



Whitchurch Weekly

School News

13th Oct
2023
Issue 6

Dear Whitchurch Families,

It has been another eventful week here at Whitchurch - it's hard to believe that half term is almost upon us! This week International Day was a great success with children across the school participating in a range of hands on activities related to different continents and cultures - a flavour of the day can be found later in this newsletter. It was wonderful to welcome so many families to our sell-out International Evening; special thanks to all our talented performers and to Friends of Whitchurch for organising such an engaging community event.

We are so pleased with the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which recognises that Whitchurch continues to be a Good school. There are many things we can celebrate and feel proud of as a community - a special thank you to our dedicated staff, wonderful pupils and supportive families for your ongoing support.

A reminder that next Tuesday and Wednesday is Parents' Evening - this is your opportunity to meet your child's new teacher for this year and to find out how they are getting on so far. There will be a lost property table so be sure to reclaim any missing items! We look forward to meeting you then.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mr Joseph Pine
Headteacher

3LA and
6AS class
assemblies
next week

Visits to The
Ragged Museum,
The Royal Mews,
Kenton Temple
and Forest School
next week

Parents' Evening
next Tuesday and
Wednesday

Soloists
Morning
Concert next
Friday at
9.15am



Dates for your Diary

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| 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 2HD and 2KB visit to Woodland Adventure Forest School Soloists Morning Concert, 9.15am |
| Monday 30th October | 5PA and 5ET visit to The Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace Year 2 Africa Day |
| Tuesday 31st October and Wednesday 1st November | Individual and Sibling Photographs |
| Thursday 2nd November | 2SA and 2AR visit to Woodland Adventure Forest School |
| Monday 6th November | Flu Immunisation |



Half Term
Break
23rd to 27th
October

More
dates to be
announced
soon

Autumn Class Assemblies - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.05am

Parents/Carers should arrive 5 mins before the assembly starts

**Infant Class
Assemblies**
Tuesdays
9.05am

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

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** Leya
- 1BP** Michelle
- 1SM** Mia
- 1CL** Stefan

- 2HD** Aiman
- 2KB** Prince
- 2SA** Marion
- 2AR** Whole Class

- 3NL** Diyan
- 3MS** Jahanzeb
- 3LA** Ilinca
- 3SM** Nikita

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience
Honesty
Generosity
Aspiration

- 4BS** Dylan
- 4CM** Estrella
- 4XL** Amiya
- 4SF** Raisa

- 5PA** Aaron
- 5SK** Melissa
- 5SC** Maanya
- 5ET** Niah

- 6HH** Dheeyan
- 6AS** Rehan
- 6EH** Reeve
- 6MO** Shamla

This week's Junior Stars

Class Attendance this week

We promote 100% school attendance for every child

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| Nursery | AM 92.17% | | PM 81.94% | |
| Reception | RRA 90.07% | RNW 95.45% | RPS 94% | RRV 99.33% |
| Year 1 | 1CL 98.62% | 1BP 97.33% | 1ST 95% | 1SM 98% |
| Year 2 | 2AR 97.24% | 2HD 97.33% | 2KB 99.33% | 2SA 93.1% |
| Year 3 | 3LA 95% | 3MS 96% | 3NL 100% | 3SM 97.33% |
| Year 4 | 4CM 96.8% | 4SF 98.57% | 4XL 95.86% | 4BS 97.14% |
| Year 5 | 5ET 97.67% | 5PA 100% | 5SC 98.28% | 5SK 96.55% |
| Year 6 | 6AS 95.77% | 6EH 95.17% | 6HH 98.67% | 6MO 98.28% |

This week's Attendance Stars are **3NL** and **5PA!**

Whole School **96.68%**

Notices

Mental Health Support Practitioner

Samiat is our new Mental Health support practitioner from the Harrow Mental Health Support team. Her role is to work with teachers, children and their families to promote good mental health and wellbeing across the school. We look forward to working with her.



Newsletter Survey

Thank you to those of you who completed our survey about our newsletter. We shall review the feedback to see what we are doing well and how we can improve it so that it continues to be a useful resource for our families.



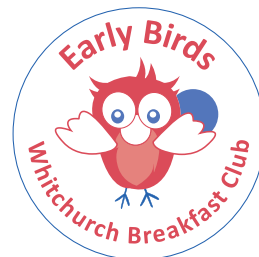
Play Leader Vacancies

We have vacancies for a Play Leader for our Early Birds and two Play Leaders for our Night Owls.

As a Play Leader you should be fun, enthusiastic and engaging; you may also have experience of sports or physical development.

For more information about the roles and an application pack, please see the vacancies page of our website:

[Our School > Vacancies](#)



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.

office@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk



email the school office to reserve your place

In Person
19th Oct
16th Nov

Virtual
2nd Nov
30th Nov



Year Group Highlights

International Day

Nursery children had so much fun celebrating International Day. We spoke about different cultures, skin colours and different clothing. We also took part in different cultural dancing, made our own passports and did lots of singing.

