

Whitby Heath Primary School Newsletter

20th January 2023



'Excellence in a Caring Community'

The law says I must always wear a seat belt

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Our JRSOs led on of our assemblies this week. This was linked to car safety. You may have noticed your child come home with an orange or blue sticker referring to car seats/seat belts. This is due to our 'Junior Safety Road Officer' January bulletin covering being safe when travelling in vehicles.

Did you know you have to use a car seat if you are under 12 or under 135cm tall?

Our Junior Road Safety Officers, Ava and Scarlett, have been measuring everyone in school and providing a sticker to state if they still need a car seat or are tall enough to just be using the adult seat belt. If your child was given a blue sticker, they are tall enough to be using an adult seat belt, if they don't meet the below, it is still safer to continue using a car seat of some kind:

- Can they sit with their back flat against the vehicle seat back.
- Do their knees bend over the edge of the seat.
- Are their feet on the floor.
- The lap part of the belt is on their hips, not their abdomen.
- The shoulder belt runs from their hip across their chest and over their shoulder.

For the complete guide to to child car seats visit:

<http://cheshirewestandchester.goodeggsafety.com/>

This week our Eco Ambassadors led our assemblies. They taught us about greenhouse gases and how they can be a problem. We looked at what we can do to reduce food waste by eating less meat and throwing less away. The overall message was that by reducing food waste we are helping the environment!

Year 1 are taking part in their Outdoor Learning, forest school lessons today. They are discussing what woodland creatures need to survive such as food, water and shelter; focusing specifically on the shelter aspect and exploring the outdoor area finding evidence of woodland creatures. Deep in the trees, they are searching for a hedgehog habitat! They are considering other habitats for woodland animals and are even going to create their own habitat for them, so they have somewhere cosy to rest throughout the winter.



Well done to all of our Shining Superstars this week:



Oak Class - Isla E-M
Elm Class - Joel F
Ash Class - Kyro S
Beech Class - Jack F
Fir Class - Thomas R
Cherry Class - Mason W
Poplar Class - Esme B
Rowan Class - Jack U
Cedar Class - Frankee S
Holly Class - Imogen B
Sycamore Class - Amellia R-G

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Willow Class - Xander M
Birch Class - Melisa A
Maple Class - Ellie Mc

Congratulations to you all!

This week's Top Three classes for attendance are:

First: Fir, Poplar and Sycamore 99%
Second: Ash and Birch 98%
Third: Holly 97%



Whole school attendance: 97%

This is a great improvement and **above** our target of 96%! We thank you for your continued support with attendance.

Strike Action

As you may be aware the National Education Union (NEU) have recently balloted their members for industrial action. They announced on Monday evening that they are planning to take strike action in respect of Teaching Staff only, on a number of days nationally and regionally, during February and March: 1st February, 28th February, 15th March and 16th March. We will be following the DfE guidance around handling strike action in schools.

A comprehensive plan around the logistics of these strike dates, will be made and will share this with parents as soon as possible. Within our planning, the children's health and safety remains the key priority for us at school.

Cheshire Down Syndrome

Cheshire Down Syndrome are running a campaign as part of a fundraiser. It ensures they can offer all the fantastic events and activities to their members, their families and the professionals supporting them. They are selling 'gingerbread socks'. If you would like to place an order visit:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuKlplbgZIZ8mSOnIognoCYkEr6Z_A74N9G0EyFWtBpOZv2g/viewform All orders must be placed by Tuesday 31st January.

Finally

We are all looking forward to our whole school trip to Chester Zoo next Tuesday. Please ensure your child wears comfortable shoes on this day as well as ensuring they have a waterproof coat and warm layers.

Mrs E Williams