

Whitby Heath Primary School Newsletter

18th November 2022



'Excellence in a Caring Community'

This week has been anti-bullying week and this year's theme is 'Reach Out'. We began the week by wearing odd socks to celebrate that we are all unique. The school ambassadors promoted these values during assembly and educated the school on the reasons we take part in this event. All week, classes have been thinking about promoting kindness and taking part in activities about reaching out and who to reach out too.



Today is Children in Need day. It has been lovely to see the children dressed in their own clothes with some sporting their spottiest outfits to help raise money for this great cause!



We took a team of Year 5 and 6 girls to take part in a girls' football tournament at EPSV this Tuesday. The girls played together for the first time in a competitive event and represented the school fantastically. We developed as a team with each game and all girls enjoyed the afternoon greatly. Well done!



Well done to all of our Shining Superstars this week:



Oak Class - Harry B
Elm Class - Harley M
Ash Class - Leo P
Beech Class - Indie D
Fir Class - Jayden I
Cherry Class - Isla C
Poplar Class - Phoebe T
Rowan Class - Sam D
Cedar Class - Archie D
Holly Class - Mason A
Sycamore Class - Sophia H
Willow Class - Amelia F
Birch Class - Jasmine C
Maple Class - Scarlett Ch

Congratulations to you all!

This week's Top Three classes for attendance are:

First: Elm 100%
Second: Oak 99%
Third: Cherry and Holly 98%

Whole school attendance: 97%



We thank you for your continued support with attendance.

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Parent Forum

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Thank you to those parents/carers who were able to join us for our Parent Forum meeting on Wednesday afternoon. The minutes from the meeting will be sent to parents/carers via ParentPay in due course.

During the meeting, we discussed how we can be more eco-friendly as a school. Therefore, moving forward, we ask that for school trips, lunches are brought in either a recyclable bag eg paper, or a child's lunchbox is taken on the trip, in their rucksack. Also, please can we refrain from providing children with a single-use plastic bottle for trips. Instead, please bring a reusable waterbottle. We will be bringing this in with immediate effect for all children in Year 2 - Year 6 and for Year 1 children during the Summer term; recognising that the younger children carrying their lunchboxes and waterbottles on a trip may be difficult for them when they are smaller.

We also discussed individual music lessons in school. We use an outside company who provide these individual music lessons each week for Key Stage 2 children - Musical Minds. The instruments that Musical Minds offer for their individual tuition sessions are: drums, piano and guitar. Currently, all slots are full but there is a waiting list. If you would like your child to be added to the waiting list, please visit: <https://www.musical-minds.net/>



Year 5 Free Mandarin Club

The Queen's School are offering a free after-school Mandarin Club for Year 5 girls and boys as part of their outreach programme. Activities include language learning, dance, music, crafts and learning about Chinese celebrations and culture.

The club will start on Tuesday 10th January 2023 and will run weekly until the end of the summer term in July. Please note that no sessions will be held during The Queen's School holidays ([please refer to their website for exact dates](#)). Your child would need to be brought to The Queen's Senior School on City Walls Road for 4pm where, after refreshments, all of their exciting activities begin. They will then need to be collected by 5pm.

To sign up for the club, please visit: <https://www.thequeensschool.co.uk/mandarin-club>

Christmas Shoeboxes

Thank you for the kind donations of filled shoeboxes which have already come into school. The T4U team will be coming to collect the shoeboxes on Friday 25th November.



Christmas Jumpers



Families will be able to get free Christmas jumpers, for those children who need one, at Hope Farm Methodist Church on Sunday 4th December from 2.30-4.30pm. They are pre-worn but in a good condition. They have been kindly donated by families in Ellesmere Port.

Any offers of further donations from families will be greatly appreciated. Find out more information at: www.facebook.com/Thechristmasjumperappeal

Finally

Thank you for the Christmas performance ticket return slips. Tickets will be handed out, via the children's school bags, on week beginning 21st November.

Mrs E Williams