WHITEHEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Opportunity, Confidence & Growth

Whole School Newsletter

Newsletter No: 11 **Friday 20th November, 2026.**

Welcome to our whole school newsletter. Our aim is to keep you informed of achievements, successes and general information regarding Whiteheath Junior School.

This newsletter and the year group newsletter will be sent to you at the end of the week, on a Friday. They are also on the school website.

You can find the Whole School Newsletter under the 'News & Events' section on the website within the Newsletters tab and the Year group newsletters are under the News & Events section within the Year Group Pages tab. **Please check your emails and newsletter each week** as this is our main form of communication with you.

SCHOOL CHOIR SING AT RUISLIP MANOR CHRISTMAS FUNDAY

The Whiteheath Junior School Choir were delighted to be part of the Ruislip Manor Christmas Funday on Saturday 14th November.

The children performed a wonderful selection of seasonal songs, bringing plenty of festive cheer to the event and helping everyone get into the Christmas spirit. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying the performance and supporting our talented young singers.



The children sang beautifully and showed great confidence and enthusiasm throughout. We are incredibly proud of them for representing Whiteheath Junior School so brilliantly and helping to make the event such a special occasion. Well done to everyone who took part! Mrs Mendez

A WORLD-CLASS ACHIEVEMENT

We are delighted to share some fantastic news about Lottie, who has achieved something truly special through her Irish dancing.

Last weekend, Lottie competed in the Southern England qualifying competition for Irish dancing, where she secured an incredible 7th place, earning herself a place at the 2027 World Irish Dancing Championships, taking place in Belfast next Easter!

The World Championships are the most prestigious competition in Irish dancing, making this an outstanding achievement. Only a very small percentage of dancers ever reach this level, which makes Lottie's success all the more remarkable.

This is a wonderful reflection of Lottie's hard work, dedication and commitment to her dancing, and we are incredibly proud of her.

A huge congratulations, Lottie! What an amazing achievement.







Sports News

FOOTBALL A TEAM FIXTURE

On Wednesday, our A Team welcomed Coteford for a huge Quarter-Final clash in the Cup. Having won every fixture so far this season, the team were determined to continue their fantastic run of form, with a place in the semi-finals up for grabs!

Whiteheath got off to a flying start, moving the ball around brilliantly and putting Coteford under immediate pressure. Their excellent start was rewarded with two early goals from Arthur and Ethan, giving Whiteheath a deserved 2–0 lead. Coteford managed to pull one back to make it 2–1, but Whiteheath quickly regained control as Henry found the net to make it 3–1 going into half-time.

Following an inspiring half-time team talk, Whiteheath came out even stronger in the second half and delivered a superb performance. Jack added to the scoreline with a fantastic long-range effort, while Ethan grabbed his second goal of the afternoon. Arthur then capped off an outstanding individual performance with an absolute rocket of a strike, which had spectators clapping and cheering!

The final whistle saw Whiteheath celebrate an emphatic 6–1 victory, securing their place in the Cup Semi-Final!

Another fantastic team performance against strong opposition. Every player should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved. We can't wait to see how far this team can go! Well done, Mr Newing.

SPORTSHALL INDOOR ATHLETICS COMPETITION

On Thursday afternoon, our Athletics Team travelled to Swakeleys School to compete in the annual Indoor Sportshall Athletics Competition.

Whiteheath were represented by an impressive team of 23 children, all of whom have been working incredibly hard during our Friday morning training sessions before school. Their commitment, determination and enthusiasm have been fantastic, and it was wonderful to see their hard work put into practice!

There were some brilliant individual and team performances throughout the afternoon. Romeo and Frankie got us off to a flying start by winning the 2x2 Relay, followed by another first-place finish for Arthur and Manrai in the 6-Lap Parlauf. Ella also produced a fantastic performance to take first place in the Standing Long Jump, while Jack S secured another victory in the Javelin event. Across the remaining track and field events, the whole team competed brilliantly, showing great determination and sportsmanship. Although they faced some tough opposition, everyone gave their very best and represented Whiteheath superbly.

