



Whitchurch Weekly

School News

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Issue 10

Dear Whitchurch Families,

Today at Whitchurch we celebrated Odd Socks Day as part of our focus on Anti-Bullying Week. It was lovely to see so many children dressed in their brightest, funkiest odd socks to reinforce the message that we are all individual and we want to celebrate that. This year's Anti-Bullying Week motto is 'Make a noise about Bullying'. We hope that children found the assemblies and activities following on from this helpful in supporting how to recognise what bullying may entail if it happens at school.

Earlier this week, it was lovely to see the children learning about the significance of Diwali for the Hindu faith. Pupils had the chance to learn more about why Hindus celebrate Diwali and the ways that families celebrate this. We hope that all of our families celebrating Diwali and the Hindu New Year had a wonderful time together.

Until the end of term, there are many events happening at Whitchurch and we invite all of our parents/carers to join us as we look to celebrate the festive season together. This includes our upcoming Winter Concert, Christmas Carol Concerts and Winter Fair which I am sure will be very popular amongst our Whitchurch community.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mr Martin Thompson-Lawrie
Deputy Headteacher



Our new feature 'Meet the Team' will now begin next week!

Please remember to book your child's lunches for the rest of this term

2KB class assembly next week



Dates for your Diary

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	Nursery and Reception - Visiting Planetarium (AM) 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
Friday 8th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14th December	FoW Winter Fair (5pm-7pm)
Monday 18th December	Reception Christmas Carols
Tuesday 19th December	Carol Concerts 1ST, 1CL, 2KB, 2SA, 3NL and 3LA (9.15am) 4CM, 4BS, 5PA, 5SC, 6AS and 6HH (2.30pm)
Wednesday 20th December	Carol Concerts 1BP, 1SM, 2HD, 2AR, 3SM and 3MS (9.15am) 4SF, 4XL, 5ET, 5SK, 6MO and 6EH (2.30pm)



21st November - 2KB
23rd January - 1SM
30th January - 2HD
6th February - 3MS
5th March - 2AR
12th March - 3SM
19th March - 1CL
23rd April - Lions
30th April - Tigers
7th May - Leopards
14th May - Jaguars
21st May - Nursery

Infant Class Assemblies

Tuesdays
9.05am

25th January - 4XL
8th February - 6MO
7th March - 5ET
21st March - 4SF
11th July - Year 6

Junior Class Assemblies

Thursdays
at 9.05am

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** Dua
- 1BP** Emma
- 1SM** Fathima
- 1CL** Neeyam
- 2HD** Reggie
- 2KB** Eva
- 2SA** Whole Class
- 2AR** Whole Class

- 3NL** Maya
- 3MS** Idris
- 3LA** Avinash
- 3SM** Anaiya

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience
Honesty
Generosity
Aspiration

- 4BS** Sefora
- 4CM** Dylan
- 4XL** Rian
- 4SF** Rhea
- 5PA** Mohamad
- 5SK** David
- 5SC** Avni
- 5ET** Krish

- 6HH** Burhan
- 6AS** Asmin
- 6EH** Murtaza
- 6MO** Diya

This week's Junior Stars

Class Attendance this week

We promote 100% school attendance for every child

Nursery	AM 75%		PM 50%	
Reception	RRA 87.95%	RNW 84.91%	RPS 79.31%	RRV 84.58%
Year 1	1CL 95.42%	1BP 93.75%	1ST 96.55%	1SM 87.5%
Year 2	2AR 93.97%	2HD 89.17%	2KB 91.25%	2SA 89.66%
Year 3	3LA 86.21%	3MS 92.92%	3NL 88.75%	3SM 89.58%
Year 4	4CM 92.16%	4SF 94.55%	4XL 93.3%	4BS 95.37%
Year 5	5ET 85.34%	5PA 93.1%	5SC 91.25%	5SK 94.64%
Year 6	6AS 91.67%	6EH 86.25%	6HH 89.58%	6MO 97.32%

This week's Attendance Stars are **6MO!**

Whole School **89.92%**

Notices

Enrichment Calendar

In response to parental feedback, we are sharing our enrichment calendar so that you know the dates, can support with volunteering and are aware of the associated costs for these events.

To view this calendar please visit the Enrichment section of our website:

www.whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk/page/enrichment-calendar

Booking Lunches

Please remember to book your child's lunches for the rest of this term via your Parent Pay accounts.



Friends of Whitchurch AGM

You are invited to come and join Friends of Whitchurch at their Annual General Meeting on **Monday 4th December at 6.30pm** to find out more about their work.

- About FoW
- Our Mission
- How do we carry out our mission?
- Who are our community?
- What is our common goal?



Indulge in some festive food and drinks with us!



Tea & Talk

Parents and carers are invited to attend Tea & Talk with Mr Pine to hear about his vision for Whitchurch.

