

The Whitgreave Circle



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Merry Christmas Everyone!!



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Fantastic Radio Presenters



As you all may know, Whitgreave has some new radio presenters who play music in the morning, lunch and evening (home time) and also speak on the radio. The leader is Mr Roberts and there are different radio presenters from year 5 every day who get to have a chance to become a radio presenter. If you are interested in what they do, when you're in year 5 maybe you could be a radio presenter too!

I interviewed Mr Roberts and here are some questions I asked him. I asked him what sort of music do the radio presenters play? Mr Roberts said they play a wide variety but mainly chart music. He also said he really enjoys working on the radio with the children. After that, I asked him if he has any tips for other radio presenters who want to give it a try. Mr Roberts gave the advice that you could listen to other radio presenters in school and on the radio at home.

I hope you have learnt lots of interesting information about our radio presenters. If you feel like you want to give it a go, then please speak to Mr Roberts about joining the Whitgreave Radio Presenters.

By Callum Williams





Perfect Prefects!



Throughout the school, 20 role models are chosen as our school prefects! There are 10 prefects chosen from year 6 and they are chosen by a speech they have to write and preform in front of all of year 6 and then year 6 pupils themselves would vote for who they want to be their prefect. The children that have been voted as our preducts are: Olivia Marsh, Owen Green, Devonte-Nyzika-Scott, Aisha Manyati, Callum Elcock, Kennedy Smith, Kayleigh Foyle, Megan Rudge, Tinodaishe Musabayana and finally Kiera Travers. In year 4 the prefects are judged on their behaviour in year 3, and the well behaved prefects are: Caitlyn Mckewon, Scarlett Lacey, Haydon Aston, Leshon Cryans, Elliot Sheldon, Nate Samuels, Tyler Haycock, Rayan Mustrafa, Jessica Clinton and last but not least Tiya Williams.

The prefects' roles involve showing new pupils around the school, helping teachers within the class, running assemblies on Monday and trying to help resolve incidents. Luckily, I got the chance to meet up with some of the other prefects and interview them on what are the privileges of being a prefect are and here's the result....

Tinodaishe told me that she loves helping the other pupils around school,. Tyler Haycock said he likes doing the assemblies as it's a big responsibility. Finally Hayden informed me that the most exciting thing on being a prefect is helping the staff!

So if you're in Year 3, 4 or 5 maybe you can start thinking 'what can I do to become a prefect?' Well all you need to do is be sensible, well behaved and show respect then you will soon be a prefect!

By Kayleigh Foyle





Perfect Parent Prefects



At Whitgreave we have some Parent Prefects who are parents or carers of children in the school who come into school and work with Miss Ryan on different projects. The Parent Prefects meet once a week with Miss Ryan to discuss different things about school. There are quite a few parents who are apart of this group who all work hard in the group.

Luckily, I was able to interview the new and some old parent prefects and have a lot of answers. The first question I asked was why do you think you were picked for your job? Their answer was for being great role models and also we are willing to help this school. The next question I asked was would you like to keep your job they said definitely, it is great! I also asked what kind of things do you do in your role? They said we help parents feel more involved with their children and the school by inviting parents in and getting their opinions.

As you can see, Miss Ryan and the parent prefects work very hard together to help all of the parents and carers in the school to feel more welcome. We would like to thank all of them for their hard work this year!

By Rhys Hyatt





STAR PUPIL



This article is all about... Star Pupil and who has stood out so far! So let's get started... The children in year 3 that have been voted for Star pupil in 3D are Amber Cassell and Charlotte Jones.

Amber Cassell has been voted for by Miss Davies because she has been a brilliant role model to the class since she has started year 3 (what a great effort!). Miss Laffan has voted for Charlotte Jones because she always gets on with her work, also she is polite to all staff and children not only to 3L but the whole school! We hope that these two role-models, keep up their excellent behaviour for the rest of the year!

In year 4 the children who have been picked are Bartex and Andrew Hallet! Bartex has been picked by Miss Corns, because he always does the right thing and is extremely polite to all the children at Whitgreave and the staff!! Mr Albutt and Mrs Parker have picked Andrew Hallet because he's really nice, helpful and polite! He's just AWESOME! Well done boys!

In year 5, the following children have been voted for: Israel Yaya and Sabina! Israel has been voted for by Mr Bell because he's settled in really well and Mr Bell is also impressed that he has come from another country (Germany) and has to speak English- which is really tricky! WOW!! Sabina has been chosen by Miss Guy because she's polite and always does the right thing!! JUST PERFECT!!

