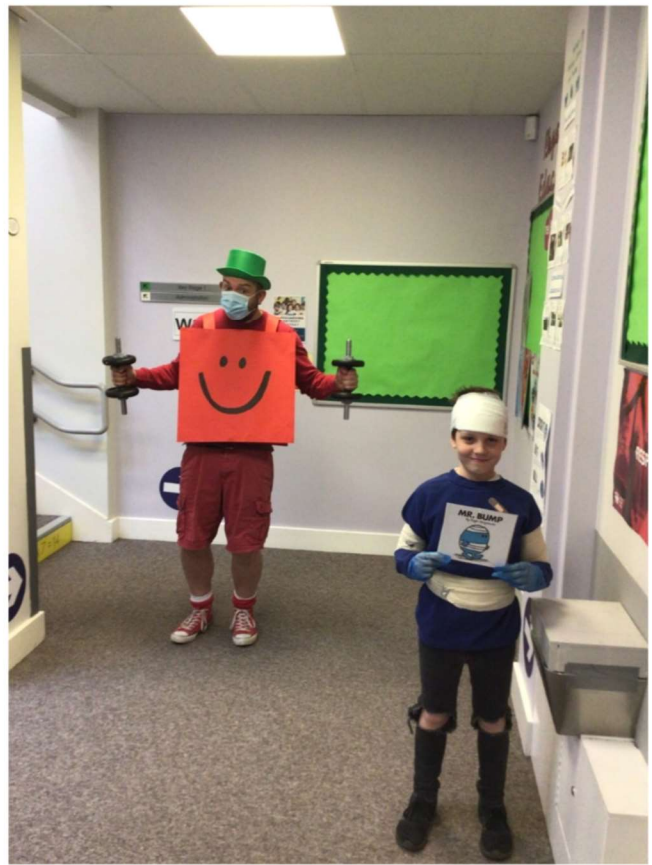
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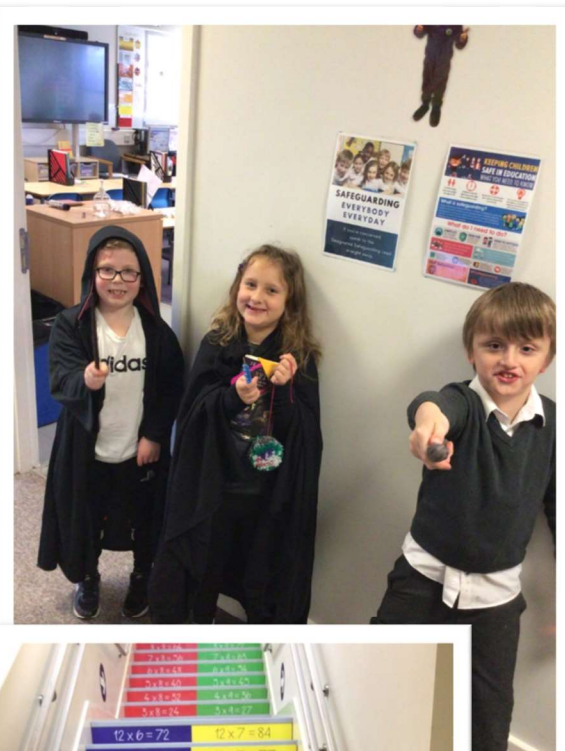
World Book Day

It was great to see so many children and adults taking part in World Book Day. Here are some photos from the day:

