



WHITEHEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Opportunity, Confidence & Growth

Whole School Newsletter

Newsletter No: 9

Friday 7th November, 2025.

Welcome to our whole school newsletter. Our aim is to keep you informed of achievements, successes and general information regarding Whiteheath Junior School. These newsletters will be sent to you at the end of the week. You can also find this newsletter on the home page of the school **website** along with our '**year group pages**' (under the 'children' section on the website). Please check your emails regularly as this is our main form of communication with you.

HOUSE CAPTAINS PENNIES/POUNDS FOR THE PTA COMPETITION



Thank you very much for donating your hard-earned money to give to the House Captains for the Pennies/Pounds competition. In total, the House Captains raised a staggering **£847.08!**

London - £348.50 (overall winners – congratulations!)

Westminster - £190.65

Windsor - £140.13

Hampton - £167.80

Our next small project is to raise funds to purchase and install a new large outdoor shed to store the children's playground games - so this will help towards to the cost of this!

Our longer-term project for the PTA is to extend the adventure playground area for the children so every penny counts. Many, many thanks!

WHEEL OF NUMBERS ASSEMBLY

"The Wheel of Numbers" assembly this week was not only great fun but also a wonderful learning opportunity for our pupils. The event helped children build confidence in using numbers and encouraged them to think quickly and creatively when solving problems. Working together on challenges strengthened their teamwork and communication skills, while the lively, game-show format made maths feel exciting and approachable. By linking learning with play, the experience helped children see the real-world value of maths and inspired a more positive attitude toward the subject. Mr Goodchild.

NOTE DATE CHANGE

One of the Year 3 Christmas Performances will now be on Monday 15th December at 9:30am instead of Tuesday 16th December. Thank you.



Governor Termly Update – Summer Update

Review of parents' survey

Towards the end of the summer term, we sent out a survey to parents to gather feedback on safeguarding at the school and to ask about awareness of what governors do and how we could help to keep you better informed. Thanks to all those who shared their views.

In response to what we heard, governors will now be sharing a write-up of each term's activities in the school newsletter. So, a little late, here is our report on what we did in the summer term.

New governors

The summer term saw a new co-opted governor join us. Co-opted governors are volunteers who are interested in supporting schools in their local community, while gaining valuable experience of governance for themselves. We welcome Heena and look forward to working with her.

We also held parent governor elections during the term and are delighted that two new parent governors – David and Parus – have joined the governing body from September.

Budget, SATs results and School Development Plan (SDP)

Governors reviewed and approved the school's year-end budget and a three-year financial plan. Despite ongoing funding challenges, the school is managing its resources responsibly and is preparing for future budget pressures, including changes to pupil numbers and government funding.

We also heard about the excellent SATS results and passed on our congratulations to the Year 6 team in particular, and to all the staff who put so much into supporting and inspiring the children throughout their time at Whiteheath.

We reviewed the SDP that has set the priorities for the school during the year 2024-25. It was pleasing to see the progress that has been made, particularly in strengthening communication between the school and parents, via parent workshops during the year, and in boosting attainment in maths and writing. We encourage all parents to take a look at this year's SDP which is available on the school website under Key Information. It will give you an insight into the areas of school life that the school is particularly focused on for the year ahead.

Engaging with the school community

Subject leaders for PE, Art, Geography, Science, and PSHE gave presentations to governors, sharing how each subject is taught and assessed. Governors were impressed by the wide range of opportunities for children, including sports clubs, art days, science assemblies, and workshops that encourage learning beyond the classroom. The school continues to focus on high standards and creative approaches to teaching. Governors also received reports on safeguarding, writing assessments, and changes to SEN funding, and visited school to meet with staff to hear updates on maths, English and the SDP. We also enjoyed attending school events, including the Summer Fayre and Year 6 final performance.

Following the parent survey, we agreed with school leaders that the school would continue to promote awareness of the safeguarding contacts at school and the different channels available to report safeguarding concerns, by providing clear information at the end of every newsletter.

In the light of increasing challenges on multiple fronts, we would like to thank everyone associated with Whiteheath for their contribution over the academic year 2024-25 and look forward to working together to maintain the school's high standards and happy community during 2025-26.

Whiteheath Junior School Governing Body



A BIG, BIG THANK YOU!



A big thank you to those who have responded to our call to help with updating our school garden. We received some new trowels and gardening gloves from a parent which have already been put to good use!



Also, many thanks to Lawsons for their very generous donation of new sleepers, an enormous bag of topsoil and some weed control fabric which will enable us to make new raised beds and really get our garden looking good!

