

WHITKIRK NEWS!

25th October 2024

A MESSAGE FROM MISS QUARMBY

Hello everyone,

I can hardly believe it's already time to break up for half term! The start of the year has flown by, and we've had so many reasons to be proud. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Festivals on Thursday. We really appreciate your support. I'd like to apologise once again to our Reception and KS1 families for it being very cozy (cramped!). We'll be reviewing this for next year and might make a few tweaks to the plans. Despite the squeeze, it was fantastic to see the adorable scarecrow outfits in Reception, super singing in KS1, and as always, our KS2 performance was such a delight. The children's singing was incredible, particularly George Ezra's Harvest song, and it was heartwarming to hear them confidently share what Harvest means to them. As you know, we are raising funds for Zarach this year, and I'm pleased to announce that we raised an impressive £345 during the Harvest celebrations. Thank you all for your incredible generosity!

Thank you also to everybody who attended our Parents' Evenings this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you, and it's always a joy to share the children's achievements. If you didn't get the chance to, we'd really appreciate it if you could take a few moments to complete our questionnaire. You can do this by following the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/T4pgcTsQmg>

Today is lovely Miss Odor's last day before she starts her maternity leave. We are going to miss her so much, but we couldn't be more excited for her as she embarks on this next chapter as a mummy and what an amazing mummy is she going to be! Miss Odor has been powering through to make it to Parents' Evening and the Harvest Festival, so she's definitely earned a well-deserved rest! Let's all hope she gets a bit of time to relax before her new arrival makes an appearance. This isn't goodbye, just a "see you soon" – and we promise to share a picture when her little one arrives!

Wishing all of our children a fun and restful half term break. We're excited to see you back on Monday 4th November, and we hope many of you can join us for the PTA Lantern Walk on Wednesday 6th November.

See you soon!

RECYCLING WEEK

Last week was Recycling Week and the Eco-Warriors set the challenge for children to create something Halloween themed from recycled waste. Miss Quarmby and the Eco-Warriors were so impressed by the extremely creative and spooky entries received! Well done to Amber, Bethany and Poppy for winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd place!



WELLBEING

A place to... Break routine & support your wellbeing

Free Wellbeing Group

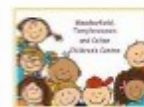
A place to meet new people and try something new including:
Arts and crafts, outdoor activities,
benefit advice, managing your money
on a budget and much more!

Refreshments provided
Free wellbeing gift at 1st session

It's your group and we will work with you to
design each session to suit your needs!

**Tuesday 5th November to
10th December**
Meadowfield Children Centre
9:15am – 11:15am

For more information and to book a place
call or text Syretta on 07519387417



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place for everyone.**



PTA UPDATES



Please join our PTA, every Friday for a cup of tea or coffee. All are welcome

The PTA are after donations for Tiny Tots Nursery and our Reception class. If anyone has any old wellies or waterproof overalls (age 3-6), that your child may have outgrown, you can place them in the green uniform exchange bin at school.



WHITKIRK PTA LANTERN PARADE



Free Community Event
(donations welcome)

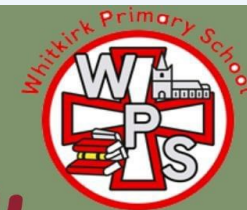
Weds 6th November 2024
Meet at Whitkirk Primary School
Templegate Walk LS15 0EU
from 5.30- Parade begins at 6pm

Accessible route around Temple
Newsam Grounds and back

Hot Dogs, Cakes & Treats
Hot chocolate
Pocket Money Stall



Friends of Whitkirk Primary PTA **Christmas Fair**



Join us after school on
Wednesday 4th December
from 3.00 - 5.30

Games, Stalls, Gifts, Tombola,
Entertainment,
Grotto, Hot Chocolate, Mulled Wine,
Cake

Whitkirk Primary School
Templegate Walk
LS15 0EU

for enquiries or to book a stall please email:
friendsofwhitkirkprimary@hotmail.co.uk



ATTENDANCE

This week, finishing in first place with 98.28% are 2CH. In second place are 6NT, with 97.5% and in third place are, RLE and 4AS with 96.94%.

