

Whitehall Park School

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Friday 18th June 2021

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Friends and Community,

It has again been another busy and exciting start to the final half term, full of inspiring learning in every year group!

I have loved sharing the amazing progress and wonderful achievements of the children with the Interim Headteacher, Ms Beatrix Simpson. She spent Wednesday and Thursday at the school so I could complete a handover to her and so she could start getting to know the staff and children. She will be here for the remainder of the academic year to support Ms Tyler who will return as soon as she is recovered. Ms Simpson is a very experienced Headteacher and she is looking forward to getting to know the community over the coming weeks.

Following the recent announcement from the Prime Minister about delaying moving to the final stage of opening up the country fully, the current Risk Assessment will remain in place until September. This will impact a number of events we had provisionally planned for the end of the school year, including Sports Day. Unfortunately, parents and carers will not be invited to attend Sports Day this year.

While I am looking forward to returning to my own school, I leave Whitehall Park with very mixed feelings – I am thrilled to have been able to get to know your amazing and inspiring children and the committed and dedicated staff but I am also very sad to be saying farewell. It has been an experience that I will hold very dear and I look forward to returning and catching up with everyone soon.

Thank you so much for welcoming me into the community and the support you have shown over the past 8 weeks.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend! Take care of yourselves and each other! :)

Mrs Sally Quartson

Healthy Packed Lunches

If your children are having packed lunches please ensure they contain healthy foods and snacks. Any unhealthy snacks such as crisps, chocolates and sweets will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Please also ensure lunches do not contain nut products as we have multiple children with severe allergies.

BX Sports Summer Camp

Coach Jack, Mr Kavanagh, Coach Antony and the BX team are delighted to bring you the return of holiday camps this Summer. We are offering multi activity (not just sports!) and football camps this Summer

We have three weeks of camps available –

Week 1 – July 26th – July 30th

Week 2 – August 2nd – August 6th

Week 3 – August 9th – August 13th

9.30 - 3.00pm

Optional early club (8.30am start = £6) and late club (4.00pm finish = £6). £10 for both (daily rates).

£120 for the full week. £30 per daily space.

Contact Details:

Email: bxactivities@gmail.com

07903039735 or 07718316331



Class Photos

Class photos will be taken on Monday 28th June. Please ensure your children are in full school uniform (including tie and blazer), looking smart and presentable.

Year 4 Myrtle Class: pupils must come to school wearing PE kit and have uniform in their bag which they will change into after.

Year 4 Clove, Year 3 classes and those doing sports clubs must come to school wearing school uniform and will change into their PE kit after photos.

Things To Remember

- Please ensure all items of uniform, including PE kit, are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Please ensure that you have completed a Walking Home Alone permission form for your child if they walk home alone. Those in Year 4-6 are granted permission by Senior Leadership Team
- For safeguarding reasons, please ensure your child is not left unattended at the gate in the mornings. Breakfast club is available to book through Ms Angela extendedschools@whitehallparkschool.org.uk

Sport Day 2021

Coach Jack is pleased to announce that sports day has been confirmed for Friday 16th July at St Aloysius Sports Field. Unfortunately, due to the recent extension of the lockdown, families and friends are unable to attend. As much as we'd love the support and excitement, we need to keep everyone safe and follow guidelines.



Well done to the Year 5 and 6 girls who took part in the Islington schools sports competition. Despite little preparation, the girls great teamwork showed on the pitch. Out of 4 matches, the won one and drew two. Well done! A great effort!



Last week I climbed the scaffolding for the first time and got to know the cockerel. The poor bird was very dirty and black from pollution. Moss was growing in the cracks and insects had made their homes between the paint flakes.

Instead of a skeleton of bones, this bird has an iron frame inside which is rusting. The paint was very thick and peeling. Despite this it was hard work to remove and it was very hot on the scaffolding too



This week...The paint has almost gone. I have only got the head and feet left to clean. The mosaic tiles need a different type of cleaning process. There are over 100 tiles missing, we thought there were only 24! They fall off very easily.

Next... I will finish cleaning and look at the cockerel's broken wing and its rusting armature.

