



WHITEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

WORLD BOOK DAY!



On Thursday 6th March 2025 our school celebrated World Book Day. It was great to see so many of our children as well as staff dress up as their favourite book character. Small prizes were given out.

In celebration of World Book Day, we hosted a whole range of book-related activities as well as a book sale of donated books.

Thank you to everyone for supporting this event!

READING IS IMPORTANT

Reading is an important skill as it unlocks learning for children, exercises their brains, develops vocabulary and stretches their imaginations!

Our school is working hard to develop children's reading skills. Please help us by encouraging your child to read at home, even if it's for only a few minutes a day. Sharing a book with your child is an enjoyable and valuable experience.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



British Science Week at our school is 10th – 14th March and is a celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths.

This year the theme is 'Change and Adapt' and children within our school will be exploring this theme through activities in the classroom.

On Thursday 13th March we are holding a Science Dress-up day, where we will be asking children to dress in a way that represents what science means to them.



RED NOSE DAY

On **Friday 21st March** our school will be taking part in the National Comic Relief Red Nose Day, a fund-raising day that works for a wide range of charities across the UK and Africa.

We have a number of activities planned for the week such as:

Design a funny face competition

Collect competition sheet from your class teacher from Monday 17th March.
20p to enter. (Last day for entries – Monday 24th March)

Comedy Shows

These will be held at lunchtimes and are 50p to enter or to come and watch.

Tuesday 18th March – KS1, Wednesday 19th March - LKS2 and Thursday 20th March – UKS2

Prizes for the top three acts on each day!

Non- uniform Day – ‘Wear Something Funny for Money’ on Friday 21st March

Come to school wearing bright clothes, cool hats, funky socks or crazy wigs. Anything that makes you happy and smile! **£1 voluntary contribution.**

Look out for the posters around the school.

Thank you to the School Council and Mrs Pankhania who have been busy organising the various activities.

You can find out more information about Red Nose Day at
www.rednoseday.com

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

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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

Activity	Day	Year Group	Leader / School Contact
Boys Football	Monday 3.15 - 4.15pm	5	Mr Bull & Mr Weston
STEM Workshop	Monday 3.15-4.30pm	KS1 & KS2	Ms An Adams
Multi-Sports	Monday 3.15-4.15pm	1	Mr Ruparelia
Performing Arts Club	Monday 3.15 – 4.15pm	KS2	Mrs Stevens
Boys Football	Wednesday 3.15 - 4.15pm	6	Mr Bull & Mr Weston
Dodgeball Club	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	1 & 2	Miss Keshwala
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 12.00-12.25pm	3	Mr Ruparelia
	Friday 3.15 – 4.00pm	5 & 6	Mr Ruparelia

MOVE IT MARCH CHALLENGE



A reminder that we are taking part in the city wide Move It March Challenge which involves each child attempting to complete a minimum of **60** minutes of activity on at least **31** days.

Any kind of activity counts – running, walking, cycling, skipping, school PE lessons, even a Joe Wicks workout! Please check out the activity calendar for ideas.

The challenge is to do 60 minutes on 31 days. Please log all active minutes and days in the table.

Children will need to track how many minutes they complete using the tracking sheet and give this to their teacher by **Tuesday 1st April**.

There will be school individual prizes for the girl and boy who record the **most minutes** in each year group!



SPORTS NEWS

Year 5/6 Girls Football League

On Wednesday 12th February, it was Matchday 1 of the Girls division 2 league at Judgemeanow.

The girls were super excited to get started. They did so well, they never gave up, kept smiling throughout and supported each other, all afternoon. We are super proud of you and we look forward to your next round of matches in March.

Results as follows:

Whitehall 1 v Uplands 1 Sparkenhoe 2 v Whitehall 0 Whitehall 0 v St Barnabas 0

Year 4 Multi-Sport Festival

On Tuesday 11th February, we took 10 Year Four students visited Evington Leisure Centre to participate in the Leicester Multi-Skills Festival. The festival required students to take part in team building games such as; Dodgeball, Bench Ball, Volleyball and many others alongside children from other schools across the local community.

The children represented the school in an excellent manner and developed their team building skills. The afternoon was enjoyed by all who attended.

Aidan from the Toucans class said, "The highlight of my day was when we played Bench Ball. I liked it the most because it was fun and I played well". Not only did the children enjoy taking part in the games, they also had an opportunity to meet new people.

"The best part of the afternoon for me was meeting new people" Ishaq (Toucans class). It was great to see the children develop their social skills and enjoy the activities.

Special Visit to Whitehall

On Wednesday, 12th of February, we had a visit from former Olympic, Commonwealth and European Medallist Team GB Gymnast Sam Oldham.

Sam spoke of the dedication, aspirations, and self-discipline that was needed for him to achieve his goal in life of competing at the Olympics. Sam spoke of his background, his school life as well as demonstrating some of his signature moves in person and Video. The children were able to see the historic Olympic Bronze Medal the Men's Team won at London 2012 Olympics, and the Olympic Torch he carried. Everyone came away from the assembly inspired by Sam's story and achievements and thinking about their own aspirations for the future.

Year 5/6 Boys Football League

On Wednesday 26th February, the Year 5 and 6 Boys were back in division 1 action at the Football league returned to Judgemeanow.

The boys were super excited as they wanted to continue the impressive start to matchday 1.

The boys were amazing, showing such spirit, ability and resilience throughout the afternoon. The boys now await to see if they have qualified for the semi-finals and finals.

Results as Follows:

**Whitehall 0 v Linden 0 Whitehall 0 v Scraftoft Valley 0 Whitehall 0 v St Joseph's 1
Whitehall 1 v Krishna Avanti 2 Whitehall 0 v Scraftoft Valley 4**

Upcoming Sports Events/Key Dates in March 2025 at Whitehall

1st March – 31st March - Move it March Challenge

Wednesday 19th March – Year 5/6 Girls Football League at Judgemeadow – Matchday 2

PARENTS' EVENING

Just a reminder about the two Parents' Evenings this half term on Thursday 3rd April and Monday 7th April.

Polar Bears Parents' Evening will be on Monday 17th March and Wednesday 19th March.

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 has already been sent out to you.

In addition, you will receive a monitoring report which will be sent out on Friday 28th March.

ATTENDANCE CLASS WINNERS

Congratulations to the following classes who have won the weekly attendance award certificates during January / February 2025:

w/c 27th January: Class 16 Hedgehogs (97.3%) Class 1 Jaguars (96.8%)
w/c 3rd February: Class 17 Foxes (99.0%) Class 7 Toucans (97.9%)
Class 9 Chameleons (97.9%)
w/c 10th February: Class 13 Dolphins (96.7%) Class 10 Polar Bears (99.7%)
w/c 24th February: Class 13 Dolphins (97.3%) Class 2 Pumas (98.3%)

Our overall school attendance for February was **94.3%**.

SPECIAL DIARY DATES

Thursday 13th March: Science Dress-up Day

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

Friday 21st March: Red Nose Day (non-uniform day)

Friday 21st March: Seals Class Assembly (9.05am)

Friday 28th March: Polar Bears Class Assembly (9.05am)

Thursday 3rd April & Monday 7th April: Parents' Evening

Friday 11th April: Finish for Easter break