



Whitchurch Weekly

School News

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2023
Issue 4

Dear Whitchurch Families,

I hope you have had a good week. It seems hard to believe that we have already got September under our belts and next week we welcome October.

This week we have commenced our class assemblies for the academic year with 5PA proudly sharing their learning with families. Meanwhile our Year 4s have immersed themselves in Viking history during their visit to the National Maritime Museum. It is great to see our pupils being ambassadors for Whitchurch values when out and about; we have received very positive comments from the community about this.

Thank you to those of you who joined the first of my Tea & Talk sessions. It was great to have the opportunity to share my vision for Whitchurch and it is my hope to reach as many parents as possible in the coming weeks. Next week is the first of my virtual meetings, so if you are attending make sure you stick on the kettle and have a cup of tea ready! To book your place please see page 5 for more information.

Tickets for the upcoming International Evening on 11th October have been selling like hot cakes! Special thanks to Friends of Whitchurch who are organising this fantastic community event; be sure to come along in traditional dress and enjoy the range of food and entertainment on offer.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Mr Joseph Pine
Headteacher

3NL and
6HH class
assemblies
next week

5PA and 5SC
visit to the
Ragged Museum
next Thursday





A Special Message from the Galliara family

The Galliara family, who have lived in Stanmore for the last forty years are making a regular donation to Whitchurch Primary School in memory of Jayant Shashikant Galliara. Jay was born and grew up in India before coming over to the UK for higher education and settling here for work. He married and brought up three daughters in the local area, who all attended local schools. Access to a good education and opportunities for young people was highly important to him and he was previously engaged with local schools to support children, particularly those from a disadvantaged background. He passed away in 2022 from pancreatic cancer, but it was his express wish to set up a fund to support children from disadvantaged backgrounds to be able to attend school visits.

As such, a fund has been set up with an annual sum being provided to Whitchurch for £750 per year over the next ten years to fulfil his wishes. These funds are to support children who may otherwise not have been able to attend school trips and visits due to a lack of funds. The family would like to thank the team at Whitchurch Primary School for making this possible and would very much like to hear from children and families who will be benefitting from this and learning how this has made a positive impact for the children who have been supported through this scheme.





Dates for your Diary

Thursday 5th October	5PA and 5SC visit to The Ragged Museum
Tuesday 10th October	5SK visit to The Ragged Museum
Wednesday 11th October	International Day / Evening (5pm-7pm)
Thursday 12th October	Rev. Matthew Stone visiting Year 2 (1pm-3pm)
Monday 16th October	5ET visit to The Ragged Museum
Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October	Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 18th October	Year 6 Holocaust visitor 3MS and 3LA visit to Temple in Kenton (AM)
Thursday 19th October	5SK visit to The Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace 3NL and 3SM visit to Temple in Kenton (AM)
Friday 20th October	5SC visit to The Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace Soloists Music Concert
Monday 30th October	5PA and 5ET visit to The Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace
Tuesday 31st October and Wednesday 1st November	Individual and Sibling Photographs

5SK and 5ET visits have been rescheduled due to the Tube strike (these classes will return to school before 4.30pm)

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

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

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** Filip
- 1BP** Joshua
- 1SM** Dhruv
- 1CL** Saanvi

- 2HD** Dhiyani
- 2KB** Krushna
- 2SA** Sophia
- 2AR** Andreea

- 3NL** Zolay
- 3MS** Siya
- 3LA** Jayden & Summer
- 3SM** Nikita & Musa

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience
Honesty
Generosity
Aspiration

This week's Junior Stars

- 4BS** Dominich
- 4CM** Chiziri
- 4XL** Ayesha
- 4SF** Benjamin & Moss

- 5PA** Hewad
- 5SK** Tabark
- 5SC** Anaiya
- 5ET** Emily

- 6HH** Darius
- 6AS** Faatima
- 6EH** Tiya
- 6MO** Vihaan

Class Attendance this week

We promote 100% school attendance for every child

Nursery	AM 92.5%		PM 77.94%	
Reception	RRA 85.14%	RNW 95.62%	RPS 92.41%	RRV 95.67%
Year 1	1CL 94.83%	1BP 100%	1ST 91.2%	1SM 98.67%
Year 2	2AR 95.86%	2HD 96.67%	2KB 98%	2SA 94.83%
Year 3	3LA 94.83%	3MS 94.33%	3NL 95.33%	3SM 96.55%
Year 4	4CM 95.38%	4SF 95%	4XL 94.48%	4BS 95.17%
Year 5	5ET 98.67%	5PA 98.62%	5SC 91.38%	5SK 96.9%
Year 6	6AS 93.7%	6EH 98.62%	6HH 96.67%	6MO 95.17%

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

Whole School **95.18%**

Notices

Parent Governor Elections

Votes are now open for our new Parent Governor. You have three candidates to choose from to fill one vacancy. Please refer to the message sent via School Spider to view their statements and cast your vote.

