

### Curriculum News

#### Whitley Lodge achieves Inclusion Quality Mark Flagship award for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year!



We were recently visited by IQM Assessor, Lisa Ingley to share with her our commitment to SEND and inclusion. We are delighted and proud that we have now received the accreditation as a IQM (Inclusion Quality Mark) Flagship School for the second year. This award celebrates that we value different perspectives to create safe and inclusive learning for all. It also recognises our commitment to supporting children's mental health and well-being while ensuring every child is provided with high quality learning opportunities so that they can attain and achieve to the best of their ability. It was when the assessor spoke to the children that this vision was evident. They could clearly and proudly articulate the caring and compassionate ethos at our school. Thank you to them. The full report will be shared in the Autumn term.

#### An end of year message from Mrs Palmer

As we come to the end of a very successful year at Whitley Lodge, I would like to personally thank you for all your support, I am proud to be part of such a wonderful school and community.

We are so privileged to teach such fantastic children. Within our school community, there are incredible mathematicians, writers, scientists, artists, musicians, athletes, dancers and more. We are so proud of every individual and the outstanding contribution that they make.

Throughout the year, the children have earned Wonder Award certificates for demonstrating our shared values: kindness, honesty, courage, resilience and respect. It has been a pleasure to present so many of these at our Friday assembly. In addition to this, every pupil has earned tokens towards a combined total of over **39,000** Wonder Points this year.

We have had wonderful events across the year, including Book Club Assemblies, Number Day, World Book Day, Musical concerts, Hedge Planting, The Dance Festival, Athletics, Cricket, Skipping, Cross-country, Gymnastics, Handball, Active Mile Day, The Santa Dash, Keeping Safe Day, our Art Showcase, The Park Run takeover & Sports Week. Our annual trip to the Pantomime seeing *Cinderella* was an exciting day out for Reception, Key Stage One & Key Stage Two children. The Nursery children joined together with Whitley Lodge Under 5's for their fabulous trip to the beach. Every class has enjoyed outdoor learning this year with trips to the beach and the Brierdene. Our School Sports Day also stands out as a super memory. As always, the children impressed us with their great team spirit and encouragement throughout. Well done to everyone and thank you to those who could come to support us on the day.

Here we are at the end of the school year. For those of you who are saying goodbye as they move onto their next school, we wish you happiness and success in the future.

We look forward to welcoming those who are returning to Whitley Lodge and those who are starting their journey with us in September too.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our families a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Best wishes,

*Jennifer Palmer*

Headteacher

#### Diary Dates 2025

1.9.25 Training Day

2.9.25 Pupils return to school

**24.09.25 Reception Parent Workshop @ 5pm**

**7.10.25 Parent Evening 1**

**9.10.25 Parent Evening 2**

27.10.25-31.10.25 Half term

19.12.25 Pupils break up for Christmas holiday

#### Diary Dates 2026

5.1.26 Training Day

16.2.26-20.2.26 Half Term

3.4.26-17.4.26 Easter Break

25.5.26-29.5.26 Half Term

**19.06.26 Training Day**

17.7.26 Last day of term