



Whitchurch Weekly

School News

20th Oct
2023
Issue 7

Dear Whitchurch Families,

They say time flies and with half term upon us it certainly seems this is the case! I would like to share just how much I have enjoyed my start at Whitchurch and thank parents/carers, pupils and staff for the great welcome. In such a short time I have come to see just how special a school Whitchurch is. It has been a pleasure to meet those parents who have joined my Tea & Talk sessions and I hope to meet many more of you in the next half term.

There was a real buzz around the school this week with our Parents' Evenings taking place. It is through the strong partnership between school and home that we are able to provide the best experiences for our pupils.

It has been yet another busy week. A number of school trips have taken place and our pupils have been great ambassadors for the school, reflecting our values to the community. Thank you to the parent volunteers who make these visits possible.

I was very proud of the music soloists at our concert today. The music programme at Whitchurch is a unique and special aspect of the school that really highlights the benefit of a holistic approach to education. A special thank you to our Director of Music, Mrs Leutfeld.

I wish families and pupils a restful and enjoyable half term. Keep safe and we look forward to welcoming you back to school after half term on Monday 30th October - gates open at 8.40am.

Have a lovely break.

Mr Joseph Pine
Headteacher



We will send a School Spider message about Enrichment Clubs over the half term. Please ensure you complete the form to sign up!

Individual and Sibling Photos on Tuesday and Wednesday after half term

2SA and 5SK class assemblies first week back



Dates for your Diary

Monday 30th October	Year 2 Africa Day; 5PA and 5ET visit to The Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace
Tuesday 31st October and Wednesday 1st November	Individual and Sibling Photographs
Wednesday 1st November	National Child Measurement Programme (Reception and Year 6)
Thursday 2nd November	2SA and 2AR visit to Woodland Forest School
Friday 3rd November	2HD and 2KB visit to Woodland Forest School
Monday 6th November	Flu Immunisation (Whole School)
Wednesday 15th November	5SK and 5SC visit to St John's Church, Stanmore HMS Wind Band Festival
Friday 17th November	Anti Bullying Day
Monday 20th November	5PA and 5ET visit to St John's Church, Stanmore
Monday 27th November	4BS and 4CM visit to St Paul's Cathedral
Tuesday 28th November	4XL and 4SF visit to St Paul's Cathedral
Tuesday 5th December	3SM and 3LA visit to the Science Museum
Wednesday 6th December	Year 1 visit to Stanmore Baptist Church Winter Music Concert (5pm)
Thursday 7th December	3NL and 3MS visit to the Science Museum
Thursday 14th December	FoW Winter Fair (5pm-7pm)
Monday 18th December	Reception Christmas Carols
Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th December	Key Stage 1/2 Christmas Carols

2HD and 2KB forest school visit rescheduled

Staff Training Day
Monday 13th November
(no children)



Infant Class Assemblies
Tuesdays
9.05am

31st October - 2SA
7th November - 1BP
21st November - 2KB
28th November - 1SM
5th December - 3MS
12th December - 2AR

Junior Class Assemblies
Thursdays
at 9.05am

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** Yasmine
- 1BP** Naomi
- 1SM** Austin
- 1CL** Abhay

- 2HD** Ava
- 2KB** Kayleigh
- 2SA** Zayan
- 2AR** Stefania

- 3NL** Rayan
- 3MS** Jasmine and Rebecca
- 3LA** Riya
- 3SM** Aaryan

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience
Honesty
Generosity
Aspiration

