

THE WHITEFIELD POST



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WELCOME MESSAGE...

HEALTHY HEARTS, HEALTHY BODIES, HEALTHY MINDS

Happy Friday everyone!

It has been another busy week of learning across school where all our children have been working hard and making the most of every opportunity to develop their knowledge, understanding and skills across the curriculum.

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Sarah Atkinson, Lancashire County Council English Advisor, into school. Sarah worked alongside our leadership team, Miss King, Mr Ginty and myself, as well as our writing lead Miss Mansfield, to carry out a writing health check as part of our writing school improvement priority.

Throughout the day, we looked closely at teachers' planning, the children's English books and our working walls in class. We celebrated the many strengths already evident across school and were particularly pleased to hear how impressed Sarah was with the progress children have made in handwriting since we began our focus on improving presentation and handwriting fluency.

Following the visit, we have started to develop an action plan to build on these successes and continue strengthening writing across the school. We are excited about the next steps and look forward to sharing our journey and progress with you throughout the year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Wishing all our families both a restful and fun weekend.

Mrs Willers

Meet Your Brain



We are almost at the end of our first myHappyMind module of the year - Meet Your Brain. Over the past few weeks, the children have been refreshing their understanding of how our brains work and learning how we can look after them so that we can be our very best selves.

Why not ask your child to show off their impressive knowledge about Team HAP or demonstrate their 'Happy Breathing' skills? You might be surprised by how much they can teach you - and you may even find yourself using some of their Happy Breathing skills too!

If you haven't already signed up for the FREE myHappyMind Parent App, we strongly encourage you to do so. The app provides parents with resources to help you understand what your child is learning in school and gives you practical ways to support their wellbeing and happiness at home. The poster includes a QR code to download the app.

You will need our authentication code: 119293.

Let's work together to help our children understand their brains, build positive habits and develop the skills they need to feel happier, healthier and more confident!



SCHOOL NEWS

Golden Welly Winners of the week...

Max, Alfie and Caoimhe have been awarded the Golden welly for their innovation during OPAL play.

Caoimhe loves to help and do jobs so when she approached Mrs Ward asking for a job she was tasked with cutting back the willow. Max and Alfie joined in to help and they used secateurs (under supervision) to cut back the over grown branches on the willow dome. They then decided to strip the leaves off and weave the willow into hoops. This led to them devised a hoopla aiming game and invited other children to join in. We love that they used natural resources to invent a fun game for our play provision.

What creativity they showed!



Celebrating Black History Month

On Wednesday, our children came together in their classes to celebrate the start of Black History Month by taking part in a special live assembly hosted by Dr Krish Kandiah and Gemma Hunt.

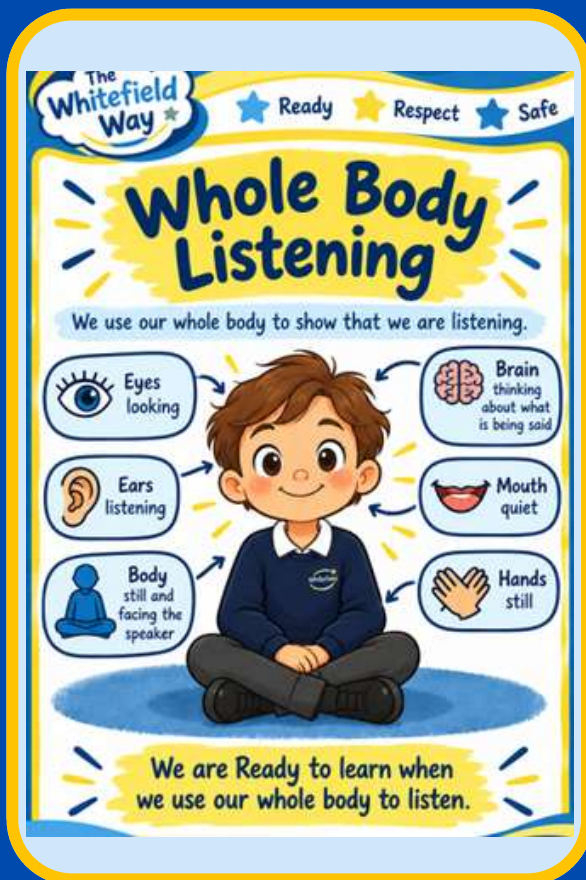
It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate Black history, culture and achievements, while encouraging our children to celebrate the importance of diversity and inclusion within our school community



Well done to the Girls Football Team

A fantastic effort from our girls football team who played brilliantly throughout their matches, winning 2 games, drawing 1, and narrowly losing 1. Well done to all the girls for their teamwork, determination, and positive attitude. A special thank you to Stanley for coaching and supporting the team through all of their games. Great job, everyone!

THE WHITEFIELD WAY



Attendance & Punctuality

Please give school your support in making attendance and punctuality a priority.

By working together, we can ensure every child has the best opportunity to learn, achieve and shine.

Regular attendance is vital for children's learning, wellbeing and future success. Children who miss school, miss important learning, friendships and experiences that cannot always be replaced. Even small amounts of lost time add up over the school year.

Did you know....

Being on time for school every day helps children start their learning calmly, confidently and ready for the day ahead.

Even arriving just a few minutes late can mean missing important instructions, routines and learning.

Every minute matters. Every school day counts. Let's make punctuality a priority!



NOTICES

Whitefield Primary School HARVEST FESTIVAL COLLECTION

Parents and carers, we need your help!

We are celebrating our Harvest Festival on **Thursday 15th October** and this year, we are supporting two incredible local causes: **Penwortham Food Bank** and the **Preston Salvation Army Food Bank**.



We are asking for **donations of tinned food, dried food and toiletries.**



Collection Week:
Week beginning **Monday 12th October**

Items needed include:



Tinned goods:

- Soups
- tomatoes
- beans
- vegetables
- fruit
- meat and fish.



Dried food:

- Pasta
- rice
- pasta sauces
- noodles
- cereal
- tea
- coffee
- long life milk.



Toiletries:

- Deodorant
- shower gel
- shampoo
- soap
- toothpaste
- toilet paper



Household essentials:

- Washing-up liquid and cleaning products.

Every single donation makes a massive difference to families in our local community.

CELEBRATIONS

A big well done to our Sporting Merit Winners this week...

RKG - Gracie
RNH- Teddy
1/2JK -Olly
1/2KN - Rose & Harry
1/2 HW - Oliver
3/4KH -Imogen
3/4SM - Ernest
3/4TU - Amariah
5SG - Harry
5AS - Rufus
6VK-Dia
6NH-Emika & George



HOUSE POINT WINNERS...

RIBBLE

TOP ATTENDANCE

1st - RKG 99.1%
2nd - 3/4SM 98.7%
3rd - 1/2HW 98.4%



DIARY DATES



Monday 12th October - Harvest Festival Contributions to be brought into school

Tuesday 13th October - Parents' evening

Thursday 15th October- Parents' evening

Saturday 17th October - Reception Party
10:30-12:30pm