

The Whitgreave Circle

We write it the Whitgreave Way!



All written by the gifted writers of
Whitgreave Junior School!

Merry Christmas Everyone!!



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Congratulations to the choir!



In Whitgreave Junior School on 5th of December 2014 we had an unexpected visitor from the Signal 107 street team. We were unaware that Signal 107 were coming in to listen to our choir sing in a competition called little voices. We had ten minutes to gather the choir while they were on their lunch break and quickly choose a Christmas carol that they could sing. Fortunately our amazing choir blew them away and was picked to be in the top five schools to perform at the Mander centre in Wolverhampton on Saturday 13th December! An amazing achievement considering they only had ten minutes to prepare!

We then had three days to prepare the choir for their live performance in front of hundreds of people in Wolverhampton town centre. With a lot of help from Mrs Barrett, Mrs Redfern, Mrs Parker and Miss Jones the choir rehearsed everyday giving their all in every song.

Once the day arrived, the choir were at the Mander centre ready to perform against four other schools. They performed on a starry night, somewhere only we know; don't blame it on the sunshine and Winter Wonderland. The choir were absolutely amazing! They brought the Mander centre to a standstill as everyone was in awe! We had solos, harmonies and when they all sang in unison you were guaranteed Goosebumps.

It was a public vote that decided the winner which started on Friday and ended 8 AM Monday morning. The winner was announced Tuesday morning at 8:15 AM and all staff and children who were in school gathered to find out if we had won. Amazingly Whitgreave were the winners! The school erupted as we were announced the winners live on Signal 107! Nobody could believe that we had won when only six days ago we knew nothing about it! The choir deserve so much praise for what they have done the past week with all the hard work they have put in as well as all the staff who helped them.

Their prize for winning the competition is that they get a day at Signal 107 where they get to perform and record their very own record which will then be played over the radio. They also win a disco for the school which will be hosted by Signal 107 themselves.

Tadiwa Marambire, a member of the choir, felt excited because he knew that he was being broadcasted live on the radio and to be interviewed for the radio. Fleur felt jubilant just like Tadiwa but also shocked because it was unexpected. On the other hand Charel Barnaby just got stuck in even though she was nervous because they had ten minutes to practice, get interviewed and have their pictures taken! Mrs Redfern is so impressed with all the members of the choir and for their great effort at the end of term they all get a McDonalds... WELL DONE WHITGREAVE CHOIR!!!

By Kayleigh Foyle



Congratulations to the choir!!!



Congratulations to Whitgreave Junior School from
Wolverhampton who are our Signal 107 Little Voices Christmas
Concert competition Winners



Whitgreave's Christmas

Wish List



As you know this half-term is the run up to Christmas. so I have asked some lovely staff and children what they want from Santa this year. some of them are small presents, some are big presents and some are life changing presents.

"So staff what do you want for Christmas?"

Mrs Hands replied "well I would like my family to have a great day"

Miss 'O' Sullivan would like a unburned turkey.

Mr. Bell would love a brand new plasma TV.

Mr. Albutt like most teachers would like a holiday.

Miss Mathews and Mr. Mathews would both like the winning lottery ticket. (Me too).

Miss Corns would love a brand new hair dryer.

Mr Roberts's Christmas present would only be world peace.

Mrs Turner would love a new sofa and kitchen.

Mr Jones would like to pass his driving test.

Miss Guy would want to spend the day with her family and lots of gifts.

"So what would you like for Christmas Tino?"

"Well I would like a new mp3 player."

Kayleigh would like tomadachi life.

Alex Bood would love a ps4.

Tiffany would love a 3DS XL.

Olivia Kate would like an Xbox One.

Tiger really wants a skateboard.

Nashaun wants a new bike.

George would like a fast car for Christmas.

Chelsea Duck wants a new pair of pink converse.

As you can see Santa will be very busy this Christmas at Whitgreave with all the presents the staff and children want!

By Kennedy Smith



Gifted and Talented Dance and Gymnastics



Miss Guy provided gifted and talented pupils in PE with a fantastic opportunity to go to Moreton High School and use their facilities and fantastic teachers to have lessons in dance and Gymnastics!

