



Whinstone Weekly

Academic Year 2024/2025 - Summer term

Friday 23rd May 2025

Whinstone Wide - General school information

Summer Fayre

This year's Summer Fayre is on Saturday 21st June from 11am - 1pm. Friends of Whinstone are making up their customary hampers ready for the hamper raffle. Each year group has been allocated a colour so any contributions, in the relevant colour, would be gratefully received.

In addition to the hamper donations, Friends of Whinstone would also like any donations of bottled items for the bottle stall. These can be *anything* that comes in a bottle - from shampoo to vinegar, ketchup to wine there is a lot to choose from.

Nursery	Pink
Reception	Green
Year 1	Red
Year 2	Blue
Year 3	Yellow/orange
Year 4	Brown
Year 5	Purple
Year 6	Black and white

Year 4 Times Table Rockstar Competition results.

This week there was a TTRS competition for all Y4 children across the Trust. We were very pleased to find out that 4BC (Mrs Burey and Mr Carlton's class) was the winning class. They had an average of 394 correct questions per person in the allocated time. Not only that, but in the top 10 individuals across all of our Trust primary schools - we had six children from class 4BC too. Children from Class 4BC took 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 8th place. These are results the class can be truly proud of - all good preparation for their Year 4 Multiplication Check which happens at the beginning of June.

OPAL Bingo

OPAL requires equipment to be constantly renewed and replaced not only to keep things relevant for the children, but items are well used and can get damaged. In order to try and collect the current items we are looking for, we have decided to try OPAL bingo!

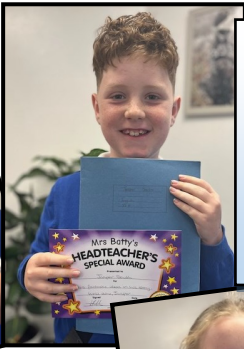


Each class will be issued with a Bingo sheet; different items are worth different points. The winning class will either complete the sheet or have the highest number of points by the 6th of June.

A copy of the bingo sheet will be attached to the back of this newsletter. If you can provide any of the items - please send them in with your child. If you need us to collect things - let us know. Remember - there is no requirement for people to go and buy new items, OPAL is about reusing, recycling and repurposing. Which class will be the OPAL winner? Only time will tell!



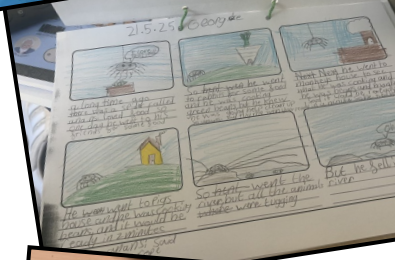
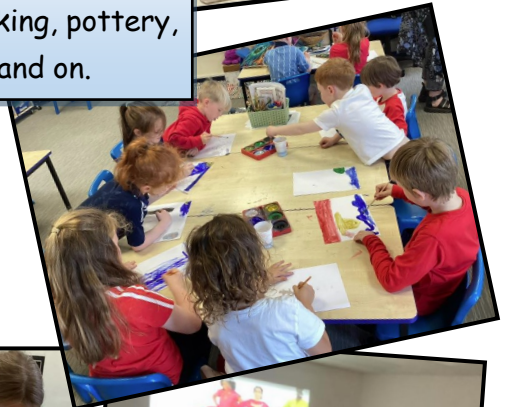
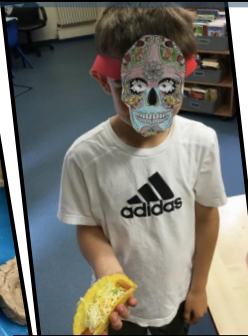
Around Whinstone this week.



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



We had our 'Around the World in Just One Day' event. Children across the school were allocated their country and took part in activities related to this. There was Irish dancing, Indian dancing, pizza making, pottery, food tasting, mask making...the list goes on and on.





