

# Whitby Heath Primary School Newsletter

## 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022



*'Excellence in a Caring Community'*

This week, the children have been completing their celebration projects linked to the Queen's reign and her achievements over the past 70 years. Each year group had a decade of her life to explore and research and then completed a creative piece linked to that decade.



Reception have been remembering the queen in the last decade of her life. They have created a piece of artwork based on the family on the balcony and Buckingham Palace, with the red arrows zooming through the sky for her Platinum Jubilee. The children enjoyed watching this scene back and talking about it.

Year 1 have had a fun time looking at the time period 2012-2022.. They have specifically been looking at 2012, the year of the Olympic Games in London! They have been looking at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and the different buildings built here. They have also been applying their skills they have been learning in art, rubbing, by using coins and crayons to transfer the print. They have had so much fun using candles and brusho to create beautiful pictures of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Year 2 have focused on the decade 1982-1992 when the Queen celebrated her Golden Jubilee and her Golden Wedding Anniversary. They have focused on the number 50 and the significant events that took place.



Year 3 have been looking at the decade 1982-1992. They discovered that both Prince William and Harry were born during this decade, as well as the Windsor Fire occurring. They created their own mini artwork of the Windsor Fire, made stamps of the Queen and wrote a poem as a class.

Year 4 have been exploring the events and milestones that the Queen celebrated during the years of 1972-1982. In February 1977, celebrations began for the Queen's Silver Jubilee. This marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II. The children have watched videos of the Queen's royal visits during this period and have also looked at how the nation celebrated this event and compared this to the celebrations we took part in recently to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Year 4 have represented this within their project by creating their own street party scene including all 60 children.

Year 5 have looked at the decade 1962-1971 and some key celebrations such as Prince Edward being born, the Queen's Silver wedding anniversary to Phillip and her awarding England the World Cup in 1966! They created artwork in different ways, including the Pop Art style of the 60s.

Finally, in Year 6 they have been looking at the first decade of the Queen's reign, from 1952-1962. There were many interesting events, including her coronation, much travel around different areas of the Commonwealth and the birth of her third child. Inspired by her first 10 years as monarch, they have created acrostic poems to commemorate this time.

Each year group's work is going to form a collaborative display in the hall to celebrate the life and achievements of Queen Elizabeth II.

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### Sporting News

There was a great turn out for the first cross country race of the year at The Sports Village on Tuesday. All children showed great determination and spirit to complete their races. Leo W won the Year 3/4 boys race. Look out for information about future races coming up soon.



Well done to all of our Shining Superstars this week:



Oak Class - Abdoulaye D  
Elm Class - Oliver E  
Ash Class - Matthew M  
Beech Class - Tadhg F  
Fir Class - Erin C  
Cherry Class - Darcy K  
Poplar Class - Oritse BB  
Rowan Class - Edie D  
Cedar Class - Emily R  
Holly Class - Jack H  
Sycamore Class - Lily R  
Willow Class - Marlie C  
Birch Class - Eliza B  
Maple Class - Chloe R

Congratulations to you all!

This week's Top Three classes for attendance are:

First: Beech and Sycamore - 98%  
Second: Poplar and Willow - 97%  
Third: Fir - 96%



We thank you for your continued support with attendance.

### Academy Photos Mop-Up Session

Academy Photos will be back in on 7<sup>th</sup> October as a mop-up session to take any photos of children who missed having their photo taken a couple of weeks ago. This does also include any sibling photos which were not able to be taken.



If you need an individual photo taken of your child and/or a sibling photo to be taken, please contact the main office so we can ensure all children have their photo taken on this day, if required.

### Cheshire Phoenix - Basketball

We have been lucky enough to obtain, once again, a Cheshire Phoenix family season ticket (for the home games) this year. As we did last year, please contact the school



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office if you would like to use the season ticket for any of their home games throughout the season. It will be given to families on a first come, first served basis. A parent/carer will collect the season ticket from the office at the end of the week and then return it following week.

### Healthbox - Family Support

We are pleased to have a close partnership with HealthBox and are aiming to offer a programme of engagement and support for families within Ellesmere Port over the academic year.

Healthbox would work with families and agree goals based on individual needs, example activities include:

- Cookery and meal planning
- Access to exercise and fun family activities
- Mental & emotional wellbeing support
- Support with fussy eating habits
- Healthy weight advice

If you would like more information please contact Miss Monins or Mrs Beach at school, alternatively the office have leaflets with further details as well as referral forms.

### **Nut free school**

Reminder that we are a **Nut Free** School. Please ensure that your child's snacks and lunchboxes do not have any foods which contain nuts.

We thank you for your support with this.

### **Learning and Skills Hubs**

The Family Learning team (CWaC), have partnered with 8 different schools across CWaC to create the new Learning and Skills Hubs. At these venues, they aim to bring family learning to the heart of the community. The schools will be offering a base, and the courses planned will be of benefit to parents/carers and others in the community. The Learning and Skills Hubs will be working with the Work Zones, and are also able to bring access to services such as Citizens Advice and Love Food, Hate Waste.

In Ellesmere Port, they are going to be based at Wolverham Primary School on a Tuesday afternoon, and Our Lady's Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School on a Wednesday morning.



They are holding coffee and cake sessions for all those in the community to pop in to find out more information and to register their interest in courses. It would be great to get as much support as possible.

Wednesday 5th October  
Drop In Anytime Between: 9:00 - 10:30am  
The Learning And Skills Hub at Our Lady's Star Of The Sea Catholic Primary School

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Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
Drop In Anytime Between: 1:30 – 3:00pm  
The Learning And Skills Hub at Wolverham Primary School (Community Room)

### **Finally**

All parents and carers will be offered an appointment date/time for our Autumn term parents'/carers' evening, via the children's school bags, by Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. During these meetings, your child's class teacher will outline how your child has settled into their new class and how you can further support them at home. Please contact your child's class teacher via their class email if you have not received your parent/carer appointment time/date by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

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