



The Whitesheet Chronicle 20.10.23

Termly Christian Value: Friendship

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Dear Whitesheet Families,

It has been such a positive start to the school year. My personal highlight has been Tuesday afternoons when the children are all having an opportunity to be physical in Indoor PE and Forest School time. It is great to see them have specific time learning gymnastic skills and dedicated to learning outside the classroom.

We are also really proud of our new Early Years pupils. They have settled into school life wonderfully and are making the most of all their learning experiences.

Thank you to everyone who was able to be available to join us for our Harvest Service in Church this week. We are so lucky to have the church within walking distance and it is always a joy to take our children there for services. They contribute so brilliantly, and it is special to be able to reflect on key moments as a wider community.

As you know, we are working on developing our school profile in the wider world, thank you to those of you who shared ideas of where we can target information. I would like to officially welcome you to join our Facebook Page (link below) and request that you share, share, share! We will be posting snippets of school life regularly and making some specific marketing media. Please continue to use Class Dojo for informal communication with staff as Facebook will not be monitored as a platform for day to day communication.

<https://www.facebook.com/whitesheetprimary/>

Wishing you all a happy and safe Autumn break.

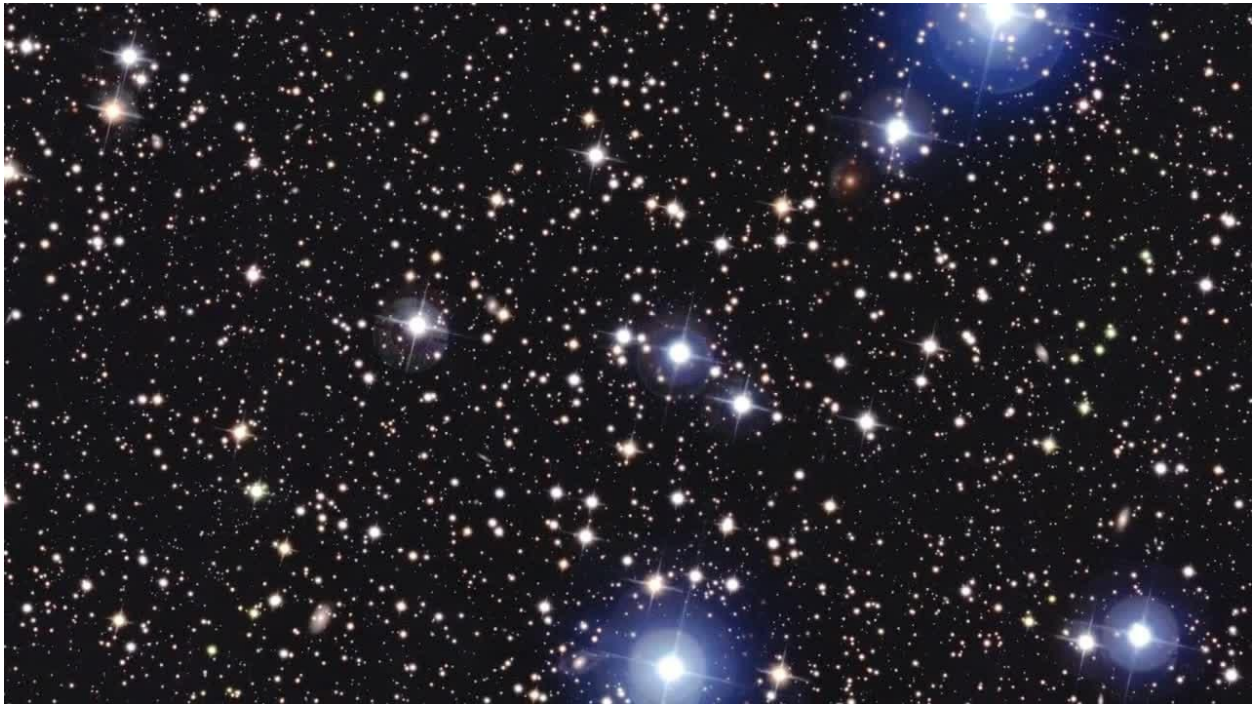
Mrs Mullord

Climbing to new heights together

Mrs Mullord

#climbingtonewheightstogether

Classroom Highlights



Woodpeckers Class



Woodpeckers Autumn 2023 Summary

We have had a busy half term in Woodpeckers.

