Whitehall Park School

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another great week in school, we are really proud of the progress the children are making.

Thank you so much to everyone who attended Parents' Evening this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you in school celebrating your children's hard work and discussing their next steps. As we trialled a new layout this term, we would love to hear your thoughts - please take 30 seconds to answer one quick question on a short Google Form (below) - How did you find the new 'all in the hall' format?

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This Week in School & Looking Ahead

Armistice Day: On Wednesday, the children came together to observe a respectful one-minute silence to honour and remember those who have served. We are incredibly proud of the maturity and thoughtfulness our pupils showed.

Children in Need: Thank you for all your support and donations for today's Children in Need Pyjama Day! It has been lovely for the children to get cosy while raising money for a fantastic cause.

Anti-Bullying Week: Looking ahead to next week, we will be kicking off Anti-Bullying Week on **Monday** with **Odd Socks Day**. Please send your child in wearing their brightest, wackiest odd socks as we celebrate what makes us all unique!

School Progress Update We are delighted with the positive momentum across Whitehall Park School. Our newly sequenced curriculum is making a real difference: classrooms are calm, focused, and purposeful, and pupils are building secure knowledge across subjects, confidently explaining what they are learning and producing high-quality work - including extended writing. From our youngest learners in Early Years developing strong independence, to our older pupils benefiting from targeted support, new curriculum resources, and dedicated sensory spaces, every child is valued, safe, and supported to thrive. We are also seeing rising attainment across the school as our strategies close gaps in learning. This work has started very well and continues to gain momentum.

Children really enjoy coming to our happy school and they engage positively with their learning. Across the school, pupils are generally very attentive, well-engaged and really keen to do their best. They take
pride in their daily work and they talk positively about the experiences they have with their classes. They are proud members of this great school community.

However, **improving school attendance must now be our top shared priority.** While we are encouraged to see attendance beginning to rise - with zero severe absences and great positivity from our weekly reward assemblies - overall attendance still remains below the national average and therefore needs further attention. Every single day in the classroom counts, and consistent attendance is essential if our pupils are to keep up this fantastic progress and reach their full potential. Thank you for working closely with us to ensure your child arrives on time and attends school every day unless they are genuinely too unwell to do so.
Wishing you all a wonderful and restful weekend.

Many Thanks

Mr T Mills-Bishop

A huge congratulations to former pupil Zoe, now in Year 7, who has been named the recipient of the prestigious Monster Kickabout Positive Impact Award 2026, a national honour sponsored by sportswear leaders Nike and Sports Direct through their outreach programme.

The award celebrates extraordinary young individuals across the UK who demonstrate exceptional leadership, initiative, and dedication to inspiring their school communities to lead active, healthy lifestyles.

Zoe earned this top honour by identifying the barriers to girls participation in football activities in school, and working with Coach Jack, to implement a new scheme. Recognising that several classmates felt hesitant to join football sessions dominated by boys, Zoe established an inclusive project at Whitehall Park School, introducing girls-only sessions, and actively promoting participation among girls and children of all confidence levels.

Zoe got to choose 3 friends to attend the ceremony at the Flannels flagship store in Oxford street, where she was on the digital board on the street,
where she got to receive her award, walk the red carpet, meet celebrities and join in activities.

If you would like to hear from Zoe and Coach Jack please follow the link.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g42L7XHTL4U