After a closely contested afternoon of competition, Whiteheath finished in **4th place overall** against some very strong schools.

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of the children, not only for their performances but also for their commitment, teamwork and hard work in preparing for the competition. Well done, everyone! You did Whiteheath proud! Mr Newing





Reminders

PARENT/CARERSWORKSHOPS PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR

Following feedback from parents we are delighted to be offering these workshops:

- **Year 6 Transition and SATs workshop - Tuesday 26th January**
- **Behaviour - Tuesday 12th January**
- **Writing and Spelling - Tuesday 2nd March**
- **Reading - Monday 26th April**
- **Maths - Monday 17th May**

To make attending as convenient as possible, we will offer each workshop twice on the same date:

- Morning session: 9:00am
- After-school session: 3:45pm.

Both sessions will cover the same information, so you can choose the time that works best for you, and we will provide childcare for the after-school session. More details about each workshop will be provided in due course.

REMINDER ABOUT UPCOMING CHANGES TO LUNCH ORDERS



On **Friday 11th December**, the children have their Christmas dinner to look forward to - please log in to Citrus to order this, as the children always enjoy their festive meal!

Finally, on **Friday 18th December**, which is our last day of school and therefore a 12:30pm finish, the children will be eating their lunch in the classroom, so only a sandwich option will be available to order from HCL on this day. Please ensure you have selected the correct choice of sandwich for your child. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Merit Assembly

Class of the Week – Poplar

Class Merit Awards

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Luca, Hudson	Charlie, Caylee, Nithwick	Maya, Eesa	Sara, Sadaf

House Points

Hampton	Windsor	London	Westminster
10	20	30	30

Weekly Attendance

Class	% Attendance W/C – 16th Nov 2026	% Attendance 03.09.26 – 20.11.26	Year Group Attendance % 03.09.26 – 20.11.26
Oak	99.3	98.6	
Willow	100	97.4	
Year 3	-	-	98.1
Beech	97.4	95.9	
Elm	95.8	97.2	
Maple	100	96.2	
Year 4	-	-	96.4
Birch	98.7	97.1	
Yew	94.1	95.2	
Year 5	-	-	96.1
Pine	93.8	95.2	
Poplar	96.1	94.9	
Year 6	-	-	95.2
Totals	**97.2**	**96.4**	**96.4**

Payment/deadline Dates

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Payment
Children In Need donation

UPCOMING PAYMENTS

Payment	Date due
PTA Christmas Fayre	27th November
Year 5 PGL instalment	30th November
DT resources – whole school	4th January 2027