- 4BS** Yusuf and Paulo
- 4CM** Veer
- 4XL** Leila
- 4SF** Manahil

- 5PA** Argh
- 5SK** Iqra
- 5SC** Sidra W
- 5ET** Mariam

- 6HH** Abu
- 6AS** Swara
- 6EH** Saiman
- 6MO** Navlin

This week's Junior Stars

Class Attendance this week

We promote 100% school attendance for every child

Nursery	AM 78.26%		PM 77.33%	
Reception	RRA 72.41%	RNW 87.24%	RPS 92%	RRV 93.33%
Year 1	1CL 96.33%	1BP 99%	1ST 95.62%	1SM 95.33%
Year 2	2AR 94.48%	2HD 99.33%	2KB 97.33%	2SA 92.76%
Year 3	3LA 94.48%	3MS 96.62%	3NL 97.33%	3SM 98.67%
Year 4	4CM 96.8%	4SF 96.07%	4XL 95.36%	4BS 94.81%
Year 5	5ET 94.67%	5PA 97.93%	5SC 97.33%	5SK 92.76%
Year 6	6AS 97.73%	6EH 92.41%	6HH 95%	6MO 95.86%

This week's Attendance Stars are **2HD!**

Whole School **94.23%**

Notices

Sharing Skills / Achievements

Does your child have an impressive talent, achievement or news that he or she wants to share with the school?



Mrs Akhund and Mr Feldman will work with your child to present it during our weekly Celebration Assembly.

To discuss this further please contact:
oracy@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk



Learning Support Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Learning Support Assistant to work as part of our team to provide both one to one and group support within the classroom.

For more information and to apply, please see our vacancies page:

www.whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk/page/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
16th Nov

Virtual
2nd Nov
30th Nov



Catering Vacancies

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Our caterers, Coombs, have vacancies for a Chef Manager and Assistant Chef.

For more information about these roles please see our vacancies page:

www.whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk/page/vacancies

You can also contact Danielle Botfield for more information and to send your CV:
danielle@ccpltd.biz

Hi Vis Jackets for Visits



We have brand new hi-vis jackets for children to wear on school visits.

Many thanks to Friends of Whitchurch for contributing 50% towards the cost of these!



Year Group Highlights

Autumn Art

In Nursery this week we have been exploring Autumn. We went on an Autumn walk around the school and collected leaves, pine cones and chesnuts. We used our handprints and finger paint to make lovely Autumn trees; we also made leaf men using natural resources.

Nursery



Autumn

This week Reception went on an enjoyable Autumn walk. We observed the natural beauty all around us, talked about changes we could see and collected lots of colourful leaves in all different shapes, colours and sizes.

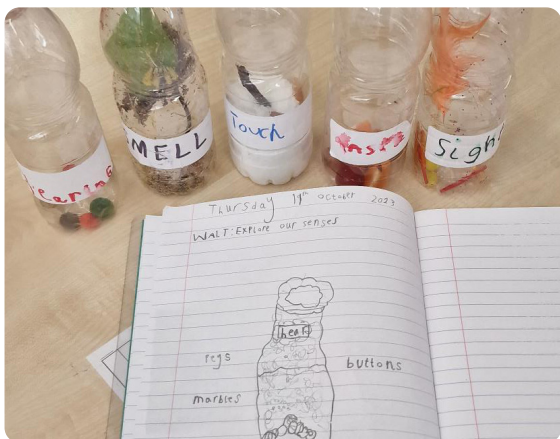
Reception



Year 1

Sense Bottles

In Science, Year 1 have been learning about our senses - hearing, smell, touch, sight and taste. We created our very own senses bottle using found objects around the classroom to place in the bottle.



Animal Enclosures

In Design Technology, Year 2 have been designing an enclosure that is a suitable habitat in a zoo for a chosen animal. We have immersed ourselves in making models of these and evaluating their suitability for our animals.

Year 2





Year 3

Year Group Highlights

Hindu Temple

This week Year 3 visited a Hindu temple in Kenton to support our learning about Hinduism in R.E. We learnt about the core values and beliefs of Hindu people and the stories behind some of the great Gods within Hinduism.



