

Whitby Heath Primary School Newsletter

17th March 2023



'Excellence in a Caring Community'



Our school have been getting involved in British Science week with lots of great activities. We started the week with an assembly from our science lead Miss Harland, learning all about famous scientists and how there are many different types of science-based jobs. We have also had some wonderful parent volunteers visit classes to talk about their science jobs. Thank you very much for giving up your time! Within classes, children have had opportunities for exploration and learning about science through stories. It has been a lovely week and as always, the children are very enthusiastic about this subject!

A group of children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in a dance festival at the Civic Hall on Tuesday evening. It was a very exciting evening with the children performing, alongside 10 other schools, to a large crowd. Despite some nerves, they were all amazing and we were incredibly proud of them all! A thank you also goes to the staff who accompanied the children at the dance festival.



Year 1 had such a fun time at Beeston Castle. They took part in a woodland activity, where they thought about their dream castle and they created this out of sticks. They also had a session with Laura where they learnt how to be a knight, looking at what uniform they would wear and weapons they would use. They put this into practice by using their imaginary swords to perform actions! Next, she took them up to the castle where they learnt more about the features and how they identified certain parts, using evidence. They even looked at a well, which legend says has treasure at the bottom! They had such an exciting day! A huge thank you to all of the staff and parent helpers that went along too!

Today we have marked Red Nose Day by having a non-uniform day. As a community, we are aware of the impact of the rising cost of living. We wanted to show support for those families accessing support within Cheshire West and therefore contacted the Foodbank. We are thrilled with the amount of donations received today that will be taken to the local foodbank to help those closest to us. Thank you so much for your donations of: pasta, tinned goods, snacks, juice and jams.



Well done to all of our Shining Superstars this week:



Oak Class - Ollie L
Elm Class - Lucius S
Ash Class - Cecelia J
Beech Class - George M
Fir Class - Kurtis C
Cherry Class - Niamh R
Poplar Class - Oliver C
Rowan Class - Layne B
Cedar Class - Louie B
Holly Class - Ollie R
Sycamore Class - Mason M
Willow Class - Cordelia P

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Birch Class - Leonardo H
Maple Class - Lacey B

Congratulations to you all!

This week's Top Three classes for attendance are:

First: Oak and Holly 95%
Second: Maple 94%
Third: Rowan 93%



Whole school attendance: 93%

Last week, our whole school attendance was much lower than our 96% target. We thank you for your continued support and appreciate parents/carers working with school around attendance.

Baby News

I am excited to share that both Miss Ohri and Mrs Batey have both had their babies. Miss Ohri gave birth to a baby girl, Freya and Mrs Batey, a little boy called George. Both Mums and babies are doing well!



Easter Bingo - St Thomas & All Saints Church

St Thomas & All Saints Church are hosting an Easter Bingo on Wednesday 5th April, 2pm-5pm. It will be an afternoon full of fun and laughter. Prizes to be won and games for all ages to enjoy. Plus, you can join them for a yummy surprise tea. Booking is essential as places are limited. To book a place please contact:

Rev Gill Foster on revgill52@gmail.com or
07850 122092 by **Friday 31st March**

Missing Teddy

Unfortunately, we have been made aware that a child in our school community has lost their teddy!

Can you help to find Ellie?

Ellie was last seen on 10th March in the Whitby area (Deeside/Wyedale/Clydesdale/Park Drive/Morrisons areas). If you have any information please contact: 07305097789.

Thank you!



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Children's Mental Health Week

After celebrating Children's Mental Health Week in February, we received this message from Place2Be, thank you for everyone's support and kind donations:

Thank you so much for your recent donation of £154.60

From everyone here at Place2Be, I'd like to say a huge thank you for joining the Children's Mental Health Week 2023 community. We were blown away with the incredible support we received!

Whether providing counselling and support to children when they need it most, working with parents who may be struggling or providing invaluable mental health training to teachers and school staff - every single penny that you raised is helping to make a tangible difference right now to the lives of children and young people.

The work we do is only possible because of incredible fundraising superstars like you!

Thanks again - your fundraising will help us get closer to a future where every child has easy access to mental health support. We hope to see you again next year!

Mrs E Williams