



Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Re: Enrichment Clubs**

I am pleased to say that after the disruption of the pandemic, 'The Featherstone Primary School Champion Award Scheme,' which is part of our 'Enrichment' Programme, properly starts again this week.

#### **What are Enrichment Clubs?**

As a reminder, and for parents who are new to the school, Enrichment is a programme, similar to how the Duke of Edinburgh Award works, where children choose a variety of exciting groups to take part in. They 'bank' the hours they spend taking part in these groups and work towards the next award category. There are seven award categories, with one award being worked towards each year. Each award becomes more challenging to achieve as it requires more hours of volunteering, skills or physical exercise.

#### **When and how will Enrichment happen?**

For the first half term, Enrichment groups will be in-class and run by your child's own class teacher. This will allow the children to settle into this fun routine before the children choose their own groups after the half term break. Enrichment will also now be on a Thursday afternoon rather than a Friday.

#### **What are the Enrichment Awards available?**

Because Enrichment is something that children continue to enjoy and benefit from, we are once again offering children the opportunity to have their out-of-school Enrichment recognised alongside what they complete in school. This is so they can strive to achieve the highest possible award that they'd like to aim for.

The Featherstone Primary School Champion Award Scheme starts with Stage One: **Wood**, which involves the children taking part in at least **fifteen** hours of skills and values activities, sports activities or volunteering activities. All children who join the school start off by working towards their Wood Award. Children who received their Stage One award and certificate last September will now be working towards their Stage Two: **Tin** (where **sixteen** hours are required). If children have already gained these two awards previously, they will be working towards Stage Three: **Copper** (**eighteen** hours of Enrichment needed). Most of the Year 5 and 6 children are now working towards their Stage Four: **Bronze** Award (where **twenty-four** hours of Enrichment is needed).

In order to fulfil the minimum requirements of the stage that they are working on, and be awarded this in July 2022, children need to complete:



<b>STAGE ONE: WOOD (All Reception, Y1 and new children start here)</b>			
Minimum Expectation	'Enrichment Champion'		
Pass	Pass Plus	Merit	Distinction
15 hours	20 hours	25 hours	30 hours

<b>STAGE TWO: TIN (Most Y2 children will be starting here)</b>			
Minimum Expectation	'Enrichment Champion'		
Pass	Pass Plus	Merit	Distinction
16 hours	22 hours	28 hours	32 hours

<b>STAGE THREE: COPPER (Most Y3 children will be starting here)</b>			
Minimum Expectation	'Enrichment Champion'		
Pass	Pass Plus	Merit	Distinction
18 hours	26 hours	32 hours	38 hours

<b>STAGE FOUR: BRONZE (Most Y4, Y5 and Y6 children will be starting here)</b>			
Minimum Expectation	'Enrichment Champion'		
Pass	Pass Plus	Merit	Distinction
24 hours	30 hours	35 hours	40 hours

If you are unsure which award your child is working towards next, please speak to me and I'll be able to tell you.

#### Enrichment at home

We want children to do enriching things outside of school! In school, we offer enough enrichment hours for all children to pass the award, if they are working towards Wood, Tin or Copper (providing that they don't lose too much enrichment time in school through any poor behaviour choices or absences). However, for Bronze, they need to do some things outside of school too.

Also, as you can see, children who, with their parents' help, want to go 'above and beyond' to aim to be an 'Enrichment Champion,' can do so. Below, there are some ideas for how your child can work at home towards their next award.

If your child wants to do...		
...a skills-based activity...	...a physical activity...	...a volunteering activity...
...out of school, they could, with parental supervision...		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help with cooking</li> <li>• Sew</li> <li>• Sketch/draw/paint</li> <li>• Learn to play an instrument</li> <li>• Build something</li> <li>• Make a model</li> <li>• Learn to play chess or draughts</li> <li>• Learn a new computing skill</li> <li>• Sing/dance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join a sports team or club</li> <li>• Go to an after-school sports club</li> <li>• Join an exercise class/sport</li> <li>• Play a sports game</li> <li>• Go for a run/jog/fun run</li> <li>• Exercise</li> <li>• Do some yoga or meditation</li> <li>• Join a self-defence class</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do chores around the house</li> <li>• Clean the car</li> <li>• Help in the garden</li> <li>• Have a sort out and donate to a charity shop</li> <li>• Help with DIY around the house</li> <li>• Help out with a younger family member</li> <li>• Help an older member of the family with something</li> </ul>



### Gaining the award

In school, the activity that your child has chosen will take place on a Thursday afternoon for 30 minutes and they will undertake a range of different activities per year. I am keeping track of the amount of time that your child participates in each group for, and in July 2022, the in-school and out-of-school hours will be added up and your child will be awarded the appropriate award: Pass, Pass Plus, Merit or Distinction. Children who pass Stage One: Wood will proceed to Stage Two: Tin; children who pass their second Tin Stage will move onto Stage Three: Copper; children who pass this third stage will progress to Stage Four: Bronze, and children who pass this fourth stage will progress to Stage Five: Silver. Children who do not reach the required minimum hours will re-try the award the following year. So, **great attendance and behaviour are vital!**

It is hoped that, during your child's time here at Featherstone, they will gain as many awards as possible by fully completing the enrichment programme. However, this is only possible with your help, especially as the requirements get harder and harder!

If you wish to support your child in achieving the award they are working towards, then whenever they do an activity that could go towards the award, simply fill out the table on the next pages. Please hand this table to Mr. Douglas by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022** for it to be counted towards the award. Please note:

- The activities have to be **age-appropriate** and **challenging**.
- Record sheets handed to me after **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022** will not be counted towards the award.
- Children who miss too much enrichment time in school due to poor behaviour choices will **not** get an award even if they have done lots at home.

If you have any questions about our Champion Award Scheme then please do come and see either myself or your child's teacher.

Kind regards,

Mr. Douglas  
Deputy Headteacher



### Out-of-school Enrichment activities

Please return to Mr. Douglas at the end of the year, no later than 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Child Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Date</b>	<b>What the child did</b>	<b>Amount of time</b>	<b>Add up the time and completed (Keep a running total in this column)</b>
Example: 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Helped dad put up a shelf	20 mins	20 mins
Example: 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Took the dog for a walk	15 mins	35 mins
Example: 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Helped Nan bake & clean	1 hour	1 hour and 35 mins
Example: 21 14 <sup>th</sup> October 20	Played football with younger brother	40 mins	2 hours and 15 mins

