

THE WHITEFIELD POST



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A fantastic week in school with so many visitors coming to tour around our school with a view to joining us in September 2024! Your children are always amazing when we have any visitors in school and they have really showed the families what a fantastic school we are. Year 1 told parents this week that the best thing about our school is that 'we learn to use our brains' and 'we love nature' whilst in Year 6, the children told the prospective parents that our 'school dinners are the best' and 'chicken curry day is the best day of the week'. I have been in many classes this week and there is some top quality writing going on across school.

The children are working really hard. #proudheadteacher

THEME FOR THE WEEK

On Monday this week we continued our safety theme and focused on the social media and games we play on line and checking the age restrictions. We reminded ourselves that the age restrictions on Tiktok, Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook are all 13 years. We were all surprised that the whatsapp age restriction was 16. We talked about the rules you need to have if you are allowed to access these apps - parents must know, parents should be able to ask for your device and check at any time your content, you MUST talk to your parents if you receive any messages and/or content from someone you do not know.

Next week, we will be looking at the British Value of mutual respect and tolerance through the Guinness Book of Records!

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

We are all starting with sniffles and sneezes in school however well done to everyone; we had great attendance this week.

Congratulations to RLK (Mrs Kenyon's class) who had the highest attendance of 99.5, closely followed by 5JW (Mr Jackson and Mrs Willers) with 99.3 and 3NH (Mrs Napier and Miss Haynes) with 99.2.



FRIDAY CERTIFICATES

Every Friday, we meet together as a school and celebrate those who have gone above and beyond what is expected. On Friday 22nd September 2023, certificates were given to:

RECEPTION - Gracie R, Rory B

YEAR 1 - Sienna S, Noah S

YEAR 2 - Alexis P, Darcie-Dior J, Esme G

YEAR 3 - Reuben R, Annabelle R, Dia J, Ezra W

YEAR 4 - JJ P, Liliana, Kylie W, Joseph W, Stanley P

YEAR 5 - Evan M, Corey F, Matilda B

YEAR 6 - Aiza A, Ella W

The winning house last week (the house team that received the most house points throughout the week) was HODDER.

WELLY WEDNESDAYS!

Thank you to everyone who donated wellies on Wednesday as part of our Welly Wednesday campaign - we got 19 pairs this week!

We are hoping to receive enough donations so that we can access the field and our wild zone even when it is raining. We are doing this in preparation for our new OPAL playtime project - more details coming soon!



FRIENDS OF WHITEFIELD PTFA

TUCK SHOP RETURNS today (Friday 29th September) - see your app message sent this morning.

New Reception Starters Party - Saturday 7th October, 1-2.30pm

SCHOOL CAR PARK

A reminder that the school car park is for staff only. The gates are open at 3.30pm for a taxi that comes to pick up one of our families. Please do not use the carpark for dropping off or picking up your children.

RECEPTION PARENTS - PHONICS SESSION REMINDER

THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2023, 3.45pm in the Reception building



CONGRATULATIONS TO JAMES, HIS OLDER SISTER ALICE AND HIS YOUNGER BROTHER ARCHIE on achieving SILVER in the Penwortham in Bloom Scarecrow Competition. James has told me this morning they made a scarecrow using an old Spiderman suit and stuffed it with hay and put it on the roof!

Well done to all of you for taking part in this great community event.

SNACKS FOR MORNING BREAK - all children can bring in a snack for morning break. We receive free fruit every day for children in Years R, 1 and 2 - we don't know what fruit we will get until it arrives! This week we have had pea pods, pears, bananas and tomatoes! We do not allow children to have crisps, chocolate, chocolate bars or biscuit type snack at morning break however they can have these at lunchtime if they have a packed lunch. We are also an allergy aware school and as such we do not allow nut products in school due to the severe allergies of some of our children. Check any cereal type bars you send in as many do contain nuts. Thanks!

LISTENING SKILLS - WE NEED YOUR HELP! In school we are focusing on being good listeners and what that looks like. When we are listening to a teacher or to our friends, we need to make sure our bodies are turned towards the person speaking, we make eye contact, we take turns to talk, our hands are still and we respond appropriately (with a nod of the head, a yes/no, or a response back) to that person when they have finished. When Milly was little, I thought she needed her hearing checking as she sometimes didn't respond when I spoke to her. I soon discovered if I whispered the word 'quavers' or 'chocolate buttons' that her responses improved dramatically. *Please help us with this school focus by ensuring your children do the same when you are talking to them at home or out and about.*