And in year 6 these children have been voted for Keelie Clifford and Chelsealeigh Burchett. Mrs Ceney has voted for Keelie Clifford because she's just awesome and always works hard in every lesson. Chelsealeigh Burchett has been voted by Miss Barrett because she's always working hard and never does anything wrong. These two children are excellent role models to have in year 6 for the rest of the school to look up to.

By Olivia Kate 5G





Welcome Year 3



In September, we had our new year 3 classes start. They are now in classes 3L and 3D and their teachers are Miss Davies and Miss Laffan. The new year 3s are settling in well after being here for a few months and are now working hard.

Miss Laffan and Miss Davies are both enjoying working with 3D and 3L. They said both classes are well behaved most of the time. Miss Laffan and Miss Davis enjoy working with the New year threes because they are quite and hard working. The New year threes are getting along really well. Both teachers are impressed with them and looking forward to working with them for the rest of the year. They are working hard in maths and literacy as well as topic lessons. They are earning there class rewards quickly and most importantly their attendance is fantastic. Year 3 have the highest attendance out of all the years.

So, as you can see, year 3 are settling into Whitgreave Junior School really well and are working really hard.

By Lilly Causer





Learning Together Journals



We have thought of an idea to make homework more fun at Whitgreave! We are now using Learning Together Journals so we can do homework and experiments .

Learning Together Journals help children bond with their parents, because when they have to write a fact file, the parents can help get facts and draw the pictures to impress the teachers and get a higher grade for their child. We have had some fantastic Journals already which some parents and children have done together. There are a few brilliant Journals that have been done across all the years with each year doing a different topic. The topics are:

Year 3 = Animal fact file

Year 4 = Stone Age to Iron Age

Year 5 = Space fact file

Year 6 = Vikings

Everyone seems to be enjoying doing their Learning together Journals and we hope to see some amazing journals in the near future!





Stick Insects



Stick insects, not really the pet you would think of having however, Mrs Barrett and the pupils of 6B have a collection of live stick insects in the back of their class. Stick insects come in many shapes and sizes and there is 3,000 species of stick insects on Earth! Luckily I got to interview the proud owner of the beauties shown below and here is what Mrs Barrett told me during the interview...

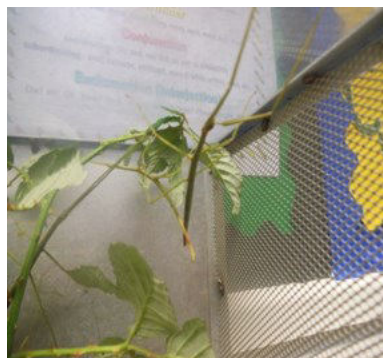
Mrs Barrett told me that she has kept stick insects now for around about 5 years and she loves to collect the eggs and hatch new stick insects! Mrs Barrett also told me that she collects a certain breed of stick insects, Indian Stick Insects. When the Indian Stick Insects are fully grown they are only 7cm long, NOW THAT'S TINY! You may be thinking what on this world made Mrs Barrett want to keep stick insects, well your about to find out...

Before Mrs Barrett came to WJS, her previous Headteacher gave all the teachers some money for class pets, all the pupils wanted things like rabbits, hamsters and rats. However Mrs Barrett wanted to be different and as soon as she found out about stick insects she decided they were the perfect class pet!

If you feel like keeping stick insects here is some tips and advice on keeping them!

Your stick insects need a terrarium, enclosure or net cage that is big enough for all of them. The cage of your stick insect should be at least 3 times the body length of the insect in height and 2 times the body length in width. If you keep more than one stick insect, you have to add some space for each one of them, preferably in width of the tank. Stick insects are really easy to feed their not picky eaters they only eat bramble leaves that are sprayed with water once every night before bed!

By Kayleigh Foyle





Whitgreave's New Staff



Recently, there have been two new additions to the WJS team, (Mrs Hardy and Miss Hill). They started in the new academic year. Mrs Hardy will be the new teaching assistant in year 4 and Miss Hill will be a student working with Miss Guy in year 5. Over the weeks they have been working here, they have settled in really well and been working their socks off to help children be the best that they can be and ensuring that they have a fun year.

