

Weekly Newsletter

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MAX WHITLOCK (Gymnast and gold medal winner)

We had a Zoom call this week, with other schools, interviewing Max Whitlock and Tyler from Year 6 asked him a question about his sport.

We are VERY excited that Max will also be visiting our school on Wednesday 6th November with his wife Leah (and TV cameras) when he will be talking to the children in an assembly, answering questions and delivering a free Gymnastics session for one of our classes in school.

Max is the most successful gymnast in British history and the most successful [pommel horse](#) worker in Olympic Games history, with two gold medals and one bronze.

Year 6 Learning Review assembly

All of our Year 6 children shared with the rest of the school what they have been learning about in class this first half-term.

It was lovely seeing their enthusiasm for their learning.

They enjoyed telling us about some of the famous artists they have been studying including David Hockney, John Sargent and Paula Rogan. They read out some stories they have been writing based on the Nowhere Emporium class novel. They were able to talk about the circulatory system which they have been studying in Science and shared some facts about the Vikings and their raid on Lindisfarne.

(Slight) CHANGE TO END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

In order to meet the recommendations of the government for all children to attend school for 32.5 hours a week we are extending the school day for some classes to 3.20pm (from the current 3.15pm)

Therefore the school day will be from 8:50am to 3:20pm for Years 1 to 6 BUT it will stay at 3:15pm for Nursery and Reception, Galaxy, Apollo; NOVA class will finish slightly earlier at 3:10pm (the school day will still start at 8:50am for everyone) This will take effect from Monday 28th October

Sports galore

Fitness and well-being is an important part of what we do at Seven Stars school.

Over this last half-term we have had our multi-skills club on a Monday and Wednesday, PASTA club on a Thursday and Dodgeball club on a Friday.

Further clubs and sports events will be taking place after half-term.

PRIDE

We are currently teaching the children all about the value of pride.

Taking pride in their work, their appearance, their manners and their environment amongst other things.

It is such a key value for our children so they grow up to take pride in all they do and we are so proud of many of our children who are producing some amazing work in class at the moment.

Reception September 2025

It was lovely meeting the parents who are interested in Seven Stars Primary school for the new Reception starters (September 2025) at our Open Day.

There is a further open day/afternoon on **Monday 28th October at 1.30pm**

The closing date for applying for a place in Seven Stars **Reception class** is **Wednesday 15th January** (please be aware we are full this year so please get your application form in by the closing date or you may not get a place)

You will know if you have a place when offers go to parents from the LA on Wednesday 16th April Click on the link below to apply:

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<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/>

The closing date for Year 6 applying for your Secondary School preferences is Thursday 31st October.

You will know on Monday 3rd March which High school your child has been offered.

Click on the link below to apply:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-school/>

PLEASE KEEP CHECKING CLASS DOJO AND SCHOOL WEB-SITE / FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION

Healthy School and Healthy Eating

We take eating healthily really seriously at school, we discuss healthy eating with the children and encourage them to make healthy choices. We have a policy that only fruit, vegetables and suitable cereal bars can be eaten at playtimes and request that parents do not send in sweets or fizzy drinks at all.

All children are asked to bring in their own water bottles which they are encouraged to drink from regularly throughout the day. It needs to be water rather than juice.

Attendance

We are in the process of updating our attendance policy

PLEASE make sure your child is in school every day and on time

Well done to all those parents who are managing to get their children in to school on time

It's been a great start to the year

BE READY, BE RESPECTFUL, BE SAFE

We have been discussing with our children what this means in class and at lunchtimes. We will be talking to them about how to 'Be Ready, Be

Respectful and Be Safe' at all parts of the day (including on-line).

We are also thinking about what this means for staff and parents as well over the next few weeks.

