

Whitehall Park School

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Friday 28th May 2021

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Friends and Community,

I can hardly believe we are in the final week of this half term with only one more half term to go before the end of this school year! It has certainly been like no other year (well maybe similar to last year in many ways) and we are so grateful to have such a positive and supportive parent body and wider school community at Whitehall Park during this strange time.

It has again been another week of impressive learning for the children. I have loved reading the suspense writing from Year 6; hearing the next adventures for Year 3 as they engage with Philip Ridley's novel, 'KrindelKrax'; seeing the joy in Reception as they use their addition and subtraction skills to play 'Go Fish'; hearing the amazing facts Year 1 can share about Brazil; being amazed at the challenging weight problems Year 4 are undertaking; seeing how expert the children in Year 5 are becoming at interpreting graphs and reading the thoughtful and touching letters Year 2 have written. They should be so proud of their achievements!

Please find the reviewed Risk Assessment attached to the email of this newsletter. You will see some things have changed but the vast majority of things still remain the same. Local trips will be able to take place next half term along with a limited number of trips further afield for certain year groups linked to their topic learning. Thank you so much for adjusting to the new drop off and collection procedures. We trust you have found this more straightforward. We know it is still frustrating that you can't speak to teachers at the start and end of the day in the same way you could prior to the pandemic. Every school across the country (and probably most of the world) is in the same place although the circumstances for each school is different. We truly hope that things may return to 'normal' from the Autumn term which will make things much more straightforward for everyone.

We still have a number of children bringing toys and other inappropriate items to school which is causing upset when they go missing or are taken off them. We are aware that some have been brought in without parent approval or knowledge so, can we ask that you ensure your child/ren is NOT bringing anything to school that they shouldn't be when they are dropped off/leave home each morning please? If any item is taken off your child, it will not be given back to them but will be handed directly to you so you can follow this up with them at home. If your child walks home alone, you will be asked to arrange a time to come and collect the item. Thanks so much for supporting us with this as it is taking up unnecessary time for staff dealing with the upset and arguments which takes away from valuable learning time.

Many thanks to the teachers and office staff who have worked so hard to complete the writing up of the Structured Conversations. We hope they have been a useful record of the conversations for you.

We are hoping to have an update regarding Ms Tyler and a possible return date as soon as possible. BPET CEO, Mark Greatrex, will write with further information as soon as this is available.

Please remember that school begins again on Monday 7th June at normal times.

Wishing you all a restful, enjoyable and (hopefully) sunny half term week! We look forward to welcoming you for the final half term of the school year.

Mrs Sally Quartson and Mrs Nicola Coyle

PE Timetable for Summer Term 2

Reception: Tuesday and Thursday (no change)

Year 1: Wednesday and Friday (no change)

Year 2: Tuesday and Thursday (no change)

Year 3: Monday and Wednesday

Year 4: Monday and Wednesday

Year 5: Tuesday and Friday

Year 6: Tuesday and Wednesday

Please ensure children are wearing their PE kits to school



Lost Property



Please ensure that all your children's belongings are clearly labelled with their name. We have a lot of unnamed articles of clothing that have yet to be claimed. We will keep these onsite until the end of term where we will allow parents to look through them to retrieve their belongings. Any unclaimed clothing will be donated to a charity.

In the meantime, we urge you to label your children's uniform and outerwear so it is easy to return to your child.

Half Term Play Scheme

MAY/JUNE HALF-TERM

PLEASE NOTE: We will close between 1:00pm-2:30pm. Children will need to be collected and taken home for lunch. We will not be offering Lunch Club this holiday and no food will be permitted on to the playground. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Cornwallis Adventure Playground

Contact Michael Shah, Playwork Coordinator on 02072810094 or visit <https://awesomtheadventureplay.org/>



| | Week 31st May 2021 | Monday 31st May | Tuesday 1st June | Wednesday 2nd June | Thursday 3rd June | Friday 4th June |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Morning 10:30am-1:00pm | | CLOSED | First Day Free Play/Arts and Crafts | Capture the Flag | Among Us | Fire Friday's |
| Indoor Play Area | | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED |
| Afternoon 2:30pm-5:30pm | | CLOSED | Spring Gardening (wildflowers and what they mean) | Football/Numbers | Arsenal Kicks | The Flying Seagull Project NEW SHOW!! |

COVID-19 Updated Risk Assessment

We have update our risk assessment in line with government policy and guidelines regarding COVID-19.

