

Whitby Heath Primary School Newsletter

11th November 2022



'Excellence in a Caring Community'



Thank you to our Eco Ambassadors who led a great assembly this week all about Recycling. They talked through the importance of recycling, which has then been followed up in classes across the school, whilst celebrating recycling week.

The Eco Ambassadors also presented their competition which is based around designing a purposeful item using recycled materials. The children can be as creative as possible! They can either make it, photograph it or draw a picture of their purposeful item which has been constructed using recycled materials. Entries are due in on Thursday 24th November and winners will be announced in Celebration Assemblies on Friday 25th November. There will be a winner for: EYFS, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2.



Some of our KS2 footballers took part in a football competition at the EPSV on Wednesday. The children demonstrated great sportsmanship and camaraderie amongst their peers. Well done to you all for playing so well as a team together.

Year 3 are due to take part in their forest school Outdoor Learning day today. They will be taking part in a range of activities relating to their current History unit of work 'The Stone Age.' Some of the activities they will do include: tying knots, throwing 'fruit' to a target, spear making and building their very own shelter using wattle and daub. They will be looking at Stonehenge and using biscuits to build their very own replica of what still stands today.



Well done to all of our Shining Superstars this week:



Oak Class - Amelia S
Elm Class - Abigail D
Ash Class - Joel G-D
Beech Class - Harry J
Fir Class - Lottie B
Cherry Class - Esmae E
Poplar Class - Matilda-Rose S
Rowan Class - Mia W
Cedar Class - Alfie C
Holly Class - Pippa R
Sycamore Class - Mali P
Willow Class - Jesse I
Birch Class - William H
Maple Class - George T

Congratulations to you all!

This week's Top Three classes for attendance are:

First: Elm 99%
Second: Poplar 98%
Third: Birch 96%
Whole school attendance: 96%



We thank you for your continued support with attendance.

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WHPS SEND Coffee Morning

You are warmly invited to our SEND Coffee morning, a chance for you to network with other parents/carers of children with Special Educational Needs.

Miss Monins will be available to answer any questions regarding SEND and about our school approach to identifying and supporting any specific needs.



Wednesday 30th November 2022 at 9.05am

We are delighted to have guest visitor from the Endorphins Group to provide information about their service. We look forward to welcoming you!

National Poetry Day Greenpeace Competition - Poems for the Planet

Greenpeace's first 'Poems for the Planet' competition, in collaboration with National Poetry Day, invites you to put your poetry hat on. We want your lively limericks, heartfelt haikus and polished prose on the theme of hope and the environment. Maybe you love whale song and want to capture it as poetry. Or maybe you felt moved at an environmental protest. We'd love to read about whatever inspires you to write a poem for the planet.



Submit your poem by midnight on 1st December 2022 using the online entry form found at

<https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/resources/poems-planet-competition/#submit>

You can enter one poem on the theme of the environment and hope. You can use any form of poetry and your poem can be up to 400 words.

The winning poems from each category will be published on Greenpeace's website.

Your chance to shape the Council budget and your services

There has been a meeting held by the Schools Forum. In the meeting, the Council's budget Consultation was discussed. This consultation will be open until 11pm on 4 December 2022. For more information, please visit:

<https://participatenow.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/hub-page/choices-in-challenging-times>

The Queen's School - Y5 and Y6 Girls 'Saturday Series'

The first event is called 'Explore the World' and is for girls in **Years 5 and 6** who are interested in joining The Queen's Senior School for Year 7. The series of fun and engaging Saturday sessions are designed to make the move from primary to secondary school a smooth process for everyone.

Register at: <https://www.thequeensschool.co.uk/saturday-series> to secure your daughter's place at the session on **Saturday 12th November**.

Finally

I have some exciting news to share about two of our teachers. Mrs Batey (Fir class teacher) and Miss Ohri (Cedar class teacher) are both expecting babies in March 2023.

I will update the parents/carers of these classes, closer to the time, with plans around covering their maternity leave.

Mrs E Williams