



Whitewater Newsletter – 30th June 2023

Wow...I can't believe it's July already. This summer term is flying by. The children and staff are working hard to squeeze in as much learning as possible before the year ends. The children have spent this morning getting their competitive juices flowing during their Sports Day and I'm sure they'll sleep well tonight!

As well as Sports Day, we have had a Colour Run, School Fete, school trips, visit from Paralympian Kylie Grimes, Bikeability and we shared news that Whitewater's First Lady is retiring! What a roller coaster!

We also had the delight of our SIAMs Inspection on Monday. Thank you to all the parents who took the time to speak to the inspector about our wonderful school. Like Ofsted, the report takes a little while to come out but we predict it'll be available to you all before the Summer Holidays.

In school...

Rabbits...

We have been enjoying our texts and building on our writing skills we have worked on so far through our provision.

I have been especially proud of Rabbits for showing our values during recent observations of visitors. The weather has been warm and everyone is showing resilience and really impressed how they kept going during sports day practices. We are all enjoying using boomwhackers during music this term, we took them down to woodland walk and really loved copying the birds' singing. In maths the focus is on consolidating odd and even numbers, doubling and also problem solving.

Nearly the end of term; keep calm and carry on learning Rabbits!



Otters...

Otter Class have been enjoying a variety of activities and learning opportunities since returning after the half term break. Our new topic of 'In the garden' has given everyone the chance to go out in the gorgeous weather that we have had and see what signs of life we can find both in our gardens at home and also in the allotment and school grounds. We have been learning about 'microhabitats' and the 'minibeasts' that can be found there. We were amazed to find out facts such as butterflies flap their wings 5-10 times every second and they taste by using their feet! We used these facts along with others that we discovered during our research time to write a fact file in our English lessons for our non-chronological reports.

As well as learning about minibeasts, we have been thinking about animal growth in general and considering how we grow as humans. The children produced some lovely representations of the human life cycle and worked brilliantly in pairs to do this.

Our Maths learning has also taken some of us outside where we have been learning about all things that can be measured, from capacity to length, it has been fun for the children to work practically to explore and discuss different ways of measuring.

Thank you so much to everyone that has already brought in a shoebox for the children's 'shoebox gardens'. The class have been working hard to plan and design their gardens and we look forward to sharing with you their final pieces!



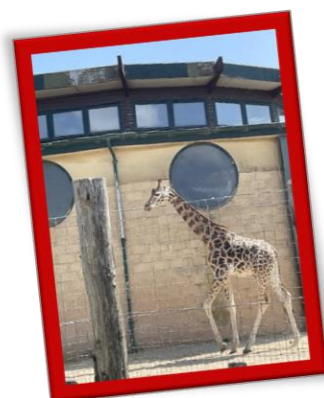
Hedgehogs...

So much to share over our past three weeks, tips, lessons, visitors and much more. The highlight for many of the children was our visit to Marwell Zoo. I was incredibly proud of every single child from Hedgehogs and Foxes who all displayed the school values of love, respect and courage. Many people remarked on how well the children behaved.

Whilst there, we saw many animals from giraffes to meerkats, ostriches to clouded leopards and rhinos to (many children's new favorite) Okapi. Throughout the day there were workshops and the children's knowledge of animal classification and adaptation was fantastic well done! It was a wonderful and enriching day out even coming home with Class animals.

We've been learning huge amounts this term. Here are a few examples: In the wider curriculum the children have worked hard in RE on understanding the trinity at the baptism and created some beautiful new symbols and designs for the trinity symbol. In Maths, we have been looking at symmetry in 2d shapes and repeating patterns. On reflection, we've learnt loads! During PE sessions we have been preparing for Sports Day which we are all very excited for.

Well done Hedgehogs for continuing with your hard work. Three more weeks until you get a fully well-earned break.



Foxes...

It has been something of a whirlwind in Fox Class over the last three weeks. Rehearsals for our production of The Lion King have dominated and we're really grateful to Mrs Taylor for giving of her time to help with the music. The acting is coming together, masks have been created in our DT lessons and a huge range of scenery and props are underway. It's been a huge team effort and we're looking forward to showing you what we have achieved.

Year 6 have now started their transition to secondary school with a visit from some teachers from Robert Mays and two full days down at their new school. Despite the trepidation on the first day, everyone came back happy and excited and the confidence was obvious at the beginning of day 2! It did make the classroom very quiet, but the Year 5's have enjoyed some focussed teaching over that time to prepare them for next year too.

