



Whitewater C of E Primary School

Whitewater News: 8th April 2022

We have reached the end of the Spring Term in one piece! To say that 2022 has been busy would be an understatement but it's been great fun getting to know the children, families and staff of Whitewater. As a collective, we have achieved so much in a short space of time. The team are a dedicated and passionate group who show unwavering care and commitment to the school. The children are an absolute delight and they have risen to every challenge we've given them with a smile and an enthusiasm which is infectious (maybe the wrong choice of word considering the pandemic). The governors are a knowledgeable and positive group who have been as hard working as they have been supportive. Lastly, the parents and wider community have been welcoming, encouraging, honest and truly want the very best for Whitewater.

In summary, it's been an absolute privilege to serve such a wonderful community and we are very excited about the journey ahead. Thank you!

As always, it's been another busy couple of weeks and there's lots to share...

In school...

Mrs Joliffe says...

With Easter right around the corner, we have been mega busy; making decorations, cards and creating spring scenes with broccoli print blossom trees. We have been listening to Easter stories and learning lots of Easter songs. The term has been a great success especially with growing our beans and daffodils. Rabbits asked lots of inquisitive questions while measuring and comparing them. We all

joined the Gardening Club last Thursday led by our experienced gardener Lisa; on that day children watered their potatoes, also moved their bean plants into bigger pots. Weekly woodland walk activity was collecting the right sticks to learn how to whittle with peelers and talking about our new bug hotels built by the PTA. Our story mapping and sequencing was a great success and the children loved acting out the Enormous Turnip during discovery time. We now have our tadpoles in the classroom well-loved by all! We are observing the changes daily, learning about the lifecycle of a frog. Lucy's two gorgeous chicks visited us on Wednesday which then led onto learning about the lifecycle of a chicken, comparing egg sizes and boiling real eggs!... This term's final event was the Royal Banquet which we all enjoyed in style! Wishing you all a happy and restful Easter.



Mrs Rolph says...

It has been a very strange end to the Spring Term for Otters as so many of us have been unwell with Covid. Mrs Rolph was very grateful for all the hard work that Miss Hairsine, Mrs Wood and Miss Miles did to look after and teach those Otters who were in school. Everyone worked so hard, Mrs Rolph is proud of everyone's positive resilience. We have made our own impressive 3D castles and written glowing Estate Agent reports to sell them! In maths, we have learnt about money and what different coins represent. We have been learning to multiply too – tricky stuff!

We thoroughly enjoyed our Drama workshops and learnt a Dragon story and dances. Visiting the Church for an Easter Walk helped us to remember the Easter



Story and the Easter Worship service was very special. Our dress up day and Medieval banquet was a big success, thank you for your support with costumes! We have another exciting term ahead along with our school trip and hopefully, lots of sunny weather. Have a wonderful Easter break, stay well everyone!

Mr Ralph says...

I can't believe another term has gone whizzing by. I am so proud of everything your children have achieved and the consistency of the school values they have displayed on a daily basis, I feel honoured to be their teacher. The last few weeks the children have been writing a story based on Wisp, a story of hope. and have created some moving pieces of work though their use of a rich and varied vocabulary, similes and metaphors and deep word choices. In art, the children have been using pastels to create silhouette images from the Easter story using contrasting colours and blending. A personal highlight from the last few weeks was our Italian day which began with a feast with the children wearing their Laurel crowns and sitting in front of their Roman shields. I personally ate a little too much salami. After lunch the children then cooked and tasted spaghetti bolognese which the other teachers and I agreed was lovely. In RE, the children have been learning about the Easter story and understanding why Good Friday is good. Yesterday we were lucky enough to use the outdoor area to continue with our understanding of planting and are looking forward to eating our own potatoes, spring onions, beetroot and lettuce soon. I hope you and your families have a restful Easter holiday.



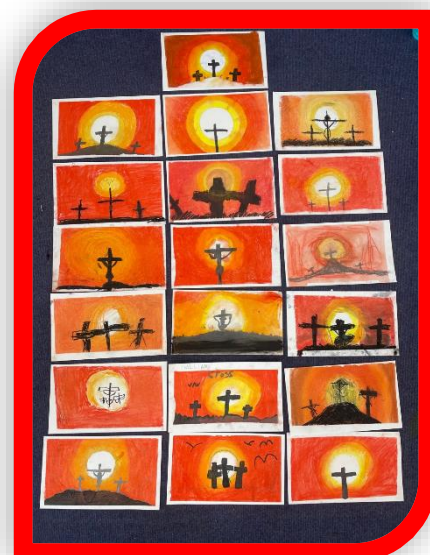
Mr Greenley says...

It's been a whirlwind of a term for Fox Class and the last three weeks have flown by. Year 6's are now into full on SATs preparation with another set of papers completed. It's been amazing to see the progress the children have made in the last 6 weeks. Year 6 parents have an information meeting about this on the Tuesday we get back after Easter. We have been writing newspaper reports for our English this week too. We started the unit by exploring newspapers in the classroom. At times it looked more like we were preparing for painting than an English lesson. We have also tried our hand at being newsreaders to ensure the tone of our reports was right. In DT, we are all set with our designs following our design brief to make our self-propelling vehicles. Time has run away with us so these will be completed after half term and photos and videos will be made!