Now we have the resources, we would love some parent volunteers who would be willing to give up a few hours on a Saturday to help us to make the new beds using the sleepers we have been given. If you would be willing and able to be involved with this, please let the office know or email Miss Lawrence at the Poplar email address and once we know if we have some volunteers, we can arrange a date to suit everyone, make a day of it – we can supply the coffee and biscuits!!

Sports News

GIRLS' DISTRICT FOOTBALL COMPETITION



This week our girls' football team travelled to Northwood to take part in their District tournament. The girls were full of excitement and determination and it showed in the first game having played some excellent football, however BWI narrowly won 1-0.



The girls went on to win their next 2 matches and scored some great goals. Whiteheath managed to win against Frithwood and Sacred Heart to gain some points in the table. It was Lady Bankes in the last match in the group and the girls knew it was going to be a tough fixture as Lady Bankes had won all of their matches up until this point. The girls managed to defend superbly and keep Lady Bankes at bay, drawing 0-0, this meant we were anxiously waiting for the group results.

The girls finished joint second in their group, narrowly missing out on the semi-finals on goal difference only! An excellent performance from all. Well done! Mr Newing.

SPACES IN OUR BREAKFAST SPORTS CLUBS

We have spaces in our PSD before school clubs. If you would like to book a place for your child(ren), please find all the details below.

Morning Clubs Years 3-6



Whiteheath Junior School

Monday 3-6 Futsal in the Hall 8 th Sept - 15 th Dec £70 - 14 sessions	Wednesday 3-6 Basketball in the Hall 10 th Sept - 17 th Dec £70 - 14 sessions
Tuesday 3-6 Badminton in the Hall 9 th Sept - 16 th Dec £70 - 14 sessions	Thursday 3-6 Dodgeball in the Hall 11 th Sept - 18 th Dec £70 - 14 sessions

 **7:50am - 8:50am**

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Reminders

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL – ANNUAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Members of the School Council will be selling Poppies and some other related items to support the Poppy Appeal started this week and will continue next week, **10th November**.



Please send money into school in a named envelope or purse/ wallet, if you would like your child to buy these items.

- ✚ Paper Poppies - minimum donation 20p
- ✚ All other items - minimum donation £1

Thank you, Mrs Manfredi

CHILDREN IN NEED 2025

On **Friday 14th November**, we will be supporting the BBC's Children in Need.



Once again, we intend to raise funds by going 'spotty' for the day! The children can wear 'spotty' clothes, head to toe, the spottier the better... however, they should wear uniform in place of any non-spotty attire. They can also wear the Pudsey ears, if they choose.

Any children not wishing to participate in the day should wear full school uniform, as normal - this is not just a 'dress down day'. We are asking for a donation of £2 per child, payable on your SchoolMoney account. There is also an option to make a further donation if you wish and this is available through the 'shop' tab on your account. Many thanks for your continued support in helping us to raise money for those in need.

PARENT/CARER CURRICULUM WORKSHOPS

We have several workshops planned for parents/carers this year. These are to provide you with more information about specific subjects/topics that we teach and how we teach them and to give you some ideas about the ways you could support your child(ren) at home.



The date/time of the workshops for this year are:

- Autumn 2 - Reading - Friday 5th December 9:00 - 10:00am
- Spring 1 - Maths - Wednesday 14th January 9:00 - 10:00am
- Spring 2 - Oracy – Friday 6th March 9:00 – 10:00am
- Summer 1 - Spelling – 21st April 9am 10am
- Summer 2 - Computing - Wednesday 10th June 9:00 - 10:00am

All parents/carers are welcome to attend and information about each workshop and booking details will be sent out for each workshop in due course.

HALF TERMLY SEND AND PASTORAL SUPPORT MEETINGS

We are pleased to inform you that we will be holding half termly SEND and Pastoral Support meetings. These are an informal opportunity to let you know about some of the processes and support which is available in school.

The meetings this half term will be held on:

- 10th December 2:45pm

You are warmly invited to attend and in order to anticipate numbers, please email sendco@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk if we will be seeing you at the meetings.

