



# WHITEHEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Opportunity, Confidence & Growth

## Whole School Newsletter

Newsletter No: 8

Thursday 23rd October, 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.

### YEAR 3 STONE AGE WORKSHOP

Last week, Year 3 travelled back in time to the Stone Age during a fun and interactive day.

The children took part in hands-on activities that brought history to life — from learning how early humans hunted and gathered food, to handling real artefacts from thousands of years ago. They also discovered how people used tools and made fire, gaining a real sense of what life was like thousands of years ago.



It was wonderful to see the children working together in teams to build their own replicas of Stonehenge and become detectives searching for the answers to their Stone Age quiz. The children looked incredible in their costumes which really helped bring the day to life.

Everyone had a fantastic time and came away full of new knowledge and enthusiasm for our history topic. The Year 3 team.



## YEAR 5 HARVEST FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE

The Year 5 children had a fantastic time today, performing their Harvest performance to the school in the morning and then to Year 5 parents/carers in the afternoon.

Thank you for all of your support with costumes and script learning. The children sang beautifully, remembered all their words and, mostly importantly enjoyed performing.

Thank you for your donations to Hillingdon Foodbank – they will be very grateful! The Year 5 team.



## 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 School Money 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.

## 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 starting on **Monday 3rd 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



## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP – GLOBAL LINKS 2025

### Exciting News!

Whiteheath Junior School is delighted to continue its international link with a school in Toronto, Canada. Thanks to Miss Fabbri, a former Whiteheath teacher now back in Canada, we can maintain this connection. With support from her school, Miss Fabbri will share insights about lessons, school life, and activities throughout the year.



### Global Links Club - Meet the Globetrotters

Our Globetrotters proudly represent Whiteheath Junior in international activities. Acting as ambassadors for their class, year group and school, they play a key role in fostering global connections.



For the third-year running, each class will have a **Globetrotter Leader**. These children will help Mrs Kan share updates, organise activities and represent their class at Globetrotters' meetings.

Being a Globetrotter provides opportunities to develop teamwork, research and creative skills while preparing for international projects.



## First Collaborative Project of the Year – PenPal Letters



This year, we are starting with an exciting **Digital PenPals project**, and we would love our children to take part! Children are invited to **write or type a letter** to a child in our partnered school in Toronto.

It's a fantastic chance for children to:

- Share stories about life at Whiteheath
- Ask questions and learn about a school in another country
- Make a new international friend

We encourage everyone to have a go! Writing a letter is a fun way to practise writing skills, spark creativity and start building friendships across the globe. Parents are welcome to join in too - help brainstorm ideas, check spelling or even write together. Let's make this a memorable experience for our children!

## Looking Ahead

This year, the Globetrotters will take part in more exciting projects, sharing their learning and connecting with our partner school in Toronto.

We warmly encourage parents and pupils to visit our **Global Links** page under the 'About Us' tab on the school website. There, you can explore all the projects we have completed with our international partner school and enjoy our video gallery, including highlights from previous collaborations. We would love to hear your thoughts! It's a wonderful way to stay involved and celebrate the children's global learning journey together.

Mrs Kan, Geography Lead

## HILLINGDON Parent Conference Feedback Form

Hillingdon Council are planning a SEND and Education parent event in early 2026 and want to make sure it meets your needs. The event will include short, themed sessions on topics such as SEND support, EHCPs, social care, and preparing for adulthood, plus opportunities to ask questions and connect with services. Please complete this short survey within the poster to tell us what would work best for you.

Here is a link to the form <https://forms.office.com/e/Fs0nXRLZ1h>

SEND Advisory Service – Hillingdon

## Sports News

### B TEAM FOOTBALL

This week our B team travel to Harlyn to take part in a Football Cluster. The cluster consisted of 5 friendly matches played over the course of an hour.

The first match was against Coteford and having played some excellent football the boys fell short in their opener losing 1-0. It was Harlyn up next and after a tight match it ended 0-0, so the boys had some work to do in the last 3 games to earn some victories.



The boys did not disappoint at all as they won 3 out of 3 in their last games to come away from the cluster winning 3 matches, drawing 1 and losing 1. There were some great goals scored by Bradley, Arthur, Samir and Harry to ensure the team came away from Harlyn with a great performance overall. Well done – Mr Newing.

