

St White's Primary School

Challenge Commit Conquer and Celebrate



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Welcome to our newsletter at the end of the first half term! It has really felt as though we are back to normal for the first time in a few years with parents invited to lots of events in school!

Happy birthday to our pupils and staff who are celebrating birthdays in October – Roman,

Onira, Mia G, Ozzy, Oscar T, Harmony-Grace, Harry H, Zac, Violet W, Lorna, Kleo, Oliver, Watson, Teegan, Rudy, Archie, Jacob, Tobylee, Dexter, Junior, Daisy, Tyler-James, Todd, Josephine, Lydia, Evie-May, William, Myles, Miss Cartwright, Miss Bruce and Miss Cinderey.



Sports News! We have lots of exciting events to report on this half term!

Football Tournament

On Friday 14th October two teams competed in the prostars football tournament. Our Year 3 & 4 boys did really well finishing fourth after some very close games and clean sheets! Well done to all the team.



The Year 5 & 6 boys brought home the trophy. After some very close games, finishing joint top of the group and a penalty shoot-out they made it to the final and won against Westbury in the final without conceding a goal for the whole tournament! Very well done to the team!

Diary Dates

October

24th – 28th - Half Term Holiday

November

Week of 7th Year 6 Bikeability

Tues 8th – Meeting for Year 5 parents about Aberdovey Residential 2023

Fri 11th – Armistice Day

Mon 14th – Anti bullying day – wear odd socks!

Weds 16th – Open afternoon and Evening for September 23 Reception Intake

Fri 18th – Children in Need

Fri 25th – PTFA Christmas Fayre



Cross Country

On Wednesday 5th October a group of pupils attended a cross country event at Five Acres School – there were over 150 pupils taking part, and both our boys and girls did really well, with our best placed finishers 18th for the boys and 20th for the girls. Well done everyone!



Cheltenham Literature Festival

Everyone had a fabulous time at the Cheltenham Literature Festival – a huge thank you to all the



parents who volunteered to come along – we can't make these trips work without you! KS1 were very lucky to bump into the gruffalo! We all enjoyed

being transported back to ancient Greece in the story shack, and our talks by famous authors.



Wear green for mental health day – thanks to all the children who wore something green and to everyone who donated – we raised an amazing £96.00 for the mental health charity MIND. During the day the children all watched an online event about the benefits of reading for



your mental health and tips on good mental health, followed by reading for 10 minutes and

10 minutes of daily reading for the rest of the week.

Year 6 Residential at the time of writing our intrepid Year 6 pupils accompanied by Miss Cinderey, Mr Jones, Mr Hayward and Mrs Kibble are on their way home from a fabulous week in Aberdovey. There are lots of pictures on the school website under Classes, Year 6 Residential. They have had an amazing time!



Forest School



This term it has been Swift, Robin and Wren classes who have enjoyed Forest Schools. Toasting marshmallows is always a special treat in the last week! Next term it is the turn of Kingfisher and Skylark!



Harvest Festival – a big thank you to everyone who donated tins and packets of food for the foodbank, and to all the parents who came in to see the children's artwork and join us for assembly. Thank you to our guests from the Re-Wild Program and the Food Bank who came to speak to the children. The proceeds from the children's framed artwork will also go to the foodbank. Framed pictures will be sent home after half term.

Library Assistants – Last Friday our library assistants visited Cinderford Library and learnt all about the way books are ordered and referenced, how to check them in & out and what sections they are displayed in across the library. They then took part in an activity in teams where they had to find 5 specific books each, based on the information they had learnt. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and can't wait to use their knowledge to help in our school library.



Quick Sticks Hockey – well done to our group of Year 5 and 6 pupils who attended the event at Newent School this week – most of the teams including ours were quite new to playing hockey and the organisers said that the playing really improved as the day went on. A big thank you to the parents who provided transport too.

Half Term Reading Photograph Competition

We are running a half term competition to encourage reading wherever you go! Please send in photographs of your children reading in weird and wonderful places – the stranger the better - staff will be joining in as well. Please email your photographs to admin@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk There will be a prize for the weirdest or most wonderful place for EYFS/KS1 and for KS2. We will publish the best photos in the next newsletter. The closing date is Friday 4th November.

IDEAS
You could read anywhere, at the park, in a tree or even upside down!

Reading Challenge

HAVE FUN!!

Our reading challenge is to read in silly places. The sillier and stranger the better.