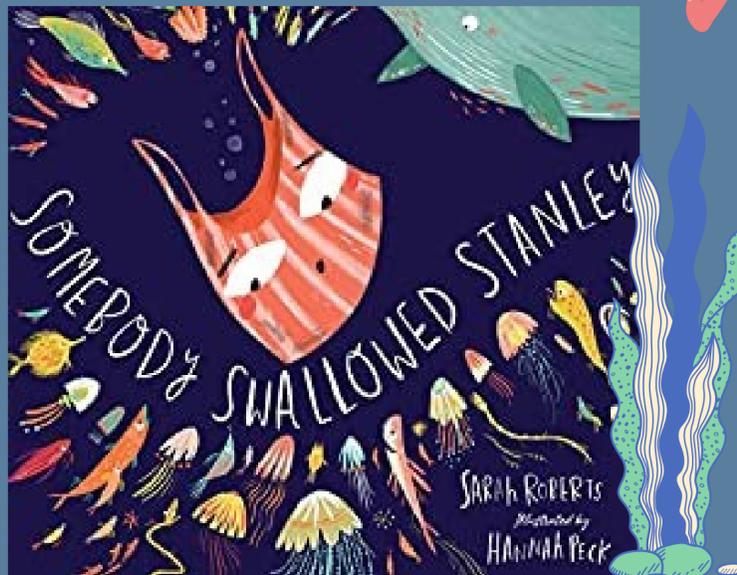
Until the next update...Cock-a-doodle-doo!

-Amy

Celebrations of EYFS

This half-term we have started our new topic Under the Sea. We have been finding out about range of different sea creatures and different marine life. We read the stories Commotion in the Ocean, Tiddler and Rainbow Fish, which we sequenced the story of.

Making the Rainbowfish using celery sticks



We have also started looking at how to protect our oceans from plastic pollution. In Literacy we have focused our learning around the story Somebody Swallowed Stanley.

Role playing Pirates in our Under the Sea area



Celebrations of KS 1

Year 1

Last week in maths, we explored tens and one using different representations including cubes and money.



We also had great fun becoming Max and the Wild Things from 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We acted out the story and got into character through role play.

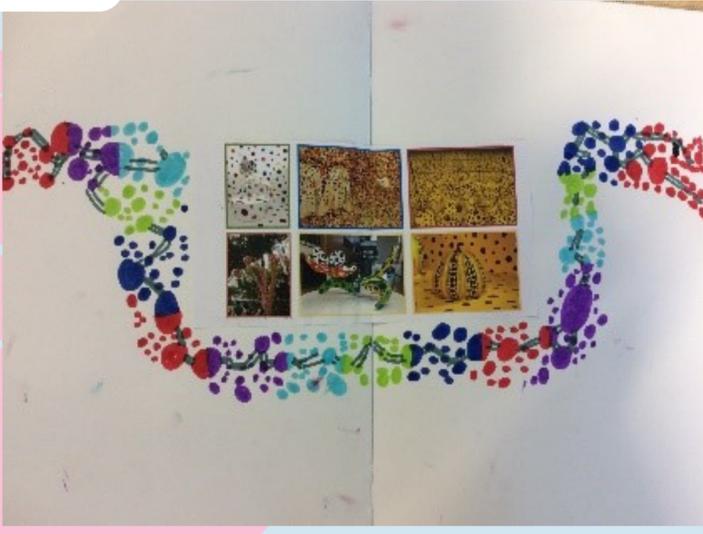


Finally, we were lucky enough to have a special visit from the Capoeira teacher. It was super exciting to have a taste of the Brazilian sport whilst keeping ourselves fit and healthy!



This week in Year 2, we have been looking at the Japanese contemporary artist, Yayoi Kusama. We learnt about her background and the different artworks she has done. We loved the way she uses dots to create colourful pieces and tried to recreate some ourselves.

Year 2



We also we went on a treasure hunt to find gold! We had clues hidden all over the school that lead us onto the next location. Can you guess where the gold was hidden?



 With clothes of green
And bark of a dog
Search me for the goods
I sleep like a log



Celebrations of LKS 2

Year 3

Wednesday 16th June 2021
 LO: Plan
 The angry storm
 The colossal, ashen storm like horraging Zeus
 The emerald, bushy trees swaying like galting horvains
 The pouring storm
 The wild, wisetting wind as cold as ice
 The ample damaged boat as soaked as a frog
 The raging, furious wind like ZUES and posiden being
 a boxing battle to death (or at least for one day)
 The threatening, norislorus wind.

The rain whipped at the ship and its mast fell into shreds.
 Wednesday 16th June 2021
 LO: Plan
 The storm was as turbulent as the north pole!
 The furious, ghoulisn scus threatened to explode!
 The howling wind blew throun my ears.
 The spighlening storm went as fast as a rocket!
 The dismal, hostile storm raged and pulled a tantrum that made the
 earth shance!
 The storm raged boomed as if reuss had thrown millions of thunderbolts
 The ghoulisn, sneaky boat scared the hell out of me.