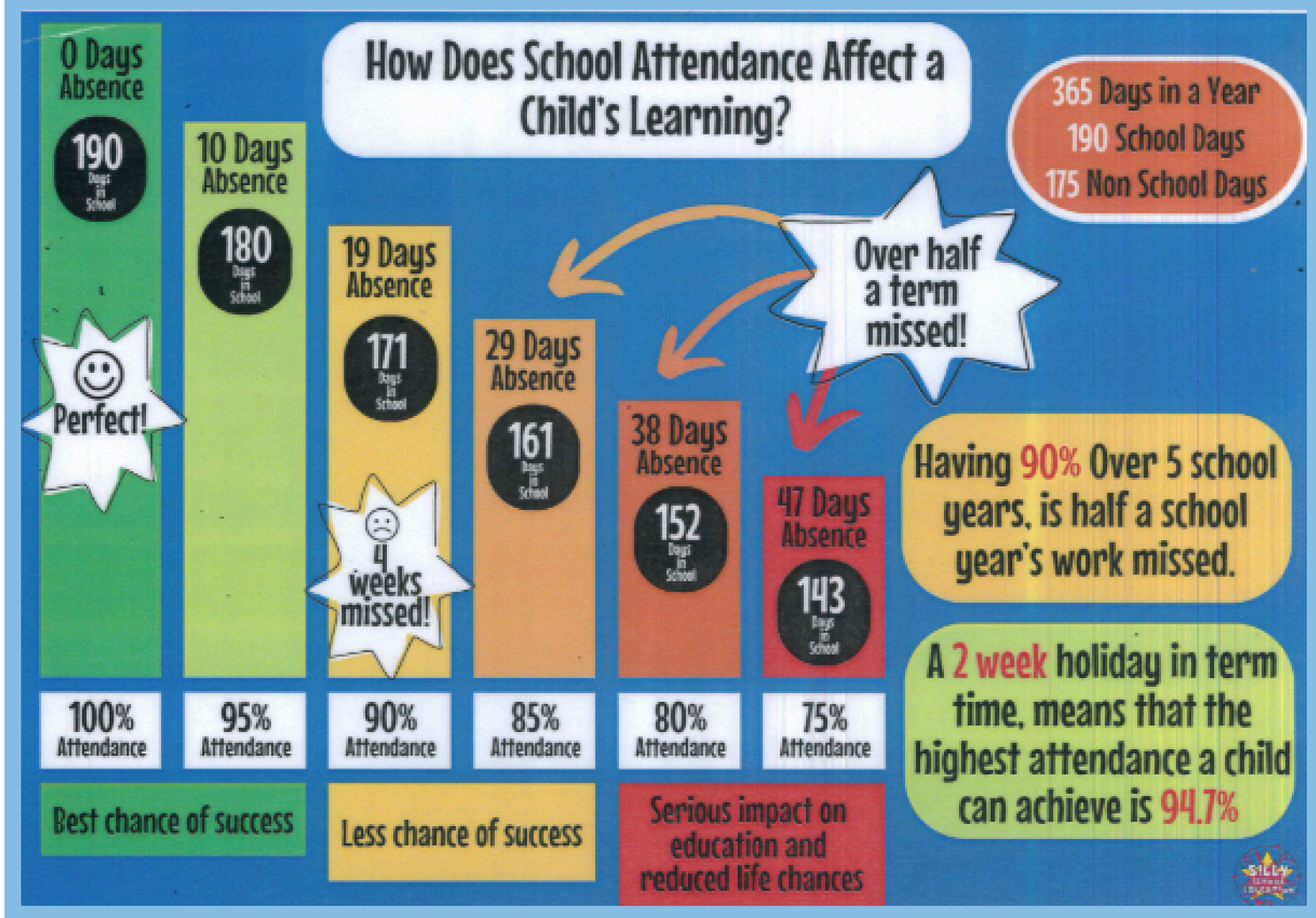
Big well done from everyone at Whitehall Park!











Monday 16th November - Odd Sock Day



SPORTS at WPS

Sports Captains

I am happy to announce our Sports Captains. The children have been selected to take on an important role in promoting sport and physical activity across the school.
Our Sports Captains will help to encourage participation, inspire others to get involved and support the organisation of sporting activities and events. They will also act as positive role models, demonstrating teamwork, sportsmanship, respect and our school values.
I am really looking forward to working with them this year and seeing the positive impact they can have on our school sporting community.
Congratulations to all our newly appointed Sports Captains!
New Lunchtime Sport Alert! E
Each week at lunchtimes, we introduce a different sport or activity in the MUGA to give the children the opportunity to experience a wider range of sports. It's a chance for them to try something new, develop different skills and discover activities they may not have experienced before, while encouraging everyone to get involved and enjoy being active.
Our new sport this week was Pickleball! The children had the opportunity to try out this exciting sport, developing their racket skills, hand-eye coordination and teamwork along the way. Combining elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis, Pickleball was a great way to introduce the children to something new. It was fantastic to see so many getting involved, learning the rules and enjoying a different activity at lunchtime!



Donation Needed





we are looking for donations of pre-loved toys, medium or large plant pots and flower bulbs. If you habve any unwanted toys in good condition, spare plant pots or flower bulbs at home, we would be very grateful for your donations.

Dates Coming Up!

All diary dates will now be saved on our website. Please import dates into your calendar or bookmark the page for quick access: **https://www.whitehallparkschool.co.uk/Calendar/**

Help Support Our School!

Support our school effortlessly with the 'easyfundraising' app! Just shop online as usual and a portion goes to us. Join now https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fowhitehallpark Funding Cashback App
or scan the QR code.
Simply by using the app, you can contribute to our cause without any extra effort or cost to you. Whether you're a returning parent or new to our community, your support makes a significant difference.

