



Whitchurch  
Weekly

School  
News

22nd Sept  
2023  
Issue 3

Dear Whitchurch Families,

This week it seems like we say so long to the Summer and welcome to the Autumn! Already we have had blustery wind and heavy rain - please make sure that children are well dressed for the cooler weather.

Class assemblies commence next week with 2HD and 5PA. These assemblies are great opportunity for you to show your support and see what your children have been getting up to in their learning. We look forward to seeing you there when it's your child's turn!

On Wednesday we celebrated National Fitness Day across the school, with the theme 'your health is for life'. We explored the lifelong mental and physical benefits of keeping active through a range of fun activities including Ten at Ten, the Daily Mile, Joe Wicks and Go Noodle! Children also put their creative skills to the test with wonderful t-shirt designs showing what fitness means to them.

It was lovely to see so many of you at Tea & Talk on Thursday. These sessions will be held fortnightly on Thursdays at 9am - please sign yourself up to one of these if you would like to attend (details on page 4).

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mr Joseph Pine  
Headteacher

2HD and  
5PA class  
assemblies  
next week

4XL and 4CM  
visit to the  
National Maritime  
Museum next  
week



National  
Fitness Day  
T-Shirt  
Designs



## Dates for your Diary

Monday 25th September	4XL and 4CM visit to The National Maritime Museum
Wednesday 4th October	5SK and 5ET visit to The Ragged Museum
Thursday 5th October	5PA and 5SC visit to The Ragged Museum
Wednesday 11th October	International Day / Evening
Thursday 12th October	Rev. Matthew Stone visiting Year 2 (1pm-3pm)
Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October	Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 18th October	Year 6 Holocaust visitor
Friday 20th October	5SK and 5ET visit to Buckingham Palace Soloists Music Concert
Monday 30th October	5PA and 5SC visit to Buckingham Palace
Tuesday 31st October and Wednesday 1st November	Individual and Sibling Photographs

Half Term Break  
23rd to 27th  
October



## Autumn Class Assemblies - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.05am

Parents/Carers should arrive 5 mins before the assembly starts

### Infant Class Assemblies

Tuesdays  
9.05am

Please note 3LA and 3MS change of date

26th September - 2HD  
3rd October - 3NL  
10th October - 1ST  
17th October - 3LA  
31st October - 2SA  
7th November - 1BP  
14th November - 3SM  
21st November - 2KB  
28th November - 1SM  
5th December - 3MS  
12th December - 2AR

### Junior Class Assemblies

Thursdays  
at 9.05am

28th September - 5PA  
5th October - 6HH  
12th October - 4BS  
19th October - 6AS  
2nd November - 5SK  
9th November - 4CM  
16th November - 6EH  
23rd November - 5SC  
30th November - 4XL  
7th December - 6MO  
14th December - 5ET

# STARS of the Week



Well done to our stars of the week, who have been selected for excellent work and demonstrating our school values

