



WHITEHEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Opportunity, Confidence & Growth

Whole School Newsletter

Newsletter No: 3

Friday 19th September, 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.

SAFEGUARDING AT WHITEHEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Whiteheath Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

All staff are trained in safeguarding when they join the school and this training is updated annually and staff receive monthly updates about their role in protecting children. The training ensures staff are aware of the signs to look out for if a child may be being harmed/abused. It also informs them how to deal with the situation and report it appropriately. Similarly, children are reminded that they can share information with staff who will always be there to listen and support them.

We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy which can be viewed in the Policies section of our website.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We endeavour to discuss our concerns about our pupils with parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the safety of the child. We work closely with Hillingdon Children's Services and take guidance from them.

We actively support the Government's Prevent Agenda to counter radicalism and extremism and staff have received training in this as well. Our Preventing Radicalisation Policy can be viewed in the policies section of our website.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are the Headteacher, Ms Kenny and Mrs Ventin (DSL and Pastoral Lead).

**The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) is Miss Wells (Deputy Headteacher).
The governor responsible for Safeguarding is Ali Percy (Chair of Governors).**

Any parent or carer who has concerns about the safety of a child is encouraged to discuss their concern with one of the above named adults or you can email the school on this email address, which is only



accessible by the Safeguarding Leads - dsl@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk and is put in every school weekly newsletter. Parents/carers can also contact Stronger Families Hub on 01895 556006.

HOUSE CAPTAINS



This week our Year 6 children gave their speeches in assembly this week to put themselves forward for the very important role of House Captain. The school watched as they spoke with passion and enthusiasm – they were a true credit to you and the school. Votes have been counted and we are pleased to announce that our House Captains for 25-26 are:

Windsor – Anaya and Ava
Hampton – Oli and Ishaani
Westminster – Ivy and Eve
London – Poppy and Rares

Well done to all of the children who put themselves forward and prepared great speeches!

YEAR 6 PREFECTS



In Year 6, to develop a greater sense of responsibility, accountability and independence, children are given the opportunity to become a school Prefect.

Prefects carry out jobs around the school to ensure they are involved in helping to the school runs smoothly. Jobs vary and include things like: delivering register to classes, putting out chairs for assembly and helping to tidy resources.

This term we have 26 Prefects who were all presented with their badges in assembly today.

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES

During yesterday's whole school assembly, the children were treated to a demonstration of the different brass instruments which are available to learn at school through Hillingdon Music Service.

We currently offer lessons on brass instruments (trumpet, trombone, French horn, euphonium), stringed instruments (violin and cello) and the woodwind instruments (clarinet, flute, saxophone).

Playing a musical instrument is a fantastic skill to have and can offer the children a wealth of opportunities as their musical ability progresses.

It would be great to have lots of children sign up for music lessons to boost the numbers in school orchestra too! If you would like to find out more information about lessons offered by Hillingdon Music Service, and the opportunities they provide through their Music School and Ensembles Programme, please see the attached flyer.

READING HELP - PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We are looking out for parents/carers who can spare some time to support our children. At present, we need volunteers to hear children read. If you think you may be able to help, please contact the school via the office email.

We need as many parent/carers volunteers as possible. Thank you.



REPORTING SICKNESS ABSENCE

If you are reporting your child's absence due to sickness, please either call the school office or email Miss. Aistrop in the office using this email address – welfare@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk. Thank you.

EXCEPTIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS AND ILLNESS

At Whiteheath Junior School we are very proud of our excellent attendance record.

Please be aware that appointments for the dentist and opticians made for during the school day are not exceptional circumstances (unless they are emergencies) and will be an unauthorised absence for your child. Please arrange these appointments for after school, school holidays or weekends.

If you feel you need to take your child out of school for any reason please complete an exceptional leave request form, which can be found on the school website, prior to taking the leave. Evidence for the requested leave will also need to be provided - this can take the form of an appointment card or screen shot of text. If you have a family emergency and need to travel suddenly, we request flight details which must include the date the flight was booked. Exceptional leave authorisation is at the discretion of the Headteacher.

If your child is unwell, please call or message school on the first day and all subsequent days that they remain too unwell to attend. Your child will be marked as unauthorised if we do not receive this information.

