



Welcome back to the summer term - I hope you have all had a restful Easter break.

It is just the first week back but the children are in full swing with their learning already. Children from our school choir have been to one of our neighbouring schools to rehearse for the Basildon Music Festival before they are due to perform at the Towngate Theatre on 21st May. The children were a credit to our school and as always their quality was outstanding. If you would like to watch the performance, Whitmore children will be in the Tuesday 21st May performance and tickets can be bought from the Towngate Theatre website.

This week we have welcomed Miss Everingham to our school. Miss Everingham has joined as our new Deputy SENDCo and has been busy getting to know the children and staff this week. In her role, she will be working alongside Miss Bray and Mrs Rodriguez and will provide an additional person to talk to about SEN. We have also welcomed Mrs Paxton-Hafsi into her new role as Attendance Officer. Mrs Paxton-Hafsi will be working with families to support them improve attendance where there are children who are below the 96% expectation. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming both Miss Everingham and Mrs Paxton-Hafsi back from Easter and congratulate them on their new positions.

In school today, we have celebrated Mrs Mcloughlin for her 20 years service at Whitmore. Many of you will know Mrs Mcloughlin from her smile whilst giving out bagels in the mornings before school and your children will know her for serving them their school dinners. On behalf of everyone within the Whitmore Primary School community, I would like to thank Mrs Mcloughlin for her service over the last 20 years.

Finally, a small request. For safeguarding reasons, can parents please wait until the end of clubs happening after school before coming on to site to collect their child. Thank you in advance for your support with ensuring we keep our children safe.

Mr Wade
Head of School

Diary Dates:

April

- 25th—Year 1 trip to Mountfitchet Castle
- 26th—Yr5/6 football match at Kingswood Primary (Selected children)
- 29th—Police visiting Reception children (PM)
- 30th—Disco—Reception—3:15 -4:15pm (collect from classrooms)
- 30th—Disco—Year 3 & 4—4:30-6pm (collect from KS2 Hall via school office)

May

- 2nd—Year 1 Phonics meeting with parents (2:30pm KS1 Hall)
- 2nd—Disco—Year 1 & 2—3:15-4:15pm (collect from classrooms)
- 2nd—Disco—Year 5 & 6—4:30-6pm (collect from KS2 Hall via school office)
- 2nd—Year 1 Phonics meeting with parents (5pm KS1 Hall)
- 6th—Bank Holiday Monday (no school)
- 7th—Farm visit to Nursery (in school)
- 7th—Year 3 Egyptian workshop
- 7th—Reception trip to Barleylands
- 10th—Year 5/6 Football match v Eversley (A) (Selected children)
- W/C 13th—KS2 SATs
- 16th—Yr3/4 Football match v Eversley (A) (selected children)

- 21st—KS2 Music Festival
- 21st—Year 4 Roman Workshop
- 21st—Year 6 Reward trip to Chessington

Inset Days—22nd, 23rd & 24th May 2024.



Information/ Reminders —

- Jewellery & earrings— a reminder that children should not be wearing jewellery to school (bangles/ necklaces). Earrings should be small studs and not hoops.

Vacancies.

- Please visit the following for vacancies within our trust.



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER closing date 24th April
CHERRY TREE – ADMINISTRATION & ADMISSIONS ASSISTANT closing date 22nd April
CHERRY TREE – ASSISTANT SENDCO closing date 24th April
FELMORE – PART TIME CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) – closing date 10th May
FELMORE – CLASS TEACHER – closing date 10th May
FELMORE – OFFICE MANAGER – closing date 26th April
MERRYLANDS – CLASS TEACHER – closing date 10th May
ST MARYS – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT – closing date 29th April
WHITMORE – CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) – closing date 6th May

For more information and to apply for any of our roles, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies – Berlesduna Academy Trust](#)

'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 week's topic will be—

Early Years—How can you challenge yourself? This links to the British Value —Individual Liberty.

KS1 & KS2—Can you learn to persevere? This links to the British Value —Individual Liberty.