Free School Meals – if you are eligible apply:

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance

Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance

Child Tax Credit, **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190 Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Guarantee element of State Pension Credit Income Support

Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work

If your child is currently eligible for free school meals, that eligibility will be protected until Universal Credit is introduced (expected 31 March 2025) even if your circumstances change. If your child is still in education on this date, they will be eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in. If you have a younger child starting school in September and you are no longer eligible, they will not be protected because this would be a new claim

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3>

Class Dojo

Please make sure you are signed up to Class Dojo and check it regularly Teachers will only post things / respond to messages between 8am – 5.30 and not weekends or holidays

Rewards assemblies

Over the end of last week and this week the following children below achieved awards. Well done to every single one of them - we are very proud!

Star of the Week Awards Focus on Learning	
Moons	Everyone for retelling the story of the Gingerbread man and for helping him to cross the river successfully without getting his feet wet!
Rockets	Zeke
Dorado	Ruben for working hard in phonics and improving his writing!
Orion	Jamie for having a very positive week in school & excellent maths work!
Hercules	Isabella - for fantastic work in maths and Spanish this week!
Pegasus	Chloe Thornton for carefully planning out her 'History of Gymnastics' magazine article and being a role model to her peers when in class and around school.
Leo	Filip - for great effort in both the content and presentation of his work.
Phoenix	
Galaxy	Harvey. For regulating himself well and ignoring distractions.

Positive Points (Top Dojo Points Rockets Only)	
Dorado	Finley
Orion	Hattie-Rose
Hercules	Issac
Pegasus	Mira
Leo	Marina
Phoenix	

Shining Stars	
Rockets	Neave
Dorado	Sammy for demonstrating our learning powers all of the time and being a fantastic role model!
Orion	Alex for amazing effort & attitude in all areas of learning.
Hercules	Emily
Pegasus	Mira
Leo	Lois for a fantastic half term, enthusiastically taking part in lessons and being an active learner.
Phoenix	
Galaxy	Alex - for making a fabulous start to his time at Seven Stars, settling in well and making new friends

Half-term holiday and beyond

Monday 28th October - 1.30pm Open Afternoon for any parents interested in their child starting in Reception September 2025

Tuesday 29th October **Halloween Disco** (PTFA event) 3.30 - 4.30 Years 1 to 3; 4.45 - 5.45 Years 4 to 6

Thursday 31st October - closing date for Year 6 applications to High School

Wednesday 6th November (afternoon) - **Max Whitlock visit to our school**

Friday 8th November - Remembrance Assembly

Monday 11th November - Whole school dance workshops

Monday 11th to Friday 15th November - Anti-Bullying week

Tuesday 12th November - **Odd Socks Day** (it's good to be 'oddish' - we are all unique)

Wednesday 13th November - 'Money Matters' visiting Year 5 in the morning and Year 6 in the afternoon

Friday 15th November - Pride VIP certificates (& Milkshakes)

Monday 18th November - Launch new value: Kindness

Monday 18th November (afternoon) - Cyber Challenge

Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd November - **Year 6 at Hothersall Lodge**

Monday 25th November - Assembly by Liz from Baptist church

Monday 2nd December Christmas post-box out

Monday 3rd December - 'Exploring Christmas' event at Leyland Baptist Church (Year 3 in the morning and Year 4 in the afternoon)

Wednesday 11th December - **PARENTS AFTERNOON / EVENING**

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Lunch

Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 18th December (morning) - Years 1 to 3 Christmas performance

Wednesday 18th December (afternoon) - Nursery and Reception Christmas performance

Thursday 19th December (morning) - Nursery and Reception Christmas performance

Thursday 19th December (afternoon) - Years 1 to 3 Christmas performance

Friday 20th December - Shining Stars and Kindness VIP awards assembly

Friday 20th December (1.15pm) Christmas carols and Christingles

Friday 20th December (2pm) - break up for the Christmas holidays

Many thanks for your support, have a lovely summer

Mr Mitchell

REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE (class and school information)

[Seven Stars Primary School \(lancsngfl.ac.uk\)](http://lancsngfl.ac.uk)



Breakfast club & After-School Club

Book on and pay in advance on School Money.

Breakfast club = £4.00 per child (7.30 to start of day)

After-School Club = £7.00 per child (to 5.30pm) Any late collection will result in a charge of £10 (cost of staffing)