

Whitehall Park School

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Friday 19th March 2021

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Message from the Headteacher

Choose to be kind, friends, choose to be kind:
Not duplicitous, not two-faced,
Not passive-aggressive, not dishonest,
Not spiteful, not cowardly anonymous.
Have good grace, bring out the best, don't stress.
When faced with a choice, choose kindness.

Choose to be kind friends, choose to be kind:
Being kind is generous, offers dividends.
The opposite of kindness leaves a bad taste.
Regret is sour, wofls the years, is a waste.
Things you wish you'd not done or said: madness!
When faced with a choice friends, choose kindness.

Choose to be kind friends, choose to be kind:
Not violent, not bullying, not out for revenge.
Don't nurse a grievance, or gang up with mates
You wish to impress, or lie about your motives
For causing such total distress.
When faced with a choice, chums, choose kindness.

Choose to be kind pals, choose to be kind:
Don't exclude, don't send people to Coventry!
Think for an extra second, step back, step away,
Or surprise yourself by doing something truly lovely.
Be benevolent, be trusty, be friendly, be sound.
When faced with a choice, pals, please be kind.

Choose to be kind friends, choose to be kind:
Where ever you are, on or off line, see what you find?
In the street, in your classroom, kindness glows and it shines
At home or away, winter, spring, night or day.
Today you know for sure you won't need a reminder.
When faced with a choice it's kind of better to be kinder!

'Kinder' by Jackie Kay an extract from her book,
'Ten Poems of Kindness'



Dear Parents, Friends and Community,

Two full weeks with all pupils in schools!

I am delighted to have welcomed back all our children on 8th March. There is a sense of normality amongst the safety precautions in place. The pupils are happy to be back and have created some amazing work this week. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing staff who have worked hard to settle the children back into the school routines, reassure them and making sure they can fully access their learning. We thank you for your continued support and trust in us keeping your children safe.

This newsletter is the last one we will have before we break up for the Easter Holidays on Wednesday 31st March. You would have read from my previous communication that two highly valued member of our school community Miss Powell and Miss Fynaut will be leaving us this term. They have worked really hard over the years and built strong and positive relationships with the children and families and will be sorely missed. Once lockdown restrictions are lifted, we will organise a BBQ in the woodland area which will provide everyone with an opportunity to say thank you for all their hard work. We wish them both the very best for their new adventure!

On the last day of term, we will have a really fun Easter day- this will be based around our famous Cockerel restoration. We will be holding a lovely Easter Bonnet Parade to celebrate all together! The school will close at 2pm on 31st March 2021.

I wish you all a lovely and restful weekend,

Best wishes,
Helen Tyler

Easter Holiday Play Scheme

Hornsey Lane Community Centre are offering Holiday Playscheme from Tuesday 6th April to Friday 16th April 2021. Open 8.30am to 5.30pm to all families. Cost £20 and free lunch from Lunch Bunch will be provided for all children.

Activities include Easter egg hunt, chocolate art, crafts, games, table tennis, film afternoons, cooking, outdoor activities and much more.

They will also be offering free lunches for families in need over Easter who do not attend the play scheme.

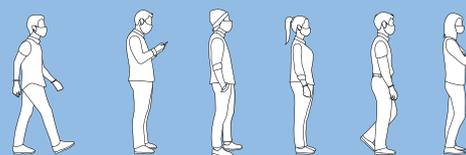
Please contact Irene to register your family in advance on contact Irene on 0207 272 5938 or email Irene@hleca.org.uk



Pick-Up Time

Please ensure you collect your children at the allocated time. Teachers will start dismissing the children providing parents are respecting our one-way queuing system and are wearing a face-covering.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe!



Parking on Private Drives

We have received a number of complaints from neighbours living opposite the school regarding parents parking in their private drives. This is not acceptable and they will be reporting future incidents to the Police or the Council. Please be respectful and mindful of our local residents, especially at busy times.

Easter Break

Last day of term will be Wednesday 31st March. Children are not required to wear uniform.

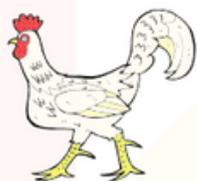
Early staggered pick-up times for this day will be sent closer to the time. We will have a fun-filled day with lots of Easter activities and an Easter bonnet parade!