A shout out also goes to RJS, who have also finished the week above our school target of 96.5%

The whole school attendance this week is 94.79%: can we beat this next week? The only way to do that is if we all come to school as often as we can.

An unauthorised absence is when there has been no contact from home and school have not been able to contact a parent/carer; or no specific reason has been given for an illness, for example "they aren't well today"; or the reason given for absence has not been authorised. This could be due to it not meeting the NHS guidelines on 'When is my child too ill for school?' - for example they are kept at home due to a runny nose, tummy ache or being tired. This will appear as an O on your child's attendance certificate for both the morning and the afternoon if they remain absent for the whole day.

If your child arrives at school, after the register has closed (this being 9.15am), they will receive an unauthorised late mark. This will appear as a U on your child's attendance certificate for the morning.

New National Penalty Notice Framework (unauthorised school absence)



The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines from 19th August 2024 across the whole of England

- Schools **MUST** consider a penalty notice for 10 unauthorised sessions (usually 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period of time (these sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of any unauthorised absences and can span different terms and school years).
- Penalty Notices are issued per parent, per child (For example, if there are 3 children in a family, each parent may receive 3 separate penalty notices).

National Penalty Notice Framework (offences in a three year rolling period)

First Offence	Second Offence	Third Offence (or any further offences within 3 years)
The first penalty notice will be issued at £160 per parent if paid within 28 days (this will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days)	The second penalty notice will be issued at £160 per parent if paid within 28 days (this will not be reduced)	A penalty notice will not be issued, and the case will be considered for potential legal action. This can result in a criminal record and fines of up to £1,000 plus costs.

EYFS

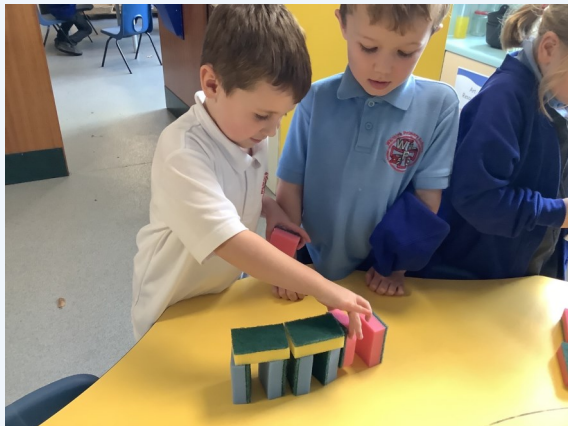
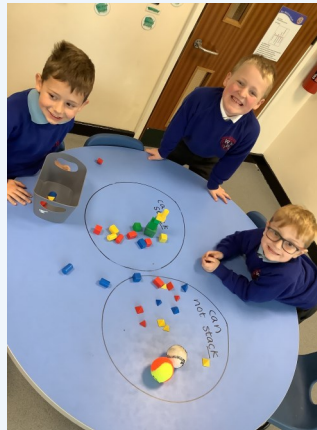
This week in Reception, the children spent time preparing for the Harvest Festival. They worked as a team to plan and create their own class scarecrow by filling his jeans and shirt with hay, and attaching his pumpkin head. The children then placed him in the early years garden to scare away any birds that might want to nibble our crops!

On Thursday, the children then performed the songs that they had been practising while preparing for harvest time; Dingle Dangle Scarecrow and 5 Perfect Pumpkins. They sang beautifully and the Reception team could not be prouder of them. What an achievement after only 8 weeks at school!



KEY STAGE 1—YEAR 1

...and just like that, we have completed the first 8 weeks of year 1! Wow, what a wonderful start to our Year 1 journey we have had. We loved concluding our half term with Harvest celebrations and sharing all our successes at parents evenings! In science, we enjoyed using our knowledge and investigating what materials would be best for making a bridge to hold a toy car. The children definitely deserve a well-earned break and rest!



