

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 29 – MAY 2024



Attendance Champions Week 29

- 1st Place – Year 4: 98.98%
- 2nd Place – Year R: 97.62%
- 3rd Place – Year 3: 96.67%
- 4th Place – Year 2: 96%
- 5th Place – Year 5: 95.19%
- 6th Place – Year 1: 93.67%
- 7th Place – Year 6: 92.33%

A Week at Whitgift for Year 5

I gathered more feedback from the children in Year 5 about their experiences at Whitgift school last week. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive! The children really enjoyed the science labs - especially using bunsen burners to explode a jelly baby! Coding and computer programming were also reported favourably with children programming robots to complete a variety of tasks. They also used Kahoot to produce quizzes which they said was a fun activity. Many children also enjoyed the opportunity to try fencing and were surprised by how flexible the foils (swords) were. The children also learned Mandarin, and taught the children how to say 'hello' and 'goodbye' in collective worship this morning.

The experience was really beneficial to help the children experience some of the activities they will have access to in secondary school. They were amazed at the size of the school and also found the flamingos and peacocks fascinating. We have tried to make it clear that flamingos and peacocks are not a common feature of high school!

I would like to say a big thank you to the staff at Whitgift school; our staff and parents who accompanied the children; and to the children themselves for being so enthusiastic and behaving so well.

Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

The children continue to be enthusiastic about their new learning and it is great seeing them so engrossed in different topics throughout the school. Year 6 are still working hard and will be sitting their assessments in the week beginning 13th May. We are already very proud of them.

It is also nice to be outside with the children at lunchtimes and playtimes and see the games they play and listen to their news. I was particularly impressed by a bug hotel some children from Year 2 made at lunchtime today!

As you all know, Ofsted are due to revisit us at some point as they failed to gather enough evidence in November. We are expecting this to be soon, but as of yet, still have not heard from them. I will let you know when they get in touch.

I hope you all enjoy the long weekend and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Mr Garratty.

SIAMS

Coincidentally, we were contacted this week by SIAMs to inform us they will be visiting our school next week on Thursday 9th May. This visit is one we have been expecting and we are looking forward to showing the inspectors around our lovely school and introducing the children to them. While here, they will observe children in class, gather opinions from children throughout the school, speak to teachers, governors and parents.

Currently I am suggesting that they will be in the playground at the start and possibly the end of the day, but I will be confirming a timetable with them next week. I will keep you informed of developments.

Reflection

This week we talked about 'peacemakers' and explored how we can make peace in difficult situations. We considered some of the work that Nobel Peace prize winners did and thought about how we could bring peace to different situations.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God”

(Matthew 5:9)