We started going to Morton to do amazing gymnastics on Wednesday 8th November and dancing on Friday 10th November. We are so lucky to go to dance every Friday and gymnastics every Wednesday. The teachers who take us are Mr Jones, Miss Bullock, Mr Mathews and Mrs Russell. I spoke to Alex Bood, who goes to gymnastics, to see what he likes and he said "I love using Moreton's excellent facilities and learning new jumps on the trampoline" I also asked Megan Rudge and she said she loves learning how to make shapes with her body whilst on the trampoline" I also asked the opinion of teachers who take us to Moreton and Miss Bullock said "it is obvious the pupils have a lot of fun at Moreton and look forward to it". Mr Jones was proud to say "how well behaved pupils from Whitgreave were and how much they enjoyed it!" Also the teachers at Moreton are Miss Westwood and the other teacher is Natalie. I spoke to Miss Westwood and she said she liked "how well they made the shapes" and then I spoke to the other teacher, Natalie, and she said "They did really well with the superheroes moves".

The teachers at Moreton also decided who was the super star at gymnastics and decided it was Megan Rudge and in dance the super star is Niamh McDowell. At our last gymnastics we learnt how to land on our bottom and make a return with all the shapes we have learnt with our body! At our last dance session we were putting all our superhero's moves together to make a super hero routine. WE LOVED IT ALL! All the pupils loved making shapes with their body and making the superhero's shapes and the routine!

All the gifted and talented dancers and gymnasts would like to thank Miss Guy and all the teachers who take us to Moreton for this fantastic opportunity and the teachers at Moreton who give up their time for us!

By Olivia Kate Turner



Jamaica Fact file



In October we were lucky to have not one, not two but three teachers from different schools from Jamaica. For those of you who do not know much about Jamaica I have wrote an amazing fact file on Jamaica so sit down, relax and read all about Jamaica.

Jamaica was claimed by Spain after Christopher Columbus landed there in 1494. It then came under English rule in 1655 before gaining independence in 1962

On the Jamaican flag there are three colours they are black, green and yellow for you who do not know these are what they represent.

Black - strength and creativity of the people in Jamaica.

Gold - A symbol of sunshine and natural resources.

Green - The land and hope for the future.

The currency in Jamaica is the Jamaican dollar.



The biggest source of income in Jamaica is the export of agricultural products such as bananas, coffee and sugar.

They also have a proud history in sport as well as a strong presence in sport now. They have produced many talented sportspeople, especially in track & field where athletes such as Usain Bolt, Johan Blake and Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce have excelled.

In Jamaica they eat a lot of the same stuff we eat here in England but in addition to that they eat: Jerked chicken, akee, salt fish, fried dumplings, curry goat and roti.

Jamaica's climate is tropical with constant warm to hot temperatures all year round. They are also rather prone to hurricanes.

By Kayleigh Foyle



Our Special Visitors!



As you know Whitgreave have had some special visitors from Jamaica: Mrs Dodd, the principal (Head Teacher) Of Cave Valley All Age Primary School, Mrs Dixon, a teacher from Kendal primary school and Miss Brissett, a teacher from Green Island Primary School. These special guests have come to England as part of a scheme to encourage a broader Knowledge of cultural education.

Student Population

At Whitgreave Junior School, we have a population of approximately 229 children and an average of 28-30 children in a class. It sounds pretty normal however in Kendal primary school they have a student population of 297 children all aged between 6-12 year olds and an average of 37 children in a class .In Cave Valley All Age primary school they have 307 children all aged between 6-14 and an average of 45 children per class. Finally in Green Ireland primary school there 570 children and 40-45 children in a class. All children who attend there are aged between 6-12, to add to this 15 teachers and 1 principal. In comparison Cave Valley All Age Primary School has the closest amount of children in the school as we do. Since our special visitors have been in England they have been to St. Peter's square to watch a special ceremony in memory of the hundreds of thousands of solders' that died in the war on memorial day. They also went to church on the Sunday they arrived.