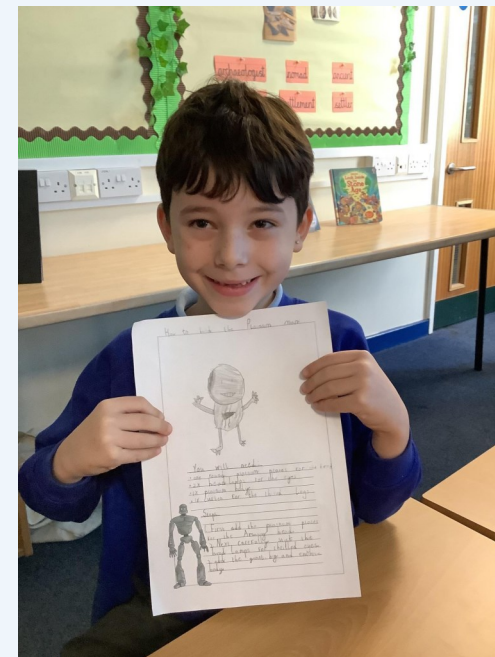
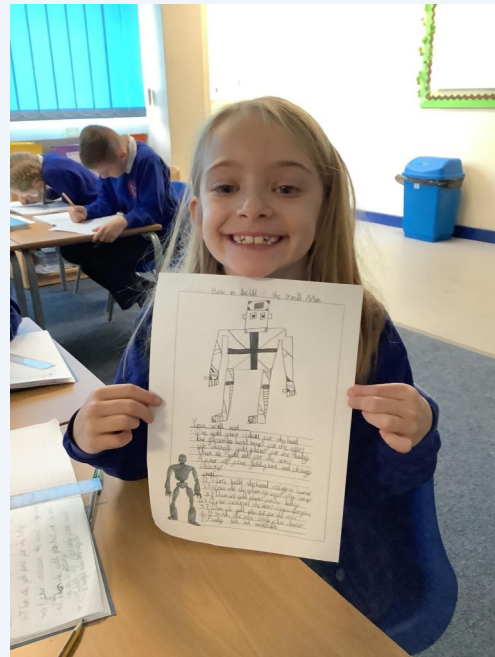
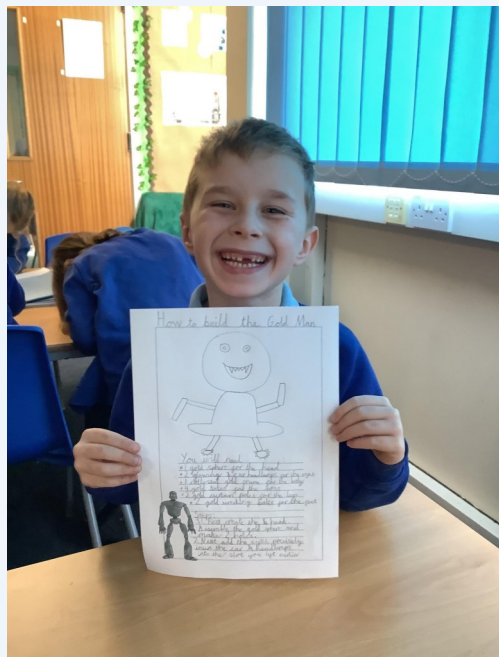
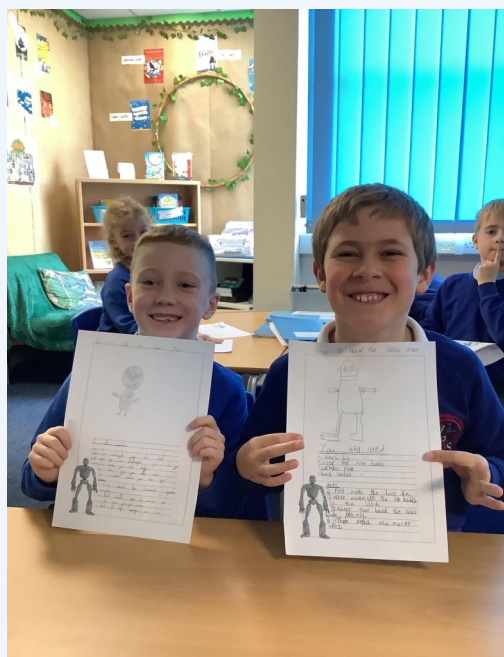
KEY STAGE 1—YEAR 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic week, showcasing all they've remembered during their autumn assessments. They delivered impressive presentations about the local area in geography and gave a showstopping Harvest performance at church. We couldn't be prouder of what they've achieved in their first term—next stop, the Christmas nativity!



