



Whitehall Park School

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Friday 15th March 2024

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Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such a fun couple of weeks at Whitehall Park School. Yesterday Parsley Class had a great trip to Freightliners City farm and last week we all really enjoyed dressing up as our favourite book character to celebrate World Book Day! There were lots of fun book related activities planned throughout the school and we all had a great time! We love reading at WPS! A special thank you to Ms Dellner, as Reading Lead across the school, she organised a Reading café for each class to take part in, promoting children's love and enjoyment of reading.

Next week our Year 6 cricket team will be taking part in the Grand Final of the William Greaves Trophy, the largest indoor cricket primary school competition in the UK. They did exceptionally well in winning the borough rounds and the semi-final day, and we wish them the best of luck for next week's competition.

Finally, I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the families who bought books from the Book Fair this week, our school benefits from a Scholastic Book Fair! Every book sold at your Fair can help to get free books for our school. Reading is paramount, and promoting a culture and a love of reading is really important to us at Whitehall Park School. We thank you for your support with this - through buying books and encouraging your children to read at home it really does make such a difference.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend

Nicki Coyle

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The next Fantastic Friday will be on **Friday 22nd March** from 9.00am to 9.15am. Please use the Hornsey Lane entrance. Parents and carers from all year groups are welcome!

Year 2 - Basil & Chive Class assembly **Tuesday 19th March** at 9am - Parents are invited

School Weekly Attendance

Basil	99.0%
Chive	97.2%
Myrtle	96.1%
Chamomile	95.2%
Clove	95.2%
Nutmeg	95.0%
Rosemary	94.7%
Lavender	93.5%
Cinnamon	93.5%
Parsley	92.4%
Thyme	88.3%



We invite you to be part of Whitehall Park School's Iftar for the second year! An evening to enjoy great food and company at the end of the fasting day observed by our Muslim community .

This will be an alcohol free event. Please ensure food does not contain any traces of pork or nuts. Any meat or chicken used must be 'halal'. Vegetarian/vegan options encouraged!



Tuesday 26 March
6:15pm-8pm
Whitehall Park School

SEN Training Sessions for Parents

- Friday 22nd March @ 10:00: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Friday 19th April @ 10:00: Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC)
- Friday 3rd May @ 10:00: Sensory Processing
- Friday 17th May @ 10:00: Zones of Regulation

Sign up for sessions here:

<https://forms.gle/T74MJN3u1gpymhz98>

It is **Neurodiversity Celebration Week** from **Monday 18th March**.

This is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurodevelopmental conditions and learning differences

Examples of famous neurodivergent people:

Richard Branson- Diagnosed with Dyslexia- successful business owner (Virgin), one of the worlds richest people.

Simone Biles- Diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)- Olympic gymnast in the USA.

Will.i.am- Diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)- Famous musician.

Billie Eilish- Diagnosed with Tourette's Syndrome. Famous music artist.

Greta Thunberg- Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Condition. Driving force for climate change, voted 100 most influential people and nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize.

Common autistic strengths



PASSIONATE
INTERESTS



INTENSE
FOCUS



ATTENTION TO
DETAIL



MEMORY



CURIOSITY



INTEGRITY



FAIRNESS



SINCERITY



LOYALTY



HELPFULNESS

THE ADHD STRENGTHS ICEBERG

WHAT PEOPLE
THINK ADHDERS
ARE GOOD AT:

talking
fast

creativity

WHAT ADHDERS
ARE ACTUALLY
GOOD AT:

learning

getting a lot
done in a short
amount of time

competitive
challenges

mastering
new hobbies

optimism

creating
something
beautiful

authenticity

changing
the world

unique
intuition

imagination

tackling new
challenges

problem
solving

brainstorming

crisis
situations

entrepreneurship

hyperfocus

working
under
pressure

risk-taking

forgiveness

sense of
humor

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National Height and Weight Measurement

Reception and **Year 6** children only - Tuesday 19th March in school.

Reception

This week, we went on an exciting trip to Freightliners Farm. We started our trip with a tour of the farm. We fed lots of animals including rabbits, goats and chickens! We were very gentle and tried our best to be calm around the animals. We then took part in a workshop where we planted different types of seeds.

We planted peas which will grow into pea plants and put some cress seeds on top. We will be bringing home our plants to watch them grow, we have been learning how to take care of plants and can tell you exactly what we will need to help their plant grow!



Year 2

Year 2 had such a wonderful day on World Book Day. We had so many different characters from Poppy Long Stockings to Goldilocks. The children loved creating their own book based on anything they wanted.