Nursery



Patterns

This week Reception have been exploring patterns. We created our own repeated patterns, sang pattern songs with actions and observed patterns on clothing linked to International day. We also made passports, pretended to travel to new countries and had lots of fun!

Reception



Year 1

International Day

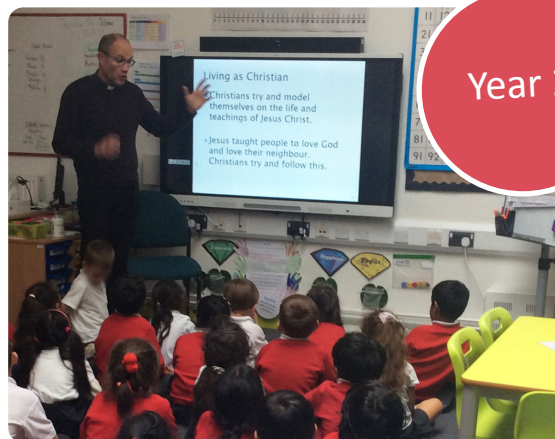
To celebrate International Day, Year 1 explored the flags of different countries we come from. We used collage materials to decorate these flags - including England, Turkey and Romania.



Christianity

This week in R.E. as part of our learning about Christianity, Year 2 were visited by Reverend Mathew from St John's Wood Church. It was a great opportunity to learn what it means to live as a Christian.

Year 2



Year 3

Year Group Highlights

Africa

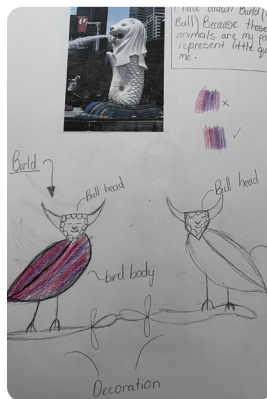
This week Year 3 explored Africa for International Day. We created beautiful Safari sunset paintings, traditional African masks, watercolour tiles, listened to African music and danced to some wonderful African songs!



Year 5

Singapore

For International Day, Year 5 explored the diverse cultures of Singapore. We learnt the national anthem of Singapore, created our own national animal based on the Singaporean Merlion and designed a own Singaporean costume.



Year 4

International Day Workshops

For International Day, Year 4 enjoyed taking part in workshops exploring Bollywood dancing, Chinese poetry and British etiquette - including a lesson in using cutlery at the royal table!



Antarctica

For International Day, Year 6 have been exploring Antarctica. We used watercolours to paint images inspired by Antarctica, using techniques we have been learning in Art.

Year 6





International Evening

To our amazing community, we just wanted to say a huge thank you to you all for all your support and contributions for International Evening - your attendance, volunteering and absolutely amazing donations were everything we needed to make this event a success once again. We couldn't have done this without you!

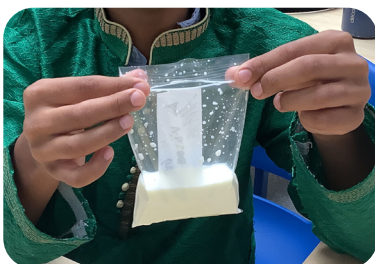
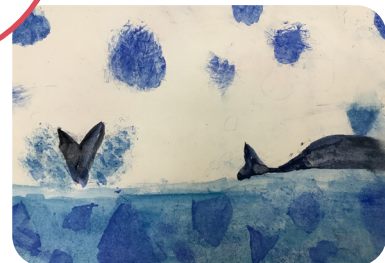
Special thanks to our Whitchurch performers, Stage Coach and the Head Girl and Boy for putting on the perfect show for the evening. We hope you all enjoyed it and got to try all the delicious cultural cuisines and fantastic entertainment. We look forward to having your support again for the next event. Watch out for this!

If you were unable to get a ticket this time due to hall capacity then we hope you can join us next time around.

Team FoW

Well done to 3SM who won the food competition with 17 dishes! Prizes to follow next week!

International Day Activities



Support for
Families



Schools
Counselling
Partnership

Schools Counselling Partnership: Diversity Parent Workshop

Our Therapeutic Lead Tom from Schools Counselling Partnership will be running a diversity themed workshop for all parents on **Wednesday 8th November from 9.30am to 10.30am** in school. There will be tea and coffee plus diversity themed exercises to engage in.

Please bring food, drink, pictures, clothing and anything else you would like to share from your heritage/cultural background as it will be an opportunity to share and learn about our wonderfully diverse community in a relaxed and supportive environment!

If you have any questions please text 07799 028461 or email tom@schoolsounsellingpartnership.co.uk



What to do when you feel your temper rising

We all have triggers - our children certainly do and so do we! So, what can you do when you feel your temper rising? We often feel an urgent need to DO something, but that is our emergency response system operating. Quite often, however, you do not need to DO anything... other than notice what you are feeling, breathe your way through it and restore yourself to calm before you act.

How can you help?