Mindful parking around our school community

As we work together to keep our children safe and maintain great relationships with our community, we would like to ask for your cooperation regarding parking during drop-off and pick-up times. Please ensure you park safely and legally when visiting the school

we kindly ask that you:

- Do not block neighbours' driveways, even if you are only stopping for a quick moment.
- Do not park or stop on double yellow lines, as this creates dangerous blind spots for children crossing the road.
- Always turn off your engine while waiting to reduce emissions around the school gates.

We completely understand that peak school hours can be hectic, but the safety of our pupils and respect for our local residents remain our top priorities. Thank you so much for your ongoing support and cooperation in keeping our roads safe.

School Lunch

Arbor

Please ensure that you are booking your child's lunch option via the **Arbor Parent App.**
If no lunch option is selected, your child will be assigned an office-issued meal choice. Your child will always be provided with a meal; however, it may not be their preferred option.

To help us ensure your child receives their chosen meal, please make your selection the evening before. If you are unable to book a lunch, please contact the school office for assistance.
For guidance on how to select meal choices in Arbor, please see the link below:
https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/6956696271261-Meal-Menu-choices-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Parent-App

Lost Property

Please ensure that all articles of clothing are clearly labelled as children often leave their things in the playground and it is then very difficult to ensure that they get it back.
If they are labelled then we can easily return them to pupils.

After school Club

Autumn 2 2026 - ASC				
Monday	Football Y3-Y4-Y5-Y6	AdHoc -	Arts & Crafts Rec- Y1-Y4	
Tuesday	Mini-Sports Nursery -Y3	AdHoc -	Choir	
Wednesday	Gymnastic KS1 & KS2	AdHoc -	Banksy Street Art KS1 & KS2	Football Year 3-6
Thursday	Fencing KS1 & KS2	AdHoc -	Autumn - Cookery Club	
Friday	Mixed - Activities Nursery - Y6	AdHoc -	Haberdashery & Play Nursery -Y3	

- **Breakfast Clubs** starts from 7:45 until 8:30
- **After School Clubs** and Ad–Hoc Extended Care start at 3:30pm and end at 5pm (If you require later pick up, you will need to book Twilight)
- **Twilight** Sessions run from 5pm to 6pm

RECEPTION & NURSERY



As part of our topic this term, ‘Celebrations and Festivals’, we have been learning all about Bonfire Night through stories, discussions and videos.

The children had lots of fun creating their very own pretend bonfire using sticks, logs, leaves and colourful tissue paper to represent the flames. We also got creative by drawing beautiful, colourful fireworks, exploring different colours and patterns.

To finish off our celebrations, we gathered around our cosy ‘pretend’ campfire and enjoyed some delicious hot chocolate and warm juice together.

It was a lovely experience filled with creativity, excitement and togetherness!



