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Inside Scoop... Mr Whitaker

Find out exclusive information about what our new headteacher's passions and hobbies are...



Faster than Usain Bolt?

Explore the new clubs



Take a ride into Year 6's Bikeability course!

Children in Year 6, enjoyed riding on roads and improving their cycle confidence. Turn to page 2 to explore what they had to say after their experiences.

What's in bookstore for you in this Autumn Term issue?

How long do you think Mrs. Beckett has been a librarian for? Discover the answer on page 6.





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Inside Scoop...Mr Whitaker

By Erin, Lilly and Isabella

Mr. Whitaker is Nine Mile Ride Primary School's new headteacher for this academic year. He has come from St Crispin's Secondary School in Wokingham and is looking forward to getting to know the children and making sure they are learning and are safe. This Autumn Term, the staff and children have been very excited to welcome him into our school community and have embraced some of the changes that have occurred. Excitingly, our Nine Mile Ride journalists had the opportunity to interview Mr. Whitaker to find out what are some of his hobbies and plans for the year.

Special Interview with Mr. Whitaker



Q: What school did you teach at before you came to Nine Mile Ride School?

A: St. Crispin's Secondary School.

Q: Have you taught in other schools apart from St. Crispin's?

A: Yes! I have taught in Ukraine, China and schools in England too.

Q: From listening to assemblies, we know you like reading so what is your favourite book?

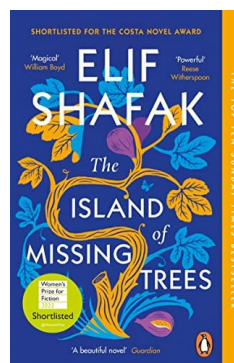
A: The Island with the Missing Tree by Elif Shafak.

Q: What football team do you support?

A: Manchester United.

Q: Are you allergic to anything?

A: No, I'm not allergic to anything.



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Taking the safe lane!

At the start of this term, Year 6 took part in a bike ability course as part of the curriculum to increase their confidence with cycling on roads. For a whole week, the Year 6's brought in their own bikes, learnt how to lock them securely and then safely rode them on the roads of Finchampstead.

Before heading out onto the roads, Year 6 had to get their bikes checked using the ABCD mnemonic. Have you got any ideas on what those letters could stand for? A = Air in tyres, B = brakes, C = chain control and D = Drop test. Then, the children played a rock, paper, scissors and snake game to familiarize themselves with taking their hands off of the handle bars and for looking around to check for hazards whilst riding safely.

Excitingly, Year 6 were then ready to head out onto the roads where they practiced three signals and their road positionings when approaching roundabouts or junctions on quieter roads before advancing to busier roads. At the end of the course, all riders in Year 6 received their certificates and course completion books to celebrate and take home. The whole year commented on how they had all had a great time cycling and learning how to stay safe on the roads!

Bike ability is one of the many highlights of Year 6!



A Year 6 student named Jake has given us this review about his time in Bikeability! "Bikeability was really fun and I loved cycling on the road! For me, it is one of the many highlights of Year 6 so far!"

Overall it appears that Year 6 really enjoyed their bike ability course! Everyone is very grateful for this opportunity to increase their confidence in cycling on the roads! Many also mentioned that now they would feel confident and ready to cycle to their Secondary schools if they lived close enough.



Eagle House Extravaganza

This term, children in both Year 3, 5 & 6 have had the exciting opportunity of visiting Eagle House School to take part in DT, Science, Art and Latin workshops. The children and staff at Nine Mile Ride School wanted to thank Eagle House for their kindness and generosity for offering to deliver these exciting and very informative workshops. The Eagle House coaches have come to collect the children to take them to the school. Then, the subject teachers have then greeted the children off of the coaches and held the lessons in their laboratory's and classrooms. Our team of journalists, wanted to find out the types of activities the children got up to and how they found their time there.

Miss Campbell Year 3

Q: What do you do in your Art workshops at Eagle House?

A: We draw with our hands and feet, play with playdough and have built a moving lego model.