## NETBALL MATCH

The girls' netball team travelled to Hillside to play their second fixture of the season. After having narrowly losing against Glebe, the girls were really excited to put it right against Hillside. The girls did exactly that and played tremendously well against Hillside.

In every quarter the girls managed to not only outscore Hillside but also outplay them in both attack and defence. The girls played with so much positivity and creativity which is something we had been working on all week in training. Bea and Grace came into the team this week and shined, helping the girls gain victory. The final score was 10-3 to Whiteheath and was deservedly so. Well done to all – Mr Newing.

# Reminders

## 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 1 - Grammar - Tuesday 21st October 9:00 - 10:00am**
- **Autumn 2 - Reading - Friday 5th December 9:00 - 10:00am**
- **Spring 1 - Maths - Wednesday 14th January 9:00 - 10:00am**
- **Spring 2 - Oracy - TBC**  
**Summer 1 - Spelling - TBC**
- **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 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 term will be held on:

- **10<sup>th</sup> December 2:45pm**

You are warmly invited to attend and in order to anticipate numbers, please email [sendco@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk](mailto:sendco@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk) to confirm your attendance at the meetings.

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

## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

I am delighted to invite pupils to take part in this year's competition, either at school or at home. The theme this year is '**A Flag for Christmas**', where children are encouraged to think about and design what they would put on a Christmas-themed flag. All entries should be sent to my constituency office at 10 Village Way, Pinner, HA5 5AF with the child's full name, age and school on the back of the design by **Friday 7 November**.

Kind regards,

**David Simmonds CBE MP**



# 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.

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE



**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

**ALWAYS ONLINE**

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite. It can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time at this age – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

**IN-GAME COSTS**

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetics (skins), music tracks, V-Bucks items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often "gone when they're gone".

**VIRTUAL VIOLENCE**

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, events are blood-free. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emoticons. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

**CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT**

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

**FREQUENT UPDATES**

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular rewards help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change themselves.

**POP CULTURE REFERENCES**

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossover with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

**DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION**

Talk with children about why they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

**SET SPENDING LIMITS**

Fortnite's rotating store is a real-to-virtual mechanism for sending players into buying sprees – after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to expensive losses on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulsive purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

**ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER**

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

**BE WARY OF SCAMS**

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's an abundance of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure only young player knows this.

**Meet Our Expert**

Ulyssé Coimbra is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety, like a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including iDK, TechRadar, and plenty more.



**#WakeUpWednesday**





# Community Events/Info

## FIREWORKS AT RUISLIP RUGBY CLUB



**Ruislip Rugby Club**

**Fireworks Display**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
**Gates Open at 17.30**  
**Display from 19.30**

No Pets Please • No Sparklers • No Parking on Site  
Please respect residents and their property in the area

**Entry:**  
In Advance  
**£9.00**  
+ booking fees  
On the night  
**£10.00**



Book Now!  
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**Barbeque & Food available**  
**Bar Open from 6.00 p.m.**



**West End Road**  
**Ruislip HA4 6DR**



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## GIRLS' TASTER BMX SESSION

Bike and equipment available to borrow! Please wear long sleeve clothing!

Contact...  
hello@hawksbmx.co.uk or +44  
7805 687083 to book on!

ALL FEMALE BMX RACING TASTER  
SESSION!

ABC  
*Alexander*  
Coach *Bmx*

COMPLETELY FREE!!!!

ALL AGES WELCOME!

WHEN - Sunday 23rd November

WHERE - Hayes Hawks BMX track, lake Farm  
Country Park, Dawley Road, UB3 1EJ

TIME - 1 - 2pm



WITH COACH- HARRIET ALEXANDER



## MEET THE AUTHOR EVENTS AT HILLINGDON LIBRARIES THIS AUTUMN

Come and meet two best-selling authors at our workshops at Botwell Green, Ruislip Manor and Uxbridge libraries:

**Children's Writing Workshops - Mythical Beasts and Festivals and Celebrations** - Reluctant writers and keen scribblers will love these fun, relaxed workshops with children's writer and poet Gita Ralleigh - author of *The Destiny of Minou Moonshine* and *The Voyage of Sam Singh*. Open to 7 to 11-year-olds.