This week's Infant Stars

- 1ST** Armina
- 1BP** Eva
- 1SM** Bhavyaa
- 1CL** Ali
  
- 2HD** Isuka
- 2KB** Dhanesh
- 2SA** Coral
- 2AR** Hasher
  
- 3NL** Rose
- 3MS** Kiaan
- 3LA** Riyaan
- 3SM** Ava & Siyana

Respect  
Responsibility  
Resilience  
Honesty  
Generosity  
Aspiration

This week's Junior Stars

- 4BS** Aayan
- 4CM** Shaima
- 4XL** Robert
- 4SF** Khrisna
  
- 5PA** Sophia
- 5SK** Sahil
- 5SC** Zayd
- 5ET** Saavir
  
- 6HH** Anishka
- 6AS** Vaishna
- 6EH** Zachary
- 6MO** Leila

## Class Attendance this week

We promote 100% school attendance for every child

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>AM</b> 93.83%		<b>PM</b> 76.8%	
<b>Reception</b>	<b>RRA</b> 88.67%	<b>RNW</b> 95.71%	<b>RPS</b> 95.17%	<b>RRV</b> 91.33%
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>1CL</b> 98.62%	<b>1BP</b> 99.32%	<b>1ST</b> 96.9%	<b>1SM</b> 90.33%
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>2AR</b> 97.24%	<b>2HD</b> 95.33%	<b>2KB</b> 96.67%	<b>2SA</b> 90.69%
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>3LA</b> 97.24%	<b>3MS</b> 98.33%	<b>3NL</b> 98%	<b>3SM</b> 95.56%
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>4CM</b> 95.2%	<b>4SF</b> 93.57%	<b>4XL</b> 95.86%	<b>4BS</b> 95.86%
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>5ET</b> 97%	<b>5PA</b> 97.24%	<b>5SC</b> 95.86%	<b>5SK</b> 97.24%
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>6AS</b> 92.75%	<b>6EH</b> 93.45%	<b>6HH</b> 98%	<b>6MO</b> 96.07%

This week's Attendance Stars are **1BP!**

Whole School **95.33%**

## Notices



### Morning Drop-off

Please remember that only parents/carers of Nursery and Reception children (and those with additional needs) should be coming onto the playground in the mornings.

### Use of Playground Equipment

Please do not allow your children to play with the outside equipment before and after school. Please also remember to leave the school site promptly at the end of the school day once you have collected your child.

### Individual and Sibling School Photographs

We shall be having school photographs for individuals and siblings on **Tuesday 31st October** and **Wednesday 1st November**. More details to follow soon.

### End of Day Pupil Collection

At the end of the day when collecting your child please remember to stand well back and wait patiently for your child to be dismissed safely by the class teacher or other member of staff in charge.

Please do not call for your child to come to the classroom door. Thank you for your support.

### Booking School Meals

Please ensure that you book your child's school meal on ParentPay.

Any meals taken by children which are not booked has an impact on availability for others.



### Tea & Talk Sessions

Thank you to parents and carers who have signed up to attend a Tea & Talk session with Mr Pine. These take place on **alternate Thursdays at 9am**.

To book a place please email your preference to [office@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:office@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk)

**In Person**  
19th Oct  
16th Nov

**Virtual**  
5th Oct  
2nd Nov  
30th Nov





## Year Group Highlights

### Stay and Play

Our Nursery children are coming in for Stay and Play sessions with a range of hands-on activities!



Nursery

Year 1

### National Fitness Day

This week we celebrated National Fitness Day across the school. In Year 1 we enjoyed 10 minutes of fun fitness and created a fantastic t-shirt design to show what fitness means to us!



### Routines

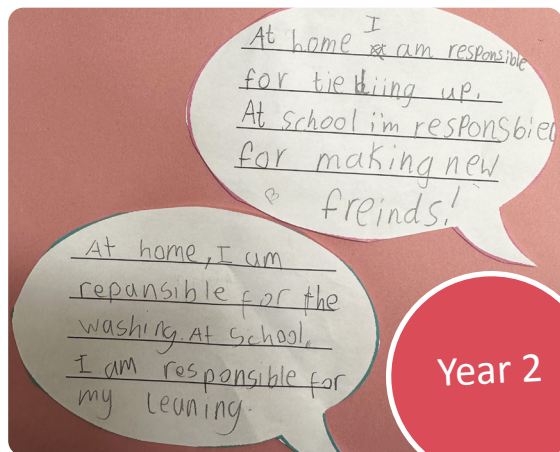
This week in English, Reception enjoyed the story 'The Colour Monster Goes to School.' We talked about our school routines and also drew fantastic self portraits. What a great first full week we have had in Reception!



Reception

### Rights and Responsibilities

This week in PSHE, Year 2 have been discussing rights and responsibilities at home and at school. We have written these onto speech bubbles to remind us about these in class.



