

St White's Primary School

Always Learning!



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Welcome to our first newsletter of this half term. We have only been back a few weeks but it has been action packed!

Happy birthday to our pupils and staff who have celebrated or will have their birthdays in the second half of February and March: Chester, Eva, Cooper, Arthur, Hattie-Mae, Noah, Henry, Harry W, Evie



Roshan, Mabel, Zayan, Lottie, Sonny, Muna, Rory H, Alfie W, Emily H, Noah A, Imogen, Reuben W, Jessica L, Jaxon, Joshua, Izzy, Spencer Poppy-Rose, Mrs Casey, Mrs Fernandes, Ms Ruck, and Mrs Self.

World Book Day and Book Fair

We had a fabulous time on World Book Day – we came to school in our pyjamas or comfy clothes and brought our favourite books to share. First thing in the morning lots of staff read from their favourite books to groups of children.



Diary Dates

25 March – Sponsored Bounce
27 March – KS1 trip to Gloucester Cathedral
1st April – School Nurse Coffee Morning for Parents
2nd & 4th April – Talent Show Heats
7th April – Learn Alongside session on Zones of Regulation
10th April – Talent Show Final
11th April – Last Day of School
12th – 27th April Easter Holidays
28th April – School Starts



Thank you to everyone who came to the book fair, and especially to Miss Cinderey for running it every day.

Trip to Raglan Farm Park – Robin class had a great trip to Raglan Farm Park last week – they saw lots of animals, including some lambs that had just been born!





Sports Competitions – our netball teams were the first to show off our fabulous new kit when they competed at Newent School – huge thanks to MSB Steel for sponsoring the kit! Also a big thank you to Miss Meek who has been running netball club and supported the teams. Our B Team were 2nd in their competition, and they showed great teamwork and support.



Trip to London - Year 5 had an amazing trip to London last Friday – to the Houses of Parliament and also visited Westminster Hall, then walked past Buckingham Palace up to Trafalgar Square and visited the National Gallery. It was a long and tiring day but a fantastic experience!



Our Year 6 Team went to the Panathlon at Hartpury College and came back with the trophy and gold medals! They had a splendid time participating in bowling, pingpong and a variety of other events!



We were very pleased to send a team of Year 5 and 6 who haven't represented us at football before to a new competition at Forest High. Everyone on the team showed fantastic effort and brilliant sportsmanship!



A massive congratulations to our two teams who entered the County Dodgeball Championships at Cirencester – Our Lions team came out on top on the day finishing in first place, and our Tigers finished in 6th place. The Lions are through to the South West finals in June. Well done to both teams!



Then they learnt about Lent and Shrove Tuesday and made scrummy pancakes! They ate some, and also had pancake races – there are videos on the school website!

Bristol Flyers Basket Ball Trip – On the very last day of last term, a group of Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed a brilliant trip to see the Bristol Flyers play against the London Lions. Sadly they lost by just 3 points – 75-78, but we had an amazing trip!



Robin Class have been doing lots of learning this term which involves food! They have been learning about the Easter Story, and they made their own delicious hot cross buns. The smell was amazing and they tasted yummy!



We also welcomed some visitors into school for a job fair where we found out about what different



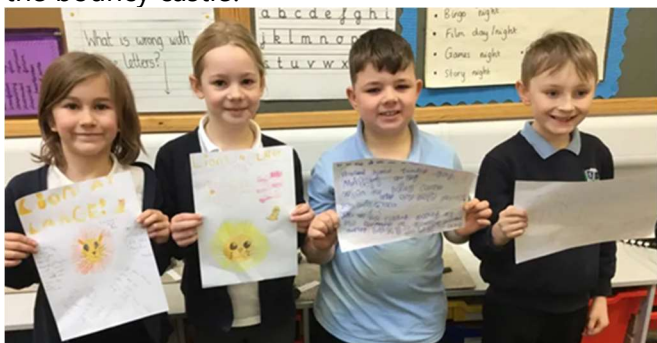
people do for work, and amongst our visitors was Mr Brown (Senior) who is a butcher and brought his sausage machine for us all to have a go!

Lions at Large Fundraising!

Woodpecker and Jay classes have been continuing with their fundraising for the Lions at Large project. Woodpecker held a very successful bake sale – it was really wonderful to have such a variety of home-baked cakes on offer, and they raised another £214!