SAVE THE COCKEREL

WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH

We are asking children to get creative at home by making an Easter Bonnet or dressing as a cockerel! We will have winners in each class. Bring £1 to be entered or make a donation at

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/savethecockerel>



With huge thanks to Amy Pollard for organising the cockerel restoration!



Office Phone Hours

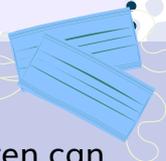
Please be aware that the Office Phone is available from 8.00am to 4.00pm. If you are calling out of Office hours, please leave a message or you can reach us by email.



COVID-19 Home Testing Kits

Households with school age children can now receive twice weekly lateral flow tests. This is for asymptomatic testing only. Children should not be tested; however, any adults can use the tests.

More information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>



After School Club



Summer 1 – 2021 - Activities

	Reception Sage	Year 1 Jasmine	Year 2 Chive	Year 3 Rosemary	Year 4 Clove	Year 5 Chamomile	Year 6 Cinnamon
Monday	Multisports	Duplo	Spanish	Tennis	Spanish	Minecraft	Boxing
Tuesday	Stay & Play	Multisports	Zumba	Arts & Crafts	Art & Meditation	Capoeira	Minecraft
Wednesday	Play Dough Making	Arts & Crafts	French	Scrap Book Making	Tennis	Art & Meditation	Capoeira
Thursday	Zumba	Stay & Play	Meccano & Lego	French	Minecraft	"Skills for Life	Golf
Friday	Duplo	Puzzle Making	Scrap Book Making	Spanish	Capoeira	Basketball	Freeflow

Our Extended Schools Provision will resume on Monday 19th April 2021, running until the end of term.

We are still operating on a year group bubble system to ensure bubbles are not mixing. We are hoping to return back to normal in September. Fingers crossed!



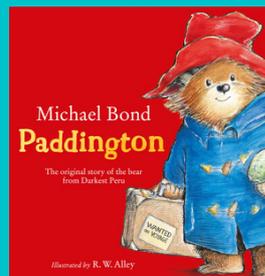
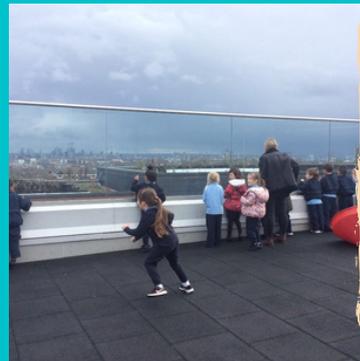
These clubs will be available for you to book on SchoolsBuddy from tomorrow, Saturday 20th March 2021. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Angela on extendedschools@whitehallparkschool.org.uk or 0207 561 0113 ext. 2



Celebrations from EYFS



In Reception, we have been looking at London landmarks and we had a go at spotting them on our school roof. We have been focusing on the story of 'Paddington Bear' by Michael Bond, and have made observational paintings of Paddington, created Paddingtons using paper plates and we have really enjoyed making and tasting our own made marmalade sandwiches.



In Maths we have been learning about repeating patterns. We have recreated and created the patterns using colour cubes and shapes. We have also learned about what 'length' and 'height' are and how to measure them. Using non-standard units we have been measuring everyday objects and different sized Paddington bears.

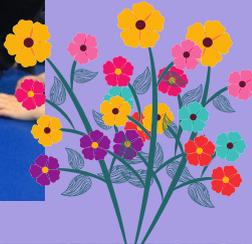
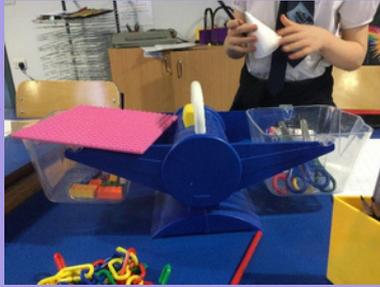


Celebrations from KS1

Last week in maths, Year 1 were focusing on weight and mass. We used key vocabulary such as 'heavier', 'lighter' and 'balanced' to discuss different objects around the classroom. We then went on to explore different types of scales and what they are used for.



Year 1



This week in Year 1 we have started learning about plants and flowers. On Monday, we went outside into the woodland area and planted out own seeds. We will be continuing to watch our flowers grow by carrying out some observations for the coming weeks.