Certificate of Achievement

Week of 15th April 2024

Buttercup— Danny F
Daffodil— Isla-Alanna
Primrose— Delsina C
Bluebell Class— Alexandru
Rose Class— Harriet W
Tulip Class— Ilene G
Lavender Class— Poppy C
Orchid Class— Jeremiah
Sunflower Class— Reggie L
Birch Class— Bianca T
Hawthorn Class— George B
Pine Class— Alec C
Ash Class— Ellie C
Beech Class— Sarah I
Maple Class— Nova W
Olive Class— Elijah B
Sycamore Class— Willow V
Willow Class— Adesewa
Elder Class— Amelia J
Elm Class— Nathaniel C
Oak Class— Ahmed M



Reading Corner

| Year Group | This week we will be reading.... |
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| Nursery | Oliver's Vegetables by Alison Bartlett and Vivian Frenc |
| Reception | The hungry caterpillar by Eric Carle |
| Year 1 | The Extraordinary Gardener by Sam Boughton |
| Year 2 | The day the Crayons Came Home by Drew Daywalt |
| Year 3 | Rumaysa: A Fairytale by Radiya Hafiza |
| Year 4 | Tamarind and the Star of Ishta by Jasbinder Bila |
| Year 5 | Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly |
| Year 6 | Suffragette The battle for Equality by David Roberts |

| Class | Reader of the week... |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Year 1—Bluebell | Montana |
| Year 1—Rose | Jake K |
| Year 1 - Tulip | Ashante O |
| Year 2 - Orchid | Jacqueline |
| Year 2 - Sunflower | Raphael U |
| Year 2 - Lavender | Amira C |
| Year 3 - Pine | Apshara S |
| Year 3 - Hawthorn | Wyatt G-R |
| Year 3 - Birch | Sasha W |
| Year 4 - Maple | Nova W |
| Year 4 - Beech | Ruby B |
| Year 4 - Ash | Anni O |
| Year 5 - Olive | Matilda N |
| Year 5 - Sycamore | Willow E |
| Year 5 - Willow | Jack |
| Year 6—Elder | Aiden Y |
| Year— Elm | Albi C |
| Year 6—Oak | Hermione C-S |

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



Please see below for what has been taught in phonics this week in your child's year group:

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| Reception | This week we have been reviewing the sounds and words taught in Spring 2 |
| Year 1 | In phonics this week, Year 1 have been recapping some sounds and tricky words we have previously learnt. We have re-capped the following sounds: ay like in play and stay a-e like in game and snake ea making the 'ee' sound like in team and speak e making the 'ee' sound like in secret and being The tricky words we have recapped this week are: eye, sure, pure, were and said |

Free Reader Friday

Please remind your child that every Friday, they can bring in their own book from home, or choose one from the book corner or school library.



Oracy Corner



Let's Talk



Discuss: "Mobile phones should be banned for children." Do you agree? Discuss.

Build

Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea.



- “ Building on X's idea ____
- “ I agree and would like to add ____
- “ X's idea made me think ____

Build

Challenge

Disagree or present an alternative argument



- “ I disagree because ____
- “ To challenge you X, I think ____
- “ I understand your point of view, but have you thought about ____?

Challenge

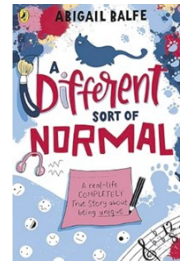
Recommended Reads



KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2

Times Table Rockstars and Numbots



TT Rockstars Class of the week is Ash

Player of the week—

Lavender— Lamia M-A
 Orchid— Noah
 Sunflower— Adebambo A
 Birch— Bogdan C
 Hawthorn— Taylor M
 Pine — Bobby D
 Ash— Harry T
 Beech— Khadija Z
 Maple— Darius M
 Olive— Cherry H
 Sycamore— Jack P
 Willow— Sadie
 Elder— William W
 Elm— Elizabeth O
 Oak— Jackson W

Numbots Class of the week is Rose

Numbots Player of the week

Rose— Elissa El-M
 Tulip— Joseph M
 Bluebell— Vlad

