



# Whinstone Weekly

Academic Year 2024/2025 - Spring term

Friday 21st February 2025

## Whinstone Wide - General school information

### World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day at school on Wednesday 5th March. We choose to celebrate on the Wednesday rather than the Thursday (which is the official day) so that all of our pre-school can participate. On this day, children can come to school dressed as a character from a book or in their pyjamas!

You will have already received a letter about a competition taking place where children have been given a paper plate to use to turn into their favourite book character or book related theme.



Your child has also been given a paper World Book Day token.

This allows them to purchase one of the special £1 World Book

Day books, or to use towards a book of greater value. There is also a website where you can download a token. The link is [here](#).

World Book Day tokens can be redeemed from now until Sunday 23rd March.

### Goodbye, Miss Millard



This week we have said a very emotional goodbye to Miss Millard. We wish Miss Millard all the best for her new role and hope she doesn't lose touch with the school. Miss Millard has been at Whinstone for 16 years and will be greatly missed by both the staff and children.

### Bikeability for Year 5

The Y5s will have the opportunity to complete Bikeability Level 1 and 2 (combined) at the end of March. There are only 48 places available, so please complete the online consent form as soon as possible. The link to give consent is [here](#).

It will run for two weeks between Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March to Thursday 3rd April then Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April but your child may not need to participate every day. Once numbers have been confirmed, we will create registers and confirm the details of your child's sessions.

Your child's bike must be roadworthy and a helmet must be worn at all times during their sessions.

### Science week

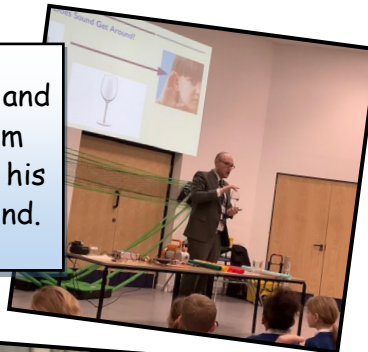
Our school science week is running from 17th to the 21st March. We have organised for Tees Valley Wildlife Trust to come into school and run workshops for our children in our recently renovated wildlife area. To help towards the cost of these sessions and other activities for Science Week, we are asking for a contribution of £2 available to pay via Arbor. If you are willing to help with supporting us to fund this, we would be very grateful. Unfortunately, we do have to rely on contributions from parents to enable us to continue offering some of the fun activities we have.

# Around Whinstone this week.



Well done to those who earned a Headteacher's certificate from Mrs Betty this week.

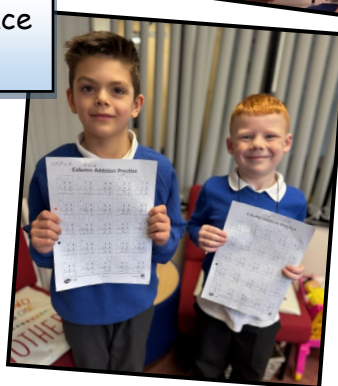
We had an exciting visitor in Year 4 and Year 5 this week. Dr Tim Craig from Yarm School came in to wow us with his amazing show about physics and sound.



School discos took place with Mr Good as DJ. Thank you Friends of Whinstone for organising these for us all.



Some great maths work took place in Year 2.



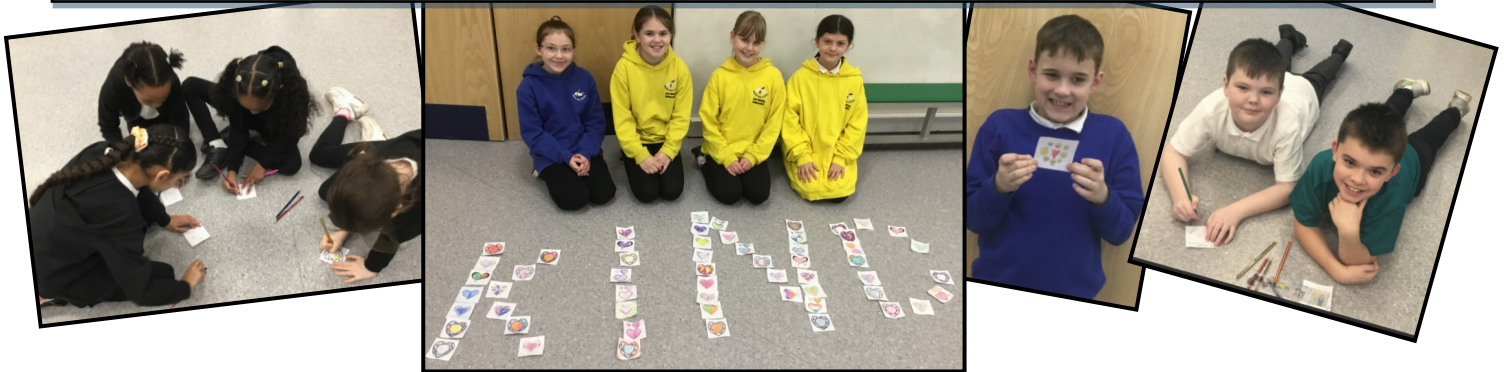
We have had our usual Animal Time sessions.