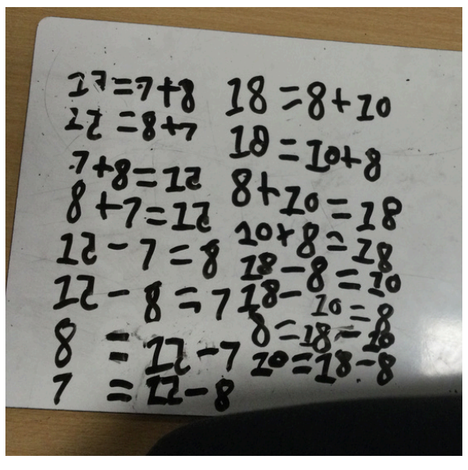






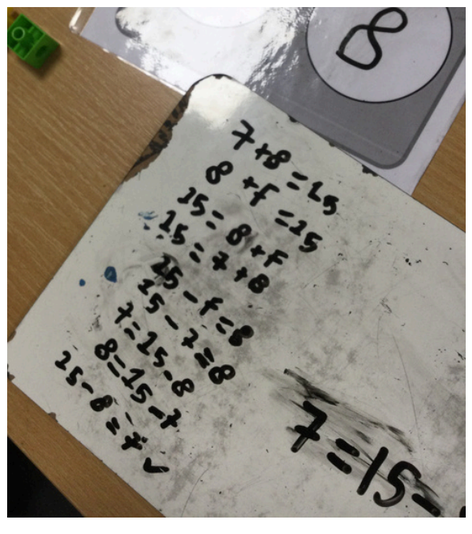
YEAR 1/2

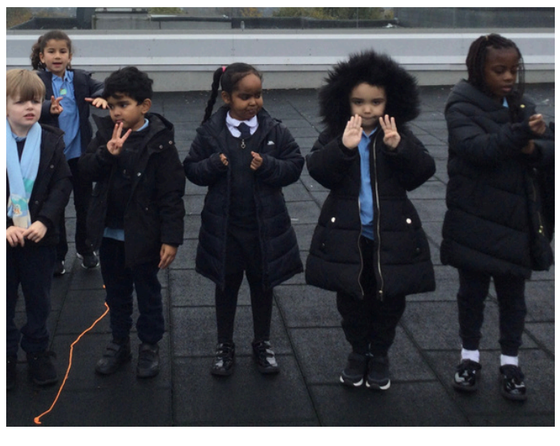
We have had a brilliant last few weeks after the half term in Jasmine Class. We have been learning how to write narrative and understand that our story needs to have a beginning, middle and end, as well as time connectives. We have also started writing a poem about fireworks using onomatopoeia and alliteration!











YEAR 2/3

Lavender Class have made a fab start to the new half term, diving straight back into their learning with great enthusiasm! In English, the children have been bringing our current unit to a close by crafting the thrilling endings to their Stone Age Boy story retellings, showcasing their wonderful imaginations.

In maths, Year 3 have been mastering column methods with exchanges for addition and subtraction, while Year 2 have been finding the smartest strategies to add three one-digit numbers. Looking ahead, we can't wait to launch our exciting new geography topics: Active Planet in Year 3 and Cornwall and the English South Coast in Year 2!

YEAR 4

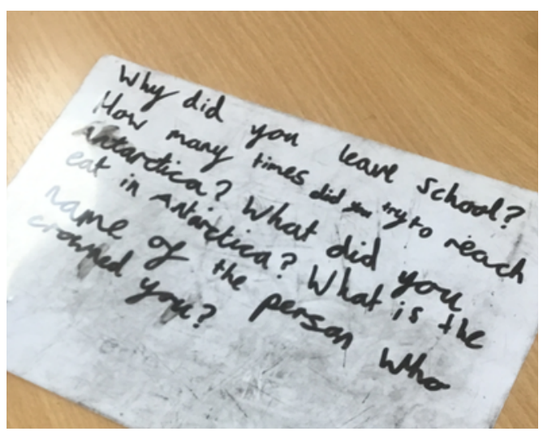
During this half term, year 4 students have been working in their very own Kenning poems! They have been using riddles and hyphenes to describe what they want to talk about, including acting out some of the verbs for the rest of the class to guess.

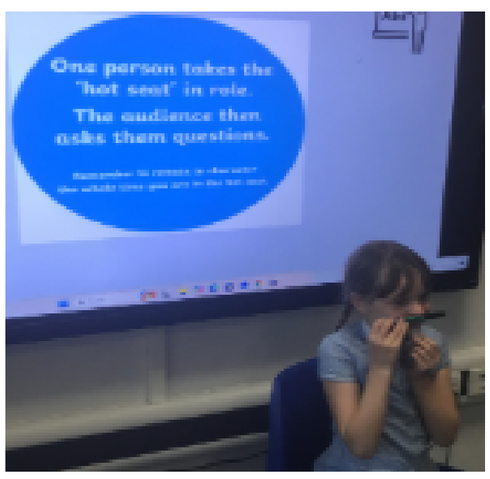
We have also been studying about states of matter in Science, representing in different ways how particles behave in liquids, solids and gases.

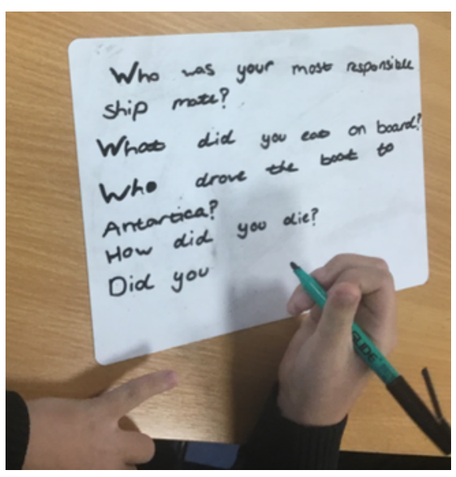
YEAR 5

In English, we are planning to write biographies of Ernest Shackleton. Our favourite lesson this week has been hot - seating in the role of Sir Shackleton himself.

We began by thinking of questions to ask him, we then took it in turns to pretend to be Shackleton while the rest of the class asked interview-style questions. This helped us to gather information to include in our own biographies about his life and legacy.



