



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,

October is Black History Month which also ties in really well with our school value of 'respect'. This week year 6 were lucky enough to have Plymouth Hope deliver a session on diversity, discussing cultural differences and educating on issues on racism and respecting one another.



Secondary Transfer

A further reminder that the closing date for secondary applications is during Half Term on **Sunday 31 October 2021**. We strongly recommend that you make your application before the half-term break in case you need assistance. Details are on Plymouth's website here: <https://bit.ly/3DMd4Ay>

Fusion Extreme

Yesterday the children were treated to a demonstration from Matti Hemmings from Fusion Extreme. In short, it is a BMX or mountain bike show. We are lucky enough to have this visit as a prize for coming third in Plymouth for large schools during the Big Pedal competition last academic year.



Matti Hemmings is a Professional BMX Flatland rider, former UK Champion and 3 x Guinness World Record Holder, who competes and performs shows at the highest level all over the world. Matti is renowned for dedicating his years of riding to pushing boundaries and has invented signature moves, whilst building his own unique style. You can find out more by looking at his website: <https://www.fusion-extreme.com/>

Have a great half term break, stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

Mr G Summerfield
Headteacher

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

We are a rights respecting school

The UNICEF UK Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) is based on principles of equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation. The RRSA seeks to put the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of a school's ethos and culture to improve well-being and develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. A rights-respecting school is a community where children's rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted. Young people and the school community learn about children's rights by putting them into practice every day.



Each week in the newsletter we look at the Article of the week – a different right. – This week we are looking at **privacy**.

[Check out this video linked to Article 16](#)

<https://tinyurl.com/3t3x6tp2>



This was the last week of the Mini Police. The children delivered an assembly at the end of the last 6 weeks. The children learned about respect, internet safety and planned a community action project linked to road safety. They designed posters (which are going to be made into banners) to inform parents and the public about the importance of road safety outside of school.

We were lucky enough to have Inspector Kelly and PC Deborah Hart take part as well. The children all received a certificate from Devon and Cornwall Police from the Chief Constable. At the end of the assembly, PC Hart had a special surprise and had arranged for the police dog unit to carry out a demonstration in the classroom.

Well done to all of the children in Mr Howe's class. We look forward to carrying out mini police again soon with another class.





Weekly Whitlings Team Points Trophy

In our school, your child is part of a house team. Our four houses are:

Walkham Plym Yealm Tamar

Our houses are named after local rivers. Each week the children work hard in class and they are rewarded with Whitlings or team points. In assembly every Friday the winning team is announced and the trophy is on display in school for everyone to see.



This week's winner is: **Walkham** with **Whitlings!!**

Walkham	Plym	Yealm	Tamar
299	235	222	245

This half term the winner is **Plym**.

Walkham	Plym	Yealm	Tamar
6774	6802	6449	6260

Battle of the Bands

5,480 - 2LP

5413 -6PS

5403 -4RP

Please can all pupils
log into Times Tables
Rock Stars and do
ten studio sessions!

WELL DONE TO ALL OF THESE PUPILS!

Year 3

Lacey M, 3BR – 4,950
Georgia A, 3MH – 4,800
Naomi JS, 3BR – 4,146
Paris R, 3BR - 2,674
Abbie J, 3MH – 2,470

Year 4

Charlie H, 4RH -31,325
Callum R, 4RP– 22,925
Natalie D, 4RP- 22,142
Isaac K, 4RP – 21,309
Harry S, 4RP - 21,046

Year 5

Jacon A – 5AD – 6,164
Jessica V – 5AD – 5,281
Andrei Z, 5AD – 3,685
Ollie V, 5AD – 1,882

Year 6

Archie W, 6RJR – 17,935
Kian SE, 6PS 17,208
Amy B, 6PS -17,026
Harvey B, 6PS -13,350
Luca S, 6PS 11,034

