



Friday 25th January 2019

Class 1

This week the children have been looking at the UK. They have been learning all about Robert Burns for Burns night and making their own poems. In Maths the children have started recording their math problems down. Wow!

Class 2

What a busy week class 2 have had. The children have been working hard in Maths looking at subtraction and balancing numbers with more than or less than. Year 2 are currently writing a diary about their adventures as a member of crew on one of Christopher Columbus' ships. Yesterday the children enjoyed visiting the local chapel and they will be writing about it next week.

Class 3

Class 3 have been writing about Roald Dahl this week. We have been researching what his life was like and what influenced his amazing stories. In maths we have been dividing by 4 and 6 and working hard on our times tables. We have begun an exciting science investigation this week. Our class is looking to make a difference in the world and help farmers in hot countries to produce more crops. We have focused on Mexico and we have used computer mapping to look at the arid regions, the rivers and the location of the major cities. We will be investigating whether a salt solution will help or hinder plant growth.

Class 4

Class 4 have again had a varied week! We have had some great comments about the quality of the Art work we have produced linked to our topic and have completed our reports on the wildlife of the Polar Regions. Year 6 have been tackling long division and multiplication factors in Maths and Year 5 have been solving multi-step problems using addition and subtraction. In Languages the class have been applying their knowledge of French numbers to Maths and have had been challenged to devise their own crosswords and word searches.

We are extremely proud of those of Year 6 who took part in the Sports Leadership Awards; these sessions have taught skills that the children will be able to use in the future, so well done to all of you for your participation and enthusiasm. All in all everyone has been working very hard and we are looking forward to being equally as productive next week!



Sport

Next week we have a group of children attending the tough rugby event at Brannel on Monday. Please ensure they have a water bottle and trainers ready. A kit will be provided.

We also have our next Football and Netball match at Whitemoor against Foxhole. Your child would have received a letter if they are on the team, but all of the other children, practice would be cancelled. Thank you

Class 2 - Mr Griggs

I have recently had a meeting with Mr Griggs and I would like to inform you that he will remain off work until February half term. Mrs O'Connor will continue as Class 2 teacher for the rest of this half term and will lead the parents' evening appointments next month. We hope that Mr Griggs will return to us after the half term break but will keep you informed of any changes. In the meantime, if you do have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs G Hooper



Parent Forum

On Monday the 4th February, Mrs Hooper will be holding a Parent Forum from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. This is an opportunity to hear about our current successes, the areas that we are working on and our plans for the term ahead. It is also an opportunity for open discussion with parents about any questions or concerns that you may wish to share. Unfortunately, we did not have very many parents attend the last meeting in November and hope for a better turn out this time.

Parent's Evening

We will be holding our parent's evening appointments on Monday 11th February and Wednesday 13th February.
Please book your appointments through ESchools.

Open Afternoon

We would like to invite all parents/carers to an open afternoon on Friday 1st February. This will be an opportunity for your child to share their work with you ahead of parents' evening. Our open afternoon will start at 2.45pm and finish at 3.45pm. Please do pop in and have a look at your child's books and their classroom. All class teachers will also be available for any questions you may have.

Attendance



Class 1 = 98.2%

Class 2 = 90.0%

Class 3 = 87.7%

Class 4 = 95.8%

*****The national average attendance is 95%*****

If your child is absent please ensure you report the absence, prior to 9:00am, to a member of staff or you can contact the school office on 01726 822274.

Support your child with reading

Due to a small number of attendees we have decided to hold another **Support for Reading** session on Monday 28th January. The session will be held in Class 4 and commence at 3:30pm. The session will run for 1 hour. Please come along.

Polite reminder

When parking outside of school at drop off and pick up times, please refrain from blocking the crossing. We have had multiple complaints about this and are concerned for the safety of children who walk home unsupervised or may be crossing the road to use the park. We understand that parking is an issue, but please ask that you work with us on this to keep



Social Media

For all our parents, please be aware that we have a Facebook page and a Twitter account. Please follow us for up to date news.



Search **Whitemoor Academy** or follow us on Twitter on **@Whitemooracad**



Calendar Dates

~Friday 1st February~ Open Afternoon—2:45pm-3:45pm

~Monday 4th February~ Parent Forum— 3:30pm—4:30pm

~Monday 11th February~ Parents Meetings' 2:00pm—6:00pm

~Wednesday 13th February~ Parents Meetings' 2:00pm—6:00pm

~Friday 15th February~ School closes at 3:15pm for half term.

~Monday 25th February~ School Re-Opens.

Dates for 2019

School will be closed on these days.

****Friday 5th April 2019****

****Friday 7th June 2019****

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Feel alone?
Not sure who can
help?

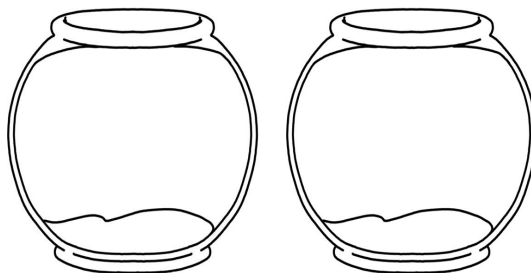
Ever wondered why your
child behaves in a certain
way?

Are you thinking that
something needs to
change?

Come along to our free **One Day Parenting Workshop** to learn some new skills on how to manage difficult behaviour and strengthen the relationship between you and your child at home.

Tuesday 29th January 9:00 – 2:00pm @ St Stephen Churchtown Academy

Refreshments will be available but please bring your own lunch.



Please call Cathy or Jade in St Stephen Academy's office to book a place.

01726 822568