Q: Have you enjoyed it and would you go there again?

A: Yes! It is a brilliant experience that would recommend to everyone

Miss Rogers Year 5

Q: What do you do in your workshops at Eagle House?

A: We do Science workshops, where the children look at living things under microscopes. For DT, the children are designing 3D clocks.

Q: Have you enjoyed it and would you go there again?

A: Yes! The teachers are so nice and the activities are fun too. We were amazed by the facilities.

Miss Barnby Year 6

Q: What are the Year 6's taught by Eagle House?

A: Every week, we have a teacher come into our classroom to teach us Latin.

By Evie



Juicy School Council Gossip!

School council is where a group of elected children from across the school make decisions about how to make the school a better place. Every potential school council member has to make a speech about why they would be a good school council representative. Then, each class votes for the child they would like to represent them. Once all representatives have been decided, they meet with Mrs. York every other Friday to discuss improvements and issues that their class have raised.

The Nine Mile Ride Journalists had the opportunity to interview Mrs. York to find out what the school council agenda will be for this current school year.

By Imogen



"It's great being in school council!
We're looking forward to changing
to playground equipment this year"
Jake,

Hawthorn rep.

Special Interview with Mrs. York

Q: Why did you start School Council?

A: I started school council because all of the decisions that we make help everyone.

Q: Do teachers vote for school council representatives?

A: No! The votes are only up to the children.

Q: What do you do in School Council?

A: We think about one or two things to share and then we discuss them with everyone.

Q: Is there anything that school council is focusing on?

A: School Council is focusing on our new KS1 playground equipment.



Creative Miss Cooper

Mrs. Cooper has been at Nine Mile Ride for two years. This year, she has moved from Year 4 to become a Year 2 teacher. One of our journalists, Penny was lucky enough to interview Mrs Cooper to find out about how she feels about her move to Year 2 and what she is planning to teach them.



Special Interview with Miss Cooper

Q: Are you enjoying teaching the students in year two?

A: Yes! It is a pleasure to be teaching the students in Year Two and I am loving it!

Q: What subject are year 2 currently learning

A: Currently Year 2 is learning the topic 'Land Ahoy', which I am loving teaching them.

Q: What is your favourite book and why?

A: At the moment my favourite book is The Midnight Library because it has lots of interesting things happening at the Library.

Q: What is your favourite subject at school and why?

A: My personal favourite subject is Maths because you can prove things in lots of different ways.

Q: What class texts are you going to learn this term and which is your favourite one?

A: At the moment, I don't know all the class texts so I can't say which one I like the most.



By Penelope

What's in bookstore for us today?

How many books do you think the children at Nine Mile Ride School borrow each year? Amazingly, we borrow roughly 12,000 books a year. This means Mrs. Beckett, our kind school librarian, is very busy during the week helping children choose books, keeping record of loans and tidying the book shelves to keep the library inviting. Our journalists, Logan and Penny interviewed the brilliant Mrs. Beckett to find out why she fell in love with reading and what her most recent book recommendations are.



Q: What is your favourite genre of book?

A: I love detective stories and mysteries especially from the 1950s.

Special Interview with Mrs Beckett

Q: What made you get into reading when you were younger?

A: My mum and dad encouraged me to read when I was younger. I love reading!

Q: Who is the most popular author in the library?

A: Roald Dahl

Q: What is the most popular book in the library?

A: Anything written by David Walliams.

Q: How long have you been a librarian for?

A: Over 35 years!

Did you know Mrs. Beckett's favourite book is *Pride and*



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By Penelope and Logan

Fantastically Fresh Clubs

This year, Ms. Burton and Miss Barnby have taken on the exciting role of adding new clubs and PE activities to Nine Mile Ride School's curriculum. They hope that all children will enjoy and engage in these super sports clubs. As a journalist team, we decided to interview Ms. Burton to find out what sports have been added and why. Which club will you be looking forward to joining?

Special Interview with Ms. Burton

Q: What club are you doing this term?