Votes close on **Tuesday 10th October at 10pm.**



Tea & Talk

with Mr Pine (Headteacher)

Alternate Thursdays at 9am

Parents and carers are invited to attend Tea & Talk with Mr Pine. Come along for a cup of tea and a chat or join in online, share your questions and hear about his vision for Whitchurch.

In Person
19th Oct
16th Nov

email the
school office
to reserve
your place

Virtual
5th Oct
2nd Nov
30th Nov

office@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk



World Smile Day

Try a smile challenge

Friday 6 October is World Smile Day. The day was created by Harvey Ball who developed the iconic yellow smiley image. He believed that you could improve the world one smile at a time.

Research shows that children smile an average of 400 times per day, compared to the typical adult who only smiles only 20 times per day.

Why is smiling important?

Smiling not only offers a mood boost but helps our bodies release endorphins that provide numerous health benefits, including reduced blood pressure, increased endurance, reduced pain and reduced stress.



To keep that smile looking great:

- Brush twice a day
- Use a fluoride toothpaste
- Brush for 2 minutes
- Spit out and don't rinse

smiling is
contagious!





Year Group Highlights

The Colour Monster

In Nursery we have had a great week settling in and becoming familiar with the school routine. We really enjoyed the story 'The Colour Monster' and have been exploring different monster emotions. We have been busy creating our own wonderful colour monsters!

Nursery



Leaf Collage

This week in Reception we started to observe changes in our environment - we collected leaves outside and used these for some leaf collage artwork in our outdoor area! We also enjoyed the story 'Good Little Wolf'.

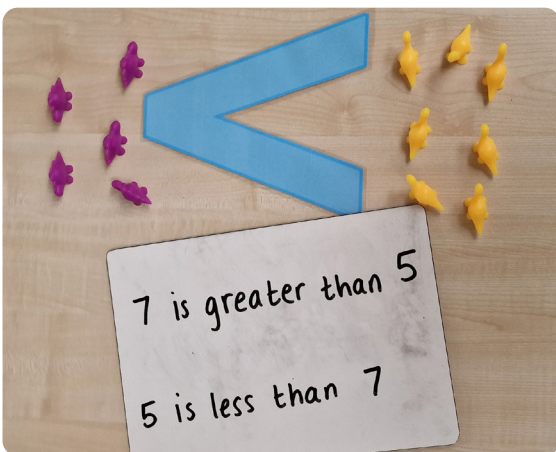
Reception



Year 1

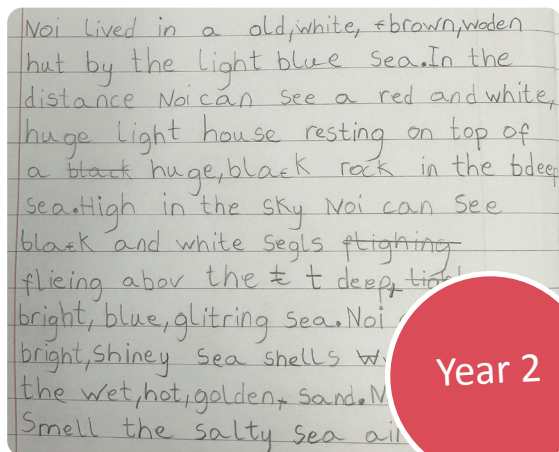
Greater and Less

This week in Maths, Year 1 have been learning about greater than, less than and equals. We found objects around the classroom and used these symbols to compare these quantities.



The Storm Whale

This week in English, Year 2 have been writing fantastic setting descriptions for our story The Storm Whale. We used adjectives, expanded noun phrases and our senses to describe the setting.