The whole of Fox Class have also taken part in their Bikeability training. Year 5 managed their Level 1 and Year 6's went on to cycle out of school on the roads, learning about how to safely navigate junctions to take part in their Level 2 Bikability. The feedback from the instructors has been amazing and we're all really proud about what they have achieved.

The Titan is coming

We are very excited to have plans in place for our new play equipment 'The Titan' to be delivered and fitted over the summer holiday. Thank you all for your support in the fundraising efforts to make this possible. I'm sure you've noticed that with your support we've already cleared and returfed the area in preparation.



The Titan is a top of the range climber that offers challenge like no other. The unique layout means that children can work their way up to the more challenging elements, giving almost infinite replay value. All made out of signature wood and steel core ropes, the Titan will give many years of experience and play value for the children of Whitewater.

The equipment has multiple balancing and climbing elements with physical challenge for the whole primary age range. The structure is layered to support creative play and risk taking in a safe environment.

The plans have been shared with children this week and they are as excited as we are.

Kylie Grimes...



Recently we had the pleasure of the Paralympian Kylie Grimes leading circuits for the children, telling stories of tremendous courage and perseverance. In addition, we were all excited to see her medals from years of hard work and toil. It was a very hot afternoon, but the children gave 100%, listened attentively and asked poignant questions. They all showed Kylie how mighty our small school is and how much heart and drive each child has. In addition to learning all about Kylie and all of the physical challenges we completed, the money raised will go towards our new play area. I hope afternoon has sparked a passion for sports and a growth mindset of never give up!

Summer Fete...

What a fantastic event we had at school last Saturday! The variety of stalls, events and games have provided us all with a wonderful day of entertainment and a chance to relax and have fun in the sunshine!

A massive well done to all of the children who took part in the dance performances as well as those children who set up and ran stalls and challenges throughout the fete.

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising such a great event for our school community – it is a huge undertaking! It was incredibly successful because of all of your hard work. In addition, thank you to the staff who volunteered their time to get involved in everything for running the tombola to getting walloped in the face with wet sponges!

We are extremely grateful for all of the volunteer's efforts – both for a fantastic event and the money raised for our school.

It is on occasions like the 'Summer Fete' when you can stand back and enjoy our school community at its absolute best – we are incredibly lucky to share this time with all of you and your families.



Year 6 Leavers' Service – Winchester Cathedral...

The end of the year is a special time for our Year 6 children. As part of the leaving primary school experience, they have the chance to attend a Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral. The children spent the day going on scavenger hunts, attending singing workshops and enjoying eventful minibus parking sessions! During their lunch our banner and candle bearers were voted for, and they led our school with upmost respect. Mrs Owen, Mrs Clayden, Rev. Marion and Mr Ralph were incredibly proud of everything they did that day. For Mr Ralph, many of these children were his first class at Whitewater and I know he have felt truly honoured to have seen them succeed and grow.

We were truly blown away by the way the year 6s conducted themselves throughout the event. Everyone one of them was a true role model and a great example could not have asked for a more respectful, loving and courageous group of children who are now preparing them for the next step in their journey. We are sure they will be a shining light for others wherever they go next. few weeks at Whitewater has fun and makes wonderful memories.



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The Colour Run

We all had colour powder everywhere following the fantastic colour run event, this Thursday, even Mrs Elie's car turned red! Thank you to the PTA for organising this fantastic event it was such good fun and helped to raise more money towards our new play equipment.



Please make sure you have a look at the key dates and add them to your diary as always

I hope you all have a fantastic long weekend.

Take care

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Mr Steve Moore

Executive Head of School

Key Dates for Summer Term 2023

Whitewater C of E Primary

HALF TERM – 29/05/23 – 02/06/23

03/07	New Entrants Teddy Bear's Picnic (2pm-3pm)
04/07	Primary Prom at the Anvil
05/07	Sports Day (Reserve) – Date change from 7 th June
06/07	Year 6 at Legoland
07/06	Outdoor Theatre production
10/07	New Entrants Stay and Play sessions (1.15 pm - 2 pm)
11/07	Whole School Move up Morning (9-11) Fox Class performance (2 pm start)
12/07	Rabbit and Otter Class Visit to Hillier Gardens Fox Class Performance (6.30 pm start)
13/07	Summer Disco for Children
14/07	PTA Flower and Cake Sale
17/07	Year 6 Leaver's Service at the Church (9.30 am) Rocksteady Concert (2.30 pm) End of Year Reports go home
20/07	Leavers' Assembly (2.45 pm)
21/07	Last day of the Summer Term