The final two dates for Tea & Talk this term will be held as follows:

Thurs 30th November, 9am-10am (live)
Thurs 14th December, 2pm-3pm (virtual)

To reserve your place please email:
office@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk



Monthly Tea & Talk will start in January onwards

School Meals Kitchen Servery Competition

A reminder that children are invited to create a colourful food related design for our new lunchtime servery.

Think, healthy, nutritious, tasty food!

The closing date for competition entries is **Friday 24th November**.





Year Group Highlights

Nursery Rhymes

This week in Nursery we learnt nursery rhymes with actions including 'The Wheels on the Bus' and 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'. We took part in activities relating to this such as making boats and faces. We also learnt about Diwali and created beautiful divas and fireworks.

Nursery



Year 1

Sewing

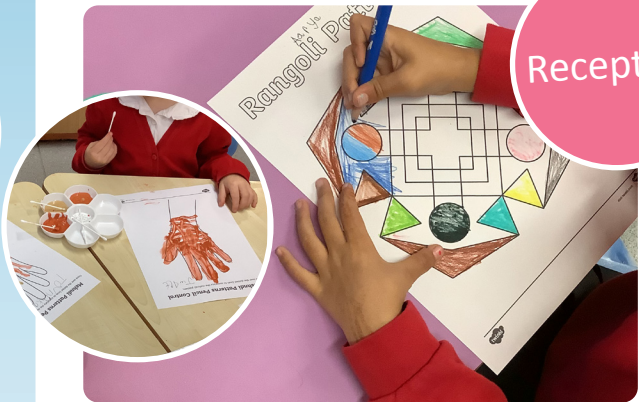
In DT this week, Year 1 have been practising our sewing skills using big needles. We attempted a range of stitches including a running stitch. We had lots of fun and are ready to make our decorations next week!



Diwali

This week in Reception we enjoyed sharing our Diwali experiences. We looked at similarities and differences with other festivals and discussed what else we celebrate with our families including birthdays, weddings and Halloween!

Reception



Year 2

Christmas Story

In RE, Year 2 are learning about Christianity. This week we have been learning about the Christmas story and discussed why it is important to Christians. We then drew a wonderful picture to represent the story.



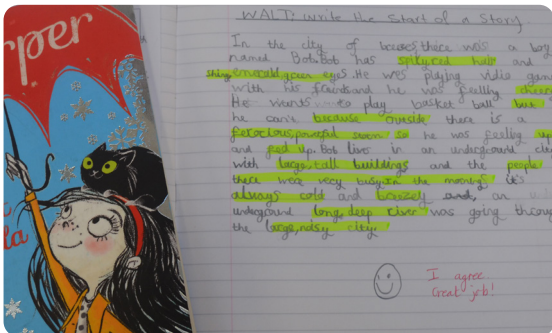


Year 3

Year Group Highlights

Harper and the Scarlet Umbrella

In English, Year 3 have enjoyed reading the fantasy story 'Harper and the Scarlet Umbrella'. Inspired by this fantastic adventure, we have written our own wonderful introductions to a fantasy story, featuring some lovely literary language. Our teachers are very impressed!



Garage Band

In Music this week, Year 4 created a tune in piano roll view on Garage Band. We explored familiar tunes before experimenting with our own compositions. We enjoyed working together and being creative in the session.



Year 4

Year 5

St John's Church

This week Year 5 visited St John's Church in Stanmore. Reverend Wall presented the story of Christmas to us and we discussed perceptions of the 'true' Christmas story. Some of us recited verses from Luke and Matthew and we re-enacted the Christmas story with props.



Classification

In Science this week, Year 6 have been learning how to classify using branching keys, which contain descriptions of their features or characteristics. We used our classification skills to sort liquorice allsorts - asking yes or no questions about their characteristics to help us identify them.



Year 6

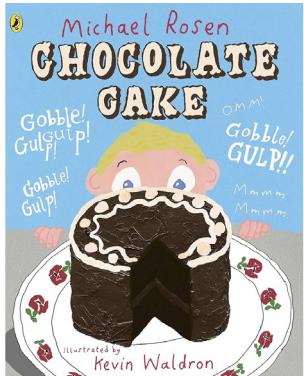
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Book Recommendations

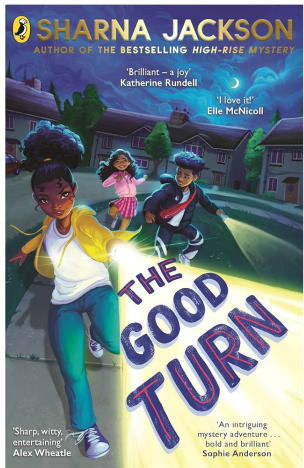
'Chocolate Cake' by Michael Rosen

Michael Rosen's stories are often inspired by his own life - and anyone reading Chocolate Cake definitely gets the impression that he might be drawing from his own childhood in this tale of the irresistible cake. Kevin Waldron's illustration of an absolutely yummy chocolate cake are also sure to get tummies rumbling! Fantastically funny and full of silly noises, this is Michael Rosen's love letter to every child's favourite treat, chocolate cake. Suitable for all readers.