Year 2



Year 3

Year Group Highlights

Stone Age Roundhouses

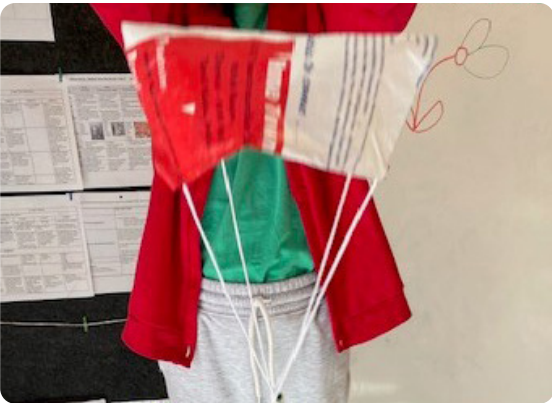
This week in DT, Year 3 explored roundhouses in the Stone Age. These featured a straw roof and walls made of clay and dung. We created fantastic prototypes of roundhouses and will soon make our models of these using clay.



Year 5

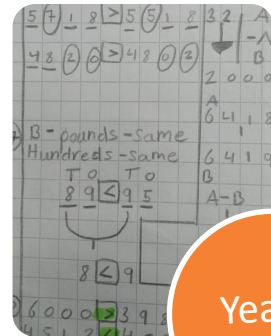
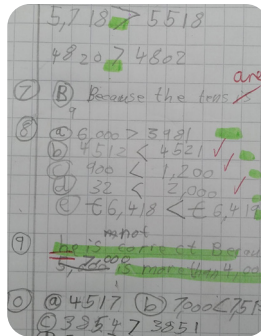
Air Resistance

This week in Science, Year 5 discussed air resistance as part of our topic of Forces. We investigated how the size of a canopy on a parachute affects the rate of fall - and air resistance - using our own parachutes to test our theories!



4-Digit Numbers

In Maths this week, Year 4 have been learning to order and compare 4-digit numbers. We explored the digit next door if the 'tens' or 'hundreds' are the same and we also used the inequality sign to compare numbers.



Year 4

Multiplication and Division

This week in Maths, Year 6 have been reviewing multiplication and division rules. We enjoyed working together to solve problems involving factors, multiplies, primes and composite numbers.

Year 6





International Evening

Wednesday 11th October, 5pm-7pm

'Being Me and Celebrating My Culture'

Come in traditional dress and enjoy a range of singing, dancing and entertainment!



Food £2
per plate
(cash or
card)

You are invited to bring a dish of traditional food to the event or to school at morning drop-off). All dishes must be labelled clearly with your child's name/class, dish name and all ingredients. **Strictly NO nuts.**

Programme
of events to be
announced

Wellbeing

Schools Counselling Partnership: Developing Friendship Skills



Schools
Counselling
Partnership

School is the place where children learn to navigate the world of friendships. At this age, alliances often shift and change. Learning to make friends and get along with peers can cause some distress to most children.

How can parents help? - It is important to listen to your child's experiences with peer challenges. Instead of telling them what to do, help them problem-solve, and also to clarify and understand their feelings. It is always best to stay away from taking sides with either child- offer empathy for all of your child's feelings, and also reflect together on how their peer might be feeling. Coach your child to stand up for themselves using their words and help them learn to express their needs rather than attacking their friend. It is helpful to practice this together!

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.**

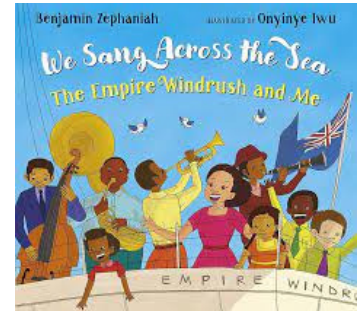
You can contact Tom on **07799028461** or email **tom@schoolsounsellingpartnership.co.uk**



Book Recommendations

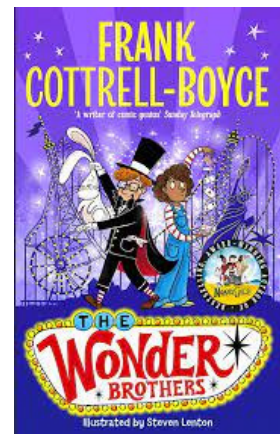
'We Sang Across the Sea' by Benjamin Zephaniah

A beautiful, powerful picture book about the voyage of HMT Empire Windrush from national treasure Benjamin Zephaniah. The hopes, dreams and bravery of the Windrush generation are expressed in this vivid story through the real-life experiences of Trinidadian musician, Mona Baptiste. Written as a brand-new poem by Benjamin Zephaniah, the book is beautifully illustrated by the extraordinary artist, Onyinye Iwu.



