

# Whitehall Park School

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## Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am overjoyed to have been given the guardianship of Whitehall Park School. To be able to lead such a motivated team that shares the vision 'Learn, Enjoy, Succeed' is an absolute privilege. The staff are dedicated, passionate and will ensure that all children shine. I look forward to working with the staff team to ensure we continue to deliver a rich, engaging, and challenging curriculum, surrounded in a culture where the ethics of excellence are the norm. We will endeavour to ensure every pupil and person involved in Whitehall Park reaches their full potential. The potential to unlock the best from our pupils is limitless! I look forward to engaging with parents, carers, local businesses, local nurseries and secondary schools to build a fantastic community, all of whom support the development of each and every child who attends the school.

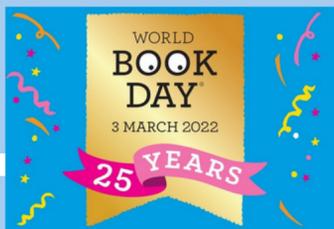
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Now that covid restrictions have been lifted, we will be closely monitoring attendance and punctuality to ensure that all our children attend school every day and on time. Pupil attendance is vital to a successful education in primary school as this is the foundation for lifelong learning. This week, we started whole school assemblies once more. It was so lovely to have all the children together again to celebrate their achievements in the celebration assembly. We have also begun awarding trophies for the class with the highest attendance, you can see the winners below.

We have lots of exciting school events coming up. It is Comic Relief Day on Friday 18th March. We will be selling red noses and inviting children to dress up as superheroes to raise money. On Friday 25th March, we will have a Spring music festival to celebrate the wonderful musical talents of the choir, orchestra and every child in the school. We will be having an Easter Bonnet parade on Friday 1st April, starting at 1.30pm and we would like to invite you to join us. Children will be designing an Easter bonnet (more information to follow) and will be singing and there will be a cake sale organised by Year 6. We will also launch our new school song that the talented Mr Bell has been writing with the Year 6 children. We are so excited to share it with you.

We wish you all a lovely weekend. See you on Monday!

Ms Hatch, Mrs Coyle and Ms Seymour



## We Need Your Help!

We are eager to find out if any of our wonderful parents run an art business or are artists. We want to meet with you to discuss ideas to develop and demonstrate just how creative our children are. If this sounds like something you are interested in please email [admin@whitehallparkschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@whitehallparkschool.org.uk) with your details so we can arrange a meeting.



## Fundraiser for Ukraine



In light of the humanitarian disaster unfolding as a result of the invasion of Ukraine, our Y6 fundraising captains, Neiko, Nina and Tiarah, are organising an 'own-clothes day' next **Friday 11th March**. To participate, children should come in wearing either clothing or accessories representing the Ukrainian flag colours in solidarity with the victims of the violence.

We have created a fundraiser on the school's Justgiving page where you can make a donation of behalf of your child to participate in the day. We recommend at least £1, but know that our school community will have many passionate families who would like to donate more, so there is no limit. Of course, you may also send your child in with loose change/money to donate on the day.

The money raised will be donated to CARE international, a large charity working directly with children and families who have fled the conflict and been made refugees. CARE is one of the top 15 charities recommended as fundraisers and aid workers by the UK [Disasters Emergency Committee](#)

[Click here](#) for the link to donate whatever you can spare. We will try and take a whole school photograph on the day to share with you all.

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We showcased our Wonderland to the Islington Tribune. You can read the article [here](#).

## Islington Tribune



## Things to Remember

- Office phone lines are open from **8am-5:15pm**. If you are calling outside of this time please leave a voicemail or email [OfficeTeam@whitehallparkschool.org.uk](mailto:OfficeTeam@whitehallparkschool.org.uk) and will follow up your query.
- Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their names. If you are missing any items of uniform, please check the lost property box located near the Office.
- Please ensure you book your children's school dinners on the Scopay app every Wednesday for the following week. Remember to inform the Office of any dietary changes.
- Term dates for next academic year are available to view [here](#).



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# COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



This is presented to

## WHITEHALL PARK SCHOOL

To thank the school community for its amazing and generous efforts to collect food, toiletries & household goods for Food Bank Aid. We are so grateful. Thank you!

MARCH 2022

[www.justgiving.com/foodbankaid](http://www.justgiving.com/foodbankaid)



### Beat the Street

Islington is going to be transformed into a giant game and our school is invited to play!

Beat the Street is a free, fun, walking and cycling game which gets staff, pupils and their families out and about in the local area, having fun and keeping healthy. The Islington game runs from **23rd March to 4th May 2022**.

