

Whitby Heath Primary School Newsletter

21st October 2022



'Excellence in a Caring Community'



This week, Y3 and Y4 children took part in a tag rugby festival. Miss Bartley and Mr Goodwin were very impressed with the children's ability, attitude and sportsmanship towards the games they played, themselves and towards their opponents. The children all showed great skills in the games they played. Well done everyone!

As part of Reception's celebrations for the Harvest Festival, they collected lots of food and discussed where it came from. The children were so generous and collected food for our local foodbank. We contacted the foodbank and they were so grateful for the donations we gave. They came along to school with some of their volunteers and answered all the children's questions about how the food will help families around Ellesmere Port. A huge thank you to anyone who donated!



This week have been celebrating E-Safety. We started off with a fun, engaging assembly where our E-Safety team discussed the importance of being safe online and what that means to us. They talked about sharing photos online and how to treat others how you would like to be treated. The children were engaged and made responsible comments on how to keep safe online and what they would do if they felt unsafe. They then also discussed how to be safe online by not to sharing personal information about ourselves and that if we are ever worried or we think something is not right, we must speak to an adult we can trust whether it is an adult in our family or an adult or teacher in school.

This week, teachers have shared an E-Safety eBook with their classes, called Digiduck's Big decision. This is all about how to treat others the way you want to be treated. If you have time here are some more E-Safety eBooks for you to at home: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories/digiducks-big-decision/>

On Monday afternoon, Y1 had an exciting session with the Mini-Makery - the children had a great time! As their Geography unit this half term has been about buildings in their local area, the children made different buildings from different foods. They had a selection of food to use such as: pomegranates, watermelons, spinach, carrots and olives. They used the food to create the shapes of their buildings while sampling the food along the way. The children also used adjectives to describe drinks they had made such as - very fruity and delicious! They learned how to plan healthy snacks in a fun, exciting way and also used their creative skills when making their buildings, which included castles and snail shells.



This week, Year 5 and 6 have taken part in their growing up talks delivered by HealthBox. We were thrilled to be able to invite parents in to the Year 5 talks, to share their learning with them. All of the children in both year groups showed a real interest in this important learning and were very mature in the way they took part. We were once again very proud of how our children behave when we have visitors to school. Well done Year 5 and 6!

Thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to join us for our first face-to-face parents'/carers' evening of the year.

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Well done to all of our Shining Superstars this week:



Oak Class - Poppy W
Elm Class - Sadie S
Ash Class - Hugo R-S
Beech Class - Jude B
Fir Class - Violet B
Cherry Class - Alfie T
Poplar Class - Ruby-Mae B
Rowan Class - Sophie W
Cedar Class - Pippa S
Holly Class - Ethan L
Sycamore Class - Max J
Willow Class - Mason B-H
Birch Class - Mollie M-F
Maple Class - Freya H

Congratulations to you all!

This week's Top Three classes for attendance are:

We have three classes in joint first place all with 96%!

First: Poplar 96%

First: Sycamore 96%

First: Willow 96%



Whole school attendance: 95%

We thank you for your continued support with attendance.

FOWH - non-uniform day

The Friends of Whitby Heath will be holding an Orange and Black themed non-uniform day on 31st October. A flier about this special day has been sent out this week.

Children are invited to come to school dressed in any black or orange clothing on this day for a suggested, voluntary coin donation (£1). Please note, there is NO requirement for costumes to be purchased or made, your child can enjoy being part of this themed day by simply wearing clothes they already have which are black and/or orange.

All monies collected on the day (via ParentPay) will be used by Friends to fund school resources and projects. Thank you for your continued support.

Parent forum

I sent out a letter this week informing parents'/carers of our first Parent Forum meeting of the year. This will be held in the school hall on 16th November at 2.30pm. Please enter via the S4YC entrance on Clydesdale. Doors will be open from 2.15pm, when refreshments will be available.

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Please complete the slip on the letter which was sent out in order to add any comments around discussion points which you would like to be discussed at the meeting. Alternatively, you can email help@whitbyheath.cheshire.sch.uk to add to our agenda.

I look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to this meeting.

Parking and road use

Some parent/carers' cars have been spotted parking on grass verges, on the yellow lines and/or over some residents' drives. Please can I remind parents/carers of safe and considerate parking around school. If you are able to park a little further away and walk with your child to the school building, we would appreciate this as this would help to ease congestion.



Please also be reminded of our informal 'one-way system' which we have in operation at the start and end of the school day. We thank you for your support with this.

Finally

We had the two shortlisted candidates for the Headteacher post in school on Tuesday this week meeting staff and the School Ambassadors. Interviews for the post are taking place in early November. I will keep parents/carers updated on the process.

Thank you to all families for your continued support and positive feedback during this half term. I hope you all have a wonderful half-term break.

We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Monday 31st October.

Mrs E Williams