Year 5

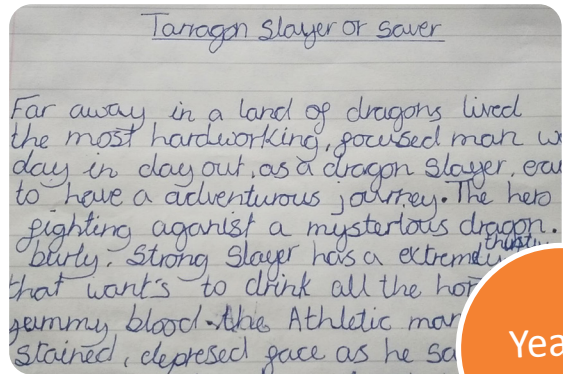
Sikhism

This week Year 5 welcomed a special guest from Brent Sikh Centre to support our learning about Sikhism in R.E. He spoke to us about how Sikhs show their commitment to God. We asked him lots of questions to gain an understanding of his commitment to his faith.



Dragon Slayer

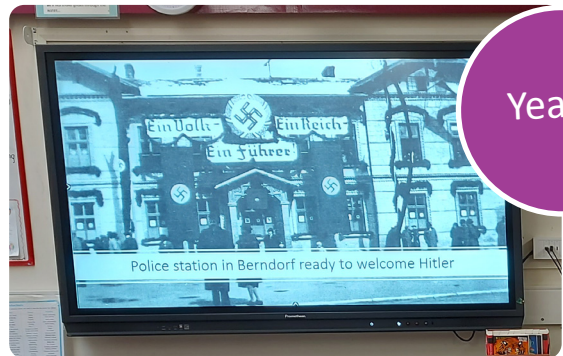
This week in English, Year 4 have been busy describing the character of Tarragon - a legendary dragon slayer from the days of old. We have produced some imaginative writing full of description by drafting and editing our work. Dragons beware!



Year 4

Holocaust Speaker

This week, Year 6 welcomed guest speaker Judith Hayman, whose family survived the holocaust against all odds. It was a great opportunity for us to ask questions about how the Jewish people and other minorities were affected by the Nazis in Germany and Austria during World War II.



Year 6

Sport



Barnet Cup Festival

Well done to the following Year 5/6 boys football team this week as they entered the Barnet Cup with great enthusiasm and determination. They made a super, strong effort as a team to win 3 games (as well as draw once), which will bring them back to The Hive for the finals day. Well done boys - an amazing afternoon with some amazing goals too!

Shay and Nicolas (5SK); Luca and Kian (5ET); Chris (6AS); Aaron and Murtaza (6EH); Lucas and Hamza (6MO).

Year 2 Multiskills Festival

The following Year 2 children enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon of activities this week at a multiskills festival at St Bernadette's Primary School. Their participation as a team was impressive and each showed off their amazing skills.

Eva, Avyaan, Krushna, Rebeca and Zai (2KB); Daniel (2SA); Ariana, Neil and Reeva (2HD); Shayan and Taarshi (2AR).

The Elms

A big well done to **Lucas (6MO)** for reaching third place in the football for The Elms Football, Multisports and Tennis Leaderboards (Summer 2003). He was awarded a prize by The Elms in this week's celebration assembly.



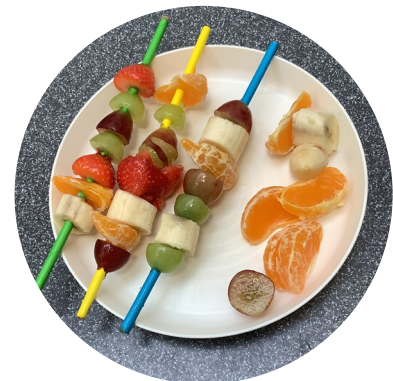
Miss Wong and Miss Byrne

Life Skills

Fruity Skewers

In our Life Skills group today we made some fun fruity skewers! We discussed our favourite fruits and the different ways we can cut these fruits as part of our design. They tasted delicious. We are looking forward to taking part in lots more exciting projects in our Life Skills group after half term - watch this space!

