

St White's Primary School

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Welcome newsletter at the end of a very busy half term! We hope everyone has a lovely holiday!

Happy birthday to our pupils and staff who have celebrated birthdays in



October: Roman, Levi, Onira Mia, Ozain, Bertie, Oscar T, Harmony-Grace, Harry H, Zac Violet W, Lorna, Kleo, Zayn Oliver P, Watson, Teegan,

Rudy, Archie, Tobylee, Dexter J, Junior, Daisy, Tyler-James, Charlie D, Josephine, Lydia, Theo E, Evie-May, William, Dela, Miss Bruce, Miss Cartwright and Miss Cinderey.

Cheltenham Literature Festival A big thank you



to all the parents who volunteered to help out on our trips to the Cheltenham Literature Festival this month – all the children had an amazing time and had the chance

to see some really inspirational authors. KS1 saw Michael Rosen, author of "We're going on a bear hunt". He was very funny, and signed a book for the school!



LKS2 saw Zanib Mian, author of "Planet Omar" and got to solve a mystery with her.

Diary Dates

October

30th Oct – 3rd Nov – Half Term Holiday

6th November – school starts

10th November – Armistice Assembly

20th November – Speed Stacking Parent & Child Workshop after school

23rd November – Open afternoon & evening

27th November – Maths learn alongside

We will let you know soon after half term all the exciting things which are happening in the run up to Christmas!



UKS2 saw Varsha Shah, author of "Ajay and the Mumbai Sun" and were able to get an autographed copy of the book.



Wear Green for Mental Health – thank you to



everyone who donated and wore green on Friday 13th October. Everyone



looked amazing and we raised £180 for the charity MIND. Children did work on mental health in classes, including some mindfulness colouring.



Harvest Festival - Last Friday we celebrated Harvest Festival with our traditional collection of tinned and packet foods for the food bank, and



our assembly. The children did work about food (which included some taste testing!) and created a harvest poem and these were displayed for parents to see. A huge thank you for all your generosity in donating food, cakes for the bake sale and purchasing the children's harvest poems – as well as the donation of food, we raised £120 for the food bank.



KS1 tried lots of different fruits and thought of lots of adjectives to describe them in their poems.

Class Cooking Skylark, Jay and Swift classes have been making delicious apple crumble in their cookery sessions – the smell in the school has been amazing! All the children had a go at cutting up the apples and then they were topped with yummy oatly crumble mix. Thank you so much to Mrs Heyworth for helping with the cooking!



Reading Evening – It was lovely to see so many parents, and children in their PJs here for the reading evening with Books for Bugs and the Library Service. A big thank you to all the staff who stayed late to join in and thank you to the parents who completed our online survey.

Allotment – Most of the classes have had a chance to help on the allotment this term, the children really love seeing how everything grows and getting to taste some of the produce. They have grown some amazing pumpkins and some peppery nasturtiums.



Walk in the Woods - Robin Class went for their first woodland walk – a big thank you to all the parents who came along too! It was very muddy!



Sports Competitions It has been a busy half term and we have had some amazing sports trips in the last few weeks. On 17th October we sent two teams to the Forest of Dean Hockey tournament at Newent School. After a close competition our teams played each other in the semi-final and then finished in first and third places!



A team from Year 3 & 4 had a great tournament at Forest High and played well – they came third overall and drew with the eventual winners! Well done team!



The first football tournament of the year was on 29th September and we had so many children wanting to represent St White's we were lucky enough to enter two teams. The Lions finished joint top of the group. The Tigers also finished second in their group, both teams only conceded one goal in the tournament and both displayed excellent sportsmanship!



On 4th October we sent a team to the first event of the School Games which was Cross Country at Five Acres. There were 150 runners in total – our team showed great determination to finish second for both boys and girls as a team. In the girls race we had 3 runners in the top 10, the boys had two in the top 5! Well done to both teams for winning our first ever medals in cross country!



Dance has been the focus of lots of our PE sessions this term, taught by Miss Cartwright – some of the children performed their routines in assembly last week and they were amazing. There are lots of videos of their routines on the Dance Page on the school website - [St White's Primary School - Dance \(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](http://st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk)



Year 6 Residential Well done to our intrepid explorers in Year 6 who have spent the week having amazing adventures in Aberdovey. They arrived there on Monday afternoon and wasted no time having a dip in the sea, and night orienteering that first evening. They have climbed mountains, jumped off boats and crossed the harbour on a tightrope! A huge thank you to Miss Cinderey, Mr Jones and Mr Hayward for taking them! Have a restful half term everyone! There are lots of wonderful photographs and videos on the website. [St White's Primary School - Year 6 Residential \(st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk\)](http://st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk)



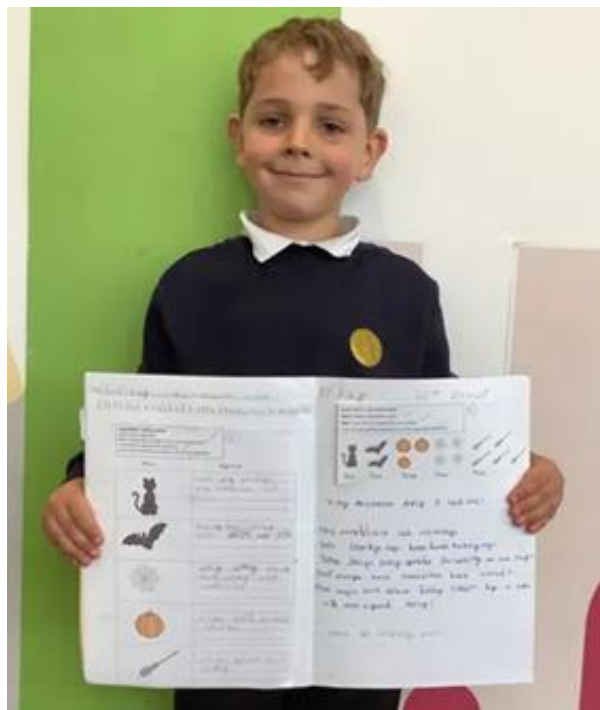
September Poster Competition –

congratulations to Caterien who won our September Poster Competition. We will let you know who won October next term, and look out for the November letter!



Head Teacher's Award

Well done to Eli from Nightingale who wrote an amazing poem about Halloween – it was so fabulous that he received a head teachers award from Mrs Tilling!



Governors The Governors have held their first round of meetings this half term, and we have a new Chair of Governors, Bill Acland. Richard Jones who stepped into the Chair part way through last year has stepped back to Vice-Chair and continues to Chair the Finance and Premises Committee. We are pleased to be welcoming a new parent governor, David Sifford and look forward to working with him. We still have

vacancies for co-opted governors, so these can be anyone who is interested in helping to support the school. If you have any friends or relatives who might be interested, please do get in touch. The governors will be sending out a parent survey through parentmail just after half term.

Attendance - We are thrilled to have given out 136 certificates and badges for 100% attendance for this half term – well done everyone! Our whole school attendance so far this half term is 96.74%. Sadly it has dropped a bit in the last couple of weeks with some nasty bugs going round, but it is still much better than this time last year.

Have a wonderful half term everyone – enjoy Halloween and bonfire night safely and we will see you very soon!



Next Newsletter – Our next newsletter will be published on 1st December. If there are any achievements or any other celebrations you want to share with everyone, we will be very pleased to feature your child in the next newsletter. Please email admin@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk by Monday 27th November 2023.



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