Mrs Hardy is a parent governor, 6B's lunchtime supervisor she is also a Teaching assistant in year 4 which goes to show how hard she is working. Miss Hill is working towards becoming a teacher and will be working hard to become a teacher in the new year at another school. Did you know...? Miss Hill is very talented at gymnastics as she has also been helping Mrs Dale with gymnastic club every Monday. It was the friendly children and the wonderful staff that persuaded them both to work here. This is their first teaching job and working here will boost their confidence. They both enjoy working here very much, Mrs Hardy's favourite part about working here is getting to work with the children in 4C because she thinks they are very polite and hard working. Miss Hill's favourite part about working here is getting to help in gymnastic club; it is one of her favourite things to do.

Olivia-Kate Tuner thinks Miss Hill is very funny and Mrs Hardy is awesome. Kayleigh Foyle says Mrs Hardy is an excellent lunch time supervisor. Miss Hill is a great laugh, is fun to be around and also she's picked up on everything in school very quickly. Hayden Aston thinks Mrs Hardy is very helpful and kind; she is always helping in class, is always kind to everyone and is always determined to make sure everyone is happy. In conclusion, Miss Hill and Mrs Hardy love working here and we all hope they are here to stay, and wish them good luck for the rest of the year.



By Kennedy Smith





Attendance with Mrs Cox



So in WJS, we have some breaking news about attendance that everyone should be proud of. All together at WJS the attendance is 97.1%! This is a fantastic news and something everyone at Whitgreave should be proud of. The class with the highest attendance for one whole week so far is... 5G (Miss Guy's class) with 100%. However, this can all change and you can join the top stop with 5G, just by coming to school every-day.

Every Monday in assembly, we have an attendance raffle that takes place. For every-day that you attend school you get one raffle ticket which gets entered into the prize draw. The prizes are not just any old boring prizes, there are scooters, footballs and even nerf guns! For your chance to win one of these fantastic prizes, you will need to come to school everyday to earn a raffle ticket.

Mrs Cox (who is our attendance officer) was asked why she does the attendance. Her answer was quite clear: "Because I likes to know if the students are happy and enjoying school, and not missing out on education." A question you've all probably been wondering is why 5B went to Pizza Express? The reason was because of their fantastic attendance! You never know, your class could be next!!

By Olivia-Kate Turner





Bonfire Night!



Bonfire Night is on the 5th November and is celebrated all over the country. But how much do you actually know about bonfires, fireworks and everything else that surrounds this event! Here are five facts you need to know about bonfire night.

1. We celebrate bonfire night because Guy Fawkes, who hated the king, failed to blow up Houses of Parliament in the "Gunpowder Plot" which happened on the 5th November.
2. The name "bonfire" derives from the term "bone fire"; in the Middle Ages, these types of fires were usually set up in order to burn bones.
3. Up until 1959, it was illegal to NOT celebrate Bonfire Night in the UK.
4. A firework can travel at speeds of up to 150mph, the same as some biplanes.
5. Fireworks were actually invented by accident; in the 10th century, a Chinese cook accidentally mixed three common cooking ingredients (sulphur, charcoal and a salt substitute) and set it alight, which resulted in very colourful flames.
6. The first recorded fireworks display in England was at the wedding of Henry VII in 1486.

Remember, remember the 5th of November!





Heathy snacks and Recipes



As you may know at Whitgreave we are taking the heathier approach to life. In this article you will find a wide variety of healthy recipes and snacks to make at home.

Purple Monster Smoothies.

½ cup of red grapes juice, ¾ cup red frozen grapes, ¾ cup of blueberries unsweetened, 1 cup low fat yogurt (frozen), A blender and a spoon.

Mix these ingredients altogether to create your smoothie.

Cookies

250g flour, 100g light brown soft, 125 caster sugar, 1 egg lightly beaten, 1 tea spoon of vanilla extract, 225g self-rising flour, ½ tea spoon salt, 200g chocolate chips.

Mix all the ingredients in a large bowl when ready place mixture in a baking tray (cover base with Grease proof paper) in an oven (at 180 degrees gas mark 6)

By Tinodashie Year 6





Year 4 Chicks



On Tuesday 18th September year 4 had some surprise eggs. Can you guess what was in them? CHICKS!!! Having these chicks helped us with our history topic because we were doing about the life cycle of a chick and we even got to see real chick eggs hatch! Unfortunately, we only got to keep them for a little while though because they had to go back home to all the other chicks.

Everyone enjoyed having the chicks and here are some examples of why. Lilly said that she enjoyed having them because they were really cute and Hayden said that he enjoyed having them because he liked seeing them fall asleep. Tyler said that he enjoyed having them because it was exciting holding them. Also Jessica Wylde said that she loved them because they were cute and cuddly and Byron said that he enjoyed having them because they were enjoyable.