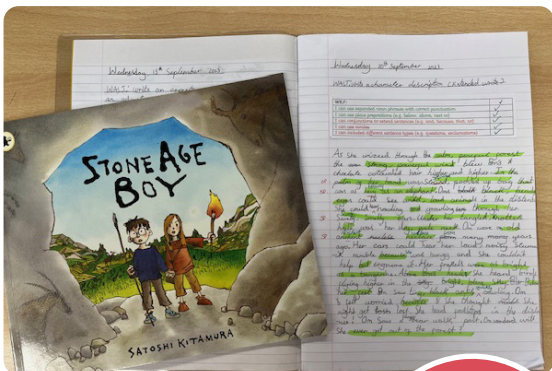
Year 2

Year 3

Year Group Highlights

**The Stone Age Boy**

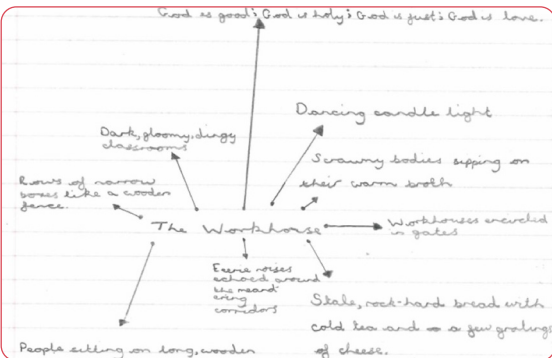
This week in English, Year 3 have been exploring 'The Stone Age Boy'. We created some fantastic character descriptions that included some lovely descriptive language and literary devices to describe one of the main characters from the story.



Year 5

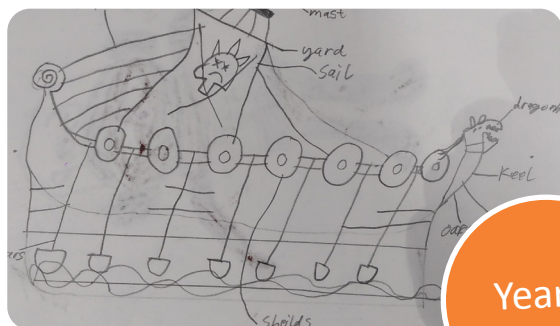
**Street Child**

This week in English, Year 5 continued to read Street Child. We wrote a fantastic description of the Victorian workhouse using expanded noun phrases and figurative language. To help us, we planned on a spider diagram and used our five senses to create vivid imagery.



**Viking Longships**

In History, Year 4 have been studying the features and details of Viking longships. We drew a longship and labelled the features. It was interesting to learn that the Vikings preferred wind power through the sails to the effort of using oars!

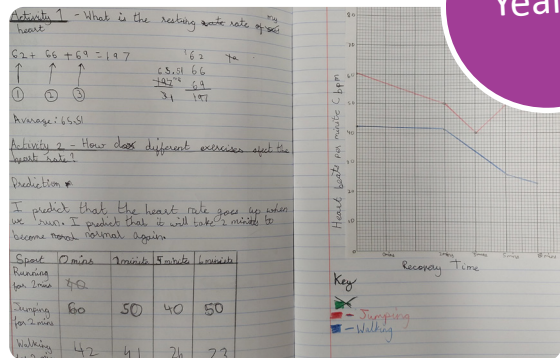


Year 4

**Circulatory System**

In Science this week, Year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system and the human heart. We planned and carried out an investigation to find out which type of exercise increased our heart rate the most by measuring our pulse before and after exercise.

Year 6





## International Evening

Tickets  
£1 each  
(cash only  
event)

**Wednesday 11th October, 6pm-8pm**

Tickets on sale Wednesday 27th September  
from 3.10pm at the main playground gate.

more  
details  
to follow  
soon

**Food, drink, dancing, singing and celebrating  
our diverse community - featuring children  
and professional performers!**



## Wellbeing

### Schools Counselling Partnership: Reconnecting Time

Children naturally look to their parents for nurturing and guidance, especially in the current climate we find ourselves in. It is a stressful and anxious time for most people and sometimes we forget to reconnect with our children, asking how they feel or just opening conversation about their day, allowing time to reconnect with each other. Maybe we have forgotten how we feel ourselves, have you had 5 minutes to check in with your feelings today? Take a few breathes, pause, and ask yourself how you are doing today.

Try to spend half an hour of Special Time, one-on-one, every day (or as often as you can). This seems so simple that most parents under-estimate the impact. Take it in turns to talk and to listen, maybe engage in an activity that is fun! It does not always have to be just talking, reconnecting is about finding ways to enjoy the time together, it might bring a smile to your face, embrace the fun.