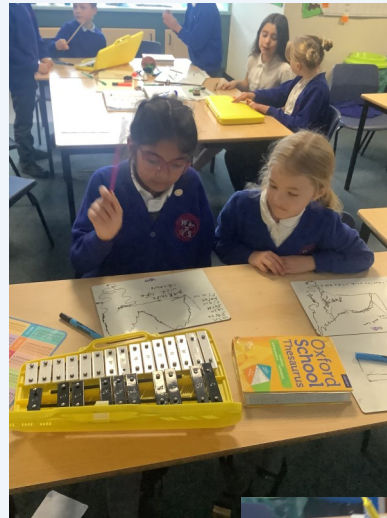
LOWER KEY STAGE 2—YEAR 3

What a fantastic final week of Autumn 1 it has been in Year 3! In English, we wrote fantastic instructions for our own character, inspired by the Iron Man. In Maths, we have been estimating answers and solving inverse operations. In Geography, we produced written presentations of everything we have learnt about Italy. Well done, Year 3!



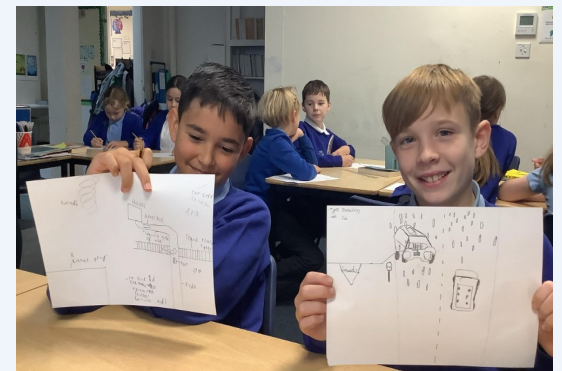
LOWER KEY STAGE 2—YEAR 4

Year 4 have proved themselves to be amazing musicians this week! Listening to music by Hans Zimmer, Year 4 were inspired to create their own pieces of music. It's been lovely to see the talent we have in our year group!



UPPER KEY STAGE 2—YEAR 5

What a busy final week of the half term we've had in Year 5! To begin the week, we had our Music Day where we learnt about the musical elements pulse and dynamics. Using George Gershwin's piece, Rhapsody in Blue, as a stimulus, we composed our own musical performance using a range of percussion instruments. Throughout the week, we have finished our final art pieces - drawings of pumpkin / fruit bowls. These finished pieces look amazing! On top of all of this, we squeezed in an incredible performance at church to celebrate our Harvest festival. An enormous well done to all of Year 5 for a fantastic half term!



UPPER KEY STAGE 2—YEAR 6

It has been a fantastic half term in Year 6; we can't believe it has been 8 weeks since we welcomed you back in September! We have achieved so much already and are so incredibly proud of every child in Year 6! Our highlight has got to be last Friday afternoon when we had a visit from Dr Hart. The children dissected lamb's hearts and were able to see the valves and arteries in real life. It is certainly an experience we won't forget!



STARS OF THE WEEK

1JL—	Joshua.L	Sophia.S
1LR—	Axel.W	Lylah.H
2CH—	Alfie.L	Noah.T
2KD—	Louie.O	Lily.A
3JC—	Dalaigh.B	Thomas.K
3RD—	Charles.C	Aila-Rae.P
4AS—	Jack.B	Charlotte.P
4JF—	Ruby.B	Jackson.B
5/6AR-	Olivia.M	Thomas.H
5KD-	Aaleyah.D	Lacey-May.B
6NT-	Noah.S	Neive-Marie.C