Christmas Plans

At Cave Valley All Age primary school Mrs Dodd and the cooking staff are planning a community lunch, where anyone can come to the school and eat freshly prepared food and those in the community who cannot walk; will have their lunch brought to them. How thoughtful, so what can we do to help the community?

Teachers Opinions

I managed to get the teachers opinions on our school; 'Mrs Dodd says the disciplinary system is brilliant and I might take it back to Jamaica' Miss Brissett says: ' the children are extremely disciplined and they have a large amount of discipline for the teachers and each other. 'Mrs Dixon say: The school is very hospitable and both children and staff work well together'.

In conclusion our special visitors have taught us quite a lot and we in turn have taught our visitors a lot which will help all schools in Jamaica as well as our school. GO TEAM WHITGEAVE !

By Tino Musabayana





Year 5 Trip

National Space Centre



In this article we will be talking about year 5's trip to the National space centre in Leicestershire, on Friday 24th October 2014. You'll never guess what, Year 5 is actually writing a recount about their trip to the National Space Centre at this current time in Literacy.

Last half term, Year 5 went to the National Space Centre in Leicestershire. When we arrived, we were allowed to explore. About half an hour later, Year 5 gathered together and smoothly walked to a place called a planetarium. A while later, we came out of the planetarium and ate our lovely lunch. Eventually, we finished our lunch and gathered into groups and set off in different directions to explore with our teachers.

A few minutes later, my group was at the top level of the National Space Centre, it was a skyscraper! Meanwhile, another group was on the ground floor exploring. Soon after, Year 5 gathered together and we all agreed that we should go to ground floor, however, some of the Year 5 children didn't want to go into the elevator so some of the children took the stable stairs and climbed over 200 stairs.. In conclusion, Year 5 went home on a coach, everyone had a fabulous time. YEAH! When we arrived back home all the parents waved and couldn't wait to hear what we had been doing all day.

Now will be able to read some of the teachers' opinions and see what they thought about the fantastic day at the National Space Centre. A number of the teachers thought the trip was both fun and educational: Mrs Ceney thought that it was fun and there was a lot to see; it's clear what to do at each station. Similarly, Mr Bell exclaimed "it's fun information and enjoyed the planetarium as well as what to do at each station," and Miss Godridge said, "It was good, especially the planetarium and the exhibits." In agreement with the rest of the staff, Mr Jones exclaimed, "It was very fun! There were a lot of things to do and everyone enjoyed the day. The Planetarium was awesome!"

In our own opinion, it was absolutely amazing and I enjoyed how Mr Bell and Mr Jones let us explore and it was very educational and you learn about space more than ever. Megan Rudge thought it was very interesting and there was a lot to learn. Also, Kennedy Smith mentioned that she thought it was very educational. Similarly, Tino Musabayana said she liked the planetarium; "I also liked the exhibits in the rocket tower."

So, as you see, it was a very good trip for Year 5 and everyone enjoyed them-selves and so did I!

By Alex Bood and Omar Grant



Afterschool Clubs

At Whitgreave



At Whitgreave we have a wide range of exciting and fabulous clubs, from student organisations to physical activities. All the children at Whitgreave seem to enjoy afterschool clubs a lot and every week the clubs are full!

Circuit training

Mr Jones explained that Circuit training is where pupils come and train using various fitness training equipment such as dumbbells, punch pads and kick pads. We have a really good time listening to music and working hard. Charel's (year 5) opinion of circuit training is 'I think it is cool we do a lot of weight lifting.' Morgon's (year 5) opinion is 'I like it when we do challenges and I like it when we do exercises. Sometimes we go outside with other clubs.'

Pupil Voice

Mrs Hands said Pupil Voice is about changing things about the school and raising money for children in need (they raised £379 this year!). After events, we think about what went well and what could be improved next year in order to raise more money. Pupil Voice is also in charge of Fair-trade; at the Christmas Fair, they sold Fair-trade cakes and a raffled off a Fair-trade hamper, courtesy of The Coop in Low Hill. When we interviewed the Pupil Voice, Alfie said, "I enjoy being the sectary of pupil voice and making changes to the school." Fleur also said that she really likes being the chairman of pupil voice and planning events.