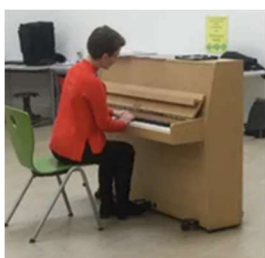


Jay class will be holding their sponsored bounce next week – every child will get a chance to go on the bouncy castle!



Please remember to return your sponsorship forms and money. At the end of the month, we will be collecting our Lion and decorating it, ready for it to go on display through the summer somewhere in the Cheltenham or Gloucester area. This is all to raise money for the Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals Charity.

Concert Pianist performance – we were



really lucky to have a visit from a concert pianist, arranged by Wye Valley Music. We learned about different composers and she even showed us inside the piano!

Art Swift, Jay and Skylark Classes have been making clay models with patterns from nature.



Outdoor Learning – Sparrow Class have been exploring the Forest School Area in outdoor learning, including having a go at pond dipping! Kingfisher Class have also been out exploring the the Forest School area and they



have found a badger sett! They are writing letters to try and get a trail camera so that they can find out more about the badgers!



Skillzone Just before half term, Year 5 had an interesting trip to Skillzone in Gloucester where they learned all about how to keep themselves safe in a variety of different scenarios.



Save the Date - Thursday 5th June will be Aspirations Morning. This is when we invite

people from our community to come into school to speak with the children (in groups) about their jobs. It's a really important experience for our children and the feedback from our volunteers is always great. If any parents, carers, grandparents or family friends would like to be a volunteer for this year's event, please do get in touch with me (sparrow@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk) or let someone in the office know. Thank you! – Miss Underwood

Inter-school Spelling Bee competition St White's was thrilled to host a spelling bee competition between lots of Forest of Dean Schools last week. There were three age groups, KS1, LKS2 and UKS2. It was a very hard fought competition! Well done to all our finalists – Violet and Emily in KS1, Lawrence and Muna in LKS2 and Violet and Jonah in UKS2. Thank you to all the parents for practicing with them at home and those who were able to come and support on the day. Well done to Jonah who won in UKS2!



County Cross Country competition – Well done to Ruby, Elsie,



Reuben, Kacie, Grace, Jonah and Bradley who represented St White's and the Forest of Dean in the County Cross Country Championships in Cheltenham! Our

efforts helped the combined Year 4/5 team to come 4th. Especially well done to Ruby who was our highest-placed runner coming 16th.

Mental Health Champions – we couldn't wait to tell you in the weekly update a couple of weeks ago that we have received the Mental Health Champions award for the third year running – the plaque and certificate have just arrived!



Poetry Competition – please see the next page for the winning Alphabet poem from last week by Skyla. The challenge for next week is a List poem!

Next Newsletter – Our next newsletter will be published on 11th April 2025. 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 7th April 2025.

Governor News – Policies update

All of the school policies for parents are on our school website here:

[St White's Primary School - Policies](#)

Policies are reviewed and updated regularly by the school leadership or governors, taking account of the most up to date guidance and legislation. This term we will be reviewing our Data Protection, Healthy Eating and Outdoor Learning policies.

Goodbye and Good Luck!



Last week we said a very sad goodbye to Chloe Cartwright-Wynn. She worked at St White's for 9 years, starting as a TA and then a Higher Level TA. She was one of our first wraparound staff, and most recently has been our dance guru, running dance clubs and PE sessions and organising our entry to the Cheltenham Dance Festival. We wish her every success in the future and we will really miss her smile!

St Whites

- A Always learning!
- B Becoming better by the second!
- C Challenge, Commit, Conquer, Celebrate!
- D Doesn't lack any determination!
- E Each day is better than the last!
- F Forgets nothing!
- G Get great rewards!
- H Homework galore!
- I Incredible knowledge!
- J Just amazing!
- K Keen to learn more and more!
- L Lessons are unforgettable!
- M Many books to choose from
- N Never bored!
- O Occupied all the time!
- P Perfect in every way!
- Q Questions and quizzes all day long!
- R Read phenomenal stories!
- S Spark!
- T Teachers are wonderful!
- U Unbelievably good opportunities!
- V Very fun!
- W Wondergully good food!
- X Xenial to everyone!
- Y Yummy veggies in the allotment!
- Z Zealous about learning!