OPAL antics in the Show Zone



The Mental Health Champions organised an activity for children from Year 2 - Year 6 for Random acts of Kindness Day which was on Monday of this week. The children thought about acts of kindness that they could do and how they make them and others feel. Some children decorated a heart and others wrote about the random acts of kindness. The Mental Health Champions are hoping to make some fantastic displays from all the children's work.



# Whinstone next week

## World Book Day on Wednesday 5th March

Children are invited to dress up as a book character, or come in their pyjamas.

## Dance workshops

Over the course of the week, we have a lady from Dance Fitness leading workshops with classes from across the school.

# Attendance



Whole school attendance (year to date)

# 95.4%

National average = 94.5%

We keep on rising! Thank you for all your support.

**Remember: School reopens on Monday 3rd March.**

# Safeguarding and Family Support

## Thornaby Family Hub

Half Term Timetable  
24th February - 28th February 2025

Thornaby Family Hub  
Tedder Avenue  
Thornaby  
TS17 9JP  
01642 528525 option 4

### Monday

12.30pm - 2.00pm **Babbling Babies** Suitable for non walking babies  
1.30pm - 2.30pm **Infant Feeding Support group** Drop in and have a friendly chat with other mothers and access support from trained staff  
4:00pm - 5:00pm **SEND Craft Group with Guest Speaker** from SBC SEND department - booking recommended.

### Tuesday

10.00am - 12.00pm **Movie Morning** - Come along and enjoy *Inside Out 2* with breakfast/snacks  
1:00pm - 3:00pm **Red Balloons - Mums Together** - Perinatal Support group. Enjoy a refreshing walk and a hot cuppa afterwards  
4.00pm - 5.30pm **Be Heard** for children aged 11-13 years  
5.30pm - 7.00pm **Be Heard** for children aged 14-16 years - a safe space for children to switch off or join in activities. Booking via Stockton Mind website.

### Wednesday

9.30am - 11.30am **Knit & Natter** Community led cuppa and craft drop in  
12.30pm - 2.30pm **Multiples** Stay & play for families with twins, triples or more!

### Thursday

12.30pm - 2.00pm **Family Fun plus Mindful Together** taster session with Nic. All ages welcome!

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## Stockton Family Hub

Half Term Timetable  
24th February - 28th February 2025

Stockton Family Hub  
Yarm Road  
Stockton-on-Tees  
TS18 3PJ  
01642 528525 option 3

### Monday

1.00pm - 2.00pm Join us for a fun-filled afternoon! Bring your family along for a walk to Ropner Park with outdoor games and activities. Let's get out and have some fun!  
All welcome

### Tuesday

10.00am - 11.30am **Infant Feeding Support group** Drop in and have a friendly chat with other mothers and access support from trained staff.

### Wednesday

10.00am - 11.30pm **Family Fun Stay & Play with breakfast club** (breakfast from 9am - 10am)  
All ages welcome!

### Thursday

1.00pm - 2.30pm **Babbling Babies** Suitable for non walking babies

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## Safeguarding :

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for the school is **Mrs Hardy**.

Our other safeguarding leads in school are:



Mrs Batty



Mrs Wilson- Dukes



Mr Carlton



Mrs Squires



Mr Ford



If you are worried about a child, please call the Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Children's Hub on **01429 284284 / 01642 130080** or out of office hours call **01642 524552**

In an emergency, please contact the Police on **101** or **999**.