Pupils in School

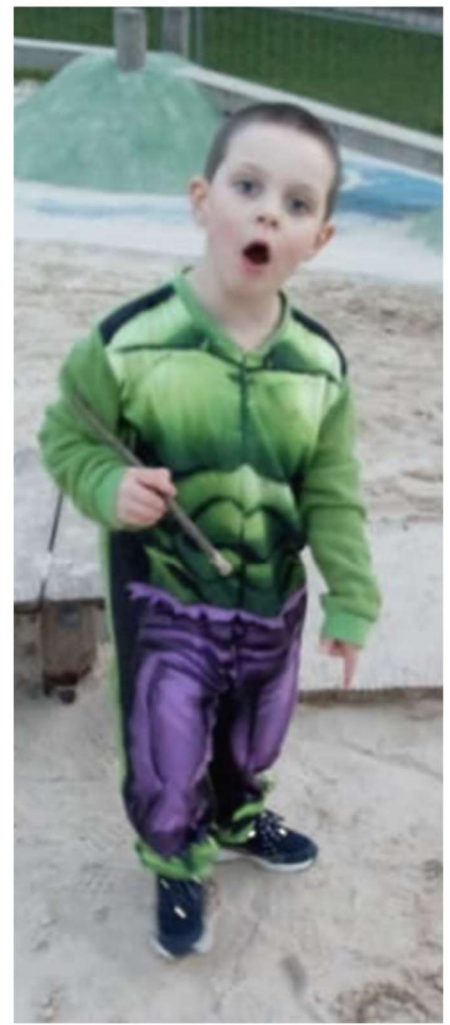






Foundation Stage at Home





Year 1 at Home



Year 2 at Home



Year 3 at Home



Year 4 at Home



Year 5 at Home





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 is:

Ecstatic

(*adj*) extremely happy about something

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.

Week 8 League Tables for Timestables Rockstars



Coins earned in the last 7 days

Year 4,5 & 6

Name	Class	Coins
Tayler M	6PR	45,508
Jayden B	6PS	16,510
Liam C	6PS	14,670
Lottie H	4PB	12,909
Charlie A	5RT	10,898

Year 3

Name	Class	Coins
Archie B	3BR	15,994
Layla S	3RH	13,250
Isaac B	3BR	11,105
Charlie H	3RH	8,355
Harry S	3BR	7,310

Year 2

Name	Class	Coins
Paris R	2KE	16,662
Kendra D	2KE	2,544
Skye S	2SW	1100
Jake McG	2SW	1,040
Abbie J	2SW	790



All Time Total Coins

Year 2

Name	Class	Coins
Paris R	2KE	267,119
Kendra D	2KE	137,642
Ellie Mae	2SW	46,400
James C	2SW	42,880
Callum SR	2KE	30,198

Year 3

Name	Class	Coins
Charlie H	3RH	1,045,554
Layla S	3RH	383,059
Charlotte B	3RH	222,752
Jack R	3BR	160,958
Archie B	3BR	154,250

Year 4

Name	Class	Coins
Blake G	4PB	402,276
Lottie H	4PB	367,113
Emmie T	4PB	236,874
Honey M	4PB	182,717
Savannah KS	4PB	164,039

Year 5 and 6

Name	Class	Coins
Pauline I	5RT	1,295,232
Aoife M	6PS	1,108,536
Conner B	6PR	642,652
Tayler M	6PR	604,996
Elijah B	6PS	542,517

Battle of the Bands

6PR - 7754

6PS - 6840

3BR - 4795



Times Tables Rock Stars School League Tables

Rank	Name	Mean Studio Speed (seconds / question)
1	Thornbury Primary School, Plymouth	2.96
2	Pennycross Primary School	3.60
3	Woodfield Primary School, Whiteleigh	3.61
4	Mary Deans Primary School	4.01
5	High View School, Plymouth	4.25
6	Mount Tamar School	4.44
7	Lipson Co-operative Academy	4.46
8	Drake Primary School	4.61
9	Whiteleigh Community Primary School, Plymouth	4.73
10	Marine Academy Primary	4.82

Renaissance Reading Results

Week ending: **Friday 5th March 2021**

Whole School Figures	
Word count for the whole school	Total quizzes passed this week
459,612	72/81

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 5DT 16/17 2nd 3BR 12/14 3rd 2KE 10/10	2SW 39,131	5SG 75,644
Individual Success		
Top pupil for word count lower years	Top pupil for word count middle years	Top pupil for quizzes passed
James C 36,690	Pauline I 66,204	Paris R 5/5