'The Good Turn' by Sharna Jackson

Josephine Williams is definitely a leader - and her teachers know it! What other eleven-year-old is desperate for MORE school work? Looking for more challenging tasks, Josie enlists her friends Wesley and Margot into her very own Scout troop, the Copseys, named after the street they all live on. Together they start their quest for their camping badge by sleeping out near to the abandoned factory behind their houses. But that night they stumble across something strange. Someone seems to be living in the derelict building! The Copseys have to solve the mystery... and perhaps earn their bravery and activism badges along the way...



Perfect for readers who love Robin Stevens and Katherine Woodfine. Full of fast-paced adventure, brilliant characters and snappy dialogue with themes of real-life activism and how to help others. Suitable for junior readers.

Book Donations

Our classroom reading corners could do with a little refresher so they can offer a range of appealing and relevant literature. If you happen to have children's books which are in good condition and your family no longer use, please consider donating them to the school. They will be shared equally amongst the most needing classrooms where children can enjoy them during reading times and wet play times. Thank you very much.

Mrs M Stachurska
School Librarian



Music Events

HMS Band Festival

The Harrow Music Service Band Festival has been the music highlight this week.

Twelve of our wind players were selected and participated in the festival, showcasing their dedication and musical skills. Well done to our saxophonists Emily, Aman, Niam and Saavir, our flutists Vaishna, Mila, Hridhaan and Shayan, our oboist Lucas, our trumpeters Kiyan and Stephen and our french horn player Annay.

Considering that our participation in this festival started with only two players two years ago and just four participants last year, we are really pleased that the number of our woodwind and brass musicians has increased significantly since and they have even reached the required standard to be invited in an event like this. The festival not only provided a platform for our pupils to express themselves musically but also offered them a valuable learning experience that will undoubtedly contribute to their musical growth.

Congratulations once again to our talented musicians and thank you to all families for your ongoing support.

Winter Music Concert

A reminder that our ensembles will be performing at our Winter Concert on Wednesday 6th December at 5pm. The Orchestra, Guitar Ensemble, Wind Band, Rock Band, Junior Choir and Senior Choir are expected to arrive at school by 4.30pm with their instrument and music, wearing full school uniform. Further details will be sent out to the performers' parents and carers via School Spider.

Free tickets will be handed to the members of the ensembles during the dress rehearsal on Wednesday 29th November. Each family will receive two tickets and siblings can attend without a ticket. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs E Leutfeld
Director of Music



Support for Families



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Help your child to feel heard

Children are more likely to follow our rules when they feel we are listening to them. Everyday routines can get in the way, however taking a moment to listen to your child will really model how they respond and react to you. Sometimes its good to think what it is like when us as adults are not heard or listened to, how does that make you feel? This might be how your child feels.



How can you help as parents and carers? Acknowledge what your child is asking for, even if your answer is 'no'. For example: "I hear you. You are saying it loud and clear - NO BATH! You really do not want to have a bath! Tonight though, you do need to have one... so which do you choose - a bath or a shower?" Offering a choice to your child can be really powerful because they feel they have some control, even if it's small.

Reach out

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**

Life Skills

Life Skills Group - Sorting Money

This week during Life Skills, related to our money theme, we sorted money by amounts and continued to practise key vocabulary such as 'pence', 'pounds' and 'total'. We successfully managed to sort correct amounts in to groups and worked well together. **Miss Tunstall**



Family Liaison Support

We know times are tricky and some families may be struggling financially.

If you need any support please reach out to Mrs Chikhlia, our Family Liaison Officer:
nchikhlia@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk



Anti-Bullying Day



Anti Bullying Day

Today we marked Anti-Bullying Week 2023: 'Make a Noise about Bullying', with odd socks day to share and celebrate being different and unique. We had a whole school assembly to highlight the importance of raising awareness of anti-bullying, encouraging children to help others speak and to 'make a noise' about bullying.

Year 5 and 6 were visited by PC John Mitchell in the afternoon to talk about the consequences of bullying and how it can impact the lives of others. Children around the school also took part in a variety of different anti-bullying activities such as designing their own odd socks, creating poems and their own bantometer!



Dental Health

National Dental Epidemiology Programme (NDEP)

Our school has been chosen to participate in this year's National Dental Epidemiology Programme (NDEP).

Each year only 20 schools are selected to represent their local authority. Our participation will be essential in developing children's dental services and programmes in our community and communities all over England. All they require is 2-3 hours during a school day to perform a quick dental check of a small sample of pupils aged 5 from our Reception and Year 1 classes - our designated population for this school year's programme.

Please see what happens during an NDEP dental visit here:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzrjK8HRpD8

Further information to follow including the date of the check as well as a leaflet, questionnaire and consent form linked to the NDEP.



Autumn Menu



Salad bar and bread 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

Temping 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).

COOMBS
CATERING PARTNERSHIP





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Year 5 Leader (Mrs K Portou)

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Year 6 Leader (Miss H Hogberg)

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Our email addresses are in the process of being updated

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)

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