A: Cross Country



Q: How do you feel about this club?

A: I like how different people can get involved and start getting active.



I also want to run a tag rugby club!

Q: Why did you decide to do this club?

A: I chose this club because the school used to do it and then we stopped. Previously, it was really fun and we had competitions and I want to get Nine Mile Ride back into those competitions.

Q: Would you have chosen a different club and why?

A: I want to do a tag rugby and a Judo club because I've done them before.

Q: What were the difficulties you had on the way to making this club?

A: One of the difficulties was if other clubs needed to use the field on the day that cross country was and if the playground also was full then it would be a challenge to find where to do cross country and it might be rude to ask if the other club could move.



By Tahli

Help Us Help You!

By Edward, Henry and James

At Nine Mile Ride School we understand the importance of learning about different religious beliefs and practices. The school uses a teaching resource scheme called Jigsaw for teaching Religious Education and PSHE. Some of our journalism team wanted to find out from students in the school how enjoyable and interesting the children find learning RE to see if there could be any changes or improvements made to the curriculum.

Year 6 kindly completed a class survey about how much they liked their RE lessons. Surprisingly, there were a few students that ranked it 3/10 because the different religions they study are repeated and extended in some year groups. This means that Year 6 may have studied Christianity when they

were in Year 3 and Year 5. However, a positive statistic was that 98% of children in Year 6 said that RE is enjoyable and interesting when the content they learn was delivered in an active way or made into a game.

For their current Islam topic, one child suggested a Five Pillars of Islam game, where the children would have to try to throw a hoop on one of the 5 pillars cone. If successful that child would have to state what that numbered pillar represents. Therefore, as a journalist team we wanted to ask you for your feedback on this topic. How do you find your RE lessons at school? Is there anything that you think could be improved to make it more interesting?



Environmental News

Climate change impacting different parts of our environment from our oceans, to our polar regions. Sadly, climate change is heating up the oceans causing fish to flee their natural habitat. Eventually the ocean will be destroyed and become a barren wasteland ruining the ecosystem.



Trees give us oxygen to breathe and take in carbon dioxide from the air. We need to start protecting our environment before it becomes damaged beyond repair. How do you think you could help?

By Finn



Jolly Jokes

Doctor Doctor! I feel like a
flea.

Well hop over here then!

What do elves
fear the most?

*Answer: That Santa will
give them the sack.*

Wordsearch

How many words can you find?

P	D	D	F	M	K	N	P	P	Q	P	T	N	W	C
S	Q	J	B	S	J	F	B	W	C	U	I	R	X	T
P	X	I	B	M	Z	B	F	Y	R	N	I	E	V	B
G	B	U	S	T	P	Y	T	Z	E	R	R	A	Y	B
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Whitaker

Super School Events

Poppy Appeal

During the week of 6th November 2023, Nine Mile Ride School raised money by selling poppies and accessories to raise money for the Poppy Appeal. Then, we commemorated the soldiers during a 2 minute-silence, where Mrs. Tunstall played the last post.



Nativity

During the last few weeks of Autumn Term, the children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 & Year 2 rehearsed and performed their Nativity plays. They all worked really hard learning their lines and everyone enjoyed watching their amazing performances.



Children in Need

To support Children in Need, all children at Nine Mile Ride School got to wear their own spotty clothes to raise money for the charity. Also, they enjoyed Children in Need related lessons and art activities.



Music Concerts

This term, there has been some amazing music performances. The school enjoyed the irock bands renditions of popular songs. Also, Year 4 put on a brilliant performance in their brass band and clarinet concerts. The school choir also sang beautifully at a local elderly home.



Meet The Team

Hunter

Tahli

Logan

Penelope

James

Logan

Erin

Henry

Imogen

Finn

Evie

Lily

Isabella

Edward



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Is there an event coming up that you would like to report on?

Are you interested in interviewing a teacher in the school?

Come and Join Journalism Club!



When: Tuesday lunchtimes

Where: Hawthorn Classroom

With: Miss Barnby and the team.

