

## Safeguarding



Recently Bradford Council came into school to deliver some in-car safety training for all pupils. The children discussed how important it is for drivers and passengers to use seatbelts and car seats correctly.

*"They told us to use a booster seat in our car." Momina Y1. "I always need to wear my seatbelt." Mustafa Y1. "I learnt you should always wear your rear seat belt because if you are in a car crash you could be thrown forwards and could hit and kill the person in front." Humayra Y5.*

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a pupil in school or any aspect of school life, please contact one of the following members of staff immediately.

**Mrs Donna Brown** – Head of Academy and Named Person for Child Protection.  
**Miss Rebecca Stansfield** – Assistant Principal, Named Person for Child Protection and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.  
**Mrs Trish Gavins** – Executive Principal and Named Person for Child Protection.  
**Mrs Gail McAllister** – SEND Lead, Named Person for Child Protection and Designated Safeguarding Lead.  
**Miss Lisa Metcalfe** – Inclusion Lead and Named Person for Child Protection.

### Useful Online Safety Internet Links for Parents

NSPCC - [www.nspcc.co.uk](http://www.nspcc.co.uk)  
 Parents – Thinkuknow - [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)  
 Parents and Carers – Childnet - [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)  
 Child Safety Online – A Practical Guide for Parents and Carers who's Children are using Social Media – GOV.UK [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

## Behaviour

We expect high standards of behaviour from all our pupils and we are working hard to ensure children are being safe, responsible and respectful learners at all times.

**590/601**

**children behaved safely, responsibly and respectfully last week**  
 Behaviour has been very good last week with just a few minor incidents that have been resolved.

FS1	FS2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
62/62	53/53	68/69	65/67	82/82	94/99	79/80	87/89

FS1	FS2	Whole School Attendance		Y3	Y4
92.22%	92.45%	Last week – 96.04%		95.68%	97.26%
		From September 2016 – 95.01			
		2016/2017 Target – 96%			
		★ Star Year Group – Year 1 ★			
Y1	Y2	Y5	Y6		
97.97%	94.63%	96.75%	97.08%		

Whetley Academy's Attendance Policy clearly states we do not authorise any holidays in term time, this includes visiting relatives abroad, and a fining system is in place. Please read our policy in full on the website before considering booking holidays. If you choose to take your child out of school during term time it will have a negative impact on their learning.

### CLUBS

Monday – Dance & Drama Y3-6 & Sports Club Y3 & 4  
 Wednesday – Exercise Club Y1-6 & Football Y5 & 6  
 Thursday – Art & Craft Y1-6 & Cooking Club Y1-6  
 Thursday – Cricket Club Y3-6 & Multi-sports Y1 & 2

### DIARY DATES

March 27 -5T visit to Anne Frank & You exhibition  
 March 29 -Year 4 visit to Poole's Cavern in Buxton  
 March 30 - Foundation Stage 2 visit to St Leonards Farm  
 April 3 - 5S visit to Anne Frank & You exhibition  
 April 4 -Music Concert for KS2 pupils

Please follow us on:

Website – [www.whetleyacademy.org.uk](http://www.whetleyacademy.org.uk)

Blog – [whetley.primaryblogger.co.uk](http://whetley.primaryblogger.co.uk)

Twitter coming soon!

## FS1

This week the Nursery children have been on a journey to Letterland again. They met some new characters, Talking Tess and Peter Puppy. They learnt the sounds these characters make and have enjoyed lots of activities to help them remember the sounds. We sang the songs, made tall towers and did some printing with pears. We can't wait for next week's Letterland adventures!



## FS2

In Reception we have been reading The Crunching Munching Caterpillar. We have been learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar and have been inspired to find mini beast in our outdoor area. We have made puppets for our stories which we have then told to the rest of the class. We have been exploring the outdoor area for minibeast. We have been learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar and looked at how the caterpillar makes a chrysalis and transforms into a beautiful butterfly. We have been subtracting in maths. We have been counting backwards and working out how many we have left.

## Y1

This week Y1 we have been looking at a map of the world. We have been looking at the countries in the world that hold carnivals and the countries we've been to. Excitingly, we have almost covered the world between us! We've been sharing our experiences of travelling to these countries on planes, trains, busses, boats and cars. There were a lot of gasps when we looked at countries like New Zealand on the map at just how far away it is and that it takes 28 hours to travel there. The children had a great discussion, listening to each other and responding with appropriate comments.



## Y3

In Y3, we are having a big push on our times tables. We have all learnt our 2,5 and 10 times tables and we are now focussing on our 4s and 8s. We are learning to count them in order (bronze), count them in a mixed order (silver) and all the division facts (gold)!



## Y5

This week has been a fantastic and very productive week in Y5 and all the children have worked really hard. One thing that stood out was the children's ability to complete tricky division calculations. Many of them have shown fantastic confidence in working out very tricky calculations such as  $4386 \div 7$ . Keep up the good work Year 5!



## Last Week...

In order to raise money for Comic Relief the children came in non-uniform and took part in lots of fun and silly activities!

We also had another visit from those naughty gnomes! Where do they come from? We will let you know how much we raised very soon.



## Y2

What a busy week!

2R have been learning to write letters and have written invitations for our coffee morning on RND. We followed instructions to make the buns for our friends. They were really scrumptious. Everyone had a great time!



## Y4

The class have been working hard to achieve 100 merits to join our '100 Dojo Club'. They can do this by successfully completing homework for timetables and spellings, and then across the half term successfully completing quizzes which help them to gain gold medals. We are using our 'stool of confidence' to sit at the front of the class and answer questions on our specialist chosen subjects in Mastermind style sessions. The challenge is to answer more questions than other competitors in 1 minute. Of course Mastermind wouldn't be Mastermind without a few famous catchphrases: "I've started so I'll finish!"



## Y6

This week's Oracy lesson in Year 6 cooked up quite a stir. The children have been learning how to use their voices in a clear, loud and powerful way. So repeat after me:

**Coffee,  
Cheese and biscuits,  
Plums and custard,  
Beef and carrots,  
Fish and chips,  
Soup.**



## Special Awards

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March we held Whetley Academy's first Poetry Competition. The standard of the competitors was outstanding. Many children recited poetry from memory and some children even wrote their own poems! There were 31 performers in total who received a certificate and a book shop voucher. The overall winners were Momina in Y1 and Reha in Y5 and they received a certificate, voucher and a shield. They were both very confident and recited their poems with great expression and clarity.