Miss Tunstall



Book Recommendations

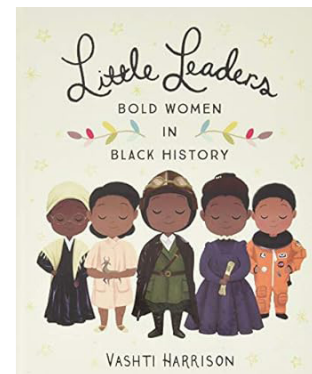
Black History Month

“Black History Month is a time of celebration, recognition and sombre reflection. Black people from African and Caribbean communities have been an integral part of British history and society long before 1948. Despite the epidemic of racism and unfairness affecting black people, we continue to break barriers and use our creativity and innovation to influence lives today.”
Cherron Inko Tarriah MBE

‘Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History’

“Meet The Little Leaders. They’re Brave. They’re Bold. They Changed The World.”

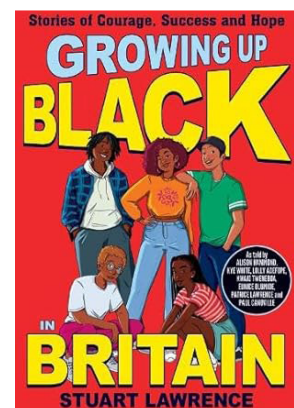
A collection of true stories featuring forty trailblazing black women, important figures in the world’s history. This is the first book in the hugely popular Little Leaders series by Vashti Harrison that introduces young folk (and their parents/carers) to inspirational figures past and present. This first edition focuses on both iconic and lesser-known female figures of black history including sprinter Florence Joyce (who set a world record in 1988 Olympics that she still holds today), Katherine Johnson and Shirley Bassey.



40 women have a page dedicated to them (and a further 12 feature briefly at the end of the book). A great resource for children to be introduced to the lives of these amazing women.

‘Growing up black in Britain: stories of courage, success and hope’

Stuart Lawrence, brother of Stephen Lawrence, talks to eight inspirational figures about their childhood experiences, as well as sharing an insight into his own. This is a collection of courageous, thought-provoking and ultimately hopeful pieces set to educate and inspire young people. A perfect read for this October’s Black History Month. Suitable for children in Year 5 and above.



Mrs M Stachurska
School Librarian



Supporting yourself through uncertain times

We can easily feel helpless and powerless over what is going on around us during uncertain times. What can be helpful is to try to accept and let go of those things that are out of your control and turn your focus onto those that are in your control and allowing more time to adjust and be mindful of your support.

Create your 'circle of control'

- First, take a moment to gently think about those things that make you feel worried, sad or angry about this pandemic. It can help to draw or write them down on a sheet of paper.
- Next, draw a large circle on a separate sheet. On the outside of this circle, write down those things that you cannot control. For example: how long this will last, whether you are able to find what you need at the store, the actions of others, predicting what will happen. Now, focus on what you can control and write those things down inside the circle. For example: turning off the news, writing down 3 things you are grateful for every night, acts of kindness, your own social distancing, taking some time to play and connect with your child.
- It can help to hang this up by your bed or on your fridge, as a reminder. Whenever you start to feel anxious, return to this image: the aim is to try to accept what you have written on the outside and then find something on the inside of your circle that you can do to feel more balanced again. This can be a great exercise to also create with your child!

Creating support for yourself and your family

- Do you have space where you are able to take some time for you to be with your thoughts and feelings, can a partner or loved one take over with the children for a short period of time and enjoy a uninterrupted cup of tea or coffee.
- Are you able to put everything to one side and do something you enjoy when the children are in bed, allowing time for you?
- Can you sit with your family and have a quiet space for 10/15 minutes, turning all digital devices off and allowing some quiet time to just sit, colour, breathe, read, or maybe put some relaxing music on.
- Maybe thinking about what support looks like for you and your family and how you might create or inquire about that.

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

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

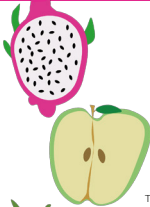
Vegetable Burger, Chips & Mushy Peas (V)

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

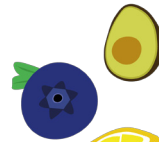
Cheese & Sweetcorn Quiche, Chips & Baked Beans (V)

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).

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Our email addresses are in the process of being updated

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)

Holidays during term time are **not** permitted

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

Term dates are posted on the school website