First of all, know your triggers. Notice them, as well as what happens in you when your buttons have been pushed. If you can catch it early, you are more likely to feel you have a choice in your response. If no physical intervention is absolutely required (in safety situations), just hold still and breathe. Resist taking action for now and work hard to see things from your child's point of view: what do they need your help with? Finally, always choose love, not fear, set a limit but do it with empathy, move into a playful mode and always be ready to offer a hug.

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



Schools Counselling Partnership: How to talk to children about conflict and war

We recognise the distressing news over the weekend may have had a significant impact on yourself, your family, friends and many within the school community. A number of families will be affected both directly and indirectly by the news, maybe they know someone who has been died or been hurt in the conflict, some maybe be triggered by past experiences or for our children hearing the news, talking about death, dying and violent attacks can be terrifying.

On the Support for Families page of the school website (in the Parents and Community section), we have included a guide from Unicef about talking to children about conflict and war. This can be viewed at www.whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk/page/support-for-families

Remember our Therapeutic Lead Tom is available to you all so please do reach out for help if you or your child needs it. You can contact Tom on **07799028461** or email tom@schoolsounsellingpartnership.co.uk



Quotes from our Ofsted inspection (September 2023)

'Pupils really enjoy coming to school. They are kind to one another and keen to learn. Pupils bring the school's values to life through their actions.'

'The school has high expectations for its pupils. Pupils are expected to achieve well, and they are keen to meet these expectations.'

'Pupils manage their behaviour well, and the school is a calm and orderly environment.'

'Pupils get involved with a wide variety of additional activities outside of lessons. These range from sporting clubs and languages to dance and performing arts.'

'Reading is a priority. Teachers quickly assess pupils' prior reading skills when they start school. No time is wasted in teaching children to become accurate and fluent readers.'



Summer Reading Challenge

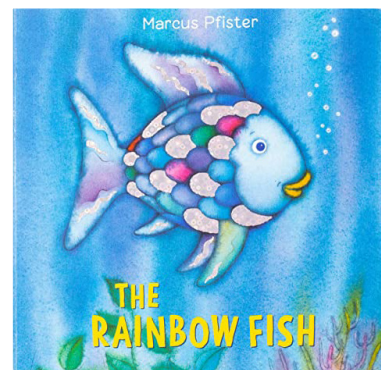
Well done to the children who have submitted their Summer Reading Challenge certificates - you are our reading champions!

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| Reception | Yasna RRA |
| Year 1 | Neeyam 1CL, Layla 1SM and Raeya 1SM |
| Year 2 | Ayrah 2SA and Eloise 2KB |
| Year 3 | Yashvi 3MS, Siya 3MS, Niam 3MS, Raiya 3SM, Dhiya 3NL, Ishaan 3NL and Jasmine 3MS |
| Year 4 | Reeva 4CM, Veer 4CM, Rian 4CM, Aanshi 4XL and Ayaan 4BS |
| Year 5 | Arzo 5ET, Saavir 5ET, Shrien 5ET, Kahini 5SK, Surina 5SC and Maanya 5SC |
| Year 6 | Aarna 6HH, Aarshi 6AS and Ananya 6HH |

Book Recommendations

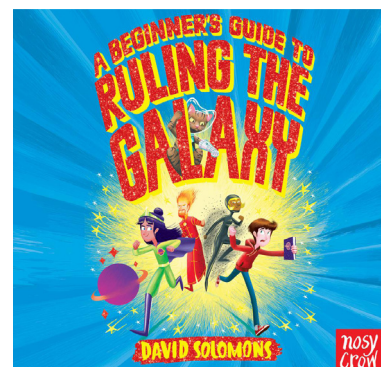
'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister

The Rainbow Fish is an international bestseller and a modern classic. Eye-catching foil-stamping, glittering on every page, this story offers instant child-appeal.. but it is the universal message at the heart of this simple story about a beautiful fish who learns to make friends by sharing his most prized possessions, that gives the book its lasting value. Suitable for infant children.



'A Beginner's Guide to Ruling the Galaxy' by David Solomons

A brilliantly funny story of what happens when a galactic princess moves in next door and almost brings about the end of the world. Exciting new fiction from the bestselling, award-winning author of My Brother is a Superhero. Suitable for junior children.



Mrs M Stachurska
School Librarian

Autumn Menu



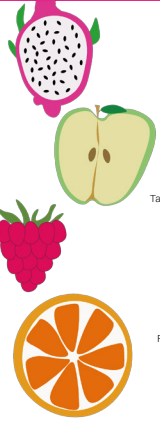
Salad bar, bread and milk are available daily

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

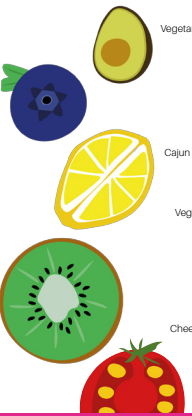
WEEK 2 - 11/9, 21/9, 30/10, 20/11, 11/12

- 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 Shurma, 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 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