Eco Council

We interviewed Miss O-Sullivan to find out more about Eco Council... The (Eco Warriors) Eco Council is a group of children that are on a mission to make the school as Eco friendly as possible. Miss O' Sullivan is the head of Eco council says: "We work to improve recycling and waste; we tell children what we do through assemblies and our eco board." You will often see the Eco Warriors caring for our school environment- often they are accompanied by a litter-picker!

Art Club

On Mondays after school Mrs Turner runs a club especially for gifted artists; when interviewed she explained that: 'each week the children use different techniques that may broaden their knowledge of different ways to draw, paint, and sketch.' Patrick Ryan was quoted saying how he really enjoyed art club and enjoyed learning new techniques every week.

By Megan Rudge



Mad Science After School Club

Report



When asked what they enjoyed most about Mad Science Club, children said that they really enjoyed the “explosive stuff”, making slime (they particularly liked getting messy!), and the leader, Dani, who was really enthusiastic and energetic. They also said that they enjoyed the fact that they could take some of the things home to share with their parents and do the investigations again at home. When asked what would make Mad Science Club even better next time, they mentioned making bigger messes/explosions, and making more things to take home. They also said that having longer/more time to do the investigations would be great, along with having a bigger space to do the club in (it was in classroom).

When asked if they would join Mad Science club again, all the participants said yes: because it was fun / amazing, because they were able to take things home. The only child who said no to joining again was because: “I don’t want to spoil other people’s chances.”

When given the chance to make other comments, responses were:

“It was fun and Dani was funny.”

“Thank you for a great time.”

“The experiments were all fun.”

“Science Ambassadors would like it.”

Overall, it was a really successful club, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. The above suggestions will be taken into consideration when the next Science Club is run in the Spring/ Summer Term (provided in-school, not by Mad Science).

By Mrs Barrett

Science and Sustainability Lead



Eco Council And Pupil Voice



At Whitgreave Junior School, we have a Pupil Voice. Pupil Voice provides all the children in the school with a voice so they can have an opinion.

In pupil voice we have a lot of children they are Madison, Fleur, Tadiwa, Myles, Musi, Alfie, Nnedimma, Paige, Adrian, Scarlet, Simon and Morgan.

In Pupil Voice we have a leader who is Mrs Hands and she helps us with planning fundraising activities for the whole school and raise money for charity. One charity that Pupil Voice did a lot of work for was Children-In-Need and they raised a magnificent amount of money, a total of £308.06

Pupil voice also created worry boxes for each class to use. Worry boxes are for when you are feeling worried, scared or have any issues. You put your worries into the box and pupil voice will do all they can to help you

The special group also help support teaching and learning with Mrs Redfern and feedback to the Head on ways we think the school could be improved.

Eco Council regularly empty our paper bins, if they are full, the children go out on the car park and put their rubbish from the bins into the recycling bins, which is all about making WJS more environmentally!! Eco Council keep the school tidy and environmentally friendly by litter picking. Year 5 and 6 collect the rubbish on Friday and Year 3 and 4 on Monday.

The members of Eco Council are: Nate, Megan, Callum, Rhys, Jonathon, Natasha and Saint. They meet every other Monday after school to have a meeting and if there are any problems, they can tell Miss O'Sullivan who runs Eco Council!!

By Madison Leader



Fantastic Children in Need



It's that day again Children in need, a day we all look forward to at Whitgreave Junior School. Children In Need takes place at our school to raise money for young, homeless or disabled children in the UK. It was on the 14th of November 2014.

We had a great day at Children in Need With activities such as a Penalty shootout, buying cakes made by Mrs Terry, making potions, doing advent calendars, making up shops and we also paid a pound to all dress up as superheroes! It was a great day and most agreed with comments like "a great day filled with activities" it was great! During the event we also managed to raise a staggering £308.06 for all the young, homeless and disabled children. I'm very sure they will be happy, what a great effort from all the staff and pupils, all for Children In Need. It was a great day overall and it was loved by all, we just hope there is another day like this!

