

Whitehall Park School

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Friday 27th May 2022

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Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly we want to share with you that Miss Seymour will be leaving us at the end of the Summer term. We are very excited for her as she has been successful in getting a new role as Head of School. I am sure you all will agree this is a wonderful opportunity for her. What a busy week we have had. While visiting the children in their classrooms, it's been a joy to talk to them about their learning. Our children are confident in voicing their opinions in how we can improve what they learn in school.

"I would like us to be able to go abroad on trips, just imagine then what we would learn"
"I think we should have houses across the school, we could then choose names for them"
"This lesson is so interesting, and I get to share ideas with my friend who is my Talk Partner"

Children have been not only engaged in their learning but have been out on trips, competed in local sports matches, and had a visit from a speaker in assemblies and to the school council. Today we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by having parties. What fun we had, and it was extra special to be able to open our doors to the wonderful parents too. Thank you all so much for joining in with the celebrations. We must also say an extra special thank you to PTCA, who kindly paid for a special gift for each child to commemorate the day. We hope every child enjoys sowing the Sunflowers seeds to help the Bird and Bees. We would love to see pictures as they grow so do email them via the office so we can make a display.

We wish all our families a wonderful (and hopefully sunny!) chilled half term. See you back at school on Monday 6th June.

Ms Hatch
Headteacher



Pupils Compete in Race for Life

A big well done to Molly, Ceylin, Emir, Shanez, Jack, Beau and Grayson for competing in the Muddy Race for Life for Cancer Research.

On behalf of Molly, thank you for everyone who generously sponsored her run. She has raised almost £1500 and doesn't plan on stopping there!

Please continue to share her link and donate whatever amount you can

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/mollys-race-for-life-19484>



Cricket Competition

On Wednesday, the Year 6 girls travelled to Wray Crescent Park for their Cricket Tournament. Considering the battling conditions with the rain, the team spirit was high with every catch, hit and bowl receiving a cheer from each other. The girls powered through and finished the top of their group progressing to the semi-final where they lost by 6 runs. Well done girls, you should be proud of yourselves!

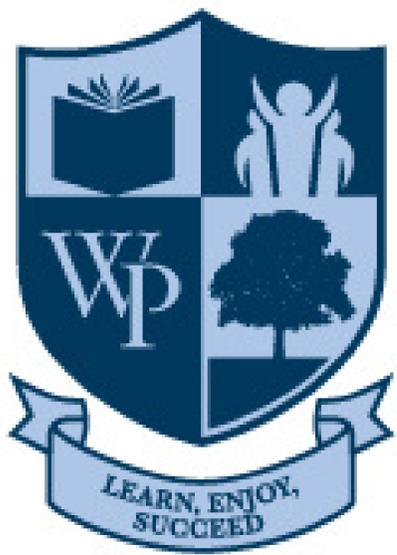
On Friday the Year 5/6 boys travelled to Wray Crescent Park for their Cricket Tournament. Opposite to the girls conditions where the boys were battling being in the sun all day! Coming up against some very strong teams, the boys were resilient and battled but unfortunately couldn't get out of their group. Well done boys, we'll get them next time.



Coming Up...

- **Monday 6th June** - PGL (22/23) talk for current Year 5 Parents
- **Wednesday 8th June** - SLT Coffee Morning 9:05-9:30am
- **Wednesday 8th June** - Year 3+4 Quadkids Athletics Tournament (more information to follow)
- **Friday 10th June** - Year 6 Swimming lessons begin
- **Friday 10th June** - Year 4 Orienteering Trip
- **Friday 10th June** - EYFS Fantastic Friday





Community Notice Board

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Summer holiday fun for 4-10s

'Let's have fun' said Peter Pan and that's exactly what your child will do this summer as they fly off to Neverland on an adventure with Tinker Bell, the Lost Boys and Captain Hook.

We'll add a sprinkle of Perform fairy dust, imaginative costumes, songs and original music as your child stars in a wonderful show for family and friends.

Your child will enjoy:

- Three or five full days of drama, dance and singing
- Energetic friendly team of actors, dancers and musicians
- Colourful performance on the last day for friends and family with original music and costumes
- Personalised certificate of achievement for every child

How to book

To book or find out more, call 020 7255 9120 or visit perform.org.uk/peterpan

Course T-shirts are required at a cost of £8.50. We offer a 25% discount for siblings attending the same holiday course at the same venue. Payment can be made by credit/debit card or childcare vouchers. See our website for Terms & Conditions and our refund policy.

*Owing to class size restrictions, Highbury is priced at £380 for five days. Your child should bring a water bottle and a nut-free packed lunch.