Finally from me, a huge well done to the children. It's always hard changing teacher part way through the year, but they have coped brilliantly, lived up to the expectations set and it has been great to share their learning with them through the highs and lows of the learning pit.

Walk through Easter and The Easter Service...

Throughout the week, we have been immersed in all things Easter. Hedgehog Class delved into some incredible artwork which you can see in the photo whilst many of the children in Otter Class and Fox Class had the opportunity to take part in the 'Walk through Easter' which was delivered by Marion and her team. This was an amazing interactive learning experience held at Rotherwick Church which enabled the children to gain a deeper understanding of the different parts of the Easter story. This series of sessions ended with the Easter Service yesterday. We all made the short (but windy) walk up the hill to the church where we were greeted by Marion. It was lovely to see parents and family members there joining us. The service included some excellent readings from the children in Fox Class, some joyful singing by everyone and led beautifully by Marion. It really was a lovely celebration of Easter. When the service was over and the children returned to school, I joined several parents who were rewarded for their singing with some hot drinks and hot cross buns. A special thank you goes to Marion who really is a terrific host!



Spring Term Role of honour

On the final celebration assembly of each term, we ask staff to select one child in each year group for a 'Values Award'. This is a very special award for a select few children who demonstrate our school values of **Fellowship**, **Creativity** and **Courage** without fail. In recognition of their achievement, the children get a Values Award badge as well as a certificate. In the summer term, we will be taking these children out for a special treat.

The winners of the Values Awards are:

Year R: *Lucy N* Year 1: *Harriet L* Year 2: *Darcy B* Year 3: *Olivia L*
Year 4: *Isla H* Year 5: *Ethan H* Year 6: *Chyna B*



The Groundforce Team continue to impress...

Once again, the Whitewater Groundforce Team have taken the school by storm. The green fingered group achieved so much last Sunday when they got rid of the pile of brambles at the bottom of the field, built two bug hotels in jubilee colours (almost) for the woodland walk which the children can fill with sticks, cones, dug up one of the piles of soil and uncovered seven tyres (which have also been removed), redistributed the soil, planted three honeysuckle plants against the fence in woodland walk, used the willow fence to make a fence and barrier for the groundsman's leaf pile and even found time to do some work on the outdoor classroom. The work the team have done and continue to do is very much appreciated. I'm very excited about spending more time outside as we move into the summer term. Thank you all for your contribution and dedication in supporting our school.



Covid Update...

As always, there has been further updates on the guidance for all things Covid! The NHS [COVID-19 symptoms in adults](#) and [symptoms in children](#) have been updated which you can access by clicking on the links. Adults and children who have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, should follow the guidance below:

If your child has symptoms:

- Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.
- All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.
- It can be difficult to know when to seek help if your child is unwell. If you are worried about your child, especially if they are aged under 2 years old, then you should seek medical help.

If your child has a positive test:

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional. If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Breakfast Club...

Breakfast Club is up and running! If you are interested in registering your child, please either pop into the school office or email us for the registration forms. The Breakfast Club will run from 7.40am to 8.40am from the school hall. The daily cost of breakfast is £7.50. All payment information will be included in the registration pack. If you have any questions regarding the club, please do email Mrs Gail Bromley at g.bromley@whitewater.hants.sch.uk.

And finally...

Finally, we'd all like to wish you a happy Easter. Personally, this is a time of year when I tend to take stock and reflect on life generally. This time two years ago, we had no idea what challenges lay ahead as we entered the pandemic and we have endured the roller coaster of masks, social distancing, bubbles, R Rates, hand sanitiser and much more. This Easter however, I'm full of optimism and excitement as we gradually continue our journey back to 'normal'. I hope you all enjoy a restful break and make the most of the improved weather and most of all, I hope you all stay healthy.

Take care

Mr Steve Moore
Executive Head of School

Dates for next term:

Tuesday 26 th April	Year R and Year 1 visiting QMC Science Centre
Wednesday 27 th April	Year 6 Parents SATS Meeting (3.45)
Thursday 28 th April	Bunny Hop Disco (5 pm to 6.30 pm)
Tuesday 3 rd May	Rabbit and Otter Classes Visit to Blue Reef Aquarium
Thursday 5 th May	PTA Film Night (3.30 pm – 5 pm)
Wednesday 18 th May	Fox Class visit to London
Monday 13 th June to Friday 17 th June	Year 6 Residential Trip to PGL Isle of Wight
Saturday 18 th June	PTA Summer Fair (11 am – 2 pm)
Monday 13 th June	NC Swimming for Year 5
Monday 20 th June	NC Swimming for Year 5 and Year 6
Monday 27 th June	NC Swimming for Year 5 and Year 6
Thursday 30 th June	RMS Induction Days
Friday 1 st July	
Monday 4 th July	NC Swimming for Year 5 and Year 6
Thursday 7 th July	PTA Film Night (3.30 pm – 5 pm)
Monday 11 th July	NC Swimming for Year 5 and Year 6
Monday 18 th July	NC Swimming for Year 5 and Year 6