Prizes
There will be 2 prizes - 1 for KS1 and 1 for KS2

Only 1 picture per child can be submitted.

In a tree!

Learn Alongside Day – thank you to everyone who joined us on Tuesday morning in Years 1 to 4 to learn alongside children in class. We hope you found it fun and useful!



Calendar Photo Competition A huge thank you to the parents, children and staff who have submitted photographs of the local area for the Cinderford Town Council calendar. Staff have been voting for their favourites this week, and we will be sending the winning pictures to the Town Council for their calendar!

Attendance Update We are pleased to have had a much better start to the school year for attendance. Whole school attendance has just

dropped below 96% due to quite a bit of illness with coughs, colds and some sick bugs. Today we are really thrilled to be giving out 126 certificates and badges to pupils with 100% attendance for the first half term.

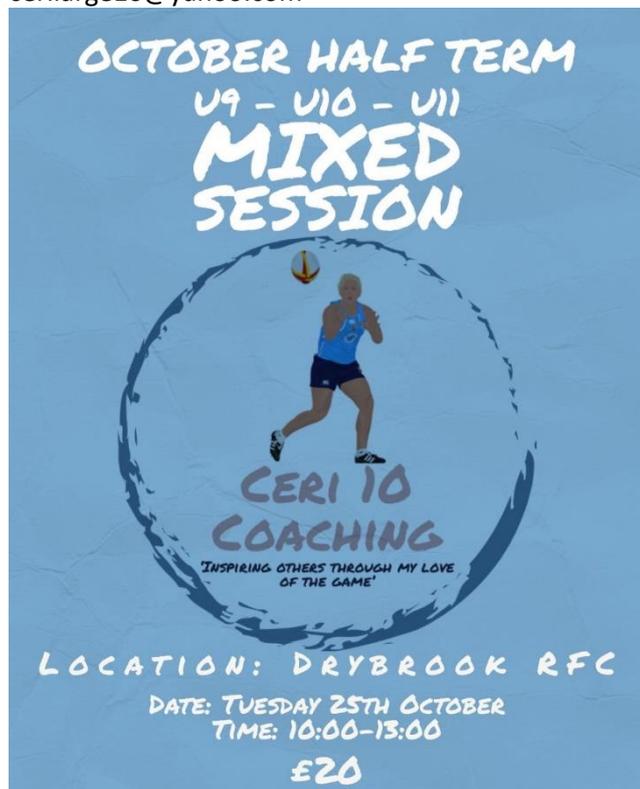


Everyone had their certificates this afternoon and wore their badges proudly to assembly. There will be a different colour badge for each half term and this year they have smiley faces on them!

New Rural Minibus Scheme from the County Council Please use this link for further information about the new "Robin" bus service [County council launches pilot rural minibus - Gloucestershire County Council](https://forms.gle/KKAieSQMQhnr7447)

Bedtime Stories – Here is a link, which you can also find on the school website, under Parents, Learning Games & Resources which takes you to a website where there are lots of fairy tales and other children's stories. You can read and listen to them for free!
<https://ririro.com/>

Rugby Coaching – we have been asked to share with you a Rugby Coaching session at Drybrook during half term. To sign up contact: cerilarge10@yahoo.com



Adult Education – there is an online maths course available for parents who would like to

help their children with their maths homework but are not sure how to. The tutor will guide you through how children learn. He will build your confidence so that you know how to approach the problem and put your children at ease. You will work in a small group together. For details see flyer attached with this email.

PTFA News There is now a PTFA News page on the school website where you can find the most recent updates. Their newsletter was sent out yesterday – Don't forget to complete the PTFA survey over the half-term holiday! It can be found at <https://forms.gle/KKAieSQMQhnr7447>

BeeZee Bodies attached with this newsletter is a flyer from BeeZee Bodies who healthy lifestyle support courses for families – their next course will start in January so families are encouraged to put their names on the waiting list. Their flyer also has an autumn bingo game for you to play in half term!

Guitar Club – Guitar club currently runs on Tuesdays after school, and there is space for more children if anyone else would like to join. There are four sessions after half term and then it will start again in January. The school has some guitars, which we can loan to you if your child would like to try it out for a while without having to commit to buying your own. The teacher is Mark Venus, who is also a parent to children at the school. Today he has performed in assembly for the children! The club costs £5 per session. Please contact the office for more information if your child would like to join the club.



Next Newsletter – Our next newsletter will be published on Friday 24th November. 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 20th November 2022.

