

THE WHITEFIELD POST



Newsletter 23.10.2026

WELCOME MESSAGE...

HEALTHY HEARTS, HEALTHY BODIES, HEALTHY MINDS

It has been a busy half term and I would like to thank the children and staff for all their hard work and dedication and our families for all your support. This week we were pleased to welcome our School Improvement Advisor, Richard Kershaw, who carried out a learning walk with me around the school. He was particularly impressed by the children's positive attitude to learning, their engagement in lessons and the enthusiasm they showed in the classroom.

As a school, we continue to focus on our school improvement priority of developing writing across the curriculum. The children are working hard to strengthen their writing skills and we are proud of the progress they are making.

As we reach the end of the half term, I am sure that pupils, staff, and families are all ready for a well-earned break. I hope you have a restful and enjoyable week and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the next half term.

Mrs Willers

Spina Bifida Awareness Day

We have raised an amazing £249.46

This week, our school community came together to support Olivia in Year 1, who lives with spina bifida. On Tuesday, children added a splash of yellow to their uniforms by wearing yellow accessories, helping to raise awareness of the condition and show their support.

Mrs Willers led an inspiring assembly, sharing Olivia's experiences and helping the children understand that spina bifida is just one part of who she is. Her story encouraged us all to celebrate differences, show kindness and support one another.

Today, we held a Wear What You Want Day in support of SHINE.

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations and continued support. Together, we have helped raise awareness of this important cause while supporting the fantastic work that SHINE does for individuals and families affected by spina bifida.



Congratulations to all our golden welly winners this half term!

A huge congratulations to all of our Golden Welly winners this half term! We have loved watching their imaginative play, creativity and excellent teamwork during their outdoor learning adventures over the past few months. They have been wonderful role models and have fully embraced the opportunities to explore, discover and learn outdoors.

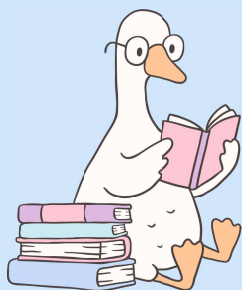
As we continue to enjoy our outdoor provision in all weathers, please could all children bring a spare pair of socks that can be kept in their tray or locker. If your child particularly enjoys getting muddy, we would also recommend sending in a puddle suit or waterproof trousers in a named carrier bag to help keep them dry and comfortable while they play and explore.

Thank you for your support in helping us make the most of our outdoor learning opportunities.



The Whitefield Reading Challenge

At Whitefield, we believe that school holidays should be a chance for children to relax, recharge and enjoy a well-earned break. For this reason, we do not set homework over half term. However, we also know that there is nothing quite like getting lost in a good book!

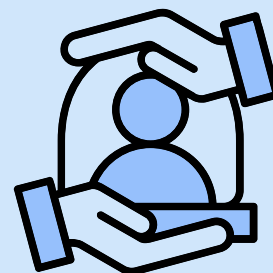


Today, Miss King introduced our Key Stage 2 children to The Whitefield Reading Challenge, which encourages pupils to continue enjoying reading during the holiday. The challenge includes lots of fun ideas, helpful hints and reading activities to inspire children to pick up a book and develop a lifelong love of reading.

DSL Safeguarding Information

The safety and wellbeing of our children is our highest priority. If you ever have a safeguarding concern about a child, please remember that you can contact school using our dedicated safeguarding email address.

This email account is accessed only by our Designated Safeguarding Leaders, ensuring that any concerns shared are dealt with confidentially and passed to the appropriate members of staff as quickly as possible



The email address is: dsl@whitefield-pri.lancs.sch.uk

Meet Your Brain - Completed!



We've completed our first myHappyMind module of the year: Meet Your Brain! The children have been learning all about the different parts of their brains and further developing strategies and skills to help look after their brains, manage their emotions and be the very best version of themselves.

Here we are proudly receiving our end-of-module certificates to celebrate all that we've learnt!