We spent the afternoon playing book based games before opening our own Reading Cafe. The children were served squash and biscuits while they read different types of books.



Year 4

Continuing our learning on sound in Science, we made paper cup telephones to see how sound travels through a medium. In our learning on Ancient Maya, we began making masks using papier-mâché.



Year 6

Year 6 have been continuing with their exploration of WW1. In art, we considered the impact of propaganda on British citizens and had a go at designing our own. We completed our journey by learning about the Treaty of Versailles and which countries were involved.

In R.E we learnt about Ramadan and why Muslims fast at this time. We also practised our singing performance which we very much look forward to sharing next week.

Year 6 will be doing their mock SATS from Monday to Thursday.

Year 1

This week in year 1 we have started reading the book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We have enjoyed rehearsing the story with lots of role play and actions to help us to remember the story. We have focused on reading this week and choosing different texts to enjoy. We loved our 'Book Cafe' in class for World Book Day.



Year 3

In PE, Year 3 have been practising how to pass, dribble and intercept in handball!

For World Book Day, we created a reading cafe. We really enjoyed getting stuck into our books with a good cup of juice!



Year 5

Year 5 have been very diligent this week whilst completing their assessments - well done Year 5 we are really proud of you!

Year 5 along with Year 6 have been working very hard on preparing a special performance for parents and pupils in conjunction with Ms White from Highgate School. Their singing has really blown us away and given us goosebumps. We can't wait for you to see them all you are in for a special treat. In PSHE the children are focusing on the unit of work 'Healthy Me'.

Last week, the children looked at the effects of smoking on the body. This week, the children will be looking at the risks of misusing alcohol, including anti-social behaviour and the effects of alcohol on the liver and heart. The children will be looking at some scenarios relating to alcohol and discuss how to make an informed decision in each scenario and resist peer pressure.

In RE, the children will be looking at how Christians try to embody Jesus in their actions and how different aspects of worship; silence, nature and being together, help Christians connect to God.

Last week, the children wrote amazing diary entries based on the novel The Diver's Daughter from the main character's (Eve) perspective. The children wrote about her excitement on the build up to the fair and how she nearly drowned when the boat capsized.

In PE, the children have been working hard on their hockey skills and have been passing and dribbling and even had some matches.



Easter Multi-Activity Sports Camp

with coach jack

Many sports such as

- Football
- Dodgeball
- Tennis
- cricket
- multi-sports
- and much more

Play:

- Arts+Crafts
- Board games
- Creative time
- Competitions
- and much more

As always the children will have a choice of activity if they wish not to participate in the special activities.

Tuesday: Inflatable Day (New inflatables)

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Thursday: Easter Baking+ Soft tip axe throwing and soft tip archery

Friday: Easter Egg Hunt+ Competition Day
Prizes to be won!

SPECIAL OFFER

Early Bird Offer

15% Discount

Code: PWN408

Valid until Sunday 24th March

DATES

TUESDAY 2ND APRIL

FRIDAY 5TH APRIL

LOCATION:

WHITEHALL PARK SCHOOL

START TIME: 9:00AM

FINISH TIME: 3:00PM

EARLY DROP OFF 8:30AM

LATE PICK UP 4:00PM

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SCIENCE of SURGERY

11am-4pm, Friday 12 April 2024

43-45 Foley St, London

FREE PUBLIC EVENT

Young Artists' Summer Show

2024

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–19 years and studying in the UK.

Students can submit one artwork for consideration which will be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. Selected artworks will be displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts. Prizes will be awarded to inspiring artworks across each key stage.

How to enter

From 8 January 2024, teachers will be able to register their school. Next, students, their parents/guardians or their teachers can submit artworks via the RA website until 27 March 2024.

Important dates

8 January – 27 March 2024
Registration and submission open

May 2024
Judging

16 July 2024
Online exhibition opens

16 July – 11 August 2024
Display at the RA open

Sign up and find out more
roy.ac/youngartists
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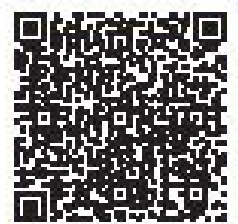
Holiday Activities

with Lunch

During the spring, summer and winter end of term school holidays

Join in or try something new – there is something for everyone!

Islington Council's free school holidays programme with lunch has so much to offer. Join in with a range of activities, from multi-play and sport to arts and more.



What's on and how to book

To find out what's on, to check your eligibility, to register and book activities, simply scan the QR code or visit islington.gov.uk/lunchbunch

This programme is available to young Islington residents 4-16 years, enrolled in school and eligible for benefits-related free school meals. The programme also includes free for all activities and paid for places.