STAR LEARNERS Week 8

Class	Child	
RM	James A	For being an absolute superstar throughout our time in lockdown. Your commitment to your online lessons was a fantastic example to others James. You even joined lessons whilst travelling to pick your brother up from nursery and even when you were in the car or walking along the path you always answered questions correctly and remembered to use your sentence stems. You also managed to find time last week to help your Mum deliver food to vulnerable people in the local community. You should be so very proud of yourself James, you are a credit to your family and the school. Well done! 😊
RK	My Whole Class	You have all worked incredibly hard during your time at home learning. You all adapted to the new way of learning via zoom brilliantly and have shown what sensible, respectful children you are. I have been particularly impressed with your resilience over the last 8 weeks - some of you have found your learning a little tricky but this hasn't stopped you from giving 100% of your best at all times. I am a very proud teacher and I can't wait to see you on Monday.
1YH	Ivy S	Ivy is a star every day. She is always focused and ready to learn. This week Ivy has risen to the challenge of reading a new set of tricky books. She did not find this easy at first but did not give up and has shown how resilient she can be. Well done Ivy! Keep it up.
1AD	Bella	Bella is star learner for her continued efforts over lockdown! She has shown resilience throughout, using her trying powers daily even when works seems a little tricky! Bella has written a beautiful senses poem this week based on the book 'tree'. She has used finger spaces and capital letters and shown us that when she puts her mind to it, she produces some excellent work! Well done Bella. You are a star.
2KE	The Whole of 2KE	Over the last few weeks it has become increasingly hard to pick just one Star Learner due to the amazing hard work and commitment from <i>all</i> of 2KE, so I feel this is the week that needs to be awarded to <u>every single one of you</u> ! When the world turned upside down once again, you showed me what amazing people you really are and you have been nothing short of amazing from day 1. You adapted to online learning, attended zoom lessons, 'turned in' work on Google Classroom, uploaded videos and photos, answered wishes and so much more! I am so immensely proud of all of you and I have genuinely enjoyed seeing your little faces smiling at me on the other side of my screen for the last few weeks. It has certainly been very strange but I am looking forward to seeing those smiley faces back in the classroom very soon! Your maturity and resilience has been refreshing and I can't wait to continue your journey this year back in school. Let's hope we can make it to July together to make the most of every day! I am so proud to be your teacher, keep working hard and being your incredible selves! Well Done everyone! 😊
2SW	The whole class	This term, I have been amazed, wowed and impressed with your resilience and determination to learn no matter what! Every day, either online or in school, it has been an absolute privilege to see your cheerful smiling faces ready and willing to give 100% to all activities and make the most of every opportunity that has been offered to you. I am so proud of each and every one of you and feel so lucky to be YOUR teacher.
3BR	Darcie T	Darcie you are my star this week for absolutely smashing every part of Lockdown learning. Everyday you come to school with a bounce and a smile and your positive attitude is infectious! Nothing deters you from your learning and you are an absolute dream to teach!

3RH	Riley B	Riley has regularly given fantastic explanations whilst on class zooms, ensuring that he uses the correct vocabulary. In addition, Riley regularly corrects and improves his own learning to ensure that it is the best of his ability. Great Job!
4PC	Evie	Evie you have been chosen as Star Learner because of your creativity which shines through the tasks you do. You have a wonderful imagination and an interesting way of seeing things. This means that your finished pieces always stand out from the crowd and do you proud. Well done Evie
4PB	Nkosi	Nkosi, I have chosen you as my Star Learner because I have been impressed by your increased involvement and effort in home learning. I know you haven't always found it easy but you have shown real perseverance which has paid off well in terms of the quality of the work you have produced. Well done Nkosi!
5SG	Olly M	For his active participation in lessons. This week it has been great to see Olly so willingly putting his hand up and contributing his thoughts and ideas to our lessons. It is brilliant to see his confidence grow and hope it continues.
5DT	Amelia B	Well done for your fabulous use of media to create some excellent Lego videos. Not only were they really entertaining and well made but Amelia also taught the children on the zoom call how they could make their own. Great effort!
6PS	Liam C	My star learner this week is Liam. Liam, over the past two weeks, you have demonstrated that you are a resilient learner and thoroughly enjoy being in school. This is great to see because when you focus and concentrate, you show everyone in class how mature and sensible you can be. My target for you now is to continue this learning and behaviour attitude throughout the whole of Year 6. Keep believing in yourself!
6PR	Maisie	Maisie is a superstar home-learner! She has consistently engaged with all of the activities set and regularly offers her ideas in lessons. In addition, she has produced high quality outcomes showing the same commitment to quality learning that we see in school. You set an amazing example to others and we are very proud of your achievements. We can't wait to have you back in the classroom next week! Well done.