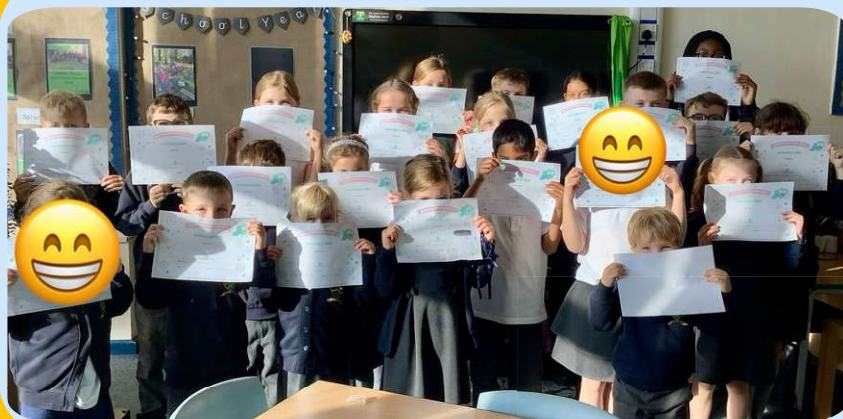


Happiness Heroes

Congratulations to our new Happiness Heroes! They will be working closely with Mrs Napier this year as ambassadors for mHm. Their role is to lead the way in helping their fellow pupils look after their mental health and fly the flag for myHappyMind throughout school.

Congratulations to:

RKG - Gracie and Finley O
RNA - Oliver and Thea
1/2KN - Alice and Kian
1/2JK - Olive and Willow
1/2HW - Millie and Ben B
3/4SM - Harriet and Ted
3/4KH - Finley and Harriet
3/4TU - Georgina and Fred
5AS - Bethany and Blake
5SG - Theo and Esme
6VK - Dia and Virtue



A Bountiful Harvest for Habitat Heroes

Our Habitat Heroes have been hard at work harvesting the last of this season's crops. The children were delighted to take home a variety of freshly grown vegetables, including squash, carrots and chard, ready to be transformed into some delicious homemade meals!

With autumn harvests complete, we'll soon be getting ready for our winter planting season. This year, we're excited to introduce some new crops to our garden, including kale and leeks.

We can't wait to see them grow over the coming months!



Girl's Football

On Thursday afternoon, the girl's competed in the final round of the football leagues competition at Priory Academy School.

Of the three games we played, we won one, drew one and lost one which meant we finished the competition with 21 points overall. After three weeks of hardwork, determination and effort, our team finished in second place overall which is an amazing achievement.

It has been wonderful to see how well the girls have worked together, supported each other and shown great sporting integrity throughout the whole tournament. We have had three staff members from other schools credit the team for their fair play and encouragement of other children which has been wonderful to hear.

Thank you to Mr Ginty and Natalie for supporting the girls over the three weeks.

A BIG thank you to manager 'S' for your dedicated coaching, inspirational teamtalks and tactical advice over the last three weeks - we could not have done it without you.

And a MASSIVE thank you and well done to our girls football team: Bille; Eva; Emma; Emika; Audrey; Meghan; Tembi; Bethany; Holly; Eliza.

You have been a credit to Whitefield.



CELEBRATIONS

PTFA NEWS

Making Memories at the Reception Disco

Our Reception children had a wonderful time at the PTFA Disco on Saturday. The morning was packed with fun, laughter and excitement as the children enjoyed a range of games, including musical bumps, musical statues and energetic parachute activities. One of the biggest highlights was the chance to throw snowballs at their parents!

A huge thank you to Sarah, our PTFA Chair, for organising such a fantastic event. Special thanks also to Richard for keeping everyone well fed and refreshed and to Tash and DJ John for their fantastic entertainment and endless energy throughout the morning.

The children loved every minute and made lots of happy memories with their friends. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a wonderful success!



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

RKG - Cayson & Elodie
RNH- Remy & Hazel
1/2JK - Margot
1/2KN - Seth
1/2 HW - Roman & Phoebe
3/4KH -Lexy& Amelie
3/4SM - Margot
3/4TU - Ayda
5SG - Jacub
5AS - Blake
6VK-Max
6NH-Meg



HOUSE POINT WINNERS...

HODDER

TOP ATTENDANCE

1st - 5AS 98.7%
2nd - 5SG 97.5%
3rd - ½ KN 97%



DIARY DATES



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

31.10.26 Secondary School Applications close.

Monday 2nd November school opens Autumn 2

Thursday 5th November Themed Meal, 'Bonfire Night'

Thursday 26th November PTFA winter disco