It was a fantastic experience having chicks in our class and who knows! We could be having some more again soon!

Lauren year 3





Christmas Recipes



Do you want to make your family and friends some wonderful Christmas treats? How about some Marshmallow Snowmen or Strawberry Santas? If so, read through this fantastic article to find all that and more...

Marshmallow Snowmen

Ingredients:

3 sizes of marshmallows
A Kebab stick
Sprinkles
Malteser
Chocolate button
Strawberry laces
Chocolate sticks (e.g. Matchsticks)



Method:

- 1) Insert the 3 marshmallows into the kebab stick.
- 2) Following that, use your strawberry lace as a scarf for your snowman, wrap it in between the top and 3) middle marshmallow twice.
- 4) Next, place one of your buttons on top of your snowman followed by your Malteser.
- 5) Penultimately, squish your snowman's arms (chocolate sticks) into the middle marshmallow.
- 6) Finally, sprinkle your sprinkles all over the middle marshmallow to create buttons.





Christmas Recipes

Continued...



Doughnut reindeers

Ingredients

A doughnut

Chocolate

Skittles

Chocolate sticks (e.g. Matchsticks)



Method:

- 1) Firstly, melt your chocolate in the microwave for 30 seconds. When the chocolate is smooth, cover your doughnut in it.
- 2) Place your doughnut in the fridge for 1 hour.
- 3) When the chocolate has turned solid, add your red skittle to the middle (for the nose) and blue skittles (for the eyes).
- 4) Finally, stick your chocolate sticks in the top of your doughnut.

We hope you enjoy both these wonderful, tasty recipes!

By Megan Rudge





Christmas Wish list



In this article, you will find out the Christmas wish list of Whitgreave Junior School so, less of the information, and more of the wishes!

Miss Guy wants a nice Christmas jumper, some diamond earrings and if she could, she would have a puppy.

Miss Hands desperately wants a diamond ring, a diamond bracelet and a diamond necklace. (If you are reading this Miss Hands, I think you deserve all of this however it's a lot of diamonds!)

Miss Ceney would love a holiday to Jamaica!

Hayden wants a few games for his console. He wants Minecraft Story Mode and Lego Dimensions.

Nate would like a PlayStation 4, Minecraft PlayStation 4 Edition and a PC which includes Minecraft (Me Too!)

Fremi would love to have an Xbox One!

Jessica Wylde wants some cuddly teddies!

Mr Jones would love new trainers!

Lilly would love everything to be diamonds!

Finally Miss O'Sullivan would like a personal assistant.

Well it looks like Santa has got to deliver a lot of presents for Whitgreave this year!

By Tyler Haycock





Our New Field



Soon Miss Terry will be planting new flowers and plants in the field to improve the field's image and I know the plants will be lovely and everyone will enjoy them. Miss Terry will plant different kinds of plants all around the field to add lots of different colour and make Whitgreave look more amazing. Miss Terry will look after them and maybe ask you to help her! She will see if she can find different kinds of flowers instead of one kind of flower to have a variety. She might get dandelions, roses, sunflowers and more! The field will be more beautiful than before and will smell amazing!

Also there is a path you can follow on the field which leads you onto the balcony which will give you a fantastic view to see all of the pretty flowers below you. When you go down you will feel the smooth grass in between your toes if you take your shoes off. Can you think of any more flowers that Miss Terry could plant on the field?

By Jessica Wilde





New Years Resolutions



New Year is just around the corner and the staff and children has been thinking about what their new year's resolutions will be and I managed to ask the staff what they have thought of for their resolutions and here's the results I got... As some of you are aware Miss Guy is getting married on 6th August 2016 and she really wants to tone her arms for her wedding we all wish her the best of luck with her new year's resolution and wedding, Miss Godridge also wants to do more exercise as part of her new year's resolution, Mrs Hands (the master of fun) says she really wants to have more fun in 2016. Now this is the best New Year's resolution I heard from a member of staff... Mr Bell wants to train for a half marathon AND complete it within less than 2 hours. That is really determination! We all wish all the staff that made a new year's resolution good luck in reaching it. I know some of us find it hard to follow and stick to our new year's resolutions however I really do hope all the staff manages to stay to their resolutions and follow them throughout upcoming years.

