



Whytrig Newsletter

Summer 2nd Half Term @whytrig MS

Summer Term 2021

Monday 7 June
Start of half term

Friday 18 June
KS2 Sports Afternoon

Monday 21 June
KS2 Puberty Talks

Friday 25 June
Mental Health Day

Friday 25 June
OBON Day

Friday 25 June
KS3 Sports Afternoon

Tuesday 29 June
Y5 Cycling

Wednesday 30 June
Y5 Cycling

Thursday 1 July
Y5 Cycling

Monday 5 July
Y6 Cycling

Tuesday 6 July
Y6 Cycling

Monday 12 July
Y6 Cycling

Tuesday 13 July
Y6 Cycling

Friday 16 July
End of Summer Term

Thank you for your continued support as we approach the final weeks of the Summer Term.

KS2 and KS3 Sports Afternoons

Years 5 and Year 6 took part in athletic track and field events this afternoon as part of their 'Sports Day' activities. Next week we will do the same for Years 7 and 8. Unfortunately due to the current restrictions in school, we were regrettably unable to hold a whole school Sports Day this year, nor invite parents as spectators, which was incredibly disappointing. These are the days that we all enjoy and we do hope that we can have the event back on the calendar next year that we all can enjoy.

School Uniform

As we approach the end of the school year it may be the case that a child's uniform is coming to the end of its useful life or is starting to be outgrown. It is expected that children wear the correct regulation uniform up to the end of term, however we do understand parent and carers may be reluctant to purchase new items with only a number of weeks remaining, as children can have growth spurts in the summer holidays. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure their children are wearing the correct uniform for school each day; in the event of an issue please contact school to see if a solution can be found – we keep a variety of uniform stock in school which can be loaned until the end of term to a child. Our uniform is simple and practical and our children always look smart. The pandemic has thrown up a number of issues around uniform supply this year and as a school we have tried to be flexible and supportive throughout. Next year, when school hopefully returns to normal, we will expect all children to wear the correct regulation uniform and PE uniform so now is a good time to start preparing for September to ensure the children know what is allowed and what is not. We would welcome parents and carers to contact school if you have any queries about uniform and appearance or visit our website at <https://www.svf.org.uk/whytrig-middle-school/school-life/uniform>.

Year 4 and Year 8 Transition Week

The extension of the current restrictions by the Government on Monday means that the transition week of activities that had been planned in the Federation, for Year 4 children coming to us and Year 8 pupils going to Astley High School will now need to be altered, as we are not permitted to mix bubbles from different schools within a school. This is incredibly frustrating given the value we all place on transition events for our children. We are now working hard across the Federation to come up with the best possible alternative solution for children who will be part of the transition process at the end of this term. As soon as plans are finalised, these will be communicated with the children and their parents and carers.

SIP Visit

We were glad to welcome our SIP (School Improvement Partner), Mr Simon Taylor to Whytrig in person on Wednesday, following virtual visits in the Autumn and Spring Terms. It was great for Mr Taylor to finally be able to visit us in person and it is fair to say he was impressed with our children and staff. As part of the focus was on what we have been doing in school to address the actions required from our last inspection in 2018, he was also impressed with the work we have done on the curriculum, reading in school and our strategy for disadvantaged students amongst other things. We will now be drawing up our school development plans for September and the actions required to move the school forward as we enter an inspection year.

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Friday, 18 June 2021

STEM Metro Kids Africa

We are really pleased to be working with Alan Edmiston from STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) learning as we work to attain the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM). One of the spin offs of this is that we have been asked to work on a project with STEM Metro Kids Africa, where he will visit our school and deliver STEM lessons in each class which will be filmed. These videos will then be edited and DVDs will be produced to send to Uganda for teacher development, focusing on delivery of lessons. We are very proud to have been asked to take part in this and not only are we forging cultural capital links, it is a great experience for our children to be part of. It is also great professional development for our own staff whilst naturally benefitting children and teaching staff in Uganda.

Cycling Commitment Continues

We have been so pleased to continue our extensive cycling programme with KS2 children, with another round of Bikeability and Year 5 off site cycle visits (including our own Year 5 teaching staff). We have a number of day excursions planned before the end of term and our commitment to cycling will continue next year, with plans to invest heavily in equipment so all children are able to access the programme.

Butterfly Garden In Bloom

Our Butterfly Garden is getting back to its best and we would like to thank Mrs Dobbins for her volunteer work in getting it back to where it was last year. We have always wanted an outdoor space that the children would be able to enjoy, but could also learn in, so it was wonderful this week to see KS2 pupils having a reading lesson on a fine day in such lovely surroundings.

KS3 Lateral Flow Testing

We have been encouraged to remind the parents of children in Key Stage 3 who have agreed to complete lateral flow tests at home that it is vital that they continue to do so twice weekly in order to identify asymptomatic cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) and prevent spread of the virus. In the cases of a positive lateral flow test result, parents must inform school and a confirmatory PCR test should be booked immediately either online or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days of the positive LFD result. Parents do not need to inform school of negative test results.

Stars Of The Week

Our Stars of The Week are nominated each week by staff for a variety of reasons, which might be contribution to the school community, school work or something outstanding.

Week ending 18/6/21

5B: Millie Eaton;	5C: Cory Foster;	5M: Beth Collins;
6E: Ginny Newman;	6L: Abi Hunter-Roberts;	
7L: Louis Foster;	7Ro: Vincent Bowery;	7Ru: Dan Beattie;
8C: Joseph Smith;	8L: Andrew Fountain;	

Week ending 11/6/21

5B: Harry Eaton;	5C: Jack Bradford;	5M: Billy Robinson;
6E: Charlie Phillips;	6L: Georgina Gordon;	
7L: Ellie Byford;	7Ro: Yasmin Roberson;	7Ru: Alfie Dawson;
8C: Lewis Dawson;	8L: Osion Duff;	