



## Show Racism the Red Card

Last week Primary 7 participated in interactive and thought provoking anti-racism workshops, which allowed them to explore the issues surrounding racism. They were so moved by the subject that they asked if they could participate in the **Show Racism the Red Card, Wear Red Day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of October**. They would like to extend this invitation to the whole school to participate with them.

On that day, pupils are invited to dress down and wear red or a touch of red to show their support against racism. Primary 7 want to encourage pupils to be as creative as possible and make something rather than spend money buying something red if they don't already have it. It could be making a red badge or bracelet, wearing a red tie or even socks. This is to raise awareness so is a **free** dress down.

## Catch the Reading Bug!

It turns out; those who read before bedtime make more money, eat more healthily, and love their lives more than those who don't!

National Book Trust 2019



## Parent Council

Please come along to our Parent Council where we discuss how to support the work of the school. We would love to see you!

The next meetings are:

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019



## Reading Accreditation Scheme



We are excited to share that we are one of only a few West Lothian schools to have been selected to participate in the **National Book Trusts Reading Accreditation Scheme**, which aims to foster a love of reading for enjoyment. This will support and recognise the work we have done and plan to do this year to further develop of our amazing Reading Culture. Keep a look out on Twitter for up-to-date information on all the brilliant learning experiences that our pupils are participating in!

## Online Learning Journals

Online learning journals are used in Nursery and right through to P7. These pupil journals share the learning and progress of your child through observations and assessment of their learning. This is updated termly. Parents/carers have a personal login to access their child's journal. Please contact the school if you are unable to access this and we will be able to assist in this.

## Website

<https://whitdaleprimary.westlothian.org.uk/>

The Parent Zone contains lots of information on forthcoming events, be sure to check it out!



### School Improvement Priorities 2019.20

We are looking forward to the session ahead and the various opportunities and challenges that will shape the children's learning experiences as we move through the school year. We continue to welcome and value your thoughts, suggestions and evaluations throughout the year and want to thank you for your continued support and engagement in these opportunities. We will continue to provide a variety of opportunities for you to be fully consulted in evaluating our work and deciding the priorities for improvement. As we continue to refine and develop our curriculum learning pathways, we will continue to focus this session on further embedding our genre based Writing approaches but will also look to develop the learning experiences within Reading to ensure that these are challenging and engaging. In Health and Wellbeing we will focus on developing children's ability to articulate their emotions and demonstrate resilience, a vital skill for life and ensure that pupils are able to self report on their wellbeing.

We are currently in the process of re-visiting our Positive Behaviour Policy and have consulted with staff, pupils and parents/carers on this to guide this development. We have begun work on creating a new Relationships Policy. Please look out for more information to follow on this.

Our Standards and Quality Report for parents/carers session 2018-19 is available on our website and further details of our School Improvement Plan priorities for session 2019-20 are also be shared with you there.

### Safeguarding and Child Protection

All staff in school are trained in Child Protection and we follow Edinburgh and Lothians Inter-agency Child Protection guidelines and work hard to ensure that your child is safe. It is the job of every adult to keep children safe and to protect their wellbeing. If you have any concerns about any child in our community, please report these using one of the following agencies:

Child protection is an important aspect of our work in school and we as a staff have a duty to pass on any concerns that we may have about a child's welfare to Health, Social Work or the Police for further investigation. This duty however, extends beyond school as we, as members of the public, are required to pass on concerns of a child protection nature that may come to our attention within our community. To support us all with this process and to offer further information, West Lothian Child Protection Committee (WLCPC) has its own website. The website describes the work of the WLCPC, advises the public of who to contact if they have a concern about a child and what the agencies do once they receive information. The website contains the contact details of organisations that can help adults deal with their own problems and contains information for children and young people about the child protection process, their rights and where they can get help. Hopefully people will feel more confident passing their concerns on, knowing what happens once the information has been shared.



### Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) and the Wellbeing Indicators



School and nursery staff have worked hard in the past couple of sessions to embed the Wellbeing Indicators into our Health and Wellbeing Curriculum and learning community. Teaching children how to; stay **safe**, be **healthy**, keep **active**, **achieve**, be **responsible**, **respected** and **included** in society, is a national priority.

Did you know that our children 'self report' on their wellbeing in every class in school? There are regular emotional check-ins and children are given time and space to understand, reflect on and share their feelings and are supported by adults and their peers to do this.

Each term, children rate aspects of their wellbeing using a special questionnaire which is analysed by staff so that children who require more attention or support are given it.

In addition, we are holding regular 'Wellbeing Assemblies' this session to educate each child on every Wellbeing Indicator and have started with Healthy and

We are passionate about promoting positive physical, emotional and mental health and wellbeing at Whitdale and ensuring that children have good social skills and can make friends.