



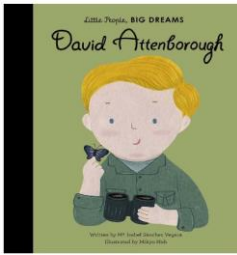
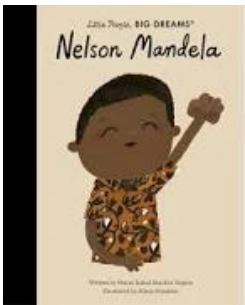


**Newsletter Issue No 3**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and managing the wet weather we seem to be having. 2025 has started well at Whitley Abbey and we have been impressed with the way pupils have returned to school and learning.

We are planning a number of exciting new initiatives including an Easter Disco for KS1 and 2, Children’s Mental Health Week and World Book Day events. We are going to move over to Medical Tracker later in the year and more details about this will follow. We have two new parent Governors and have welcomed another ten children into Nursery in January. Most year groups are now full, in total we have 437 children. Due to our success, these numbers and the needs of the children, we are going to redevelop the front playground.

Possibilities and Citizenship	Reading and Vocabulary	Health and Wellbeing	Celebrating Diversity
<p>Our curriculum is designed to promote aspirations by preparing children for a changing world by making links between their learning and careers and opportunities in adult life. The curriculum enables children to make connections between what is learnt in school and open-up possibilities for them in later life.</p> <p>Teachers support children to be good citizens through the development of British Values and the core learning values of; commitment, opportunity, respect and excellence.</p>	<p>Our curriculum is designed to meet the needs of the children we serve placing great emphasis on the development of tier 2 and tier 3 vocabulary and fluency in reading. At Whitley Abbey we recognise that vocabulary development helps children to communicate effectively and to understand what they hear.</p> <p>Reading enables pupils to develop independent learning skills – skills that will serve them well in later life.</p>	<p>Our curriculum is designed to promote children’s health, wellbeing and resilience through the promotion of Whitley Character Values, friendship, kindness, courage, resilience, gratitude and honesty. We want our children to make good choices about their own health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Research suggested that better emotional wellbeing is associated with higher achievement in primary school. When children feel safe they are able to better access learning in the classroom.</p>	<p>Our curriculum is designed to celebrating diversity. Which means understanding that each individual is unique and recognizing and celebrating our individual differences. The concept of diversity encompasses community, acceptance and respect. We foster the exploration of these differences in a safe, positive, and nurturing environment.</p> <p>We believe that by practicing mutual respect for qualities and experiences that are different from our own we build alliances across differences so that we can work together to eradicate all forms of discrimination.</p>
			

A number of educational visits are organised by teachers for their classes. These support our curriculum drivers; Possibilities and Citizenship, Reading and Vocabulary, Health and Wellbeing and Celebrating Diversity. We believe developing an understanding of these, will enable pupils to be happy and successful adults. This year we are focusing on the development of our Health and Wellbeing curriculum. PSHE- Personal, Social and Health Education is taught to children by the class teachers on Mondays and we are using the Jigsaw scheme which encourages a mindful attitude. Each week starts with a whole school assembly where we introduce an area of study. This term we are looking specifically at Dreams and Goals and we learnt about working as a team in assembly on Monday.





Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and staff will be teaching children how to use mindfulness and breathing to calm the mind and focus on breathing. A chime is used daily by the class teacher to focus the mind.

We were very pleased to be able to take the Y5 children to see a Muslim prayer room in Birmingham last week. Next week Y3 are visiting the Herbert Art Gallery and Y5 are going to Meadow Park.

Teachers and Learning Support Assistants are developing their knowledge of Neurodiversity as we are part of the PINs project- Partnership for Inclusion of Diversity. We want all our staff to have a detailed understanding of our pupils needs so we can support their learning effectively. This project is also enabling us to meet regularly with parents and this has been very successful. Thank you to all the parents who gave us feedback on parents evening last term we are hoping to respond to what you said before half term.

We were very pleased to hear that some of the Y6 children's writing will be published. They had to write a narrative in 100 words. Well done everyone who received a certificate this week.

