



WHITSTONE NEWS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

- 4 Year 2&3 Sport Festival
- 4 School Play - Twelfth Night
- 5 Last day of term
- 23 First day of term
- 26-27 Year 10 DofE Practice Expedition
- 29 Year 7 Parents' Evening
- 30 Key Stage 3 Maths Challenge

MAY

- 3 Year 5 & 11 Day - School Closed to Years 7-10
- 6 Bank Holiday
- 7 Year 6 Parents' Tea and Cake
- 9 Brilliant Club Graduation



YEAR 7 'WE SPEAK' COMPETITION

EXTRA CURRICULAR

TUESDAY

- KS3 Dance - KGR - Hall
- Basketball - DH - Gym
- Geography KS4 - KW - M3
- Home Learning - Library

WEDNESDAY

- Rugby - RC - Field
- Drama - CG - W9
- Home Learning - Library

THURSDAY

- Eco Club - DG & HH - W8
- 5-a-side Football - Leisure centre
- KS4 Dance - KGR - Hall
- Home Learning - Library

Every student in Year 7 recently researched, wrote and performed a speech as part of the 'We Speak' competition.

Working in small teams they chose topics to speak about in front of their English class. Winners from the class round were then selected to progress to the school final. The school final took place in the Hall with an audience of over one hundred students.

The overall winning team was Jasmine, Emily and Katie (pictured), who spoke about hedgehog abuse.

Emily said, "Many people think that hedgehogs aren't important but they are vital for the soil and the eco-system."

Katie added, "There has been an increase in hedgehog abuse in the last three

decades, including poisoning and mindless violence towards these innocent creatures."

The best speeches will now be performed at an inter-schools competition in the summer, with Wells Blue, Ansford, Crispin and Stanchester also taking part.

Jasmine said, "I'm really looking forward to performing at the '5 Schools' Final' and I am very proud of what our team has achieved."

Special commendation must also go to the reserve champions Amelie, Imogen and Niesha. Finley and Charlie were specially commended for their excellent performances.



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MATHS CHALLENGE SUCCESS

Congratulations to Toby, Conor and Will who achieved 'Best in Year' in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. Conor, Year 9, also gained the 'Best in School' award, as well as a Silver achievement certificate.

Mrs Thompson, who organises the Maths Challenge, said, "I was very impressed with the effort that all students put into the challenge and I am delighted with the excellent results."



GIFTED AND TALENTED MATHS

More than twenty eager mathematicians have been developing their skills at a series of enrichment classes at Whitstone School.

The local Primary school pupils have been exploring 'maths in nature', including the Fibonacci sequence, the use of clinometers to measure trees and tessellation in the natural world.



WHAT DOES MIKEY LOVE ABOUT WHITSTONE?

Whitstone News has been catching up with Mikey, Year 8, about what he loves about Whitstone School.

Mikey said, "I love acting, drama lessons and Mr Grant. I am really pleased to be in the school play. I am playing the character of Duke Orsino from Twelfth Night. I hope lots of people come to support Twelfth Night."

*Tickets are available from student reception -
Performance: Thursday 4th April 2019.*



NEW YEAR, NEW YOU AT SHEPTON MALLET LEISURE CENTRE

Spring is the season to make a fresh start by getting fit and healthy at Shepton Mallet Leisure Centre.

There is a membership to suit every pocket, with various concessions available.

Don't forget that Whitstone students benefit from a special membership including scheduled fitness suite, spinning, racquet sports and exercise class sessions for only £10 per month. This includes induction and a personal fitness plan.



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