

14th September 2023

Character Pledges

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last year, we were thrilled with the response to our Character Pledges and the way so many families got in touch to share achievements outside of school too. As such, we're thrilled to be continuing the Pledges this year! We're particularly excited with how they underpin our School Values that all children are already striving to show!

Just as a reminder, our Character words are:

KS1:

Bravery, Effort, Kindness, Patience, Honesty and Respect

KS2:

Creativity, Courage, Compassion, Determination, Generosity, Perseverance, Conscientiousness, Integrity

Each half term, the focus will be on a different Character Word and children will be set a series of challenges to demonstrate how they show these wonderful characteristics, both at school and at home.

There are three levels of challenge each half term: bronze, silver and gold. Children are invited to work through these in order by showing the traits and characteristics in a variety of ways. By the end of each half term, children will receive 10 points if they complete the gold challenge, 5 points if they complete the silver challenge and 2 points if they complete the bronze challenge. Some challenges will be acknowledged by teachers based on their time in school and others will give parents a chance to share how the attributes have been shown at home or in out-of-school clubs. Parents can share via Dojo where their child has achieved a pledge out of school. We love to hear about the wonderful activities children take part in at home, so we encourage parents to get in touch!

At the end of each half term, children will be awarded a bronze, silver or gold sticker and certificate to show which level of the challenge they have achieved. At the end of the year, children will receive a pin badge of the corresponding award colour, depending on points accrued throughout the year. A gold pin badge will be awarded to children who gain 50 points or above, a silver pin badge will be awarded to children who gain 20 points or above and a bronze pin badge will be awarded to children who gain 10 points and

above. Children are further encouraged to gain as many points as they can to contribute to their class total.

The pledges will be shared by class teachers on Friday 15th September via Dojo. We will remind you each half term via the newsletter and Dojo which set of pledges the children are working towards, as well as promoting this within school and reminding children of the positive traits we are looking to encourage and reward.

We are incredibly proud of the wonderful, kind, compassionate and creative children we have here at Whitby Heath. We really hope that parents and carers will continue to share all the ways that your children impress, beyond just their academic achievement.

Many Thanks,

PSHE Coordinator

Mrs Beach