Find out more about Special Time here:

[www.ahaparenting.com/read/How-To-Special-Time](http://www.ahaparenting.com/read/How-To-Special-Time)



Schools  
Counselling  
Partnership

Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to. If you would like to meet Tom for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child, or any other worries, he is available on **Wednesdays at 9am-10am**.

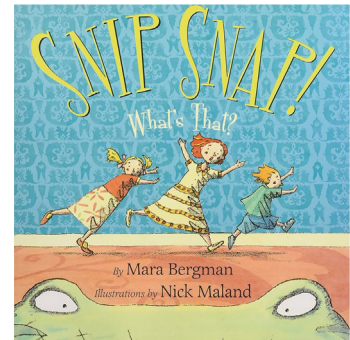
You can contact Tom on **07799028461** or email [tom@schools counsellingpartnership.co.uk](mailto:tom@schools counsellingpartnership.co.uk)

## Reading Corner

This week the library recommends the following books for you to enjoy at home:

### 'Snip Snap!' by Mara Bergman

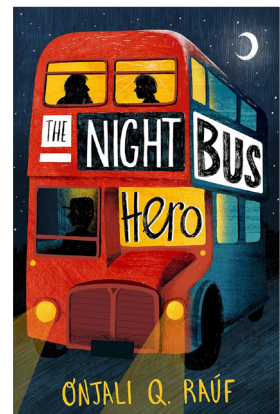
This book is an absolute delight to read aloud together. An alligator is creeping up the stairs, slithering down the hall and swishing and swooshing its tremendous tail. The children are very scared - until they decide they've had enough of all this scary alligator stuff! Excellent for infant children.



### 'Night Bus Hero' by O.Q. Rauf

Another fantastic book from the author of The Boy at the Back of the Class. A brilliantly written and totally engrossing story that will help children think deeply about the real humans whose lives are impacted by homelessness. It also explores the power of kindness, friendship, empathy and how everyone has the potential to change for the better.

Onjali Q Rauf (winner of the Blue Peter Book Award and Waterstones book prize) has written a gripping, realistic and relatable tale with a strong moral at its heart. Perfect for junior children aged seven and up.



## Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge has now ended. All children who took part in the challenge and read at least 6 books throughout the course of the summer should be able to collect their medal and certificate from their local library.

Please remind your children to bring their certificate to the school library as we want to proudly share their reading achievements with all the pupils!

**Mrs M Stachurska**  
School Librarian







# Nurturing Parenting Programme

Get the best out of family life! This 10-session weekly online course offers parents and carers positive, practical and fun ways of guiding children to help them manage their feelings and behaviour.

Please email [info@thefamilylearninghub.com](mailto:info@thefamilylearninghub.com) to book your place. Sessions take place via Zoom.

<b>Week 1</b>	Introducing The Nurturing Programme
<b>Week 2</b>	Praise And Criticism The Question Of Discipline Time Out To Calm Down
<b>Week 3</b>	Family Rules Rewards And Penalties
<b>Week 4</b>	Personal Power And Self-Esteem Choices And Consequences
<b>Week 5</b>	Feelings....and What We Do With Them Communicating Clearly: Using "I" statements
<b>Week 6</b>	Kinds of Touch Nurturing Ourselves
<b>Week 7</b>	Ages and Stages in Child Development Helping Children Grow Up Stress in Children The Effects of Labelling
<b>Week 8</b>	Helping Children Stay Safe
<b>Week 9</b>	Behaviour to Ignore Problems Solving and Negotiating Strategies Revisited
<b>Week 10</b>	The Family Nurturing Account Continuing the Family Journey

**Mornings**  
Starting  
6th October  
9.45am to  
11.45pm

**Evenings**  
Starting  
5th October  
7.15pm to  
8.45pm



**THE FAMILY LEARNING HUB**  
GROWING STRONGER TOGETHER

**LEARN** :  
**HARROW** . . . . .

# Autumn Menu



Salad bar, bread and milk are available daily

## WHITCHURCH MENU

### WEEK 1

WEEK 1 - 4/9, 25/9, 16/10, 13/11, 4/12

#### MONDAY

##### MEAT

Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn

##### VEGETARIAN

Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn (V)