(The risk assessment is attached to the email of this newsletter)

Extended Schools Provision

We still have some available spaces in our breakfast club and after school club provisions.

If you would like further information regarding the available activities, please contact our Extended Schools Leader, Miss Angela, on extendedschools@whitehallparkschool.org.uk or 0207 561 0113 extension 2.

Personal Information Changes

Please ensure you inform the Office of any changes to personal information to ensure our records and Arbor are up to date. This includes:

- Address
- Contact information (email, mobile, telephone)
- Dietary changes
- Allergies or health conditions



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Panathlon Challenge

This year Reception up to year 3 Competed in the Panathlon Challenge virtual event! This year children took part in skilled based activities which was aimed to inspire young leaders and develop confidence and self-belief in each individual. Take a look with how happy the children were with their certificates!



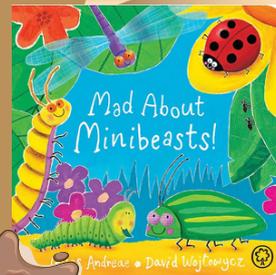
Year 3 Swimming

Due to uncertainties throughout the year, Thyme and Rosemary class finally got to go swimming! Throughout the whole of May both classes attended two afternoons a week and I couldn't be any more prouder of them all. Well done Year 3!

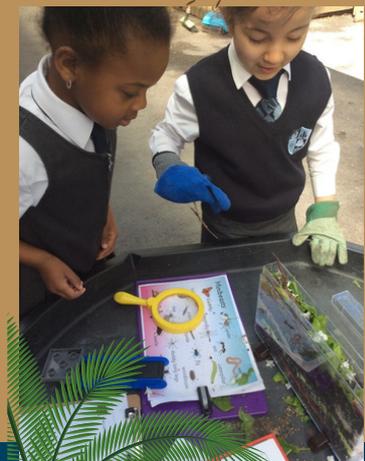


Celebrations from EYFS

In Reception we have been learning about mini-beasts. In Literacy we read the stories 'What the Ladybird Heard' and 'Mad About Minibeasts'. We wrote about which mini-beasts we liked and why and created our own paper plate mini-beasts in the creative area.



This week we have been learning about fruits in Reception. We read the story Oliver's Fruit Salad and afterwards created our own fruit kebabs with our favourite fruits.



Celebrations from KS1



Year 1



For PSHE, we drew a picture of our friend and celebrated our differences. We then used water colours to paint them!



By Alice G

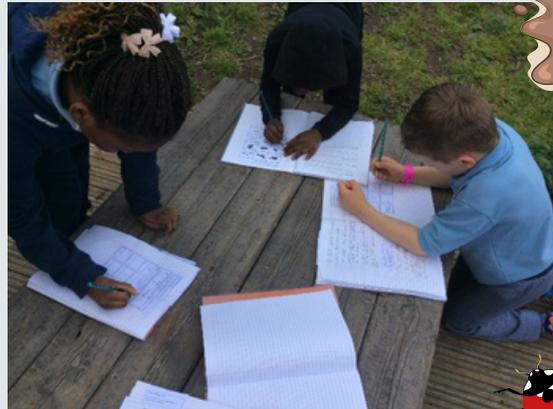
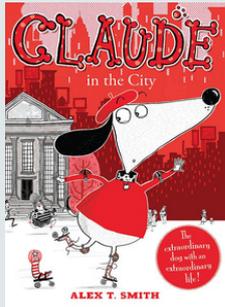


By Archie W



This week in maths, Year 1 have been comparing and ordering numbers to 20. We have been re-capping this topic to ensure that we understand the value of numbers. We correctly ordered a huge number line that was mixed up.

