# The Whitleigh



# Weekly!

Another week of hard work and plenty of smiles, particularly on Wednesday when the children had their photographs taken. I saw some of the poses and I am sure parents will be pleased with them when they arrive. We are heading into a very hectic period now with the build up for Christmas. Please keep an eye on the dates to ensure you don't miss anything.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Dyson

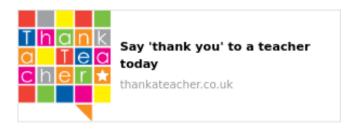
#### **PTA** event

It is the Disco on Wednesday. Please ensure you send your child to school with disco clothes if they are wanting to attend. Children can change into these before the disco. Collection arrangements for children in EYFS and KS1 will be the same. Collection for KS2 children will be from their normal classroom doors at 16:30.

#### Thank a staff member

Our staff really do go over and beyond and I am privileged to see and work with such dedicated people. I saw this earlier in the week and thought it would be nice for any parents who want to thank a staff member. Please click on the link if you would like to.

Thank a Teacher Form - Thank a Teacher



## Year 5 swimming

It has been a great week for our children in year 5 who have been attending the Life Centre for their swimming lessons. This week is the first of a three week block so just another two weeks to go! Well done to them.

### **Plymouth Argyle!**

This morning, children from Years 3, 4 and 6 had the fantastic opportunity to visit Home Park as part of their Project 35 Giveaway experience. The children were lucky enough to have a private tour of the stadium, talk to former Argyle Player, Garry Sawyer, watch the first team train and to top it off. they all received their very own Plymouth Argyle Football Shirt. An experience they all thoroughly enjoyed. The children also represented the school

excellently.



#### **Year 6 to Cadover**

This week, Year 6 visited Cadover Bridge as part of their geography field work unit of learning. As classes, the children investigated the following questions they had created the week before:

How does the depth of the river change the further we move away from the source? How does the width of the river change the further we move away from the source? What features can be observed in the middle course of the river?

All the children were able to identify different features of the river and used their previous knowledge to investigate the questions. They all thoroughly enjoyed this experience and will analyse the data they found next week, during their geography lesson.

Well done to all Year 6 children as they represented the school brilliantly.







Yesterday we had a great turn out for our 'Festive T-shirt workshop'. All of the children enjoyed designing and decorating their T-shirts with the help of their parents. Keep an eye out for our next parent workshop – well done everyone!



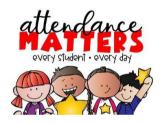


It is great to see children working incredibly hard in school, upholding our values and following our school rules. These children have been spotted this week for special recognition and are our **stars of the week!** Well done to...

1/2EC - Leonardo 1/2WH - Emilia 1/2KE - Heaven

3RH-Tom 3NB-Ellie 4KN-Jose 4JR-Ivy

50B - Evie 5BR - Lacey 6ST - Oscar 6MP - Annabelle



Attendance really does matter. It has an impact on children's learning and their social skills. As a school, our aim is to meet our target of 96% attendance. Please help us achieve this. Each week, we will share the classes' average attendances and the whole school! Let's see how many classes achieve 100%!

FK	FD	1/2EC	1/2KE	1/2WH
88.9%	85.5%	94.5%	89.8%	92.6%
3RH	3NB	4KN	4JR	
91.2%	90.7%	94.6%	93.5%	
5BO	5BR	6ST	6MPS	WHOLE SCHOOL
96%	93.8%	91.6%	89.8%	92%



Date	Event	
Wednesday 29th November	Christmas Discos	
Thursday 30th November	Lantern making workshop - parents invited	
Tuesday 5th December	Year 5/6 Basketball Festival	
Thursday 7th December	EYFS Theatre Trip	
Thursday 7th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Friday 8th December	Whitleigh Lantern Parade - 5pm	
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner Day	
Wednesday 13th December	Early Years performances	
Thursday 14th December	Plymouth Schools' Carol Concert	
Tuesday 19th December	LAST DAY	
Thursday 4th January	Children back to school	