



Hello to you all,  
It has been another busy week at Whitmore with lots of fun learning opportunities taking place throughout the school. It was really fantastic to see so many of you at our Sports Days – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. The weather was perfect (thank goodness) and the children had fun taking part in all the activities. Well done to Green Team who were our overall winners this year and a big thank you to Mr A. Smith for organising the KS1 and KS2 events.

We had a lovely surprise on Tuesday when the Mayor of Basildon and Manager of Festival Leisure came to see us in our KS2 assembly. They came to announce that the winner of the ‘Basildon at 70’ writing competition was a pupil at our school! A massive well done to Sonya B in Birch class who was the winner against strong competition – over 1000 entries from many schools. If you take a look in the local newspaper, you will see a picture of her with the cheque she was presented with for £1070 for the school.

Spanish Day has proved to be a real success; with children learning about different countries which speak the Spanish language. It has been so nice to see the children in their nice bright red and yellow colours in the sunshine today. Thank you to Miss Furzer for organising this for everyone to enjoy.

As we approach the end of term, there are lots of events to look forward to. Children will meet their new teachers for next year on Monday and spend three mornings next week getting to know them. Reports will also be coming home on Monday. We would really appreciate it if you returned the parent’s comment section as your feedback and suggestions are always welcome and are important to us.

Whilst on the subject of hearing your views, it would be fantastic if you could go on to Parent View at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> and complete the survey. We are expecting a visit from Ofsted any time now and what you think and feel about the school forms an important part of the process and the report that follows.

On Tuesday we have our Open Evening from 5:30 to 7:30. This will give you the opportunity to talk to your child’s current teacher about their report and look around their classroom as well as meet your child’s new teacher and see where their new classroom will be. There will be a pupil verses teachers netball match, along with a performance from our talented choir. Tea, coffee, juice and cake will be on sale – we look forward to seeing you all there.

On Friday it is our ‘Basildon is 70 Street Picnic’. Lunch on that day is pre-ordered so don’t forget to get your slip in on Monday 15th July if you want your child(ren) to have it. As well as learning about the history of Basildon in class, there will be: dancing, wacky races, party games and many more fun activities for the children to do during the event. Remember to send them dressed in their 50s style clothes.

Have a safe and happy weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week.  
Mrs N Kemp



- Diary Dates:**
- July**  
 15th—Move up morning  
 15th—Reports issued  
 16th—Move up morning  
 16th—Open Evening (17.30-19.30)  
 17th—Move up Morning  
 18th—Year 6 Prom (year 6 children not in school)  
 19th—Street Party Lunch (celebrating Basildon 70th Anniversary)  
 22nd—Attendance Day out (eligible children 9.30-12.30)  
 23rd—Year 6 Leavers Assembly (9.30-11am)  
 24th—DOJO celebration  
 24th—LAST DAY OF TERM.
- September**  
 3rd—Inset day  
 4th—Children return to school  
 6th—New Year 4 classes Greek Workshop  
 9th—New year 2 classes Great Fire of London workshop  
 W/C 16th—New Year 6 Isle of Wight trip  
 24th—New Year 1 classes Dino-Stomp workshop

**Reminders**

**Afterschool clubs—all afterschool clubs will finish on Friday 12th July 2019.**

Lateness—a reminder that EYFS/KS1 children start at 8.50am and KS2 at 8.45am, we have an increasing amount of children arriving to school late, this not only disrupts them but also the class. Persistent lateness can result in a referral and fine from Essex County Council.

PE Kits—Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school everyday. If you have any spare PE kit that your child has outgrown then we would gratefully appreciate it being donated to school.



**Talk it topics and British Values**

Talk it topics are an opportunity for children to discuss an issue or idea throughout the week which is linked to the British Values. It encourages children’s communication skills as well as debating skills and is fun. We cover a different topic in school each week. It would be fantastic if you could talk about it at home too. This weeks topic will be—  
 How important is it to travel?..... This links to the British Value Individual Liberty