STAR LEARNERS Week 6

Class	Child	
1YH	Miss Bartlett	Thank you for all of your amazing hard work and continued dedication to supporting all of the children in year 1. You will be missed and good luck in your new job.
1KE	Marie D	An absolutely splendid half term and great work on your phonics this week.
2LP	Lauren B	Our star learner is Lauren Bennett. Lauren's confidence has grown over the last term and she is beginning to talk more willingly and offer contributions in class. She super impressed us today by sharing her 'Talk to inform' presentation about the Devon Air Ambulance for Oracy October 2021. Superstar
2SW	Ameerah A	Ameerah over the last half term I have watched you work really hard to develop your confidence and perseverance muscle, not only in learning activities but also when you are socialising with your friends. Taking turns, sharing and working with a wide range of different people are very important skills and I can see such growth in your willingness to do so. You are now able to share your ideas with your friends and are becoming more confident at sharing them with the whole class. This has been particularly evident in our maths lessons when you have worked with partners to count in groups when exploring sequences. I am so proud of you Ameerah. Keep it up!
3BR	Evie B	Evie has settled seamlessly into life in Year 3, with a quiet, focussed and determined attitude towards her learning. Evie has worked especially hard this week, after her Star Test for reading, Evie achieved a reading age nearly 3 years older than what she is! You're a fantastic role model Evie, I am so proud of you!
3MH	Frankie V	She has tried really hard with all her learning this week and has been an utter star! We are so proud of the progress Frankie has made and has blown us away with her attitude to learning. Well done, Frankie!
4PR	Mia W	Mia W you are my star learner because week in and week out you can always be relied upon to give your very best in every task you are given – no matter how challenging it might be. You can always be relied upon to behave and you work well with everybody. In short – you are a pleasure to have in the classroom. Well done!
4RH	Layla S	Layla has had an incredible week! She has shown a fantastic attitude to want to improve her maths, even doing it in her own time. She has been kind and supported her friends, it has also been great to see her responding to questions in full, sentences.
5SG	Ralph T	For overcoming his fears and trying his best. This week, our class have been cooking WW2 rationing recipes. Ralph felt very nervous about this but on the day, he entered the cooking room with confidence, got stuck in with all the preparation and cooking and enjoyed himself! I am very proud of you Ralph!
5AD	Winner	Winner, you have shown great responsibility this week in your own learning. You have spent time responding to targets and ensuring your work is presented and written at a very high standard. All week you have shown strong learning behaviours and this has had a very positive impact within your work. Keep up the hard work, Winner! Well Done 🌟
6PS	Harvey B	My star learner this week is awarded to Harvey. Harvey, you have had a fantastic half term. I have been so impressed with the way you have matured and started to become more confident in your own abilities. You have so much potential and I can't wait to see what you can achieve this year. Keep up this amazing learning attitude!
6RJR	Tia W	You are a star for demonstrating two of our school values: respect and resilience. As part of our maths group, you discussed and modelled your strategies to help those that were finding it more challenging and didn't just 'tell' them the answer. This shows respect. You have also been resilient when faced with challenges, breaking them down into smaller steps to help you to tackle them- a fantastic learning behaviour. Well done.

Plymouth Schools Cross Country



Well done to all of the pupils taking part in the Plymouth Schools Cross Country event at Staddiscombe this afternoon.



FRIDAYS

Check out our weekly magic trick on our website!
This week learn how to do a maths trick!

<https://www.whitleigh-pri.plymouth.sch.uk/children/magic-fridays>



Year 6 – Ancient Egyptians

Sarah in 6PS has made her own Egyptian sarcophagus linked to the year 6 unit of learning. Well done Sarah! If you have gone above and beyond and created something at home – let your teacher know and we can add it to the newsletter. It is lovely to celebrate the success of our wonderful pupils!



LORD'S TAVERNERS
Giving young people a sporting chance

WICKETZ



@wicketzplymouth



DEVON CRICKET

FREE CRICKET SESSIONS!

Please book your place in advance. Contact Katie Holland:
katie.holland@devoncricket.co.uk/07498 751414



**Come along
to your local
Wicketz hub,
make friends,
have fun and
stay healthy!**

WHERE: Sir John Hunt School (Sports Hall), Lancaster Gardens, Plymouth, PL5 4AA

WHEN: Thursday's 4.15pm - 5pm

WHO FOR: For boys & girls aged 8-13 new to cricket. Booking your place in advance is essential.

COST: Free!

WHAT TO BRING:
A drink (not fizzy). Wear appropriate clothing for indoor and outdoor activities.

Starts 7 October 2021

Whitleigh Community Primary School

Open Days



Come and see us!

We love showing visitors around our school.

Open days : Tuesday 16th November 9.30-11.00 am
Tuesday 23rd November 9.30 -11.00 am
Tuesday 7th December 9.30-11.00 am
Thursday 9th December 9.30-11.00 am

Please call our school office on 01752 706383
to book a tour.



At Whitleigh primary school, we believe that our children are at the heart of teaching and learning.

We provide an environment that fosters a sense of belonging and is sensitive and responsive to the children's needs, feelings and interests. We want our children to be happy, safe and learning.



From the very beginning, when the children join us, we strive to ignite their passion for learning and work closely with our parents and carers.

We are a language rich school with a love of reading. We believe it is essential in all aspects of learning and enables children to become independent and lifelong learners.

Children develop respect, responsibility and resilience in all that they do. We are a happy and creative family at the heart of the community.



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