In English, we have been continuing with our book 'Claude in the City'. We made freeze frames of different scenes in the book and thought about what the characters were doing and how they might be feeling. We then made a 'conscience alley' and had to put forward our arguments whether Claude should tell the truth or carry on pretending to be a doctor. This helped us write our amazing apology letters this week!



Year 2



In Science this week, we have been looking at different habitats. We went for a mini beast hunt in the woodland area to find where different creatures like to live. We found lots of wiggly worms!

Celebrations from Lower KS2

Year 3

To consolidate all our learning on India this half term, year 3 had the pleasure of welcoming guest speaker, Nishi, to speak to us about her life in India.

We heard all about the Taj Mahal, animals (did you know India is the only country in the world to have BOTH tigers and lions?) and schools.



We also tried some delicious popadoms, naan and rice!



Year 4



This week in English, the children critically analysed One Plastic Bag and the children identified what they liked and disliked about the text and any patterns and puzzles. From these articles the children deduced key information to help them form the basis of a persuasive tweet. The children wrote some amazing and thought-provoking tweets on the plastic crisis and how the population should do more to resolve the predicament the planet is currently in.



The children have been learning about what a mandir is, what Hindus do there and the Hindu terms such as murti, arti, prasad and puja. The children have also compared Hindu worship to other religions and noted the similarities and differences.



This week in maths, the children have been solved a multitude of challenging problems involving measurement. The children have identified the key components of the questions and adopted a systematic approach and used a range of strategies to ensure they uncover all possibilities.

Celebrations from Upper KS2

Year 5

In English we have been reading our new class book, *Running on Empty*. Each chapter we read, we realised that AJ was recounting his memories. We reflected on some of our favourite memories (we created memory boxes for our home learning to support this). We looked at the features of each chapter and created a success criteria for our writing. The children wrote excellent short narratives to entertain!

In Geography, we became travel agents! We chose a place in the Caribbean where we felt tourists would want to visit. We loved learning all about the top tourist attractions and presenting the information in a leaflet.



Tower Of London

The scariest thing that ever happened in my life was when I was taken to a place that I never thought I would ever go. I was 7 years old at the time and I went to a dark, creepy and rusty tower as dark as space. In fact, it may be as dark as a black hole! Now when I remember, I should have never went there anyways. At first, I was excited but now, I want the feelings wiped away. None of the moments felt real.

As I walked through the dizzy spiral staircase, the steps squeaked like mice. It was so old it felt as if the windows (next to the stairs) would shatter any moment! It looked exciting. I loved adventures. Holding onto the hand-rail, I felt something hard hit my head, it was a rock. Where did it come from? Is the staircase going to break?

After that, I saw these old and grey jail cells with carved pictures (how did they do the carving when they are in prison?). I asked the workers if people tried to escape. Shockingly, they did. We weren't allowed in the cells which made me devastated. I really wanted to go in and explore. That was the moment that I decided to explore myself.

This is the worst part of all, I got lost! My heart skipped a beat and I panicked. What made me angrier, was the teachers weren't looking for me. I had to find them by myself. I was so agitated! I wish I didn't go exploring. I needed to find them.