Venues

Three Day Courses £285 (10am-3pm)

Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th August
Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th August
Notting Hill

Five Day Courses from £365* (10am-3pm)

Monday 25th – Friday 29th July
Beaconsfield, Blackheath, Chiswick, Clapham South, Hampstead Garden Suburb, Highbury, Kensington, St John's Wood, Wimbledon and Winchester

Monday 1st – Friday 5th August
Ealing, Earlsfield, East Dulwich, Hackney, Richmond, Sevenoaks, St Albans, West Hampstead and Wokingham

Monday 8th – Friday 12th August
Beckenham, East Finchley, Eastcote, Fulham, Hammersmith, Kensington, Primrose Hill, Tufnell Park, Twickenham and Wanstead

Monday 15th – Friday 19th August
Battersea, Chiswick, Clerkenwell, Dulwich, Highgate, Kensal Rise, Kensington, Primrose Hill, Richmond and Sevenoaks

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th August
Barnes, Chelsea, Highbury, Muswell Hill, Oxford, St John's Wood, Streatham and Wimbledon



— Thank you for making it such an enjoyable few days, the performance was really magical.

Selina Vernal



WPS Summer Fete

Those of you here last year will know that we go into partnership with Chancellors estate agents in Highgate each year to advertise the WPS Summer Fete and their brand. They will give us £10 per board that we put up.

If you are willing to have a board outside your property for about four weeks (three weeks before and one week after the Fete) can you please provide your address details plus any instructions (ie don't nail board to the fence etc) to y.kitova@ucl.ac.uk Some people last year had more than one property in the area and so managed to put up more than 1 board.

Boards are a great and easy way for the PTCA to fundraise. It's a really easy and quick win for us as a committee and gives us a head start on bringing in money and interest from the Fete.

If you have any questions please contact us via the Office: admin@whitehallparkschool.org.uk

perform.org.uk/peterpan

020 7255 9120

May Half-Term Holiday Camp - JB Sports

Coach Jack and Coach Ryan brings you our fantastic MULTI -ACTIVITY camp to Whitehall Park School!

Along with a wide range of fun activities such as football, archery, dodgeball, arts and crafts, dance and many competitions, we want to give memories and experiences to the children which means we will also have some special guests/events in addition throughout the week.

Dates: Monday 30th May - Wednesday 1st June

WhatsApp: 07359 176067

Email: info@jb-sports.co.uk



Free Swimming Lessons - May Half Term

Swimming is an important life skill that will help enable children to safely enjoy the water for a life time. Throughout the school holidays and in partnership with Islington council, BETTER are offering FREE swimming lessons to children that live or go to school in Islington, between the ages of 4-16 years of age.

These lessons are available to children who have not yet attained the key stage 2 swimming outcomes, which are:

- Swim competently confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25m
- Use a range of strokes effectively
- Perform safe self-rescue in different water based situations

The lessons start in May Half term and will consist of lessons for 4-16 . The lessons will run daily and the times and venues are:

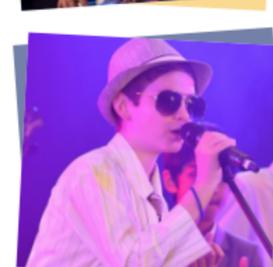
- Archway Leisure Centre – 8.30am – 10.30am
- Cally Pool and Gym – 9.00-11.30am
- Highbury Leisure Centre – 9-11am
- Ironmonger Row Baths – 10am-12pm



The sessions are available to book now and the deadline for entries is 30th May. Please email to apply for places on the swimming course or to make further enquiries - Summer.lessons@gll.org

Forest School Presents
**Year 5
Rock & Pop
Day 2022**
Saturday 18th June
10am - 3.30pm



Our Rock and Pop Day is an amazing opportunity for budding drummers, guitarists, bassists and vocalists!

Using our outstanding music facilities, pupils will participate in specialist sessions working on instrumental/vocal technique guided by expert musicians who are members of the Forest School Visiting Music Staff and working alongside senior pupils. They will spend time working in groups as bands, learning how to rehearse and play in ensemble, before experiencing the thrill of rocking it out in a short scratch concert at the end of the day!

There is no cost – it is **free** for participants.

A hot lunch and snacks will be provided during the day.

Participants must be in Year 5 and should already be having lessons on their instrument/voice. This event is not designed for total beginners.

- Guitarists must bring their own electric guitar and lead
- Bassists must bring their own bass and lead
- Drummers must bring their own sticks
- Amps will be provided
- Drum-kits will be provided





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EYFS

Reception had a farm-tastic day! We went to the Freightliners farm to consolidate our learning about this term topic 'All Creatures Great and Small'. We saw lots of farm animals including chickens, goats, cows, pigs, geese and rabbits, were able to touch them and learnt some interesting facts about all of them. Did you know chickens can lay green eggs, not only light brown coloured eggs?



The male pigs have tusks whereas the females don't. We were also very creative in the farm and made our very own candle using beeswax. In addition to this, we consolidated our understanding of road safety when travelling to and from the farm as well as had an excellent day with our friends!