In Art we used oil pastels to recreate pictures of the great fire of London. We discussed what colours to use and what patterns to make. Afterwards, we blended our colours together to make a fire effect.



In Drama, we re-enacted putting out the Great Fire of London! We had fun using freeze frames to convey how we might be feeling and we would be doing.

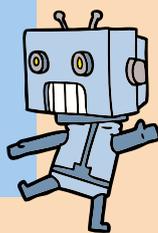


Year 2



Robot Fun Workshop

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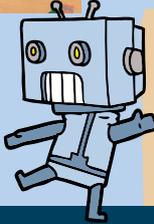
Celebrations from Lower KS2



Year 3



Year 3 have also had the chance to enjoy learning Capoeira from a brilliant external instructor and it has been wonderful watching the children grow in strength and flexibility after just two sessions. All children have participated in learning handstands, bridges and soon they'll be cartwheeling home!



In English, the children loved dressing up for World Book Day and have thoroughly enjoyed our new class text, *The Wild Robot*. To fully immerse the children, they had the chance to complete some independent research on robots and some have created some beautiful presentations on PowerPoint to share with the class.

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In Maths, we have begun working on fractions, and children are growing in confidence in identifying different unit-fractions, and finding fractions of amounts.

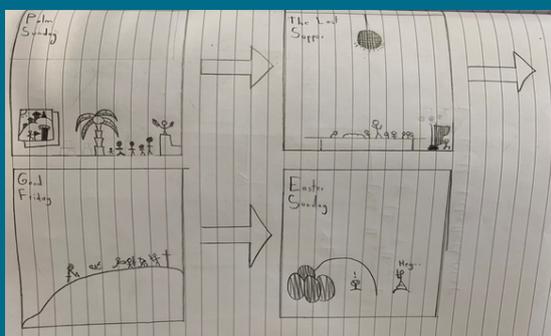
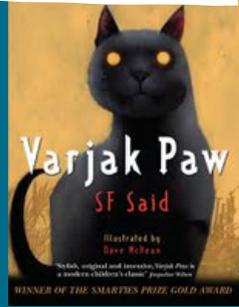
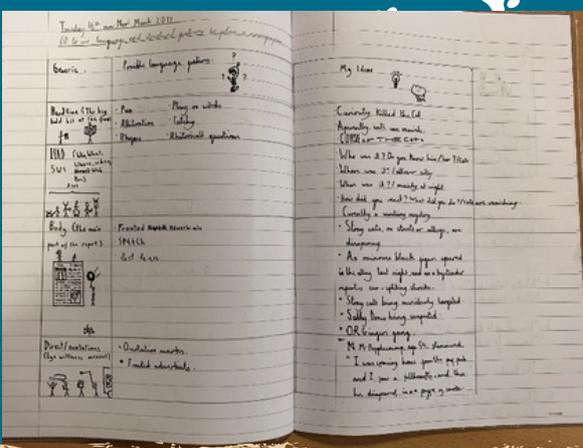
This week in English the children identified features of a newspaper article. Then they planned and wrote their own newspaper articles based on 'The Vanishings' of cats in Varjack Paw. Children produced ambitious and entertaining pieces of writing which incorporated all the key features of a newspaper article. I believe we have some budding reporters in our midst!

This week we have been learning about the Easter Story in RE. The children produced a wonderful story map of the key events and discussed what they knew about Easter and what it meant to them.

Year 4



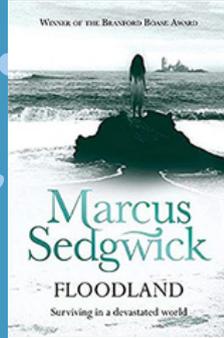
In Geography, the children have been learning where food comes from and what is fair trade. The children produced some fantastic persuasive posters on why it is good to buy fair trade produce.