Year 3 have really got into character for their new book *The Green Ship* this half term. We are learning about all things plants and ships. We have drafted some incredible high-level vocabulary and put this into poems, as well as composed percussion for Wellerman (Sea Shanty) by Nathan Evans.



Year 4

This week the children had a Zoom on sustainable architecture by one of our parents in Year 4 Chloe Van Der Kindere. Chloe is an architect and a lecturer. During her Zoom with the children, she told the children how construction creates 38 % of pollution. Furthermore, she told the children how the extraction of raw materials is ruining the environment for example animals' habitats and landscape etc.



Chloe showed the children a range of mesmerising buildings made from recycled materials. Then she answered a multitude of questions from the children.



Also, this week the children had a Zoom with Chandra (Hindu priest) who spoke to the children about the mandir, the different deities and the different Hindu celebrations.



In English, this week the children have analysing *The Great Kapok Tree* and discussing their like, dislikes, puzzles and new knowledge. We have spoken extensively about deforestation and its impact on the planet. The children conducted their own research on deforestation using a range of sources and compiled their own concept map using MindMeister.



Celebrations of UKS 2

Year 5

In English we have started our new book – The London Eye Mystery. Last week the children created flyers to persuade tourists to visit! The children worked hard to think of important information tourists would need and facts/ information which would persuade them to visit.



In History, the Year 5 have been learning about the reasons why the Anglo-Saxons came to England. They used their map skills to locate the seven kingdoms on the map.



Year 6

Year 6 have started filming their show. Due to the whole COVID situation we realised that a traditional Year 6 production wouldn't be possible – so filming seemed to be a great solution. The children are taking control of a lot of the aspects of the work, including the filming, editing and organization.



We are using a green screen so that the children's backgrounds can be used instead of set backdrops. Initial results are good –we still have a long way to go. You will see the result at the end of term!



GOLD AWARDS

RECEPTION

Emile - Parsley - For showing independence more in class and an eagerness to write.

Phillippa - Parsley - For thinking carefully about her answers to questions in Guided Reading.

Nina - Sage - For her contribution to the class discussions about the Earth and sea pollution and her lovely poster 'I hope the Earth gets better!'

Ali - Sage - For always being polite and kind member of the class. This week Ali has impressed us with his reading! Keep it up!

Jake - Sage - For his impressive reading and taking part in a story discussion during a Guided reading session.

Nora - Sage - For being a sensible pupil in the class and a fantastic helper with younger peers.

YEAR 1

Matthew - Jasmine - Being so caring and considerate at all times

Kirah - Jasmine - Amazing progress in reading and writing

Lass - Lavender - For great focus and making effort towards his work

Olmajer - Lavender - for great concentration and making great effort.

Nadine - Lavender - For working independently and contributing to class discussions confidently.

Maria - Lavender - For consistently showing improvement in her subject and gaining confidence to contribute in class discussions

YEAR 2

Sahsenem - Basil - For always being resilient towards her learning

Jahwon - Basil - For completing his learning independently

Chihiro - Chive - Always showing respectful behaviour

Umut - Chive - For trying his best in every lesson

GOLD AWARDS

YEAR 3

Well done to the following children in Rosemary:

Rifat, Nazir, Sharan, Jack, Karim, Jaedon Raphy, Eva, Emerson, Molly, Archie, Eleanor, Alfie, Michael, Laura, Amelie, Lewis, Jasper, Beau, Rafa, Saara, Emir and Vincent -

For their incredible behaviour for learning this week allowing them to master multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100, as well as writing incredibly descriptive poems about a storm in *The Green Ship*.

YEAR 4

Lucy - Myrtle - Always extending her own learning and always putting her best effort into her work.

Amine - Myrtle - Making great efforts in his short multiplication learning this week. Keep it up superstar.

YEAR 5

Tiarah - Chamomile - For taking responsibility for her learning and completing all work set to a high standard!

Saima - Chamomile - For writing a detailed police report in chronological order and using effective conjunctions of time throughout.

Hazel - Chamomile - For always trying her best and writing a spectacular diary entry in role using excellent vocabulary.

Amiira - Chamomile - For working extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum and accelerating progress.

Ardil - Mint - For concentrating hard on his work

George - Mint - For excellent behaviour

YEAR 6

Liam - Nutmeg - For starting to ignore distractions and make good choices.

Emily - Nutmeg - For showing confidence and resilience!

Zhiane - Nutmeg - For an improved attitude and mindset!

Daisy - Nutmeg - For trying her hardest across the curriculum.