We are a Rights Respecting School.

'A Rights Respecting School is a place where we can all feel confident with ourselves and it encourages us to use our voice.'



INTRODUCING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Anja introduces International Women's Day



International Women's Day, on March 8, celebrates the achievements of women and girls.

This year the theme is #ChoosetoChallenge.

We can all choose to challenge unfairness and call out gender bias and inequality.

We can all choose to seek out and celebrate women's achievements.

Collectively, we can all help create an inclusive world.

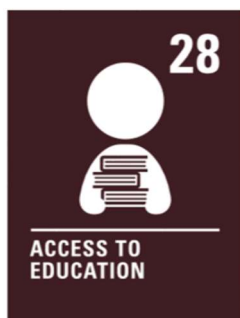
The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child ensures the best childhood for every child. This week's activities will include some focus on Articles 2 and 28, the rights to non-discrimination and to education. Education is a basic human right that girls in some countries are less able to claim than boys.

The UK Committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK) is currently working with the UK Government to help remove barriers to girls' education and promote gender equality in education. This IWD we are looking at how we can support the UK Government's efforts to ensure every girl can get a good education.

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LINKED UNCRC ARTICLES



Equal rights and opportunities for all girls and boys help all children fulfil their potential.

This week's activities link to the following articles:

Article 2 (non-discrimination)

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Article 28 (right to education)

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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JUNE G7 SUMMIT



In June 2021, the leaders of the UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the USA will meet in Cornwall to work together to discuss issues around the world at a summit called the G7 (Group of 7).

This has happened annually since the 1970s. Throughout this year, ministers from these countries will also meet to discuss issues that are important to all of them, like health and climate. 2021 is an important year for the UK because our Government has the Presidency, meaning we are leading these meetings. Girls' education is a priority for the UK Government and they have made a promise about this. Remember, the G7 is a group of wealthy countries, so under the UNCRC they have a duty to help other countries realise Article 28, the right to education.

How can the UK lead the G7 to help more girls around the world realise their right to education?

Young people are a key part of the G7 (there's even a Youth 7!). How might you ask the UK to make these commitments?

Later in the year, we will ask your school to think about how you and the UK Government can support every child, including girls, realise their right to education.

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MKC Heroes Armed Forces Day Virtual Badge Competition 2021

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The past year has brought many changes and challenges. It has certainly been a year we won't forget! And, as we're heading towards a brighter future, we'd like to celebrate by opening up this year's Armed Forces Day competition.

As you may appreciate, circumstances are still not assured so we've taken the decision to create a **virtual badge** competition this year, with the winning creation being displayed on Plymouth's Armed Forces website.

Entries should be sent digitally (a clear picture or scan of the drawing) to MKC Heroes – mkcheroes@britishlegion.org.uk by **21st May 2021**.

Please **include the entry information below** along with your image.

Aim for a simple, bold design that includes the words: Armed Forces Day 2021.

Use A4 paper and send to mkcheroes@britishlegion.org.uk

Your badge may be any shape and colour.

Think about the Armed Forces taking part.

Please do not include images of guns or fighting.

Entry Form

Name.....

Age.....

School/Parent/Carer Contact Name.....

Contact Details.....

Please send this information, along with your design to mkcheroes@britishlegion.org.uk

**The winning designer may be asked, by the Royal British Legion and local media, to contribute towards publicity for the event, including photographs and, potentially, video/TV. Parental permission will be required and sought as appropriate.*