Now let's hear what the kids have set as their new year's resolutions ... Kennedy Smith from year six says her new year's resolution is going to be to get a level 7E in her literacy, Olivia-Kate-Turner from year 5 told me her news resolution is to eat less chocolate, Tinodaishe Musybayana who is also from year six excitedly told me that she wants her resolution to be that she sleeps earlier and longer, Jessica Wilde from year 4 wants to learn to use the computer better, Tyler Haycock from year 4 to eat less treats and more healthy food, Fremi Diany from year 5 says he wants his new year's resolution is to eat more healthily, Hayden Aston year 4 said his new year's resolution is going to brush his teeth properly, Nate Samuelss from year 4 wants his resolution to get better at school/

Well as you can see everyone throughout WJS has something to achieve. Well this article wouldn't be complete without hearing from the heart of the schools New Year's resolution. Well here's what Mrs Redfern wants her resolution to be... To start jogging again! Well GOOD LUCK Mrs Redfern!

By Kayleigh Foyle 6B





French Lessons in WJS



Today I interviewed our WJS French teacher, Miss Davies. Since September, Miss Davies has been teaching French to years 3, 4 and 5 with year 6 starting after their exams. Once a week, each year will have a French lesson with Miss Davies on a different topic such as days of the week, numbers and food.

Miss Davies started learning French when she was In Year 7 in secondary school. She started to learn greetings and colours which she has taught in many of our classes. She told me which class has impressed her most. "The class that has impressed me the most is Miss Guy's class, 5G."

As well as the most impressive class, Miss Davies chose the student who has impressed her the most is Sabena In 5G because she has learnt 3 languages English, French and Polish.

Miss Davies has been to France before when she was in year 11 with her school on a trip. She also said she has been to Paris in France for a holiday.

Now because Miss Davies knows French pretty well, I know you are thinking does Miss Davies have any French relatives? Now the answer to that is no. she doesn't. The reason why she knows French so well is because she started to learn French in year 7.

Now another question, does she have anything to help her in French? "Yes. I have a French app on my iPhone. I also have a French application on my computer which helps me learn French more fluently". Hopefully, With The Help Miss Davies, We Will Learn French In the Whitgreave Way.

I asked some children who are having French lessons with Miss Davies what they think about learning French. Byron Miller in year 4 thinks that they are inspiring and lots of fun. Omar thinks that learning French is very fun and can be useful when he is older.

We would like to thank Miss Davies for her fun and interesting lesson in French. Who knows the whole school could be speaking French soon!

By Tyler Haycock



FRENCH CHALLENGES



1 What is the number 8 in French?

2 How do you say hello in French?

3 How do you say 16 in French?

4 What is the capital city in France?

5 How do you say "How are you?" in French?

6 How do you say pink in French?



Take challenge to Miss Guy in 5G by 14th December and the best answers will receive a prize in assembly!!!!





Who am I?



This person likes spending time with their family.

This person **LOVES** Disney

This person likes going on days out.

This person has blue eyes.

This person likes Cosmos restaurant.

This person drives a car.

This person has 1 sister and 4 brothers.

This person enjoys baking cakes.

This person has a dog.

This person has three children.





Riddles



Are you smart enough to crack these riddles? See below to find out if you guessed them correctly...

1. What goes up but never goes down?
2. What goes down and never goes up?
3. What can you catch but can't throw?
4. What asks but never answers?
5. What two things can you never eat for breakfast?



1. Age 2. Rain 3. Cold 4. An Owl 5. Lunch and dinner
6. A stick





Cracking Christmas Jokes



Hello readers, so as you know Christmas is just around the corner, so why not share some jolly jokes for you festive ones out there?

Q: What's a child's favourite king at Christmas?

A: A stocking!!

Q: Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?

A: A mince Spy!

3: Q: What never eats at Christmas time?

A: The turkey, its normally STUFFED!

4: Q: What kind of cereal does Jack Frost eat?

A: Frosties!

5: Q: What is the most special part of your body at Christmas?

A: A mistletoe

6: Q: What beats its chest and swings from Christmas cake to Christmas cake?

A: Tarzipan!



Now we've shown you some great jokes, we want YOU to make your own Christmas joke... Make sure you bring it to Miss Guy so YOU can get a chance to win an amazing prize!!

BRING THIS IN BY MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER

By Fremi Diamany



What's Next?



We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Whitgreave Circle and we hope that you enjoy reading it!!

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year!



In the next exciting issue of the Whitgreave Circle we will have.....

New Years Resolutions

Year 4 Pioneer

Gifted and Talented fun at NEW Academy

Easter Competitions

And much more!!!!

