



Whinstone Weekly

Academic Year 2024/2025 - Spring term

Friday 4th April 2025

Whinstone Wide - General school information

National Pet Month assembly hosted by our Mental Health Champions

Today we held our special assembly to celebrate National Pet Month, and what a success it was. You can see some of the photos of the various pets that came into school later in this newsletter. The children thoroughly

enjoyed the assembly which was facilitated by Mrs Burey and the Mental Health Champions. Our Mental Health Champions are a group of children who have undergone some training and are here to support the pupils in school with their wellbeing. They have recently been given their new hoodies, which look very nice and carry a lovely message on the back.

Thank you also to all of the parents who gave up their time to bring their child's pet into school. It was a fantastic experience and one I'm hoping will become an annual event.



Easter Eggstravaganza Competition

On Thursday 10th April, we will be holding the annual Friends of Whinstone egg decorating completion. Children can decorate an egg - either directly on it or have the egg as part of a scene- to be entered into the free competition. We usually have some amazing pieces of work—there are some very talented and imaginative people in the school. Any eggs should be brought in on Thursday morning. Please remember to either hard boil the egg or put a hole in to remove the insides, prior to decorating.



ASDA Parentkind

This week we have received the confirmation from ASDA Parentkind, that there has been a total of £619.82 raised by you using the app in store. This is a phenomenal amount that will be well used to enhance your child's experiences in school. Thank you to everybody who has helped us get this money.

Stockton Air Quality Strategy

Stockton Borough Council have asked that we share with you that they have an Air Quality Strategy which sets out how Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council aims to improve air quality in the Borough between 2025 and 2030. They would like to hear from the people who live and work in the Borough and are asking for your views on their draft Air Quality Strategy.

Please take a moment to read the draft strategy and complete the consultation survey found [here](#). The draft strategy can be found in the 'Supporting Documents' tab.

The consultation closes at 5pm on Tuesday 29 April.



Around Whinstone this week.

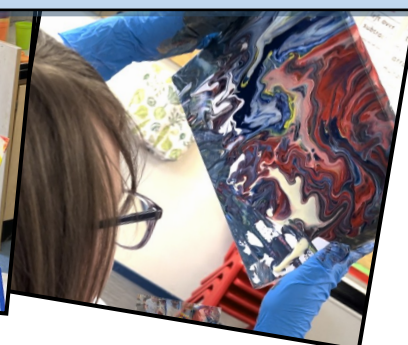
Reception have been taking part in lots of activities—especially some things relating to Easter.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) has been such fun in the sun!

The Crafty Explorers had lots of fun with their paint pouring session.

Whinstone Stars

Olivia, one of our reception children, has been helping the local community by doing a litter pick.
What a star she is!



We had our first National Pet Month assembly hosted by our Mental Health Champions. There were children (with their parents) showing a variety of pets to the school. Each pet had to visit three different assemblies—KS1, KS2 and our pre-school.

What an array of creatures we saw - furry, feathery and scaly!



Whinstone next week

Year 4 head to Robin Wood

On Monday, children from Y4 are heading off on their residential to Robin Wood. They will hopefully be leaving by 08:30, so please park considerately and do not block the coach in - they are on a tight schedule to arrive for their first activity!

Year 5 - Bikeability

More Year 5 children have Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability sessions happening over the course of the week.

FoW Easter Eggstravaganza Competition

On Thursday, bring any decorated eggs in to school. They will be judged and prizes awarded.

School closes for Easter on Friday 11th April

Friday is the last day before the Easter holidays. **School reopens** for children on **Monday 28th April**.

Safeguarding and Family Support

Family Craft Club

Mondays 4pm to 5pm



- * For children with a SEND diagnosis or on pathway to diagnosis
- * Booking recommended as spaces are limited
- * Join us for some sensory arts and crafts
- * Parents must stay with children
- * Siblings welcome

Thornaby Family Hub, Tedder Avenue, Stockton-on-Tees, TS17 9JP

Call 01642 528525 or email familyhubs@stockton.gov.uk to book your place

Family Craft Club

Join the Family Hub team for a SEND Family Craft Club at Thornaby Family Hub on Mondays from 4:00 to 5:00pm. This sessions is for families who have a child with a SEND diagnosis or who are currently on the pathway to a diagnosis.

Siblings are welcome to stay and join in.

To book your place, please speak with a member of the team at your local Family Hub or call the Family Hub on 01642 528525

Safeguarding :

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



Our other safeguarding leads in school are:



Mrs Batty



Mrs Wilson- Dukés



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**.

Attendance



Whole school attendance (year to date)

95.0%

National average = 94.5%