Regards, Mrs Manfredi (SENDCo) & Mrs Ventin (Pastoral Leader)



Merit Assembly

Class of the Week - Elm

Class Merit Awards

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lucy, Helena, Betsy	Hunaiza, Bersi, Dylan	Ella, Manrai	Amber, Fraser, Arvin

House Points

Hampton	Windsor	London	Westminster
10	20	50	30

Online Safety



Each week we are going to include a guide in this newsletter, covering different aspects, to help ensure children and young people are supported and protected online. We aim to reach and engage our entire school community, fostering a collaborative approach to promoting online safety and digital citizenship.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about POKÉMON TCG POCKET

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI 3

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Pokémon TCG Pocket is a mobile version of the hugely popular Pokémon Trading Card Game, downloaded over 100 million times on Android and iOS. Players collect cards, battle others online, and open packs of cards – known as booster packs – to expand their decks. While the core game can be fun and helps develop tactical and numeracy skills, its design encourages spending and can feed addictive behaviours – making it important for adults to understand the risks.

ADDICTIVE PACK OPENING

Booster packs rely on probability to provide rare or powerful cards. The excitement of opening them – and the dopamine rush when finding a sought-after card – can become addictive. Unlike purely cosmetic loot boxes, the cards here are integral to competitive gameplay, adding extra pressure for serious gamers to collect more.

QUICK BUT ABSORBING

Card battles last around five to six minutes, making it easy to fit in “just one more game”. This quick format, combined with the drive to win, can lead to prolonged play sessions and increased screen time without noticing. With limited-time Ranked Match seasons constantly being refreshed – an opportunity to accumulate points and earn profile emblems – players may find themselves drawn into this game mechanic repeatedly.

PREMIUM PASS PRESSURE

A monthly subscription gives players access to exclusive missions, rewards, and an extra daily booster pack. Missions and rewards are replaced each month, providing an incentive to stay subscribed. While some premium rewards are exclusive, others are available through free play – making the pass more about faster progression and obtaining cosmetic items than true necessity.

ENDLESS PACK LOOPS

New themed sets of cards are released each month, ranging from around 85 to over 370 cards per expansion. This constant cycle encourages players to keep opening packs in an effort to complete collections or improve their battle decks, potentially promoting unhealthy spending habits. With the introduction of limited-time booster packs, some players may feel increased pressure to collect these cards while they're still available.

COST OF BOOSTER PACKS

Although free to play, with set rewards and two free booster packs given daily, players can exchange Poké Gold if they wish to open more, and a small amount of Poké Gold is rewarded for free as the player levels up. Poké Gold is also sold in bundles that are often just short of what players need to open extra packs, encouraging them to buy additional bundles.

COMPETITIVE ONLINE PLAY

Interactions in Pokémon TCG Pocket are relatively safe – there's no messaging between players, friend requests require player approval, no real names are used, and card trading is restricted to fair trades between friends. On the other hand, the competitive nature of online play can still cause frustration, over-investment, and isolation if children spend too much time focused on the game.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR SPENDING HABITS

Set clear boundaries around in-game purchases. Treat Poké Gold as an occasional rather than routine reward, helping children develop healthier attitudes towards digital spend.

PLAY TOGETHER

Card battles can help children learn tactics, problem-solving, and rule-following, as well as numeracy skills. Playing alongside them is a great way to share in their enjoyment, while also modelling balanced play and keeping an eye on how much they're investing in the game.

SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Talk about the unpredictable nature of booster packs and prepare children for disappointment when duplicates appear or rare cards don't surface. Understanding probability can help minimise disappointment – use the game's built-in offering rates guides to find out more about it.

TEACH FAIRNESS

Losing a battle can be discouraging, especially when money has been spent on collecting the cards to build a deck. Support children in recognising the importance of fairness, learning from both wins and losses, and making considered choices when trading cards.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and children's book author with over 15 years of experience. Specialising in technology and gaming, he has written extensively on how digital platforms affect young people and has been playing games for more than three decades.

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Community Events/Info

MESSAGE FROM HILLINGDON EDUCATION AND SEND TEAM

We'd like to share details of a free online meet and greet being hosted by CNWL's Community Child Health team. The meeting aims to have an open conversation with parents and carers of children who have autism or ADHD, or who are waiting for a diagnosis.

We'd like to offer a friendly and supportive space where parents and carers can come along, ask questions, share experiences, and hear about the work going on at CNWL. This informal session is also a great opportunity to meet Dr Joanne Beckmann and her teams and learn more about involvement opportunities within CNWL.

Event details:

Tuesday 11 November 2025

12:30 – 1:30 PM

Online (link shared after registration)

Theme: *Neurodevelopmental assessments*

🔗 You can register directly using the QR code on the attached flyer or

via Eventbrite

- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cnwl-community-child-health-meet-and-greet-with-parents-and-carers-tickets-1895404508909>

If anyone would like to find out more about being an Expert by Experience at CNWL, here are the links to our webpages - What matters to our patients and families matters to us!