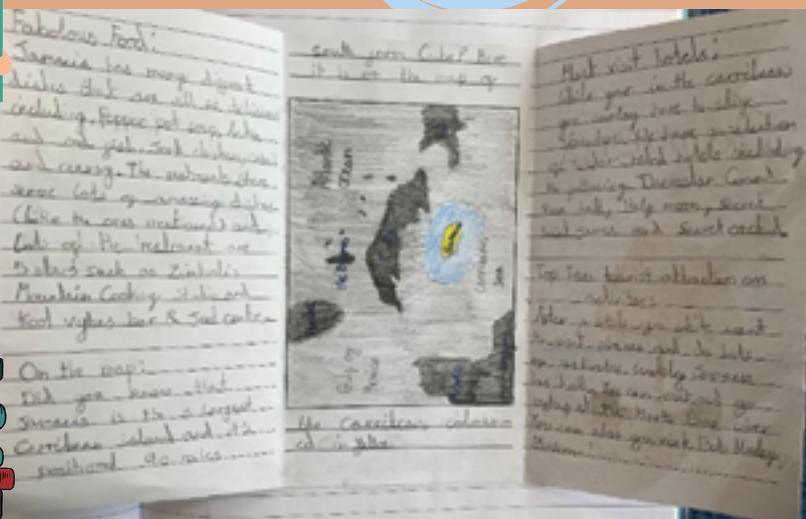
Luckily, I found my class next to a statue. "Where were you?" My teacher asked.

"I got lost!" I told to my teacher.

"Well, come on then." She said.

Now, I promised myself to never and I mean never go there. I still get nightmares today but, I hope they go.

By Saima



Year 6

Over the course of this half term, Year 6 children have enjoyed gymnastics and tennis.



In gymnastics, we were taught a variety of skills that we used in our group presentations. Particularly, we enjoyed using the frame and wall bars to show off different shapes that we could do.

In tennis, we were taught how to use a racket correctly and how to serve. Further to this, we learnt under arm swings and passing safely to our partners.



"We really enjoyed having professionals in to teach us this half term!"

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

Antonio - Sage - For demonstrating his growing confidence in class discussions about minibeasts.

Lake - Sage - For being very confident in using tricky sounds in writing and for trying hard to make own sentences.

Megan - Parsley - For showing fantastic resilience with her learning this week.

Zainab - Parsley - For showing a more independent attitude towards her learning.

Year 1

Oliver - Jasmine - Fantastic effort across all subjects and setting an example.

Jack - Jasmine - For excellent Maths learning

Maria - Lavender - For making excellent progress in her writing.

Joshua - Lavender - For settling in really well in class and making new friends.

Arlo - Lavender - For working well independently.

Year 2

Max - Chive - For his efforts in his learning and really trying to improve his writing.

Daniel - Chive - For his amazing explanations in Maths.

Tehray -Basil - for his fantastic listening and completing all his learning.

Eliza - Basil - for writing a fantastic letter based on our book Claude in the city



GOLD AWARD

Year 3

Eve - Rosemary - For always having amazing behaviour for learning and being kind.

Alfie - Rosemary - For a hugely improved attitude to learning

Kai - Thyme - Bravery - Kai presented to the class about his dyslexia and was really thoughtful and professional.

Oliver - Thyme - For showing great independence and initiative each time he completes a task early - no learning time wasted!

Rifat - Rosemary - For always following school rules; especially being gentle, being calm and following instructions immediately.

Archie - Rosemary - For his amazing joined up handwriting.

Year 4

Joca - Clove - Writing a thought provoking and insightful persuasive tweet on the current plastic crisis

Freddie - Clove - Writing a thought provoking and insightful persuasive tweet on the current plastic crisis

Alex - Myrtle - Writing a thought provoking and insightful persuasive tweet on the current plastic crisis

Ava - Myrtle - Writing a thought provoking and insightful persuasive tweet on the current plastic crisis

Year 5

Oscar - Chamomile - For always putting in 100% effort! Well done, Oscar.

Ben - Chamomile - For always being the first ready to learn and being respectful at all times.

Ernie - Mint - For always making the right choices all the time.

Year 6

Avigail - Nutmeg - For writing an exceptional suspense narrative.

Rady - Nutmeg - For being a team player and always supportive.

Lola - Nutmeg - For exceptional front cover design!

Kanye - Nutmeg - An improvement in his learning behaviours.

Lewis - Cinnamon - For great behaviour and showing good progress