English started with mastering writing a sentence which we did through the story of a Squash and a Squeeze. Then we learned the traditional story of Baba Yaga, focusing on story openings and then we wrote our very own Autumn poems. In Math's the EYFS have been subitising with numbers up to 3 whilst the Year 1 & 2 have been immersed in place value.

Art has been all about drawing and we have used a variety of mediums to draw in various locations including tracing around our shadows outside. We have finished by looking at the artist Paul Klee and his famous fish painting where he etched the drawing in to black paint to reveal the colors underneath. It was great fun and we loved the results!

In Science the EYFS have been finding out about the weather and the seasons whilst the Year 1 and 2 have been learning about animals including life cycles.





Physical Education Kit Days

All children have P.E on Tuesday and Friday. Please continue to wear P.E. kit to school on these days.

The children will be doing different sports on each day.

From W/C 30th October:

- Children will continue to have **P.E on Tuesday and Friday** and will need to wear P.E kit to school
- All pupils will need to have a **Forest School appropriate clothing in school on Tuesdays.** - Please make sure your child is wrapped up warm, especially during these cold winter months.

Whitesheet Reports



Bronze Ambassadors

On Monday the 2nd of October, myself, Esme and Darcie went to Gillingham School to do a bronze ambassador workshop. When we arrived we got given t-shirts and a pink envelope before we were sent to a big hall so that we knew what we were going to do that day. First we made a plan to be more active within the school. Then we went outside onto the astro turf and we created our own version of a game they showed us. After a break, we did a teamwork exercises where we had to slap a plie of numbered plates in the correct order. There was also a exercises where we had to lead each other round an obstacle course blindfolded whilst trying not to crash each other into the walls. After lunch we had one more workshop where we learnt how to enthusiastically lead a game.

Overall it was a great day and we're excited to put what we've learned into practice at Whitesheet.

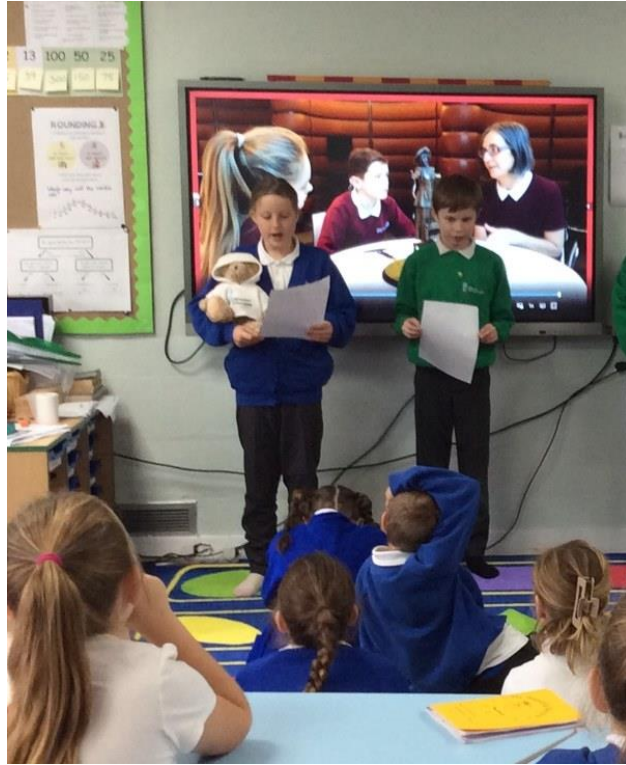
Georgia



Harvest Festival

On Tuesday 17th the whole of Whitesheet school had a visit to the church for a very special service. It was Harvest Festival and we each brought a donation in exchange for non-school uniform which we were thrilled about. Before heading to the church, we sang the Harvest Samba and practiced our speeches. After we continued our day and prepared ourselves for that moment. We followed Miss Ross in a line with a partner and we soon arrived at the destination. Everyone sat down and Mrs Mullord spoke about how we donate food to be shared across the world. We showed some brilliant artwork to the parents. After showing the art work we sang Autumn Days and finished with Jacob and Monty's prayer.

Vienna



British Values Day - Democracy

On Thursday the 19th of October, we learned about democracy. Year sixes did a campaign for the DSAT Whitesheet bears name. There were three names; Samson (meaning sun child), Ira (meaning watchful) and Zion (meaning highest point). They then read their campaign speech to the woodpeckers, they then did a vote. After that they read their speech to Golden Eagles and they had their vote. It was a secret vote which meant we didn't know what everybody else's vote was. Samson won in the end.

