



Whiteshill Weekly News

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Wildlife Quiz

I have to start this week with a huge well done to our fantastic wildlife quiz team who travelled to Leonard Stanley Primary School last Friday afternoon and won their first-round match!!

The Wildlife Quiz is organized by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and takes place each year with primary school's across Gloucestershire competing to be the county champion. The subject for each quiz is British wildlife and the questions are really quite tricky – what do you call a group of dolphins? What is kelp? Where would you find the Oxeye Daisy growing? The questions are individual, paired and some in groups, with a picture round and a specimen identification round as well.

We had a group of year 6 girls representing us and they started strong, scoring 7 out of 8 in the first round and then staying ahead through the rest of the match to be crowned the winners at the end! The girls will now go up against the winners of another round and if they win again, they will then be competing for the Stroud area trophy!

I could not have been prouder of the girls on the day, they had done only a couple of half hour sessions with Mr Pritchard in preparation and they really used their common sense and drew upon their knowledge to make some really impressive answers. Not only that but they listened to each other on the team questions, working things out together and respecting each other's opinions and ideas. They did the whole thing with a smile on their faces and I hope that they enjoyed the experience as much as I did!! Me and Mr Pritchard could barely sit still on the benches we were so excited!!!

We can't wait to accompany the girls to the next round – well done to Lara, Rosanna, Molly and Rein!



Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who sent in a donation for Red Nose Day last week. We managed to raise £81 to send to comic relief on the day.

Friends of Whiteshill School News

Easter Egg Hunt and Jubilee Party

Friends of Whiteshill School are organising two events for the summer term for you and the children to enjoy. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt around the village during the holiday break, with the children painting eggs in school that you can then spot on your hunt! More details to follow.

On Saturday 4th June, there will be a village party in the park to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. The Friends of Whiteshill School have been given the chance to arrange some fun activities for the children and raise money for the school on the day. They need volunteers to help with organising and running events. If you are able to help or are interested in finding out more, please email friendsofwhiteshillschool@outlook.com or speak to Laura Asplin or Anna Hutchinson or any of the other Friends members. You can also let Mrs Angove or Miss Francis know if you are not sure how to find the Friends on the playground!

We will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee in school as well on the last day of the half term, with a street party in the playground! More details to follow.

Book Fair

In the week commencing 16th May the Friends will be hosting an online book fair – an opportunity to buy books for your children whilst also supporting the school and helping to re-stock our library! Please see attached poster for details.

Relationships Education

During this term, we are teaching the children the relationships part of our PSHE curriculum. If you would like to know more about this, please don't forget that our Relationships, Health and Sex Education policy is on the school website here: www.whiteshillschool.co.uk/policies As part of this, the children in Elm class have been finding out about the PANTS rule from the NSPCC which is a great way of helping children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. To find out more and sing along with the 'Pantasaurus' click [here](#).

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will continue in to the last week of term. The last sessions will be in the week of 4th April.

Guitar and Drum Lessons

Our fantastic guitar and drum teacher Mr Cormack-Hicks has spaces to offer your child short, weekly private lessons during the school day if they are in Year 2, Maple or Oak class. If you are interested in finding out more, including prices, please email iansguitartuition@googlemail.com

Tag Rugby

Last week, the children in Maple and Oak class had a Tag Rugby taster session with a coach from Gloucester Rugby Club. It was a beautiful afternoon out in the sunshine and they had fun practising their skills. We managed to get some photographs of Oak class, which I have put on the website.

Tag Rugby is a sport we are really hoping to develop at Whiteshill as it is a game that all children can get involved in and be successful at. It is a real team sport, with every player on the field having an impact, which fits in really well with our value of togetherness. We are lucky enough to have two parents in school who are interested in supporting us with this in to the future and Gloucester Rugby also offer a lot of excellent opportunities for school which I am hoping to tap in to.



Martial Arts Performance

The martial arts sessions have been such a success with the children – Mrs Court, or Maam as the children know her, is a fantastic teacher and they are getting so much from their sessions and have learnt a lot already. It really is an impressive site when they all do their moves together. I walked in the other day on the year 6s all working completely synchronized and it was amazing! I'm pleased to share that Elm class will continue with their sessions after Easter, up to May half term. Oak class will be starting their fencing sessions with a qualified instructor and Maple class will be hopefully starting petanque sessions down at the playing field!

In the final week of martial arts, the children would like to share with you what they have learnt, so we will be holding a short performance for the parents of each class in the school hall as follows:

Wednesday 6th April – 2.50pm – Elm Class

Thursday 6th April 2.50pm – Oak Class

Thursday 6th April 4pm – Maple Class club members

Please do join us if you can!