

Personal and Team Success

At Whitelees we recognise successes and achievements regularly across the week and come together as a whole school each Friday to share and celebrate with our peers. As a school we focus on individual achievements and also recognise the value of teamwork.

We have extremely high standards and expectations, where we encourage our learners to be ambitious and go over and above. We instil a belief that with time, effort, practice and persistence, personal success will be achieved.

All staff members in the school recognise our children and are able to share ways that they have gone above and beyond, this is achieved through a variety of awards.

Dojos are offered to encourage personal success, where effort, practice, persistence, and a growth mindset are recognised. Dojo points can only ever be earned, **they will never be removed**. At the end of each week a Dojo winner is awarded.

At Whitelees, we believe it is good to be us! We are all a part of Team Whitelees and as such, work together within our classes to experience group and team success. As part of 'It's Good to be US', ME Time tickets are awarded to those who are working hard to earn recognition for their class. A weekly ME Time Award is presented to the class with the highest number of ME Time tickets. Children in that class are then able to enjoy a treat together. This award supports and develops a strong team ethic and encourages children to work together to see the value of working successfully as a team.

Assembly Successes and Achievements

It's Good to be Kind! is awarded by our clerical and support staff. This award is presented to children each week and supports embedding kindness in all that we do!

The *Head Teacher Award* is awarded weekly to someone who has been recognised as going above and beyond in or out of school. Mrs Murdoch presents the child with this award and a trophy that the child is able to take home and return each week.

DHT/PT Awards

These awards are presented by our Senior Management team, Mrs Stewart who is our acting Depute Head and Mrs McAuley who is our acting Principal Teacher.

Capacity Awards

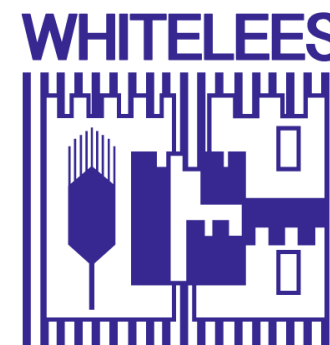
Each week we celebrate one of the Four Capacities with the children. Children are awarded either a Successful Learner, Confident Individual, Effective Contributor or Responsible Citizen certificate, this rotates on a weekly basis. A reason for this award is discussed with the child and the capacity changes each week. This is also displayed within each classroom and updated regularly to reflect the range of achievements.

We present annual awards to the children whose contributions and consistently high standard to a particular subject area/initiative/effort has been recognised. These are presented at our end of year awards ceremony, which usually takes place in June.



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SUCCESSES &
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GUIDE



Recognising Achievement

Recognising achievement is an integral part of *Curriculum for Excellence*. Gaining recognition for a range of achievements, and for the skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work that are developed through this achievement, benefits all children and young people. Reasons for recognising learners' achievements include increasing self-esteem, improving motivation, and keeping young people engaged in learning.

At Whitelees we recognise a range of successes and achievements and support our children to understand the skills they have developed. It is important that they are able to demonstrate and describe these skills to others and build on these.

Achievement covers learning within curriculum areas and interdisciplinary learning, including recognition through qualifications, but it is much wider than that. It includes achievement in other areas within the life of the school and outside the school – sometimes referred to as wider achievement. At Whitelees, we encourage all children to inform us of their achievements within and beyond the classroom and school environment.



It's Good to Be ME!

We see the value in all learning that takes place whether that be outside the classroom, at home or in the wider community. Achievement covers learning in other areas of the life of the school, and in the variety of activities children and young people are involved in, for example:

- hobbies and interests, such as participating in a sport
- youth work / volunteering
- caring for a relative
- activities they undertake in the life of the school, such as Eco Schools or Buddying
- recognised awards or programmes, such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award or John Muir Award.
- Through these activities, children develop important skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work that can be of real value to them as they grow up.

In school we enjoy hearing all about your child's achievements in and out of school and celebrating their variety of successes.

We encourage the children to share these achievements with their peers and the whole school during our weekly assembly.

'It's Good to be ME!' slips can be completed by children across the week, then shared and celebrated during assembly. Children are also able to discuss, demonstrate, show videos or pictures and display trophies/medals won during this time.



Celebrating Success

Within the classroom environment, school staff and children will build on all successes and achievements in and out of school. Classrooms will have a dedicated wall to display these achievements which will allow children to share what they have done with their peers.

Wall displays will support recognition of the Four Capacities of Curriculum for Excellence, taking into account the Four Contexts for Learning. There will be a different focus each week.

The four capacities of CfE are:

- Successful Learners
- Confident Individuals
- Effective Contributors
- Responsible Citizens



These displays will be updated regularly giving our learners the opportunity to share and display successes and achievements. This will foster discussions in class to support building the Four Capacities in our children here at Whitelees.