##### VEGAN

Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato with Side Salad

##### DESSERT

Fruity Mousse

#### TUESDAY

##### MEAT

Minced Beef & Onion Pie, Mashed Potatoes & Broccoli

##### VEGETARIAN

Cheese & Onion Lattice, Mashed Potatoes & Broccoli (V)

##### VEGAN

Spicy Tomato Pasta with Side Salad (Ve)

##### DESSERT

Fruit Tuesday

#### WEDNESDAY

##### MEAT

Chicken Sausage Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Cabbage

##### VEGETARIAN

Vegetarian Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Cabbage (V)

##### VEGAN

Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato with Side Salad

##### DESSERT

Apple Crumble Cake

#### THURSDAY

##### MEAT

Turkey Bolognese with Spaghetti & Sweetcorn

##### VEGETARIAN

Vegetarian Bolognese with Spaghetti & Sweetcorn (V)

##### VEGAN

Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping & Side Salad (Ve)

##### DESSERT

Melting Moment Cookie

#### FRIDAY

##### MEAT

Fish Fillet with Chips & Mushy Peas

##### VEGETARIAN

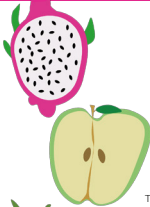
Vegetable Burger, Chips & Mushy Peas (V)

##### VEGAN

Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato with Side Salad

##### DESSERT

Pear & Chocolate Sponge & Custard



### WEEK 3

WEEK 3 - 18/9, 9/10, 6/11, 27/11, 18/12

#### MONDAY

##### MEAT

Chicken Curry (Halal), Pilau Rice, Naan Bread & Peas

##### VEGETARIAN

Cheese Sub, Herby Diced Potatoes & Peas (V)

##### VEGAN

Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato with Side Salad

##### DESSERT

Flapjack

#### TUESDAY

##### MEAT

Chicken Tikka Burrito Stack, Potato Wedges & Side Salad

##### VEGETARIAN

Falafel Wrap, Potato Wedges & Side Salad (V)

##### VEGAN

Spicy Tomato Pasta with Side Salad (Ve)

##### DESSERT

Fruit Tuesday

#### WEDNESDAY

##### MEAT

Chicken Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Sliced Carrots & Green Beans

##### VEGETARIAN

Vegetarian Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Yorkshire Puddings, Sliced Carrots & Green Beans (V)

##### VEGAN

Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato with Side Salad

##### DESSERT

Jelly & Fruit

#### THURSDAY

##### MEAT

Cajun Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza, Diced Potatoes & Peas

##### VEGETARIAN

Vegetable Pizza, Diced Potatoes & Peas (V)

##### VEGAN

Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping & Side Salad (Ve)

##### DESSERT

Orange Drizzle Cake

#### FRIDAY

##### MEAT

Fish Cake, Chips & Baked Beans

##### VEGETARIAN

Cheese & Sweetcorn Quiche, Chips & Baked Beans (V)

##### VEGAN

Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo Jacket Potato with Side Salad

##### DESSERT

Raspberry Oat Slice & Custard



Allergen Information: Menu descriptions may not list every individual ingredient. We are aware of the presence of allergens requiring labelling, so please ask a member of the catering team should you require any more details. Vegetarian options are indicated by the symbol (V).

**COOMBS**  
CATERING PARTNERSHIP





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If you have any general or learning related enquiries, please speak to the class teacher

If you have concerns about your child's safety or behaviour, please contact a member of our leadership team

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## School Term Dates 2023-2024

### Autumn Term 2023

Autumn 1st Wednesday 6 September to Friday 20 October  
Half Term Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October  
Autumn 2nd Monday 30 October to Thursday 21 December

Staff Training Days Monday 4 September, Tuesday 5 September,  
Monday 13 November (no children in school)

### Spring Term 2024

Spring 1st Monday 8 January to Thursday 8 February  
Half Term Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February  
Spring 2nd Monday 19 February to Thursday 28 March

Staff Training Days Friday 9 February (no children in school)

### Summer Term 2024

Summer 1st Monday 15 April to Friday 24 May  
Half Term Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May  
Summer 2nd Tuesday 4 June to Wednesday 24 July

Staff Training Days Monday 3 June (no children in school)

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

Holidays during term time are **not** permitted

Term dates are posted on the school website