Beat the Street is designed to get children and communities moving by helping people to make small changes, such as walking or cycling to school every day, to improve health and help embed physical activity into everyday life. So far 1.5 million people and 4,000 schools have taken part in games across the UK and beyond. Evidence shows that the programme really helps adults and children become more active.

More information on the instructions of the game will be sent out soon.

### BX Activities Sports Camp

This Easter, the BX Activities Super Camp will be returning! We have an action packed, fun filled week planned to keep your children active over the Easter period! We have both our football and Multi activity camps running, both packed full with exciting activities! We will of course have our inflatables returning along with plenty of daily challenges and our huge Talent Show!

Monday 4th April – Friday 8th April 9.30 - 3.00pm  
Our camps are for all children from Reception – Year 7

Optional early club (8.30am start = £6) and late club (4.00pm finish = £6). £10 for both (daily rates). £120 for the four day week. £30 per daily space.

Email: [bxactivities@gmail.com](mailto:bxactivities@gmail.com)  
Call: 07903039735 \ 07718316331



## YEAR 6 BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Friday 25th March - 3.30pm  
WPS Playground  
See you there!



## Fun French Holiday Course Club de Pâques



seasonal games & crafts  
cooking & fun in French

Mon 4th - Fri 8th April  
9.30-12.15

For ages 5-10 Beginners & native  
all welcome

Held at Cufos - N10

£30 each morning  
£135 for the week  
Siblings/friends discount

[clairemurat@talktalk.net](mailto:clairemurat@talktalk.net)



# EYFS

In EYFS, this term our topic is transport, so that we have created a new role play area in our class- a bus and travel agency. Children have been taking turns as a bus driver, travel agents, passengers or customer.



Children are encouraged to use the correct language when booking for holiday or buying ticket for their travel. After learning about the modes of transport, in our creative area we have created our favourite transport using various medium.



Some are asking to travel to familiar places including Highgate, Archway or library, whereas others are being very adventurous and book a trip to the places where they have never been to such as South Pole, Afghanistan or Australia.

# Year 1

The beginning of term started off well with our first proper outing to Hampstead Heath. We explored different plants and flowers that grow locally. We had a great time running around in the sun and had a slightly muddy picnic.



In English, we began exploring our book Jack and the Beanstalk through role play and creating stick puppets to help us remember the story. in D&T We have looked at different fruits and vegetables and learnt how to classify which group they belonged to.



# Year 2

Year 2 had such a wonderful time in Wonderland on Thursday. We started our day by designing cupcakes and making props to go with our costumes. We then showed off our amazing outfits at the Wonderland Fashion show.



We travelled through wonderland (the school corridors) to help us create our own shape poems. Our lunchtime was filled with e tea party, croquet, and a white rabbit hunt. We also got to explore the reading area and complete lots of Alice in Wonderland themed activities. We ended the day with some Wonderland inspired squiggle art.



# Year 3

In English, our class book is Leon and the Place Between. One of our first tasks was to put together jumbled up pictures from the book to help us remember the story!

As our topic in Geography this half-term is the Alps, we used atlases work out how many countries the Alps are spread over.

The costumes in Year 3 were incredible for World Book Day! As well as tonnes of reading, we drew some cupcakes for the March Hare, the Mad Hatter and Alice herself!



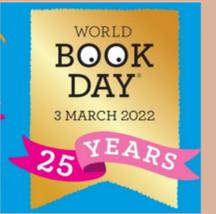
# Year 4

Last week in Year 4, we wrote poems in the style of Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain but about bringing the children back to Whitehall Park School. We then performed these to the class.

In Science, we started our topic on sound by making harmonicas using lollipop sticks, elastic bands and paper.



On Thursday, it was World Book Day and our corridor was decorated in a Queen of Hearts theme!