Patient, Carer & Public Involvement at CNWL

[Patient, Carer and Public Involvement Team :: Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Welcome pack

[Involvement Welcome Pack.pdf](#)

SEND Advisory Service (SAS)
Education & SEND
Children's Services
Hillingdon Council



NHS
Central and North West London
NHS Foundation Trust

CNWL
Community Child Health
Theme: Neurodevelopmental assessments

Meet and Greet with Parents and Carers

- ◆ Meet the CNWL team
- ◆ Hear about how we support local families
- ◆ Ask questions and share your views

🕒 **Tuesday 11 November 2025**
12:30 – 1:30 PM

📄 **Online (link shared after registration)**

CNWL Team:
Lucy Palmer – Head of Patient and Carer Involvement
Dr Joanne Beckmann – Consultant Community Paediatrician & Clinical Director for Community Child Health

Register via Eventbrite to receive your joining link.



LOCAL SHOW WITH SOME OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TAKING PART – PLEASE GO AND SEE IT!

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BEAST**

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Payment/deadline Dates

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS DUE

Payment
Year 3 Stone Age workshop
Year 5 Brazil Day

UPCOMING PAYMENTS

Payment	Date due
Donation to Children In Need	14 th November
Year 6 Isle of Wight next instalment	28 th November
Year 5 PGL next instalment	30 th November
D & T resources for the year	1 st January

DEADLINES FOR OTHER THINGS

Deadline	Date due
Email Miss Lawrence if you can offer help with setting up the new school garden poplar@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk	asap

Weekly Attendance

Class	% Attendance W/C 3 rd Nov 2025	% Attendance 03.09.25 – 07.11.25	Year Group Attendance % 03.09.25 – 07.11.25
Ash	96.5	95.1	
Oak	96.8	97.6	
Willow	98.3	96.6	
Year 3	-	-	96.5
Beech	96.3	97.5	
Elm	97.9	95.9	
Maple	100	97.3	
Year 4	-	-	97.0
Birch	96.8	96.6	
Yew	92.7	96.5	
Year 5	-	-	96.5
Juniper	98.5	97.1	
Pine	98.5	96.1	
Poplar	97.8	95.6	
Year 6	-	-	96.3
Totals	97.2	96.5	96.5



Contacting us

Contacting class teachers	Willow	Miss Atkinson	willow@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Ash	Mrs Garland/ Mrs Robert	ash@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Oak	Miss Malone	oak@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Maple	Mrs Mendez	maple@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Beech	Miss Cook	beech@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Elm	Mr Lewington	elm@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Yew	Ms Prioli	yew@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Birch	Miss Bryant	birch@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Poplar	Miss Lawrence	poplar@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Pine	Miss Jackman	pine@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
Juniper	Mr Goodchild	juniper@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		
<p>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 Ventin 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.</p>			
<p>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).</p>			

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:

<https://www.whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk/extra-curricular-clubs/>

Autumn Term Dates

- **Additions/changes in red**

Wednesday 12th November

Friday 14th November

Saturday 15th November

Thursday 20th November

Thursday 20th November

Monday 24th November

Thursday 27th November

Thursday 27th November

Friday 28th November

Thursday 4th December

Wednesday 10th December

Geobus workshop Year 4

Children In Need Day

Choir singing at Ruislip Manor Xmas Funday

Geobus workshop Year 6 (change of date)

SportsHall Athletics

Individual photographs (changed from Friday 7th Nov)

Borough Girls' Football competition (if we qualify)
and Best team football tournament (if we qualify)

Year 4 Badminton Team – London Youth Games

Year 6 visit to the Science Museum

PTA Christmas Fayre

SEND & Pastoral meeting for parents/carers 2:45pm



Thursday 11th December
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Friday 12th December

Tuesday 16th December
Monday 15th December

Wednesday 17th December

Thursday 18th December
Friday 19th December

Year 6 Height and Weight Check - am
Year 3 Christmas performances dress rehearsal to the school - afternoon (change of date)
Swimming Gala
Christmas lunch, Christmas Service and Christmas Jumper Day
Autumn term report cards out to parents/carers
Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents/carers at 9:30am (change of date)
Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents/carers at 5pm
Christmas Parties
School term ends at 12:30pm

Have a relaxing weekend everyone,

M Kenny,
Headteacher