Contacting us

Contacting class teachers	Willow	Miss Atkinson	willow@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
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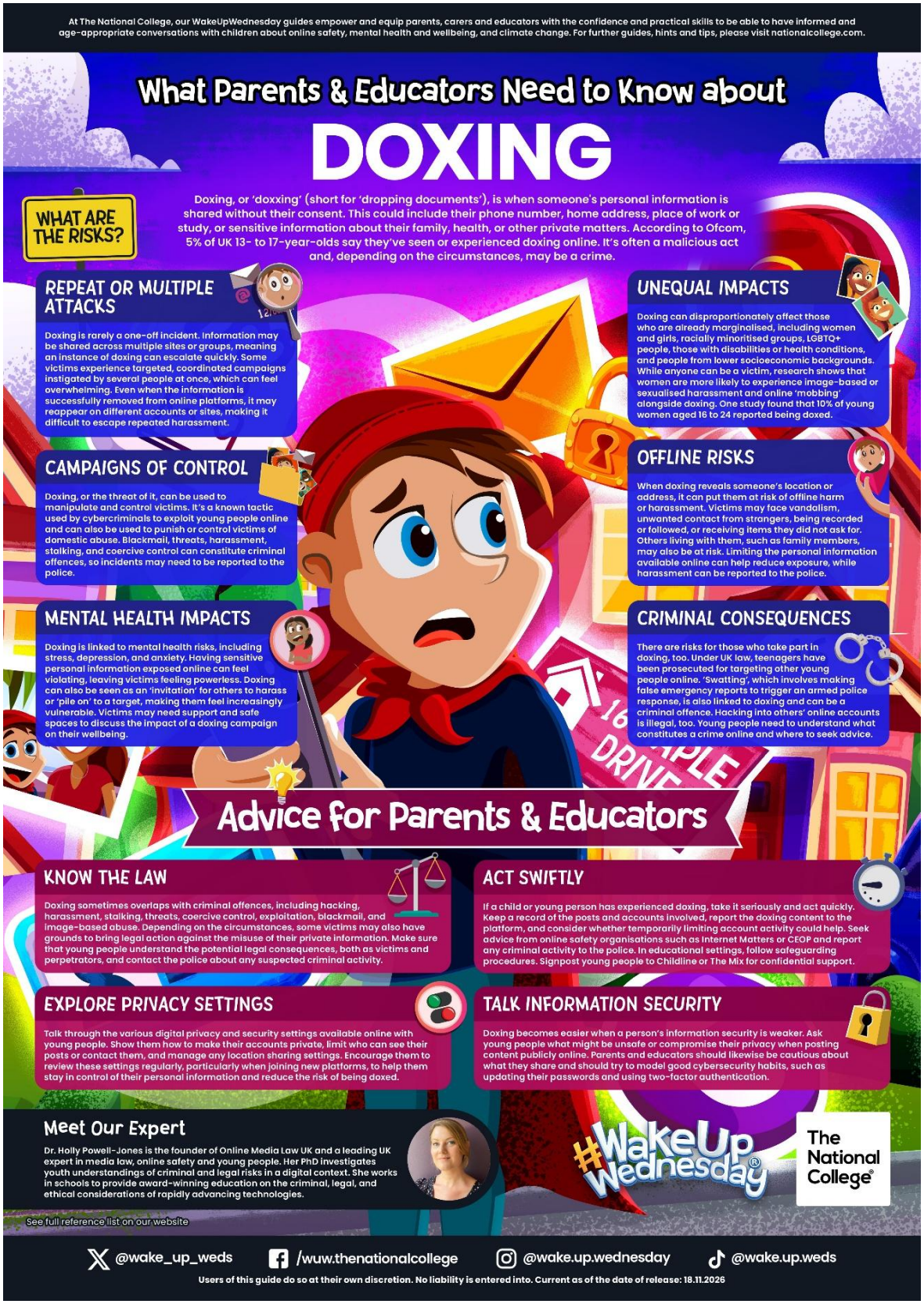
	Beech	Miss Cook	beech@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Elm	Miss Malone	elm@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Yew	Ms Prioli	yew@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Birch	Mr Goodchild	birch@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Poplar	Miss Lawrence	poplar@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Pine	Miss Bryant	pine@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Years 5 & 6 maths sets	Miss Wells	maths56@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
General enquiries	office@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk		
Welfare/reporting your child's absence	welfare@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk		
Safeguarding concerns	dsl@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk		
Whiteheath Junior School is a safe space for **any child or adult** to come to talk about issues affecting them. Ask the office to speak to a Designated Safeguarding Lead, (Mrs Padley or Ms Kenny), or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (Miss Wells). Alternatively, you can email the address above dsl@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk - this is a confidential email address only read by the safeguarding leads.			
If you are concerned a child may be at risk, you can also contact the Stronger Families Hub on 01895 556006 (available all year round).			

Extra-curricular Clubs

We are very fortunate in being able to offer the children a wide variety of before, lunchtime and after school clubs. To see the full schedule, and for details of how to sign up for clubs, please visit: Whiteheath Junior School - Extra-curricular Clubs

Online Safety

Each week, we'll share a new guide in our newsletter focusing on a different aspect of online safety, to help parents and carers support and protect children and young people in the digital world.



