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THE WHITEFIELD POST

WHAT. A. WEEK.

It's been an amazing week, even with the challenges we have had with an unexpected snow fall on Tuesday (- definitely didn't expect that) and this morning's blocked drain...

Our phase 1 OPAL launch has been brilliant - it has been amazing to see the children enjoying their lunchtime play. Year 5 spent quite some time sat in cardboard boxes on Wednesday and we welcomed a new dinosaur village in the infant tree area yesterday. I wonder what will happen today?

Check out page 2 for an update on My Happy Mind.

FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY 2024

EVERY FRIDAY IN ASSEMBLY WE CELE-BRATE CHILDREN WHO HAVE DEMON-STRATED OUR CORE VALUES OF HEALTHY HEARTS, HEALTHY BODIES, HEALTHY MINDS. THIS WEEK, CERTIFI-CATES WERE GIVEN TO:

RECEPTION - FINELY B, ARTHUR L

YEAR 1 - ALFIE L, GEORGE L

YEAR 2 - ROMAN J, TEMBI C, ALFIE L

YEAR 3 - EMILY H, ARIA A, MINNIE A, HU-GO W, MEGAN S

YEAR 4 - SHAIYAN S, TABATHA J, SARAH B, CHARLIE S

YEAR 5 - HEATHER L, ABI VS

YEAR 6 - OLIVER HS, EVIE O, MAY M

ATTENDANCE W/B 08.01.2024

5SS (Mrs Smith) had the best attendance this week with 98.6% closely followed by 3VK (Miss King) with 97.4%, 2JK (Mrs Kimberley) with 97% and 5JW (Mr Jackson & Mrs Willers) with 96.6%.

Well done to everyone.

WINNING HOUSE LAST WEEK -RIBBLE

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) - we had such a great week with our launch of OPAL. We wanted to share some of our thoughts and new knowledge with you.

DID YOU KNOW? Play makes up 20% of school life – this equates per year to 231 hours or 37 days or 7.4 weeks. This equates to 1.4 years of a child's primary school life.

As a school, through play we think:

WHITEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL holds our values of Healthy Hearts, Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds at the forefront of our work.

Through our Healthy Hearts, we will 'embrace all of our community' in our play and 'continue to improve our school' working 'positively as a team'.

Through our Healthy Bodies, we will use our play to discover new 'physical activities that keep our bodies healthy' and keep 'a healthy heart and mind'.

Through our Healthy Minds, our play will allow us to 'show resilience – take risks, experience failure and bounce back'. We will 'tackle the unknown with awe and wonder'.

We are reviewing provision every day and look forward to the months ahead.



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MONDAY 15TH JANUARY - GEOGRAPHY WEEK

MISSING GLOVES, HATS AND SCARVES - If your child has come home this week missing any of these items, we have gathered up all the ones we have found and they are in the infant corridor - pop in to school to have a look if any belong to your child.



YEAR 5 have begun ukulele lessons this week - they started in 5SS by tuning the ukuleles and had a great time learning some new tunes!

MY HAPPY MIND UPDATE - The children completed the celebrate module last half term and really enjoyed identifying their own top character strengths as well as spotting strengths in others. Our module this half term is called 'Appreciate' which centres around developing an atti-

tude of gratitude.
Ask your child what are they most grateful for about themselves.

