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WHITEGATE COFE PRIMARY

Newsletter

Well we have made it to the break and we are certainly ready for a week away from school to catch our breaths. It has certainly been an action-packed first half-term with many events including the school disco, our first senior friends' lunch, a family breakfast, World Mental Health Day, the Macmillan Coffee Morning and the Autumn Fair.

We have woken up this morning to the fantastic news that the Fowles family have grown from two to three! Baby Freddie William Fowles was born at 12:18am, weighing 7lb8oz. Mum and baby are doing very well. We are so thrilled and cannot wait to meet him. Congratulations and welcome to the world little one!



For you created my inmost being;

You knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 13-14)

Head Boy and Head Girl



I am very pleased to announce our new Head Boy and Head Girl: Oliver and Esme. Following a rigorous process, including an application and interview, Oliver and Esme have been chosen to join our leadership team this year to support our continuous improvement.

Harvest

Many thanks for all of your donations to the local Foodbank. Our School Councillors did a great job in packing it all up. We donated 10 crates of food equating to £146.8kg!



Autumn Fair

What an amazing job Oak class did yesterday hosting our annual Autumn Fair! The children needed very little

support from the adults to plan their stalls and games and to set-up beforehand. We are so very proud of them. They raised £589.76 - wow! Thank you to Mrs Conchie-Power for helping with the set-up and Mrs Hough for packing away all of the left-over items and returning them to the container.



World Mental Health Day

We had a great day last Friday marking World Mental Health Day. It was wonderful to see the school so bright with everyone wearing something yellow. Mrs Savage, Our Senior Mental Health Lead reminded the children what is meant by 'mental health' and what we can do to keep our minds healthy in a special collective worship. The children completed lots of lovely activities in their classrooms. We raised £113 for Young Minds.



Open Meeting for Parents

Many thanks to all those who attended Wednesday's meeting. Many thanks to Mrs Heathcote who is preparing the minutes. These will be available after the half-term break. Please see the additional letter to parents further clarifying issues around communication and day visits and residential.

Toast

If you wish to purchase toast for after the break, it is £8.75. Please pay via ParentMail by 9am on Monday 3rd November. Thank you.

Collective Worship

We have enjoyed some very special times in Collective Worship over this half-term. We have particularly enjoyed using carved out pumpkins to explore the verse in the book of John: 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it'. We also enjoyed 'hit the vicar with a stick' when thinking about how to look after others. We also looked at many ways of saying God's name - Jehovah, Yahweh, Emmanuel etc. through the story of creation. Many thanks to all of your support at home in completing the thankfulness activities.



After the break

As you will be able to see from the dates below, there are lots of events happening when we return to school. This is always one of the busiest half-terms, especially with rehearsals for the Christmas productions and the carol service. You will also have noted that there are some new additions to the usual calendar of events. As communicated in the open meeting, this 're-set' is allowing for extra on-site activities to take place to further enrich our wide curriculum offer.



I wish you all a wonderful half-term break full of autumnal festivities.

Every blessing,

C Mackenzie

Key Dates

Monday 3rd November	8:45am	School re-opens
Monday 3rd November	All week	Inter-Faith Week
Tuesday 4th November	All day	Judaism workshop for Rowan and Hawthorn
Wednesday 5th November	12:30pm	Senior Friends Lunch. Please book by Monday 3rd November.
Tuesday 11th November	pm	Gripping Yarns Drama Performance for KS2
Wednesday 12th November	am	Individual and sibling photographs. Pre-school children can attend from 8:30am in the hall.
Wednesday 12th November	4pm - 7:30pm	Parent Consultation Appointments in the school hall
Tuesday 18th November	pm	Key Strings Music Performance for all children
Thursday 20th November	2pm - 5:30pm	Parent Consultation Appointments in the school hall
Friday 21st November	5:30pm - 7pm	School Disco and PTA AGM
Thursday 27th November	am	First-Aid assembly and workshops