## Wall of Achievement



### Week of 8th July 2019

Buttercup Class— Teddy P  
 Daffodil Class— Ava H  
 Primrose Class— Lily C  
 Bluebell Class— Jackson W  
 Rose Class— Belle C  
 Tulip Class— Albi C  
 Lavender Class— Harry G  
 Orchid Class— Grace K  
 Sunflower Class— Kai S  
 Birch Class— Braedon Mc  
 Hawthorn Class— Riley F  
 Pine Class— Noah C  
 Ash Class— Freddy P  
 Beech Class— Elizabeth C  
 Maple Class— Alex TH  
 Olive Class— Nikita K  
 Sycamore Class— Kimberley M  
 Willow Class— Angeline K  
 Elder Class— Whole Class  
 Elm Class— Whole Class  
 Oak Class— Jake P



### **TT Rockstars**

#### **KS1**

1st— Eliza BE  
 2nd— Aiden OB  
 3rd— Finley K

#### **Biggest Improvement in Accuracy**

1st -Isabelle G  
 2nd—Lily-Mai C  
 3rd—Samuel H

#### **Battle Results—**



#### **KS2**

1st— Brooke C  
 2nd— Ben H  
 3rd— Leo ST

#### **New Battles—12.07-18.07.19**

**Hawthorn vs Sunflower**      **Pine vs Ash**  
**Birch vs Willow**              **Lavender vs Beech**  
**Pine vs Maple**                  **Oak vs Elder**  
**Elm vs Sycamore**               **Olive vs Orchid**

Final push towards the end of year, so keep rocking and smashing it on Rockstars. Mr Boulden.



### **Attendance and Punctuality**

It is vitally important that children arrive at school on time and ready to learn. We would like to bring to your attention that **children arriving after 9.05am will now be marked down as an unauthorised absence** which can result in a referral to Essex County Council and a possible fine. We would really appreciate your help in making sure children attend school on time and we will be contacting parents for persistent lateness. We would ask that you also try to arrange doctors/dentist and other appointments outside of the school day as we have an increasing number of children being collected early or throughout the day. This has a knock on effect with your child's learning and also can disrupt the class. The classes with the best attendance this week were— KS1 Buttercup & Primrose Classes with 100% and KS2 Oak Class with 97.7%  
 The overall school attendance this week is 94%. Our attendance since September is 94.5%, we would appreciate your help in trying to raise this further to meet our target of 96%.



### **Year 3 and 4 districts**

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 31 children from year 3 and 4 travelled to Basildon Sporting Village to compete against 24 other schools in the Basildon district sports. All the children's behaviour during the event was exceptional and they did Whitmore proud. In terms of competing, all children tried their hardest and competed to the best of their abilities. There were a few stand out performances: Anais won a silver medal in the chest push which was an amazing achievement. Suzie-Lou performed exceptionally well in the 60m sprint and came 5<sup>th</sup> in the final. Overall all children earned valuable points for Whitmore and we came 15<sup>th</sup> out of 25. We wanted to finish higher but I am sure next year the children will continue to work hard and improve on our performance.

### **Year 5 and 6**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 28 year 5 and 6 children travelled to Basildon Sporting Village to compete against 24 other schools in the Basildon district sports. On a boiling hot day, the children gave 100% effort in every event they competed in. There were many stand out performances:  
Batin S won a silver medal in long jump.  
Batin S won a bronze medal in the 80m sprint.  
Ashley N won a silver medal in the 800m.  
Year 5 boys relay came 4<sup>th</sup> in the final.  
Overall the year 5 and 6 team came 9<sup>th</sup> out of 25 schools, which is an incredible achievement and we should be proud of all the children who competed.

### **Sports Day**

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July both key stages had their sports days. It was an amazing day and all children enjoyed the day. The results are:  
Key stage 1: 1<sup>st</sup> green, 2<sup>nd</sup> blue, 3<sup>rd</sup> red, 4<sup>th</sup> white.  
Key stage 2: 1<sup>st</sup> green, 2<sup>nd</sup> red, 3<sup>rd</sup> white, 4<sup>th</sup> blue.  
A big congratulations to all the children in green team for winning both sports days. Also a huge thank you to every member of staff who helped make the event run smoothly, all the parents who came to support their children and a massive thank you to all the children who took part in sports day.

### **Orienteering**

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 7 children from year 3 and 4 travelled to Willows Primary School to take part in the first ever Berlesduna Academy Orienteering event. All 7 children were split into 7 teams with one child from each of the seven schools in the academy in each team. The results were:  
Jake B's team came 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Finley A's teams came 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Ellie G's team came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

All 7 children who attended the event enjoyed themselves, their behaviour was amazing and they were a credit to Whitmore Primary School.