[Library Writing Workshops with Gita Ralleigh \(PDF, 7 MB\)](#)

**Storytelling and Activity with Laura Henry-Allain MBE** - Join international award-winning writer, producer and storyteller Laura Henry-Allain, the creator of the well-loved JoJo and Gran Gran series of books and CBeebies animation for this exciting workshop.

[Storytelling Fun LHA \(PDF, 1 MB\)](#)

## PSD CLUBS FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND



**WEALDSTONE YOUTH FC**

**SEND SOCCER SCHOOL**

FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES

ALL PLAYERS ARE SUPPORTED BY OUR CARING & EXPERIENCED FA QUALIFIED COACHES

FOR CHILDREN AGED 8 - 12 (YEAR 4 - 7)

SCAN TO BOOK



SATURDAYS | 10AM - 11AM


SUMMER @ WEALDSTONE FC  
WINTER @ GOALS RUISLIP

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES OR TO REQUEST A FREE TRIAL EMAIL  
[SOCCER.SCHOOL@WEALDSTONEYOUTHFC.CO.UK](mailto:SOCCER.SCHOOL@WEALDSTONEYOUTHFC.CO.UK)



**SEND**

**INDOOR FOOTBALL SESSIONS**



**For children with special educational needs and disabilities**

**Have fun, make friends, play football!**

**Wednesdays  
5:30pm - 6:30pm**

**Ages under 5 to  
under 12**

**Glebe Primary School  
Sussex Road  
Ickenham  
UB10 8PH**

**FREE TRIAL**

**For more information and to register email  
[welfare@ickenhamyouthfc.com](mailto:welfare@ickenhamyouthfc.com)**





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# Payment/deadline Dates

## OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS DUE

Payment
Year 3 Stone Age workshop
Year 5 Brazil Day
Year 6 Science Museum

## UPCOMING PAYMENTS

Payment	Date due
Year 6 Isle of Wight next instalment	28 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 5 PGL next instalment	30 <sup>th</sup> November
D & T resources for the year	1 <sup>st</sup> January
Donation to Children in Need	14 <sup>th</sup> November
Donation to British Legion Poppy Appeal	w/b 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov

## DEADLINES FOR OTHER THINGS

Deadline	Date due
Registration for Young Voices Concert (choir)	3 <sup>rd</sup> November

# Weekly Attendance

Class	% Attendance W/C 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2025	% Attendance 03.09.25 – 23.10.25	Year Group Attendance % 03.09.25 – 23.10.25
Ash	95.7	95.1	
Oak	92.0	97.9	
Willow	91.7	97.1	
<b>Year 3</b>	-	-	96.7
Beech	95.5	97.5	
Elm	100	95.9	
Maple	90.5	96.9	
<b>Year 4</b>	-	-	96.8
Birch	96.8	96.8	
Yew	96.8	97.0	
<b>Year 5</b>	-	-	96.9
Juniper	96.3	97.1	
Pine	92.6	96.1	
Poplar	96.3	95.6	
<b>Year 6</b>	-	-	96.3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>96.6</b>



## 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	<a href="mailto:office@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk">office@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk</a>		
Welfare/reporting your child's absence	<a href="mailto:welfare@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk">welfare@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk</a>		
Safeguarding concerns	<a href="mailto:dsl@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk">dsl@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk</a>		
<p>Whiteheath Junior School is a safe space for <b>any child or adult</b> 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 <a href="mailto:dsl@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk">dsl@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk</a> - 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

*(Half term - Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October)*

Monday 3rd November	Children return to school
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Girls' District Football Tournament
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual photographs
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Kwik Sticks Hockey competition
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Geobus workshop Year 4
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Day
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Choir singing at Ruislip Manor Xmas Funday
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Geobus workshop Year 6
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	SportsHall Athletics



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Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

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Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

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

Year 4 Badminton Team – London Youth Games

Year 6 visit to Science Museum

PTA Christmas Fayre

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

Year 6 Height and Weight Check

Christmas lunch, Christmas Service and Christmas  
Jumper Day

Year 3 Christmas performances dress rehearsal to  
the school

Autumn term report cards out to parents/carers

Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents/carers at  
9:30am

Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents/carers at  
5pm

Christmas Parties

School term ends at 12:30pm

Have a lovely half term break,

**M Kenny,**  
**Headteacher**