After that we learned about democracy. Democracy is when people vote for their new Prime Minister and all members of parliament. Only over eighteens can vote though which we don't think is fair. The Prime Minister's court and the police don't make the law and they can't break it either. Voting is important because it means that all the decisions are made fairly.

Lily

Forest School Space

Even as we creep into the colder months, Forest School continues to be a highlight for many of our students. Making fires and hot chocolate is just some of the fun they've been having this term!

Please make sure you're sending your child to school in appropriate clothing - Long sleeves, old trousers and sensible shoes. If you have old kit you'd like to get rid of, we are always taking donations in the office.



New Valley News



We have a post going out to 'New Valley News' saying how amazing you all were at our Harvest festival and promoting our Forest School. It should be up on their website within a couple of weeks, so make sure to keep an eye out.

Lunches



WILTSHIRE

EST. FARM 1991

FOODS

As I'm sure you're all aware, we have recently switched lunch providers. Our students (and staff) are all really enjoying the new meals.

To order (or just to have a look at the menu), please follow the link below!

<https://forms.office.com/e/t1hfUpJtAu>

Orders will need to be in by Wednesday 1st November.

Any issues with lunches or ordering, feel free to get in contact with the office.

Safeguarding



Roblox Saftey

Roblox is an increasingly popular game, especially within the Primary School age demographic. It is so important to know what's going on in your children's games as playing online with other people can leave your child in a vulnerable position.

Please see the poster below detailing more about the game and how you can go about creating a safe online environment for them to play.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonline.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it! As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio (to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online). Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS
Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, grievers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

ONLINE DATERS
These are also called 'Odors' and are quite common in Roblox. An Odeur is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter Odors. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

PUBLIC SERVERS
Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

IN-APP PURCHASES
Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS
Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child so that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING
Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS
If your child has genuine friends who they play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING
If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS
At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with others safely in the digital world.

Meet Our Expert
Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/2020/02/23/roblox-the-most-popular-video-game-for-kids>
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Safeguarding: Our DSL Team

Emily Mullord is our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Tamsin Edmed and Janet Ross are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

If you have concern about a child, particularly if you think they may be suffering or at risk of suffering significant harm, please report it to the DSL straight away and make a written record of your concerns.

All our staff are dedicated to safeguarding pupils and families. It is our duty to pass on concerns to other agencies.

A Message from our Chair of Governors



I hope you've had a busy and fulfilling first half term? I wanted to introduce myself as Chair of Whitesheet CE Primary School's ASEC (Academy Standards and Ethos Committee). I have been Chair since last term and am getting to know our small team. As a school governing body our key role is to support and challenge Mrs Mullord and staff with moving the Academy Improvement Plan forward. We had excellent SAT's results in 2022/23 (some of the best in the whole trust) but, in line with our vision to *climb to new heights together*, we have challenged ourselves in supporting Mrs Mullord and the staff team to be even better as we embed Maths mastery across the school, continue to develop our early years offer and develop our safeguarding curriculum and behaviour policy. We also have plans to upgrade the changing room area around the swimming pool this year and have recently bought new laptops and a big television screen for the school.

Whitesheet School is a wonderful place to learn and grow and I will share more news with you soon. In the meantime, if you know of any pre-schoolers who'd like to be part of this year's open play sessions, do get in touch with the school office.

Have a restful half term holiday with your family and friends.

Isabella Byrne

Chair, Whitesheet CE Primary School

Our Upcoming Open Morning



On Friday 10th November we are hosting a Forest School Open Morning for those starting in September 2024. If you or anyone you may know of is interested in attending, please sign up through the office email - Office@whitesheet.dsat.org.uk

Recommended Read



Beast Quest By Adam Blade - Recommended by Albie

Ages 7+

New Beasts have been created in Avantia - twin dragons Vedra and Krimon. But the Wizard Malvel plans to capture them, so Tom must take the dragons into hiding. Can Tom save the twin Beasts from the wizard's evil spell?

ADAM BLADE

Beast Quest



VEDRA & KRIMON
TWIN BEASTS OF AVANTIA

Maths Riddle



If a boy blows 18 bubbles, then pops 6, eats 7, pops 5, and blows 1, how many are left?

Answer in the 'final thought'

Final thought...



We wish you all a safe and happy half term and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 31st October.

Maths Answer: 1

"'The wonders of nature are endless'

Walt Disney
