



WHITEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2025

ONLINE SAFETY DAY



Tuesday 11th February has been Online Safety Day. During this week our school has been taking part in a number of activities to raise awareness about staying safe online

Tips for parents include:

- Your child should never give personal information to online friends including Messenger ID, email address, mobile numbers, passwords, pictures, names of family, school etc
- Remembering that if your child posts anything online, e.g. a picture, it can be accessed by anyone in the world and can be downloaded, changed or shared.

Please take time with your children to discuss and monitor how they can stay safe online when chatting or online gaming. Cyber bullying is a growing issue. Please support us by monitoring your child's activity online.

We held an Online Safety Parents' Workshop on **Tuesday 12th February** at 2.15pm. Thank you to the few parents who attended the workshop – hopefully you found it most informative.

Visit the following websites for more information:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk www.saferinternetday.org



CULTURE DAY



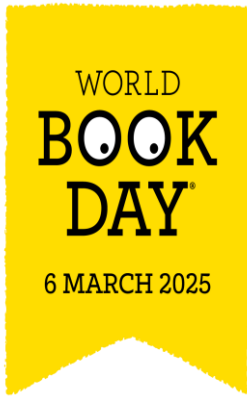
On **Thursday 27th February**, the whole school will be having a Culture Day

On this day, children are invited to come to school dressed in any cultural clothes that they may have or simply dress in the colours of their special country's flag.

There will also be a competition where children can create a poster all about their representative country. A letter has been sent with regards to the Culture Day.

We look forward to celebrating our cultures at Whitehall Primary School!

WORLD BOOK DAY



Our school will be taking part in 'World Book Day' on **Thursday 6th March** with the aim being to bring the fun of reading to more children, to celebrate their choices and encourage everyone to Read Their Way!

We will be holding a book character 'Dress Up' day for pupils and as well as many other activities. More information will be sent to you shortly.



PARENTS' EVENING

Just to let you know that we will be holding two Parents' Evenings next half term on **Thursday 3rd April** and **Monday 7th April**.

This is an opportunity for you to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress.

The **Year 6** teachers Mr Weston, Miss Gill, Mrs McErlain-Naylor, Mrs Stevens and Mr Hill, will be based in the hall from 3.30pm until 6.45pm, so that parents can talk to all the teachers if needed. There will be no need to make an appointment, simply come to the hall and wait.

If you require any special arrangements such as disabled access or an interpreter, please indicate to the class teacher via SchoolCloud. This will be sent out to you shortly.

In addition, you will receive a monitoring report which will be sent out on **Friday 28th March**. The monitoring report is intended to give you vital information about your child's achievement and what they must do to improve where clear targets have been set. It is an interim report that also highlights other very important aspects of learning. We hope that you find it very useful.

RSHE PARENTS' MEETINGS

This is just to inform you that we will be holding RSHE Parents' Meetings for all year groups w/c 28th April to share the planning and resources. Further information will follow especially with regards to the individual year group meeting dates.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please find an outline of some of the extra-curricular activities we have available within the school for our children during Spring Term 2:

Activity	Day	Year Group	Leader / School Contact
Boys Football	Monday 3.15 - 4.00pm	5	Mr Bull & Mr Weston
STEM Workshop	Monday 3.15-4.30pm	KS1 & KS2	Ms An Adams
Multi-Sports	Monday 3.15-4.00pm	2	Mr Ruparelia
Performing Arts Club	Monday 3.15 – 4.15pm	KS2	Mrs Stevens
Boys Football	Wednesday 3.15 - 4.00pm	6	Mr Bull & Mr Weston
Team Building	Thursday 12.00 – 12.25pm	3 & 4	Mr Ruparelia
Boys & Girls Football	Thursday 3.15 - 4.00pm	4	Mr Ruparelia & Mr Bull
Gym Club	Friday 12.00-12.30pm	3	Mr Ruparelia
Girls Football	Friday 3.15 – 4.00pm	5 & 6	Mr Ruparelia



Year 6 Sports Leaders:

The Year 6 Sports Leaders continue to make a positive impact during lunchtimes offering a variety of engaging activities for the children. The children are learning everyday and developing such interpersonal skills that will hopefully aid them in the future.

We are very proud of you all and keep up the good work!

JANUARY SPORTS NEWS

Leicester Riders Development Night

On Friday January 10th, we took children in Year 6 to take part in our annual Leicester Riders Development night at the Mattoli Arena.

The evening was in joint partnership with Taylor Road Primary School.