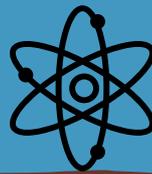
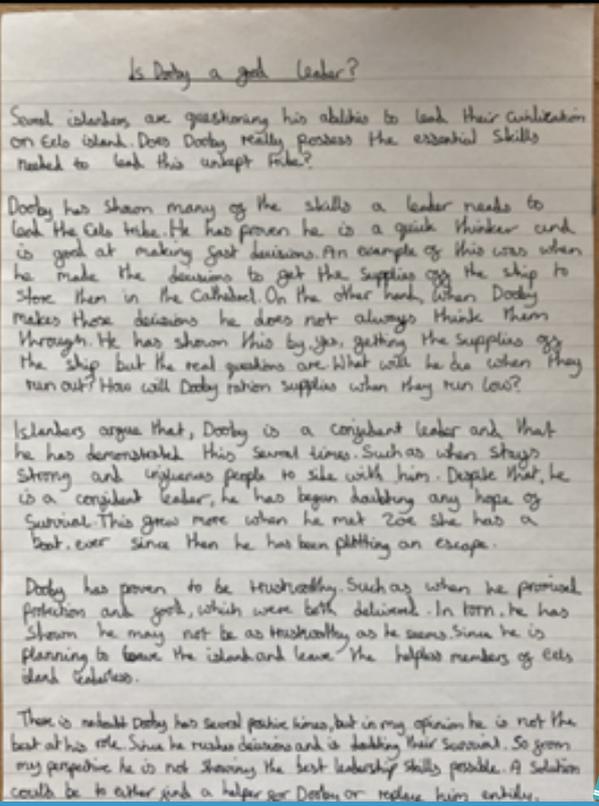
Celebrations from Upper KS2

Year 5

In English, the children's writing focus was to write a discussion text. Their discussion was linked to our current novel, Floodland, and they explored the question, 'Is Dooby a good leader?'



The children successfully wrote a balanced and formal piece of writing and most of the children concluded that Dooby needs some support with leading the Eels!



For British Science week, the children created straw rockets and investigated if the length of the nose cone impacts the distance the rocket travels.



Last week, we thoroughly enjoyed our workshop by Big Foot Education. Adrian showed us the importance of protesting and how powerful it is. We learned the difference between being morally and lawfully wrong. Through this, we understood why protests may happen and the positive impact it can have to make change. We were also taken through time, as we learned how different black figures fought to provide equal opportunities and inclusiveness.



Year 6



GOLD AWARD



We are always incredibly impressed with how well our children are doing at school and are so proud of their achievements. Each week we celebrate our achievements in our Golden Book assembly, where we celebrate everyone's green behaviour and learning and even award exceptional learning with special stickers and certificates!



Reception

Martha - Sage - for demonstrating amazing behaviour and cooperation with peers and adults in the class. She has been trying very hard with class activities this week!

Minh- Sage- for his great start this week listening to instructions, following the class rules and his brilliant sounding out in phonics!

Leyhan- Parsley- for really impressing me this week with his effort in Phonics. He has stuck at his phonics, giving it 100% and has focused so much better this week. Well Done Leyhan!

Genisia- Parsley- for really impressing us this week with her "Can do " attitude. She has settled back into school routines so well and has contributed in all lessons. Well Done Genisia for showing such a fantastic attitude towards learning.



Year 1

Asia- Lavender- for working independently and pushing herself to do more.

Vesta- Jasmine- Amazing progress in writing! Always using her green pen to check her learning too!



Year 2

Samara- Basil- For her beautiful independent writing!



Year 3

Emmanuel - Thyme - For how kind and supportive he is to the rest of the class. He always cares for and looks after children when they are upset, and always wants to make people happy. He has also today made a fantastic effort today in Maths!



GOLD AWARD



Year 4

Jack- Myrtle- For creating a wonderful version of Andy Warhol's "Soup Cans".

Oscar- Myrtle- for making a brilliant fair trade poster and did a wonderful piece of Andy Warhol Art.

Amal- Clove- For settling in beautifully into life at Whitehall Park School and providing some very insightful contributions to our workshop this week.

Mimi-Myrtle- for having so much fun creating a piece of art all about andy Warhol. She said she really enjoyed being able to work freely to express her opinions and styles. Brilliant Mimi!

Axel- Myrtle- For Showing perseverance and determination with fractions in Marths this week. Well Done Axel!



Year 5

Christian - Chamomile - for having settled back into school extremely well. He is polite, always ready to learn and his work has been to a high standard! Well Done Christian!



Year 6

Gabriel - Nutmeg - For a positive attitude across the curriculum!