The number of children wearing shirts and ties continues to improve across the school and the class wearing their ties the most over the week gets some biscuits on a Friday at break time. This week it was 2A. We will be updating our website in April, when a photographer will be coming in to capture many of the exciting things happening at Whitley Abbey. Please ensure your child is wearing school shoes, especially during the wet and rainy days.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances Miss Tyrrell who has been working in Nursery has left the school. We wish her all the very best.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Kind Regards,

Mr Robbie Walker

Headteacher

Whitley Abbey Primary School





## House Point Champions

Congratulations to all the children in Austen the Green House!

**Austen 149**

**Attenborough 134**

**Malala 129**

**Mandella 122**



## Happy Birthday to the following children



Forename	Year	Forename	Year	Forename	Year	Forename	Year	Forename	Year
Mahsa	Nursery1	Johnny	Year R	Noelle	Year 02	Ethan	Year 03	Siyan	Year 05
Amber-Rose	Nursery1	Dhruv	Year 01	Nova	Year 02	Tyler	Year 04	Kian	Year 05
Thiyana	Nursery1	Nivisha	Year 01	Theodora	Year 02	Irorun	Year 04	Neehara	Year 05
Karl-Lewis	Nursery2	Yalini	Year 01	Lucas	Year 02	Haniya	Year 04	Aryan	Year 05
Sylvie	Nursery2	Kevin-Adam	Year 01	Hadriel	Year 03	Cezar	Year 04	Noah	Year 05
Kanishk	Nursery2	Manvith	Year 01	Yousef	Year 03	Kavin	Year 04	Eli Joseph	Year 05
Suhaibdawd	Nursery2	Millie-Brooke	Year 01	Steffina	Year 03	Charumithra	Year 04	Harrie	Year 05
Dhyan	Nursery2	Ritisha	Year 01	Grace	Year 03	Maisie-Marie	Year 04	Dereen	Year 06
Nika	Year R	Leyna	Year 01	Sofia	Year 03	Nittilnegan	Year 04	Blossom	Year 06
Anandi	Year R	Rory	Year 01	Callum	Year 03	Iris	Year 04	Dempsey	Year 06
Aadira	Year R	Talya	Year 02	Barbara	Year 03	Zamzam	Year 04	Kayden	Year 06
Guradh	Year R	Pfion	Year 02	Elissa Raine	Year 03	Olivia-Mae	Year 04	Alfie	Year 06
Kayton	Year R	Renee	Year 02	Oscar	Year 03	Kyan	Year 04	Evie	Year 06
Eliora	Year R	Prathith	Year 02	Fionn	Year 03	Isabelle	Year 05	Courtney-Leigh	Year 06
Ana	Year R	Dyuthi	Year 02	Hannah	Year 03	Eric	Year 05	Diaaeddin	Year 06
Swara	Year R							Matheo	Year 06



## Dates for your diary

<u>Date 2024</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	YR & Y6 Heights and Weights
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Nursery Parent Workshop (10:45 – 11:40am & 12:40 – 1:40pm)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 STEM Learning - Meadow Park Visit
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 Herbert Art Gallery
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Nursery Parent Workshop (10:45 – 11:40am & 12:40 – 1:40pm)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 Herbert Art Gallery/Coventry Cathedral Trip
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Last Day of School Break up for Half Term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	All Pupils Return to School
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Coffee Morning (Behaviour & Mental Health) 9:15 – 10:15am
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening - Nursery/Y1/3/5 (3:40 – 6:10pm)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening - YR/2/4/6 (3:40 – 6:10pm)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening - Nursery/Y1/3/5 (3:40 – 6:10pm)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening - YR/2/4/6 (3:40 – 6:10pm)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 Twycross Zoo Trip
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Disco (Y1/2/3 4:00 – 5:00 – Y4/5/6 5:15 – 6:30) Tickets Required
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term - Non-Uniform Day
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	School Closed (Teacher Training Day)
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	All Pupils Return to School
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y3 Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery Trip
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed - Bank Holiday