The children leading up to the night were super excited. The children had the opportunity of:

- being coached and developed by Leicester Riders Coaches for 90 minutes on the same court the professional team play on.
- being able to watch a professional game between the Leicester Riders v Manchester Giants with over 1000 spectators in attendance.
- being able to meet and have a photograph with the team on court after the game.

The children and their parents had the most amazing evening with so many memories created.

Pupil Voice:

Ikram: 'I found it very fun; I even went onto the court to do some basketball in front of about 2000 people - it was extraordinary.'

Tasneem: 'It was a really nice experience, and I would recommend it to anyone who loves basketball to definitely go. It was amazing, especially going onto the court to learn how to play basketball by some of the real coaches, we even managed to get our shirts signed by some of the players.'

Rehan: 'The Riders trip was very fun, it was very exciting that I went onto the court in the middle of the game. We even got our tops and basketballs signed. It was really exciting that we got to play games with the Riders' players coaches.'

Mr Ruparelia, would like to give sincere thanks to the following staff for all their support, as this trip would not have been possible without them:

Mr Hill, Miss Gill, Mr Weston, Mrs Boychuk and Mrs Ruprai.

Year 5/6 Boys Football League

On Wednesday 22nd January, the City-Wide Football League returned at Judgemeanow. Whitehall were placed in Division 1 following rounds of fixtures in the Autumn term.

The boys were super excited as the league started with Whitehall as defending champions from Last Year.

The boys were amazing, showing such spirit, ability and resilience throughout the afternoon.

Pupil Voice:

Mikaeel: 'It was an amazing experience, as a team we did well, and worked together as a team. Thankfully we managed to top the group. Personally, I am happy because in one of the games I scored a hat-trick with the help of Muhammed G.'

Muhammed G: 'As we are in Division 1, the matches were tough, however our team worked together and never gave up.'

Results as Follows:

Whitehall 3 v Thurnby Mead 0

Whitehall 1 v Krishna Avanti 0

Whitehall 0 v St Joseph's 0

Whitehall 0 v Linden 2

Whitehall 1 v Thurnby Mead 0

Upcoming Sports Events/Key Dates in February 2025 at Whitehall

Tuesday 11th February: 4 Multisport Competition at Evington Leisure Centre

Wednesday 12th February: Year 5/6 Girls Football League at Judgemeanow – Matchday 1

Wednesday 26th February: Year 5/6 Boys Football League at Judgemeanow – Matchday 2

LETTER FROM 10 DOWNING STREET TO YEAR 6

The Year 6 pupils wrote letters to the Prime Minister about plastic pollution.

The correspondence was acknowledged by the Prime Minister with the school receiving a special letter. This acknowledged the letter from Arya and the rest of our Year 6 pupils.

The correspondence was also passed onto the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

The letter is included in this newsletter on the last page for you to read.

Really well done to Year 6!

ATTENDANCE CLASS WINNERS

Well done to the following classes for winning the attendance certificates during January!

w/c 6th January: Class 16 Hedgehogs (97.7%) Class 2 Pumas (100%)

w/c 13th January: Class 17 Foxes (96.7%) Class 9 Chameleons (99.3%)

w/c 20th January: Class 16 Hedgehogs (96.4%) Class 8 Iguanas (99.3%)

w/c 27th January: Class 16 Hedgehogs (97.3%) Class 1 Jaguars (96.8%)

SPECIAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 14th February: Iguanas Class Assembly (9.05am)

Friday 14th February: School Closes for Half Term Break

Monday 24th February: School Reopens from Half Term Break

Thursday 27th February: Culture Day

Friday 28th February: Chameleons Class Assembly (9.05am)

Thursday 6th March: World Book Day

Friday 14th March: Penguins Class Assembly (9.05am)

HALF TERM HOLIDAY



Our school will be closing at 3.15pm on **Friday 14th February** for the week long Half Term holiday.
School will reopen on **Monday 24th February**.



Visit our school website: www.whitehallprimary.co.uk



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From the Direct Communications Unit

13 December 2024

Dear The Year 6 Students,

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your correspondence about plastic pollution, which was passed to the Prime Minister's Office by Mr Hill.

It was very good of you to get in touch, and for taking the time and trouble to share your thoughts about this important matter.

As I hope you will understand, the many calls on his time as Prime Minister mean that he is sadly unable to respond personally to all the letters he receives. I hope you will not mind, however, that I have also passed a copy of your excellent correspondence to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which is the Government department responsible for this issue, to make sure that they too are aware of your views.

Once again, thank you very much for writing to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,

Correspondence Officer