

THE WHITEFIELD POST



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WELCOME MESSAGE...

HEALTHY HEARTS, HEALTHY BODIES, HEALTHY MINDS

Happy Friday everyone!

This week in our British Values assembly, the children explored the value of Individual Liberty. We learned that individual liberty means having the freedom to make our own choices. It allows us to have our own opinions, beliefs and interests, and to express them respectfully, provided that our choices do not cause harm to others.

The children discussed why making our own choices is important. They recognised that it helps us to think for ourselves, develop independence and learn from the decisions we make. We also learned that individual liberty must be balanced with respecting the rights, feelings and freedoms of others.

The children thought carefully about what individual liberty looks like at Whitefield and shared some excellent examples. These included choosing where and what to play during OPAL time, selecting their own lunch options and confidently sharing their ideas and opinions during lessons. It was wonderful to see the children recognising the many ways they can make positive choices and celebrate their individuality while showing respect for those around them.

Wishing all our families both a restful and fun weekend.

Mrs Willers

Penwortham in Bloom Success!

We were delighted to attend the Penwortham in Bloom Awards Evening last night where school was awarded First Place in the Scarecrow Competition! Our Harry Potter themed scarecrow was a fantastic team effort involving our whole school community and it was wonderful to celebrate this together alongside the Mayor of Penwortham.

Whitefield success continued throughout the night with May and Jonah being awarded second and third place in the Tallest Sunflower Competition.

But the winning didn't stop there... Whitefield swept the board in the primary aged photography award. Helaina won both first and second place in the '5-11 years Best Photo category', James won third place and Megan was awarded highly commended.

We are incredibly proud of you all!



Books, Stories and Future Librarians!

A huge thank you to Angela from Lancashire Library Services for spending time with our children this week.

Angela visited Year 6 to deliver an engaging workshop all about what it takes to train and work as a librarian, giving pupils a fascinating insight into the world of libraries and books. She also spent time with our Reception children, sharing a selection of new and exciting stories that sparked their imagination and enthusiasm for reading.

We are incredibly grateful for Angela's visit and the wonderful opportunities she provided for our pupils to develop their love of books and reading.



Harvest Festival Thanks

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful school community for the incredible generosity shown in support of our Harvest Festival collection. We have been overwhelmed by the many kind donations received, which will make a real difference to local families and individuals in need.

This year, we are proud to be supporting two important local causes: Penwortham Food Bank and the Preston Salvation Army Food Bank and they were delighted with our contributions.

Thank you for helping us make a positive difference this Harvest season.



THE WHITEFIELD WAY

The Whitefield Way: Happy Breathing

As part of our Whitefield Way curriculum this week, the children have been learning about Happy Breathing through our myHappymind programme.

Happy Breathing is a simple breathing technique that helps children to feel calm, focused and ready to learn. By taking slow, deep breaths in through their nose and out through their mouth, children can regulate their emotions, reduce feelings of worry or frustration and improve their concentration.

The children have been practising this technique throughout the week and can use it whenever they need a moment to pause, relax and reset.



Spina Bifida Awareness Day



On Tuesday 20th October, we will be coming together as a school community to raise awareness of Spina Bifida, as October is Spina Bifida Awareness Month.

This is a cause that is particularly important to us, as Olivia in Year 1 lives with the condition and has kindly asked if our school community can help raise awareness and understanding.

To mark the day, children are invited to wear their usual school uniform but add a touch of yellow, such as a hairband, ribbon, socks, or another small accessory. Mrs Willers will lead a special assembly where children will learn about what Spina Bifida is and hear about Olivia's lived experience.

We look forward to seeing a splash of yellow around school as we support this important cause together. ❤️

Girl's Football: the success continues...

Another fabulous afternoon of football this week as the Girls team played four more matches. They started with a 0-0 draw in match 1 before a keenly fought 2-0 loss (to the league leaders) in match 2. After an inspiring team talk from manager Stanley, the girls rallied to an incredible 6-0 win in match 3 before a 3-0 victory in match 4! It was another outstanding set of team performances with great goals, great energy and great teamwork. It is wonderful to see how well the girls play together and support each other.

We play our final fixture next week and we can't wait!



CELEBRATIONS

NOTICES

Celebrating Success Beyond School!

At the end of each month, we will be publishing a Celebration Newsletter to recognise and share the wonderful achievements of our pupils outside of school.

Whether it is a sporting success, a community award, a music or dance performance, fundraising, or another special accomplishment, we would love to celebrate it with our school community.

If your child has taken part in something they are proud of and would like to share, please send a photograph along with a short description explaining their achievement to newsletter@whitefield-pri.lancs.sch.uk

We look forward to celebrating the fantastic talents and achievements of our pupils!



PTFA NEWS

A big thank you to all the parents who attended our recent PTFA Annual General Meeting, and a special welcome to the new members who have joined the team. We are incredibly grateful for your support and enthusiasm.

The PTFA has an exciting year ahead, with plans already underway for a range of events for our school community, including school discos, the ever-popular Gift Grotto, bingo events and potentially a quiz night. We look forward to working together to create enjoyable experiences for our children and families while raising valuable funds for our school.



HOUSE POINT WINNERS...

DOUGLAS

DIARY DATES



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

Tuesday 20th October - Spina Bifida Awareness Day
Flu Vaccination with IntraHealth

Thursday 22nd October - Tempsest Photography in school for individual and sibling photos

Friday 23rd October - School closes at 3:30pm for half term

TOP ATTENDANCE

1st - 3/4SM 99.6%

2nd - 3/4KH 98.6%

3rd - 1/2HW 98.4%

