

# Whitley Lodge First School

## Newsletter 4 - October 2024



### Pupil Council

Thank you and well done to everyone who submitted a manifesto for the pupil council elections. They were all commended in today's assembly for their courage and resilience. Congratulations to the successful candidates in each class.

The newly appointed councillors attended a meeting with Mrs Palmer today.

Agenda items included why being a councillor is an important job and how each member feels about being elected.

The councillors agreed that they were feeling happy, excited, thrilled, relieved and even a little bit shocked.

During the meeting, the group also talked about what we have been learning in school for World Mental Health Day and the importance of looking after our own mental health and wellbeing. We agreed that there are lots of different activities that can help us with our wellbeing— nature works, drawing, swimming, painting, riding bikes/scooters, hugging family and friends, singing and running really fast were popular suggestions in the group.

Classmates and friends are already sharing super suggestions to their council representatives and these will be gathered at the Pupil Council meeting with Miss Turley next week.



### Diary Dates

#### 2024-2025

- 28.10.24-1.11.24 Half term
- 7.11.24 School Photographs
- 8.11.24 Red Class Assembly @ 9am (Fri)
- 9.12.24 KS1 Christmas Performance (1) PM
- 10.12.24 KS1 Christmas Performance (2) AM
- 11.12.24 Reception Christmas Performance AM
- 12.12.24 KS2 Christmas Performance PM
- 13.12.24 Nursery AM/PM Christmas Stay & Play
- 20.12.24 Pupils break up for Christmas holiday

### Halloween Disco

Thursday 24 October

Children will be dismissed from classrooms at the usual time.

**Reception & Key Stage One Disco**

3:40pm-4:40pm

**Key Stage Two Disco** 5:00pm-6:00pm

Entrance is £5 for one child or £8 for two or more.

Tickets include: entry to the disco, free juice and biscuits plus two items from the tuck shop. Children do not need to bring any money on the night.

Fancy dress is optional.

**Tickets on sale now at the school office. Cash only please.**



Once again we are collecting for The Bay Foodbank. They provide support to people who find themselves in financial crisis.

Here are some of their

suggested items: **Tins (Hot Dogs, Meatballs, Fish, Soup, Pasta, Custard), Long Life Milk, Rice Pudding, Sweet and Savoury Snacks, Baby Food, Coffee/Tea Bags and Toiletries.**

Thank you to our friends at the Whitley Lodge Baptist Church who take the donations to the Bay Foodbank on our behalf. You will find a collection bin in the school entrance. Thank you.



### Diary Dates

2025

- 6.1.25 Training Day
- 24.1.25 Blue Class Assembly @ 9am (Fri)
- 21.2.25 Orange Class Assembly @ 9am (Fri)
- 24.2.25-28.2.25 Half term
- 10.4.25 Green Class Assembly 9am (Thurs)
- 14.4.25-25.4.25 Easter Break
- 5.5.25 May Bank Holiday
- 9.5.25 Purple Class Assembly 9am (Fri)
- 26.5.25-30.5.25 May Half Term
- 27.6.25 Yellow Class Assembly 9am (Fri)
- 9.7.25 Reception Joint Class Assembly 9am (Wed)
- 17.7.25 Last day of term
- 18.7.25 Training Day

### Announcing the Wonder League Winning Team

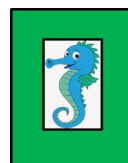
It was an exciting Wonder Award assembly this morning. In addition to children receiving certificates for their fantastic behaviour, acts of kindness and resilience when learning new skills, working hard, doing their best and being a good friend to others, this term's Wonder League winner was also announced.

Every week there is a winning Wonder Team in each class. Wonder Points are then transferred to the tubes in our main entrance. The tubes are filled, emptied, counted and totals added together. An incredible **5,412** points have been awarded since the beginning of term. It is always incredibly close and this time there was only 9 points between the top two teams.

With a total of **1098** Wonder Points the winner for this half term is:

**Green Seahorses**

All children from this Wonder Team will be coming home with a special certificate today. They have won the half term prize which is a great afternoon of active fun. They will need to **come to school in their PE kit on Tuesday 22 October please.**



The next newsletter is out on Friday 8 November.