Year 1

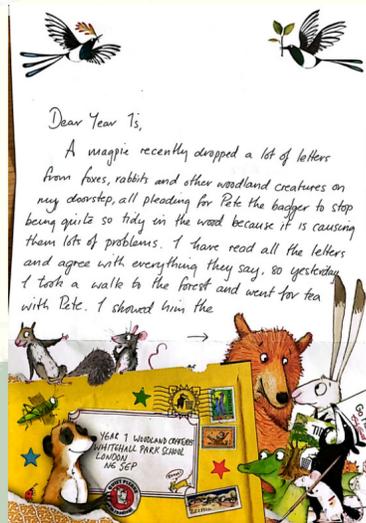
In Year 1 we practiced our measuring skills in Maths. We measured out the ingredients in grams and millilitres to make gingerbread cookies. They were delicious!



We finished off our Art module on landscapes by creating our own water colour landscape paintings. We thought carefully about the horizon line, foreground and background.



We received an exciting letter from the author Emily Gravett in response to our letters that we wrote to Pete the Badger.



letters, and he was quite upset because he hadn't realised the effect his tidying up was having on everyone.
We talked for a long time and he told me to tell you that from now on he promises to leave anything alone that belongs in the forest but will still pick up plastic and other rubbish. He also thanks you for taking the time to write.
All best wishes
Emily Gravett
x Pete the Badger

Year 2

Well done to all of year 2 for completing all their SATS. We are so proud of your resilience that you showed during those tough couple of weeks.



In Maths this week we have been busy learning all about fraction! We started our week with some fun fractions games. This included fraction island, name fractions and 4 in a row. We then look at fractions of numbers and how to solve them.



Year 3

We went a bit "flower power" in Year 3 and made tie-dye t-shirts! Everyone got super excited and creative! Groovy, man!



In English, we've been writing newspaper reports about those who were fortunate enough to escape the wrath of Mt. Vesuvius. We interviewed the lucky ones that managed to flee Pompeii!

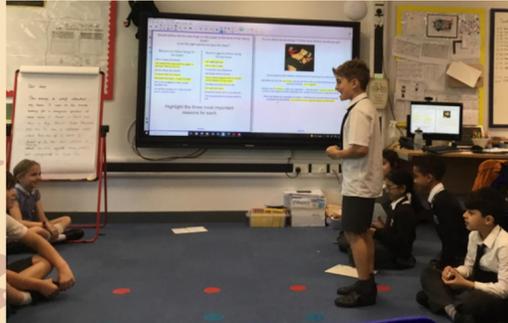
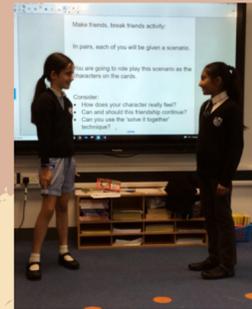


In Maths we have been learning about angles. See Myrtle displaying an acute and reflex angle!



In PSHCE we have been talking about friendships. We put our acting skills to the test and acted out conflict and resolution skills within friendships!

Year 4



We have also made crowns for the Jubilee on Friday!

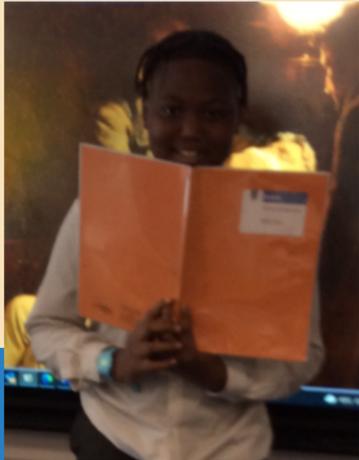
Having a class debate in English on whether Arthur should go on the adventure!



This term Year 5 have been learning about the Victorian period. They have researched various Victorian inventions, learning about how they work and how they changed the world. On Wednesday the children got into role as their inventors, pitching various inventions to their teachers. They had to discuss the problem their invention would solve and just how their invention would solve it, as well as the market their invention would reach.

Year 5 also explored both 2D and 3D shapes in Maths, we can see here Amal exploring various nets and Alfie looking at how to construct a Pyramid.

Year 5

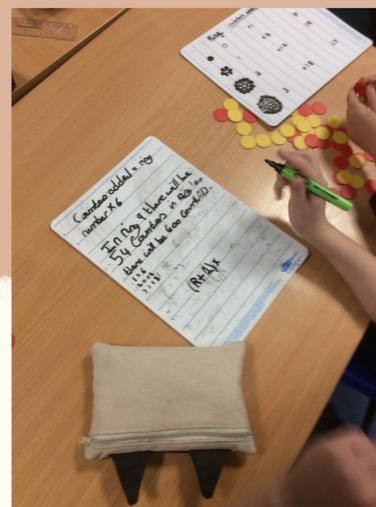


Sienna made a wonderful dragon puppet.

This week Year 6 had a mental health workshop to commemorate mental health week last week. The children expressed how they felt and scribed their thoughts on an elastic band which was compiled into an elastic ball of emotions. The children also explored their learning environment both in the class room and the school and described what it is they like about both settings and what makes them calm.

The children have also started a computing project this week using Scratch. The children are designing a game for Year 2 children.

Year 6



The children were investigating hexagonal numbers today using educational resources from Cambridge University STEM organisation rich. This investigation challenged the children to find an algebraic expression to how the number of counters in a ring increased. We got really close and the children explored how brackets altered the outcome of the formula.