



White's Wood Academy Newsletter – February 2024



It is hard to believe that we're half way through the school year already. The Year 3 pupils have settled really well and we're in full swing here. We've had some really successful trips and visitors which have enriched the children's experience brilliantly. We've also been working very hard on implementing Accelerated Reader & the children are doing really well. We're close to crowning our first ever Word-Millionaire, with Oscar in Year 6 just a few words away from reading a million words this year so far. Amazing engagement Oscar! There are a few more hot on his heels too so keep up the great work.

The children really enjoyed welcoming double Commonwealth Gold Medalist, Leon Baptiste into school for a day of physical exercise, inspirational stories and fundraising. They all got involved, worked up a sweat and learned what it means to experience real failure, adversity and challenge before achieving great success.

We've got another busy term coming up so please keep an eye on the diary dates to see what upcoming events we have planned.

Many thanks, as ever, for your superb support.

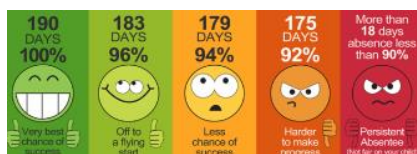
Mr C Fitzpatrick

Headteacher

Attendance & lateness

Our school target is 95% or better. To increase our percentage, it is important that all pupils come to school on time. If a child arrives after registration, it means that they don't get their morning mark, so it affects their attendance.

The gates open at 8.30am and will close promptly at 8.40am so please arrive on time so children do not miss the start of their lessons.



Diary Dates:

Mon 19th Feb

Return to school

Monday 26th Feb

Illuminate Gainsborough art workshop (selected Y5/6 pupils)

Friday 1st Mar

Y6 parent workshop (Climate Change)

Fri 1st Mar

Mini Police session (Y5/6)

Tues 5th Mar

Mental Health parent workshop

Thurs 7th Mar

World Book Day

Fri 8th Mar

Y4/5 Tag Rugby competition

Sat 9th Mar

Illuminate Gainsborough event

Week beginning 11th Mar

British Science week

Wed 13th Mar

Y6 STEM fair at QEHS

Mon 18th & Wed 20th Mar

Parents' evening

Thurs 21st Mar

Social Media Safety parent workshop

Tues 26th Mar

Y3 Parent workshop (Easter)

Thurs 28th Mar

Break up for half term

Home reading

All children should regularly bring a reading book home. It is important they are given time to practice their reading at home daily. This can be alone or with an adult. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible at home. Bedtime is a great time to read as it also helps to promote a good night's sleep.



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Curriculum

At White's Wood, we continue to use a Learning Journey approach to the curriculum. Each journey is jam-packed with exciting lessons that lead children through their learning. They begin with a Learning Question and their subsequent lessons will take them on a path through a topic. This will lead to them producing some amazing outcomes from their learning, which we will continue to share on social media. Please encourage your child to discuss their learning at home as this will help them to develop their memory.

This term's learning questions are:

Year 3: How important is water?

Year 4: Where are the women in our history books?

Year 5: How essential is the River Nile to life in Egypt?

Year 6: What is climate change & what can we do about it?



Mental Health Support

We recently ran a workshop (lead by the Mental Health Team) for parents, relating to co-regulation. It was so well attended and proved a really useful experience for those that came. Thank you to all attendees for your engagement. We intend to run more workshop soon, one of which will focus on sleep routines – something which can definitely benefit many parents & children as it can have a huge impact on behaviour & mental health. It would be lovely to see even more people at the next event.

Road Safety

As many of you may know, we had a very concerning road collision recently in which a child was hit by a car. The child is thankfully ok and along with the driver, was understandably shaken up. Fortunately for the child involved, the driver was driving responsibly but this is a good opportunity to remind our children to be very careful around the roads. They should cross the roads carefully, looking both ways. Your support is so vital in maintaining safety.

Pupil Log-on information

We use several digital platforms to support learning in school and at home. Your child should be familiar with them all and they have their log-on details for each one. Please encourage your child to access these amazing resources. The platforms we use include:

- Oxford Owl (Read, Write Inc phonics resources)
- Times Tables Rock Stars
- Numbots
- MyOn (Accelerated Reader)
- SeeSaw



Seesaw



Read Write Inc.

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Our Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am and our after-school club is available until 5.30pm. Book and pay using the Arbor app.