'The Wonder Brothers' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce

'Maybe you don't believe me. Maybe you don't believe in magic. I bet you will by the time you've heard what happened to us.' Cousins Middy and Nathan love magic. The on-stage, cape-swirling, bunny-out-of-a-hat kind. For Middy, it's all about patience and practice. She uses magic skills to help her out of tricky situations. Nathan is a show-off and a total danger magnet, he is drawn to the sensation, spectacle and audience. A captivating story full of tricks, twists and deception!



500 Words Creative Writing Competition

We would like to invite all Whitchurch children to take part in **500 Words** - an annual creative writing competition organised by the BBC. Children can compete in two age categories: 5-7 year olds and 6-11 year olds.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read without the added pressure of spelling, punctuation and grammar! Judges include award-winning and best-selling authors Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson, former children's laureate Malorie Blackman and TV legend Sir Lenny Henry.

The winners will be featured in a special feature on The One Show on World Book Day (7th March 2024). The closing date for entries is 10th November. For more information and details on how to enter please visit www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words



Mrs M Stachurska
School Librarian

Music



Music News

Three weeks into the term and our Music activities now in full swing! Weekly Music lessons have started for all year groups including the Year 4 clarinets and trumpets programme. Music assemblies also take place every Friday morning where music achievements are celebrated and all year groups participate in singing and vocal exercises. During last week's assembly we announced this year's Music Captains, who were presented with their music badges.

Instrumental lessons have also resumed and a wide range of instruments are being taught weekly. Please refer to the timetables for these sessions so that you know when your child's lesson will take place (these have also been shared with class teachers and are displayed on the Music notice board).

We are excited that our more advanced musicians have joined our instrumental ensembles and have already started preparing for our Winter Concert. Our Junior and Senior Choirs are both oversubscribed and very rewarding to run as the children's efforts and commitment over the last two years have been certainly fruitful.

With another musically busy year ahead, we are all looking forward to even more music events and inspiring experiences for all of our children.

Music Captains
Toby (5PA)
Saavir (5ET)
Hridhaan (6AS)
Saesha (6EH)

Mrs Leutfeld
Director of Music



Guitar ensemble



Infant music assembly



Junior music assembly



Orchestra



Rock Band



Wind Band

Autumn Menu



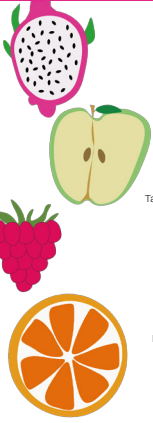
Salad bar, bread and milk are available daily

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 2

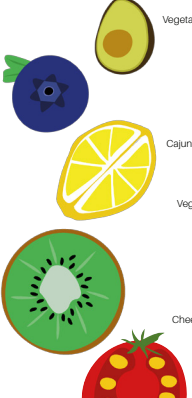
WEEK 2 - 11/9, 21/9, 30/10, 20/11, 11/12

- MONDAY**
MEAT
 Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Garden Peas
VEGETARIAN
 Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Garden Peas (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Carrot Cookie
- TUESDAY**
MEAT
 Tandoori Chicken Shwarma, Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn
VEGETARIAN
 Vegetable Nuggets, Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn (V)
VEGAN
 Neapolitan Pasta with Side Salad (Ve)
DESSERT
 Fruit Tuesday
- WEDNESDAY**
MEAT
 Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Broccoli
VEGETARIAN
 Cauliflower Cheese Bake, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Broccoli (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Jam & Coconut Sponge
- THURSDAY**
MEAT
 Beef Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Peas
VEGETARIAN
 Vegetarian Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Peas (V)
VEGAN
 Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping & Side Salad (Ve)
DESSERT
 Tempting Triangle Biscuit
- FRIDAY**
MEAT
 Fish Fingers, Chips & Baked Beans
VEGETARIAN
 Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Chips & Baked Beans (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Toffee Apple 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).





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

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

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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

