



## Wolf Class Newsletter

### Update

Firstly, welcome back from hopefully a restful break after a very busy half-term. Before half term, the PTA raised money for school through our Valentines raffle and disco – thank you to everyone for your continued support. All children that attended seemed to enjoy it. Over the past few weeks, Wolf class have continued to demonstrate resilience as they continue to support each other as Year 6 prepare for SATs. This week, our Year 5/6 girls football team attended their final fixtures of the Knowsley Girls' League and to be guaranteed a place in the finals they knew they could not be beaten and needed wins against teams above them – it all came down to their final game, and they needed a win. After gaining an early lead, the girls managed to show determination and teamwork and with a goal line clearance in the final minutes, they managed to hold on to a 1-0 win, securing them a place in the finals. Well done!

### English

- Alongside our Guided Reading text, in English we are also reading Templeton Twins by Ellis Weiner and Jeremy Holmes. This week, children have: asked questions to make predictions and made inferences about a character. Next week children will begin to apply their learning by writing a diary entry. Children have already discussed how this narrative is different to other narratives they have read and they are also making connections to other stories such as Cogheart.

### Maths

- Year 6 have now finished their negative numbers and area and perimeter units, which has challenged their previous knowledge of area and perimeter. Next children will begin their unit of work on volume. Year 5 have absolutely nailed decimals and have begun to make connections between fractions, decimals and percentages. Next, they will begin to learn about geometry, focussing on angles and shapes.

### Reading

- Wolf Class are currently reading Real-Life Mysteries: Can You Explain the Unexplained? by Susan Martineau and Vicky Barker. This week, children have: predicted what might happen from details stated and implied; explained how information is related to meaning; retrieved and recorded key information from non-fiction; summarised the main ideas from multiple paragraphs; and, made inferences and justified using evidence

### Geography

- WOW! Children have shown great knowledge of the USA as we have continued our geography topic. Children have been further developing their knowledge of physical and human features by categorising different USA landmarks – it was fantastic to listen to the children discuss and challenge each other– what do you think, is Mount Rushmore physical or human? Children have also begun to understand how the world is divided in to time zones by imaginary lines called meridians. Next children will begin to investigate the population in rural and urban areas of the USA.

For more information about your child's learning this half term, please visit our class page on our school website [www.whistonwillis.co.uk](http://www.whistonwillis.co.uk)

### News

#### Healthy Schools

This week, we have introduced our 'Healthy Swap Station' allowing children to swap unhealthy snacks from their packed lunch for healthy snacks. It is great to see so many children swap for healthy options such as cheese and crackers and fruit (watermelon seems to be popular). Please help children make healthy choices by minimising unhealthy snacks at break and lunchtimes.

#### PE Days

Wolf Class PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday – please ensure your child attends school in full Whiston Willis PE kit. They may wear dark pants with their Whiston Willis hoody, jumper or cardigan.

#### Parent App

Reminder - Parents/ carers should have received an email to register for Parentapps – this will be used to share communications with parents – please follow instructions from email to sign up. Some children are saying they have not received information, however it is likely that this has been shared on the app.

#### Robinwood

Numbers have been confirmed with Robinwood – it is now important that payment deadlines are met to ensure your child is able to attend Robinwood next year. There are still a very small number of places left should your child still wish to attend (places will be given on a first come, first serve basis).

### Important Dates

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 5 Road Safety

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day - £1 School Meal – PJ Day

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Women's International Day – Year 5/6 Girl's Football Competition

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Photograph Day

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Police Visit - ASB

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Chester Zoo Visit

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**Thank you for your continued support - Mr Wong**