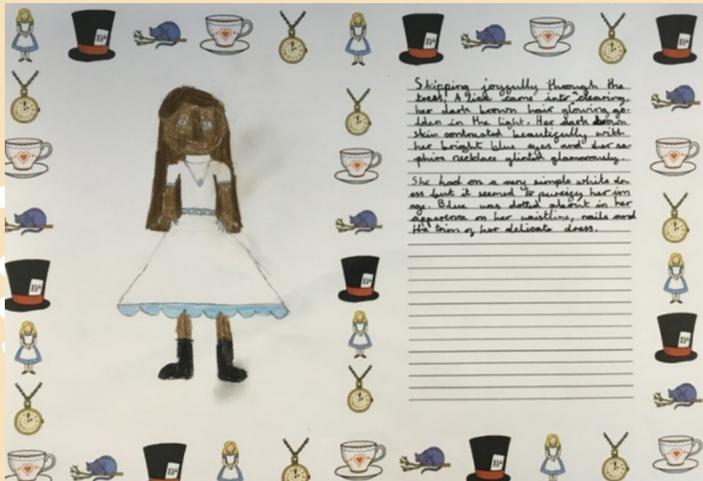
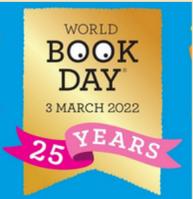


Year 5 have started rehearsals for the Spring Music Festival! We were lucky enough to be visited by Mr Bell who taught us what a melody and an accompaniment is. We were focusing on rehearsing the melody and worked together to sing to the best of our ability



For World Book Day, the children looked at how the image of Alice has changed over time since she was first created in 1865 by Lewis Carroll. They then created their own version of Alice and wrote a character description. In the afternoon, they worked hard to create a whole class tunnel book representing a unique mixture of storytelling with three-dimensional art. The children were also very excited to see their queen of hearts decorations in action!

# Year 5



# Year 6



Last week, Year 6 visited the Museum of London Docklands to kickstart our new topic on Trade and Interconnectivity. The children enjoyed exploring the once beating heart of London's trading port and enjoyed learning how it has now been transformed into a financial district. The visit gave the children a better understanding of the role of trade, how it has changed and the way it connects us to other countries.



One of the galleries the children visited specifically explored the role of London in transatlantic slave trade and colonialism. The children particularly enjoyed: examining artefacts, looking at maps, using interactive displays and completing the challenges set. Overall, a fantastic day!



The children have really enjoyed World Book Day and in particular the fact that this year it was unique as it was Alice in Wonderland themed. The children really enjoyed dressing up, doing Alice in Wonderland themed art, and enjoyed recreating life-sized cards of the guards to decorate our corridors. In addition, the children loved the Alice In Wonderland themed lunch and activities.



Just a quick reminder that all homework is set on Google Classroom and Century. The homework will embed concepts taught in class and will be set on a Friday and handed in on the following Friday.

Lastly, our new book for English this term is Skellig. Please enjoying reading and exploring this book at home with your child.



# Class Attendance

Class	Year Group	Attendance
Sage	EYFS	100.0%
Parsley	EYFS	92.7%
Jasmine	Year 1	98.9%
Lavender	Year 1	94.9%
Chive	Year 2	96.9%
Basil	Year 2	92.8%
Rosemary & Thyme	Year 3	95.5%
Myrtle	Year 4	97.8%
Clove	Year 4	87.5%
Chamomile	Year 5	94.1%
Mint	Year 5	92.3%
Cinnamon	Year 6	94.0%
Nutmeg	Year 6	75.3%

# Gold Awards

Lea - Reception Sage - For start coming to school on time.

Sara - Reception Sage - For beginning to express her opinion confidently during whole class discussion.

Clara - Year 1 Jasmine - Clara has settled in brilliantly to Year 1, She has done some fantastic Maths learning and tried really hard to write a story in English. Well done Clara!

Zainab - Year 1 Lavender - For trying her best in all lessons and listening to instructions to become independent

Maria - Year 2 Basil - For amazing World Book Day writing

Bo - Year 2 Chive - For using magic manners!

Samuel - Year 3 - For always showing compassion and respect to everyone around the school!

Mickey - Year 4 Clove - For always being a compassionate child

Melanie - Year 4 Myrtle - for great resilience with her learning

Joca - Year 5 Mint - For modelling excellent behaviour and for pushing himself to go deeper into his maths work.

Miley - Year 5 Mint - For modelling excellent behaviour in class and always going above and beyond in R.E, Geography and History.

Fifi - Year 5 Mint - For showing a great deal of kindness in class and producing an excellent and funny play script about Henry VIII playing tennis.

Ilias - Year 5 Mint - For an excellent piece of Diary writing and leveling up his English work significantly

Selin - Year 5 Chamomile - For always showing compassion to others.

Mimi - Year 5 Chamomile - For an excellent character description of the Highway Man, using metaphors and similes!

Felipe - Year 6 Nutmeg - For being a great ambassador, tour guide and for adopting a resilient attitude to his studies despite a challenging assessment week.

Billie - Year 6 Cinnamon - For being a brilliant responsible ambassador for the school when out on a school trip