Our reception children had a visit from a nurse and the police!



Our children enjoyed the sun and OPAL time.



We introduced our new guinea-pig called Fern.



Year 2 had a Forest School session



Whinstone Stars



Winston and his football team were at the cup finals at Rockcliffe Hall on Sunday. They came runners up and Winston won 'Man of the Match' for his amazing saves. Well done!



Some of our boys from Year 2 play for TIBS Under 7s team. They won the Under 7 football trophy. Well done to you all.

Whinstone next week

HALF TERM

Next week is actually half term. School will be closed for the week. We will look forward to seeing all children back on **Monday 2nd June**.

Year 1 visit to Hopetown

On Tuesday, our Year 1 children will be visiting Hopetown in Darlington.

Year 6 Careers Week

Year 6 are having a Careers Week. This will see numerous visitors coming in to school to talk about their career choices and roles. We have a wide variety of people coming in and hope to see the children inspired for the future.

Whinstone host the Trust annual Spelling Bee competition

On Friday, representatives from Y1 to Y6 will represent Whinstone in a Spelling Bee. We have won this for the last two years, let's hope the luck continues.

'Joseph' dress rehearsal

There will be a dress rehearsal of the Joseph production. This will be the first full rehearsal with an audience.

Safeguarding and Family Support

Thornaby Family Hub

Tedder Avenue, Thornaby, TS17 9JP.
01642 528525 option 4

26th May - 30th May 2025
May Holiday Timetable

Monday	Closed for the Bank Holiday	
Tuesday	10.00am - 11.00am	Breakfast Club with Mindful Together. Taster session
	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Be Heard Youth Drop In 11- 13yrs
	5.30pm- 7.00pm	Be Heard Youth Drop In 14-16 yrs Please contact MIND for a place at the sessions
Wednesday	9.30am - 11.30am	Knit & Natter
	12.30pm - 2.00pm	Multiples Stay & play for families with twins triples and more!
Thursday	1.00pm - 2.30pm	Junk Modelling. All ages welcome (Booking required)
Friday	10.00am - 11.30am	Messy Play for children ages between 6 months and 3years (Booking required)

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Stockton Family Hub

Yarm Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 3PJ
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May Holiday Timetable

Monday	Closed for the Bank Holiday	
Tuesday	10.00am - 11.30am	Infant Feeding Support Group
Wednesday	9.00am - 10.00am	Breakfast Club
	10.00am - 11.30am	Messy Play all ages welcome (Booking required)
Thursday	1.00pm - 2.30pm	Babbling Babies. Suitable for non walking babies

Please come along to enjoy our outdoor space!

Bring along a packed lunch or picnic and make the most of the fresh air.

Help yourself to free self-service tea and coffee from the café area, available until 3pm.

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Family Hub Half-term activities

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**.

Attendance



Whole school attendance (year to date)

95.0%

National average = 94.6%

CLASS _____

Opal BINGO

THE CLASS WITH THE
MOST POINTS WINS!



WAX CRAYONS 1	BAG OF MUD 4	FUNNEL 3	SMALL GRAVEL/STONES 10	PLASTIC KITCHEN UTENSIL 4
NATURAL PRODUCTS SHELLS/BARK ETC 2	WILD SHIRT/DRESS 4	PLASTIC COLANDER SIEVE 5	BEACH BUCKET 6	CHALK 1
PLASTIC OR WOODEN CRATE 7	PLASTIC PIPES/ GUTTERING 8	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS 7	GARDEN PAINT 5	WATER TOYS 5
WHEELS OFF OLD BIKE 8	BIKE HELMET 7	METAL OR WOOD POTS & PANS 6	SAND 5	FIDGET TOYS 1
PESTLE AND MORTAR 4	PLANT OR FLOWER SEEDS 2	KITCHEN PAPER TUBES 2	SMALL DIGGING TROWEL 5	FLEXI TUBE 7