Now here is one specific teacher who organised this special event: Mrs Hands. Mrs Hands answered a lot of questions about why she organised the Children In Need event! She told us a lot about how unfair it is for all the children who need our help and how important it was to help those who need it most. When I asked her why she organised the event she replied "I just thought every child should have equal opportunities". I agree a lot about what she thought about Children in Need. We must say a huge thank you to Mrs Hands for all her effort on the day of children in need but also to everyone at whitgreave who made a massive effort to raise so much money and we would like to thank everyone who donated and gave up their time to help. We hope to raise even more next year and with everyone's help it is possible.

By Fremi Diamany



Harvest Assembly



On Friday 23rd October children, parents, carer's and guardians came to Whitgreave Junior School and sat in the massive hall to watch Year 4's harvest assembly. Year 4, sang three lovely songs: cauliflowers fluffy, harvest for the world and harvest samba. A large group of children also read some heart-warming poems. The children from the school were asked to bring in tinned food and all proceeds were given to food banks around the local area. The Vicar from St Marys Church talked about harvest time and how we and everyone in the world should be grateful for all the food we have as there are people who are not as fortunate as us.

Then the vicar came in and picked volunteers to help him and each volunteer had an object and he made us guess which is the most important to help us realise what things in our life are actually important and what is a luxury. He also taught us how to grow fruit and vegetables. He told us that to grow fruit and vegetables we must plant the seeds and add water every 2 days or the rain will feed the seeds. Also the vicar completed his reading from the bible showing us about being grateful for what we have. Did you know, the vicar also told us about Jesus and also said that god helps us by growing the seeds into plants.

I spoke to some teaches to see how they thought how it went

Miss Corns: 'It was brilliant and every one took part.'

Mrs Turner: everyone was brilliant and worked really hard.

Harvest is an important time of the year as it is a chance to help those who need it the most and we would like to thank all the parents and carers who made a contribution to the harvest. You have helped to make a difference within the community by giving donations to food banks which help those who are less fortunate.

By Joseph Wesley



Challenges



Science Challenge

Test your scientific knowledge with these science questions! If you know the answers tell one of the owls!

How many organs are there in the body?

What organ allows you to breath?

What makes you digest your food?

What is the most important part of the body?



Maths Challenge!

Think you are a math genius,
Then try this math challenge

First one to tell one of the owls wins a prize!

$$5 \times 5 + 6 - 1 + 300 =$$

$$9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 9 =$$

$$6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 \times 9 =$$

$$7 \times 5 - 7 + 27 \times 4 =$$

$$1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 \times 6 \times 7 \times 8 \times 9 \times 10 =$$

$$1 \times 5 - 1 + 6 =$$

$$999 + 0.124 =$$

$$5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 =$$

$$5 \times 9 - 3 + 12 =$$

$$10 \times 3 \times 9 \times 2 + 2 - 50 =$$



Challenges



Draw your favourite teacher competition

In this competition you have to draw your favourite member of staff from Whitgreave Junior School.

To win this competition you have to do a detailed sketch of your favourite member of staff, also don't forget to add your name at the bottom of your entry and give it to one of the following: Miss Guy, Mr Jones or one of the owls. Make sure you put your name on and the name of the teacher you have drawn and use your own piece of paper. The deadline is 2nd February 2015.

Good luck!!!

Who am I?

1. This person favourite food is Nandos.
2. This person favourite colour is purple.
3. This person has got blue eyes.
4. This person likes going on holiday.
5. This person is 5 foot 6 inches tall.
6. This person likes getting her nails done.
7. This person has a white car.
8. This person despises spiders.
9. This person likes buying clothes.
10. This person has 2 older brothers .

The first person to guess who this person is from Whitgreave Junior School and tell one of the owls will win a prize!

Challenges by

Madison Leader, Kayleigh Foyle

Cameron Moreton and

Kennedy Smith



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

More on the Choir

Trip to the Pantomime

More Challenges

And much more!!!!