Community events/info

WHITEHEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

WHITEHEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA

Christmas Fayre



THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER

During the school day

Children can enjoy Christmas Market shopping, plus games and activities run by our Year 6 pupils.

Please bring £5-£10 in small change in a named purse or wallet, plus a named carrier bag.

After school · 3.30-4.30pm

All families are invited to join us in the Hall for extra refreshments, shopping and games.

Refreshments · Shopping · Games

Getting ready for the Fayre

TWO NON-UNIFORM DAYS

Friday 27th November
£2 donation

Friday 4th December
£2 donation or a tombola prize

For tombola prizes, please follow the year-group suggestions below to help us offer a lovely variety. All donations are greatly appreciated!

- Year 3 — Sweets & chocolates
- Year 4 — Toiletries or gift sets
- Year 5 — Biscuits & other sweet treats
- Year 6 — Alcohol & wine

Christmas raffle

We would love more raffle prize donations. If you can help, please email the school office.

Raffle tickets will go on sale via SchoolMoney in the coming weeks.

Thank you for helping make our Christmas Fayre special!

MICHAEL SOBELL WINTER MARKET



BUY YOUR CHILD'S CHRISTMAS ART





HILLINGDON'S WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITES AND FOOD PROGRAMME (HAF)



We're pleased to announce that bookings open on Tuesday 24th November for Hillingdon's Winter Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!

This exciting programme is available to school-aged children from Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for Targeted free school meals in Hillingdon.

Through our **funded** programme, children and young people can:

- Enjoy healthy meals every day
- Take part in fun, creative, and physical activities
- Learn about food, cooking, and nutrition
- Develop new skills and make new friends

This holiday period activities include:

- Sports programmes including football, boxing, martial arts, cricket and badminton
- Creative arts programmes including film making, drama, arts and crafts
- STEM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math's) including coding sessions
- Multi-activity camps
- SEND-friendly activity camps
- …and much more!

Full details of our programmes can be found on our webpage **Hillingdon HAF Programme**.

Discretionary Places

We can offer a limited number of discretionary places on the HAF programme for vulnerable children who are not in receipt of Targeted Free School Meals. If you are working with a child who does not meet the Free School Meal eligibility criteria, professionals can request a discretionary place by completing a short referral form Discretionary place request form.

How to book:

Parents/Guardians can browse the list of available activities and choose the one that suits their children's interests.

They book directly through the EEQU website. Click the link below for details and help on how to book a HAF session including short videos on how to book on a mobile phone or desktop computer Booking a HAF session guide

Do you need more information or help?

Contact us via HAFprogramme@hillingdon.gov.uk or on 01895 277881.

With thanks

HAF Programme, Children's Services , London Borough of Hillingdon.



Autumn Term Dates

Saturday 21st November	Choir sing at Michael Sobell House Winter Market
Tuesday 24th November	Year 6 trip - morning
Wednesday 25th November	Virtual Author visit for Years 5 and 6
Thursday 26th November	Borough Football Tournament
Friday 27th November	Non-uniform day for £2 for PTA Xmas Fayre
Monday 30th November	Year 6 Trip to the Science Museum
Thursday 3rd December	Swimming Gala
Friday 4th December	Non-uniform day for tombola gift or £2

Monday 7th December	Choir visit to Poplars Care Home
Thursday 10th December	Year 6 Height and Weight Check
Thursday 10th December	PTA Christmas Fayre
Friday 11th December	Christmas lunch, Christmas Service and 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14th December	Autumn term report cards out to parents/carers
Monday 14th December	Year 3 Christmas performance dress rehearsal to the school
Tuesday 15th December	Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents/carers 9:30am
Wednesday 16th December	Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents/carers 5pm
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Parties
Friday 18th December	**School term ends at 12:30pm**

Have a relaxing weekend everyone,

Ms Kenny,
Headteacher