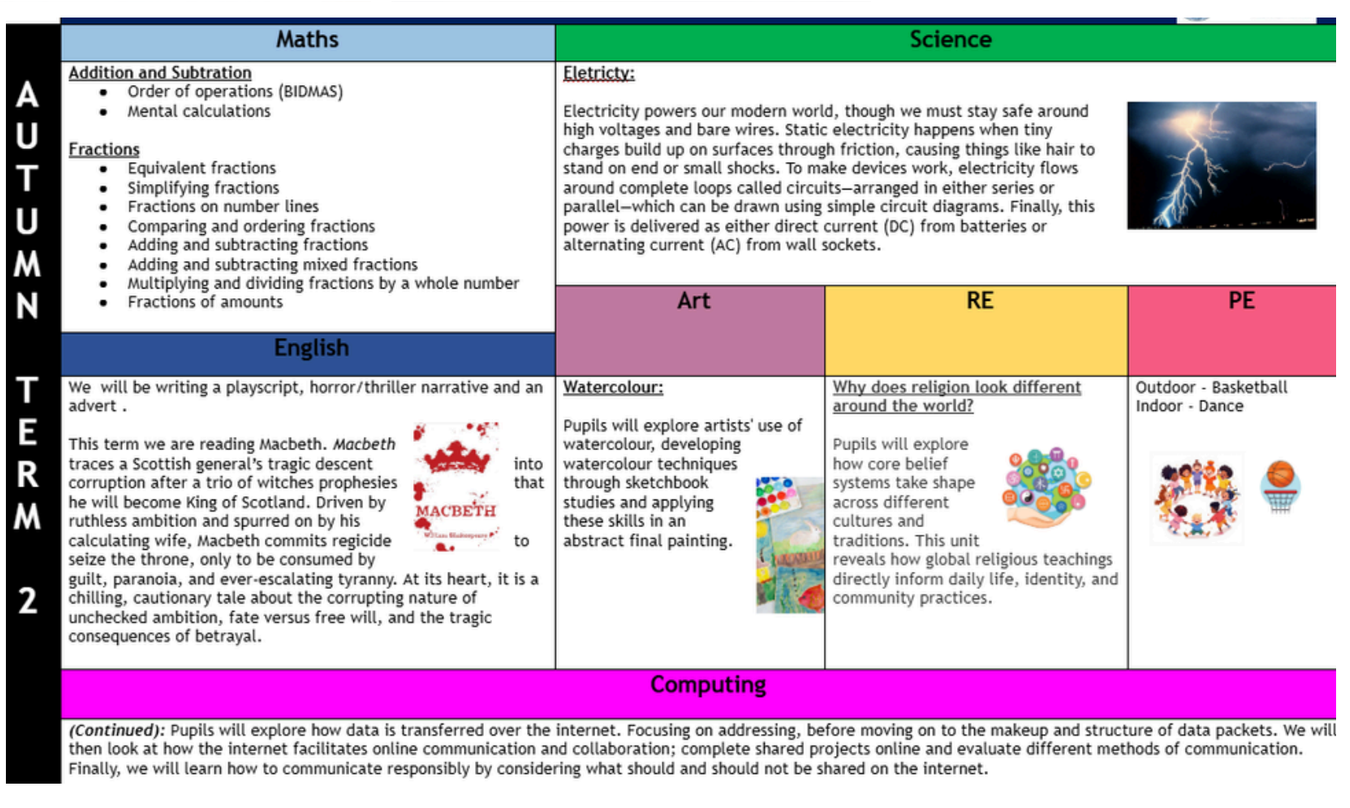




YEAR 6

The Year 6's have hit the ground running over the past two weeks! We have loved watching them get into character while reading Macbeth aloud, embracing the drama and tricky Shakespearean language with real enthusiasm! In writing, they have also explored the nuances of playscripts to inspire their own modern-day retellings of classic scenes from the play and we have been blown away by the fantastic pieces they've been creating.

In maths, everyone worked hard to master BIDMAS and the order of operations, before refreshing their fraction skills at the end of the week, readying them to learn about multiplying and dividing fractions in the days to come!





SchoolHire

Our School Hall and Muga are Available to Hire!

Looking for a venue for your next event or celebration? Our school hall is available to hire! Whether your'e planning a birthday party,community event, group activity or special occasion, our hall could be the perfect space.

Our Hall provides a versatile facility to meet your requirements whatever your needs. Its flexible options have made it popular to hire in the Islington, London area for many different types of events. Potential uses include meeting room, conference room, dance studio and parties.

The Hall has full sound & lighting facilities, making it fully functional whatever your needs are.
Based on your requirements the room could be set up in a number of different ways, so please include full details on the booking request.

Our lettings are open 7 days a week during termtime and school holidays. There is ample parking available onsite and our friendly staff are always available to help.
All our facilities can now be booked online with each facility page having detailed information about what we have available. Should you wish to clarify anything, please use the messaging feature available on the facility page.



