



Whinstone Weekly

Academic Year 2024/2025 - Spring term

Friday 14th March 2025

Whinstone Wide - General school information

Parents' Evenings

The parents evening for Reception to Y6 are on Tuesday 1st April (15:30-18:00) and Wednesday 2nd April (15:30-17:30). You should have received an email with more information about this during the week.

All appointments will go live to book on Arbor from Monday 17th March at 9am.

To book a slot, log into your Arbor account, go to 'Guardian Consultations' and select the day you require. Go to 'Meetings' and click on the time slot you would like, then confirm your booking.

The table below shows which teachers will be available for meetings on these days. This is really only relevant for classes who have two teachers due to a job-share - full time staff will be doing both evenings.

	Tuesday 1st April 15:30-18:00	Wednesday 2nd April 15:30-17:30
Reception (Miss Hole)	Miss Hole	Miss Hole
Reception (Mrs Wilson-Dukes/ Miss Prime)	Mrs Wilson-Dukes	Miss Prime
Class 1B	Miss Barron	Miss Barron
Class 1L	Mrs Lofts	Mrs Lofts
Class 2F	Mr Ford	Mr Ford
Class 2CM	Mrs Craig	Mrs Craig
Class 3G	Mr Good	Mr Good
Class 3W	Mrs Woodley	Mrs Woodley
Class 4BC	Mr Carlton	Mrs Burey
Class 4Y	Miss Young	Miss Young
Class 5R	Mr Robson	Mr Robson
Class 5G	Mrs Goldsmith	Mrs Goldsmith
Class 6A	Miss Ambrosini	Miss Ambrosini
Class 6S	Mrs Squires	Mrs Squires
Class 6G	Mrs Gibson	Mrs Gibson

For our Pre-school children, the format and days are slightly different so please refer to the email you have been sent. Pre-school have their meetings between Monday 31st March and Thursday 3rd April 2025

Once you have booked a slot you are unable to cancel or amend any confirmed appointment. If you do need to change or cancel your booked time, please contact Mrs Rees-Grant or Mrs Thomas on admin@whinstone.org.uk or call 01642 750318 and they will be happy to make any adjustments for you.



World Book Day plate winners.

Last week we had our World Book day event. One of the activities that many children took part in was to use a paper plate to depict a book, character or scene. There were lots of entries and Mrs Gibson has spent the week lining the corridor with these to display the fantastic work produced. There was also the difficult task of choosing winners and today, these were announced.

Well done to all the children who won, but also to all those who took part. The level of creativity, ideas and skill was simply outstanding.



Red Nose Day - Friday 21st March

Next Friday (21st March) is Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. This year celebrates 40 years of Comic Relief. As usual, Whinstone will also take part in this to raise money for the worthwhile causes the charity supports. So, on Friday we are inviting children to come to school wearing something red. This can include red hair and red noses. If you don't have any red items, please don't worry and rush out to buy something - you can still wear non-uniform. There is no set amount for taking part, but we suggest a donation of £1 be brought in for the charity. So let's make a statement and turn Whinstone **red** next week.



Lost property



This week, we put out the unnamed jumpers and hoodies collected in our lost property from the autumn term. There were so many items that, some in almost brand new condition.

Many parents took the opportunity to take items as spares so not as much needed to go to charity shops or to be sold for rags. What made this worse is that almost every jumper and cardigan had a label that allowed you to write your child's name on. If names had been



written on the clothing - even just in a biro - the item could have been returned. With the current cost of living crisis, it is an unnecessary waste of money to buy uniform and then have to buy more because it has been lost. This can be easily avoided by naming all removable items.



Please name all jumpers, cardigans, coats and PE hoodies.

Around Whinstone this week.



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

Time to Shine award

One person was away last week, so she received her certificate this week.

Well done!



OPAL Play leaders

We received the new jackets to identify our OPAL Play leaders. These were distributed this week and worn with pride by our children.



We had our first Whinstone pop-up shop. It was well attended and we are hoping the next one will be bigger and better! Watch this space for future dates.

Games Zone

Mrs McGough and Mrs Godwin are two dedicated members of staff who work hard to constantly improve our OPAL resources and provision. This week, they made some games on tree stumps. These were introduced to the children and enjoyed over lunchtimes. Thank you, Mrs Godwin and Mrs McGough!



Year 3 celebrated a Passover Seder.

The Maror (horseradish) was particularly memorable!





Year 4 had a Forest School instructor come in and work with them in our newly renovated Wildlife area.



Three of our children attended the H. I Mini Tennis Tournament



We had our first 'Girls' Football Friday'.



Reception heard about one of our parents who like to climb ice waterfalls!



More OPAL fun.



Music Monsters did a concert for their parents and Y3 and Y4.

We had our reward session for the children who got the most Dojos last term in each class. They had time outside with OPAL.



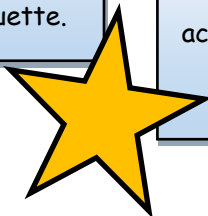
Whinstone Stars



Ella was awarded a certificate at dancing for working hard in the sessions and mastering a new type of pirouette.



Cora passed her grading at Judo. She has worked hard to achieve her red belt. Well done!



Attendance



Whole school attendance (year to date)

95.0%

National average = 94.6%

Whinstone next week

Science Week

Next week is Science Week. Your child will be taking part in many science based activities. The week will start with a special assembly taken by Mr Ford.

Year 5 Forest School

Year 5 will have some Forest School sessions on Tuesday.

Year 3 and Year 4 movie night

This will take place on Thursday after school.

Rehearsals for the Y5 children in Little Shop of Horrors

Our Y5 children who are taking part in Teesside High's production of Little Shop of Horrors, will have two rehearsals next week. One in school and one at Teesside High on the stage.

Red Nose Day

Come to school in non-uniform, ideally dressed in red. It can be red clothing, red hair or just a red nose! Suggested donation of £1 for Comic Relief.

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**.