

# THE WHITEFIELD POST



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A double edition this week! It is lovely to be back in school after half term - it's a long one, 8 weeks! Lots of hard work to be done and also lots of festivities as we celebrate Christmas the Whitefield way!

We returned to some fabulous news from Matilda in Y5 - Matilda has performed on the west end stage with her friends from the Pauline Quirke Academy. We are so proud of you Matilda - what an achievement!

Contact us if you have any newsletter items we can share - trophies achieved, tournaments attended. Email [admin@whitefield-pri.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whitefield-pri.lancs.sch.uk)

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES IN THIS EDITION!

- Changes to break time snack rules - see page two!
- Christmas dates - look out for an additional message containing all the Whitefield Christmas dates for 2024!
  - Changes afoot to playtimes!



**FRIDAY CERTIFICATES!** Every Friday, we meet together as a school and celebrate those who have gone above and beyond what is expected.

**FRIDAY CERTIFICATES - 20TH OCTOBER 2023**

RECEPTION - ALICE C, OTTILIE B

YEAR 1 - IZZY T, SIENNA S, ESTHER N

YEAR 2 - DAKOTA G, THEO ST

YEAR 3 - EMIKA G, CYRIL H, SKYE C, EDISON M, SERENNI J, HARINI L

YEAR 4 - MILLIE F, JOSHUA S, FREYA G

YEAR 5 - GEORGIA R, IMOGEN R, MIKKI M, DARAH A

YEAR 6 - IMOGEN D, LOUI M, ISAAC

**FRIDAY CERTIFICATES - 3RD NOVEMBER 2023**

RECEPTION - MYA E, POPPY P, JAMES F

YEAR 1 - THEA H, SKYLAR S, BUDDY H, DORIS H

YEAR 2 - ELIZA-ROSE B, MAX B

YEAR 3 - STANLEY B, GEORGE M

YEAR 4 - JENSON W, EESA A, LOLA W, SOPHIE M, IRIS H

YEAR 5 - EREN S, ALBA P, TIA G, JAMES HM

YEAR 6 - QUINN S, NATHAN G, ANNABEL S

## THEMES FOR THE WEEKS:

**THANK YOU TO MRS HUXTABLE AND THE CHILDREN FOR AN AMAZING BLACK HISTORY MONTH ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK - SO MUCH LEARNING HAS TAKEN PLACE AS WE HAVE RESEARCHED AMAZING BLACK WOMEN AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS.**

**LAST WEEK WE LAUNCHED OUR SECOND 'MY HAPPY MIND' THEME OF CHARACTER STRENGTHS. MRS NAPIER LED OUR ASSEMBLY AND EVERY MONDAY MORNING ALL THE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL FOCUS ON THEIR MY HAPPY MIND WORK - IT IS REALLY MAKING AN IMPACT. THE CHILDREN ARE LEARNING HOW THEIR BRAINS WORK AND RESPOND TO CERTAIN SITUATIONS AND ARE LEARNING HOW TO ARTICULATE THAT. HAVE YOU NOTICED A DIFFERENCE AT HOME?**

**MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY! NEXT WEEK IT IS ANTI-BULLYING WEEK AND THE THEME THIS YEAR IS 'MAKE A NOISE ABOUT BULLYING'. WE ARE LAUNCHING THE WEEK WITH ODD SOCKS DAY SO HAVE A LOOK IN YOUR SOCK DRAWER AND CHOOSE TWO ODD ONES TO WEAR WITH YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM.**



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**BREAK TIME SNACKS** - Thank you to the parents who contacted school directly to ask for clarification on what children can bring to school for their morning break snack. There has been a lack of clarity on what is considered a healthy snack so we have spoken to our catering team in Lancashire County Council and they have sent us the Department for Education standards on what snacks can be eaten in school outside of lunchtime - the standards are clear that it is fruit and/or vegetables. We have spoken with parents throughout the week for their thoughts on this and the response has been very positive as it ensures clarity for everyone and there is no room for individual interpretation as to what is a healthy snack.

So from Tuesday next week, children will only be allowed fruit or vegetables for their morning snack. They are not allowed fruit and/or veg that has added sugars, salt and fats eg fruit winders. We do not have snacks in our afternoon play. All children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 have access to free fruit every day provided by LCC. Please do not be offended when staff speak to your child about putting away a non-fruit or veg snack and direct them to choose from the options in school. We will be talking to the children about this change in our Monday assembly so they will all know the changes from Tuesday.

#### **CHANGES TO OUR PLAYTIME PROVISION:**

Throughout this year, we are excited to be introducing changes to the play options for our children during lunchtimes - in the last two weeks we have started this journey using OPAL (Opal Play and Learning) to support us. Our official launch will be in January 2024 however we will be starting to gather resources over the coming weeks. Yesterday we appointed our OPAL Leadership Ambassadors from the Year 6 children and they will be meeting Jess from OPAL next week. For more information have a look at their website [www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk](http://www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk)

Well done to Chloe, Georgia, Joshua and Eren who took part in the Hutton Primary Science Quiz on Tuesday - they had a great time and were brilliant representatives of our school.

**DON'T FORGET - NON-UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW FOR HODDER AND WYRE WHO WERE JOINT WINNERS IN OUR HOUSE POINT COMPETITION LAST TERM.**

**Remembrance Day 2023** - On Sunday, Mrs Huxtable will be representing Whitefield at the Penwortham Cenotaph and will be placing a wreath on behalf of our school. Say hello if you see her - she will be with her son as part of the Squirrels Group.