Thank you to parents and carers for supporting their children in attending school regularly so their full potential can be achieved.

PTA – we need your support!

The PTA are looking for volunteers to come on board to help with our fundraising events.

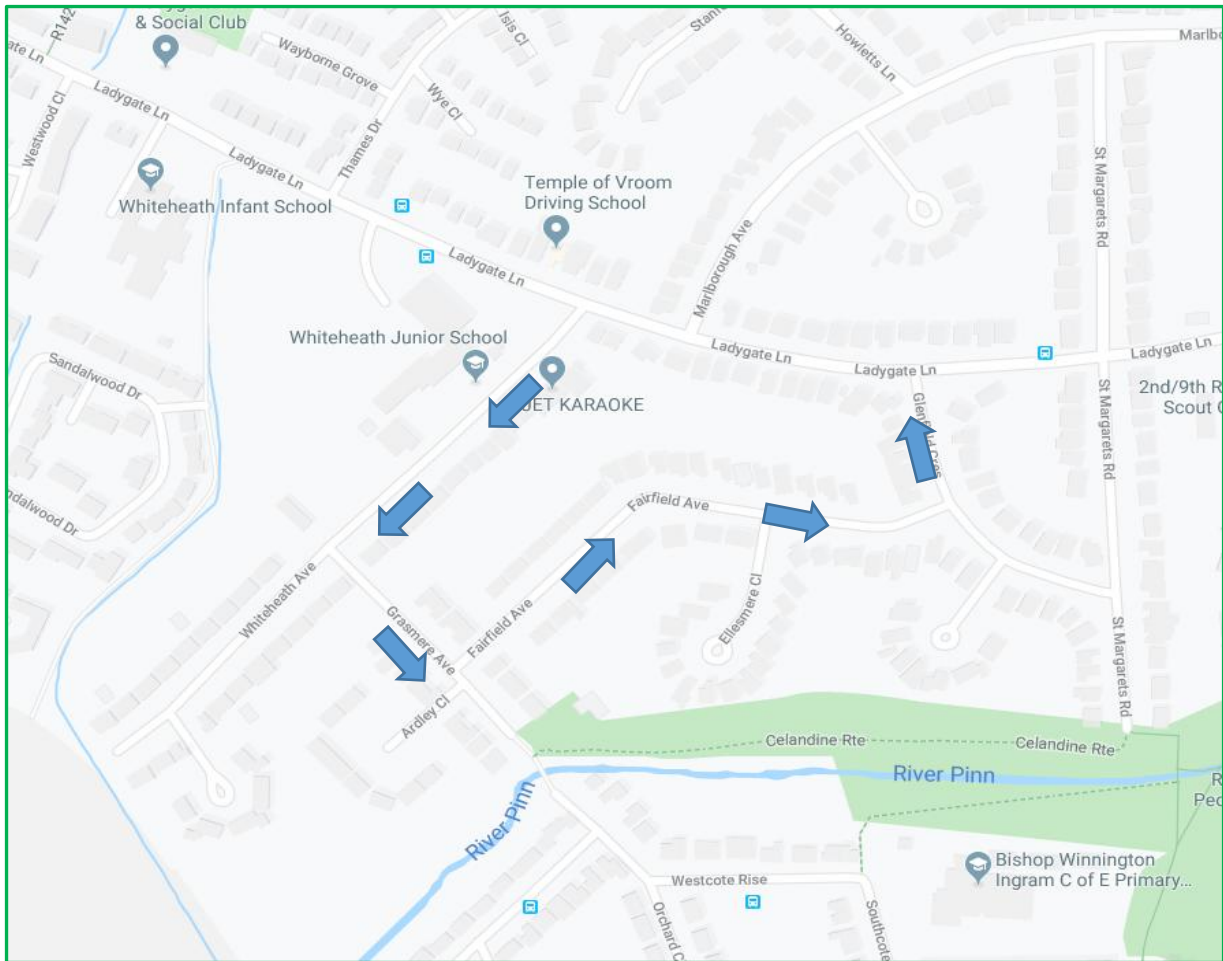
We have 4 main events a year-

- Christmas Fayre
- Disco
- Sports Day refreshments
- Summer Fayre

If you are interested in becoming a valuable member of our team, please email us at whiteheath-juniors-PTA@outlook.com. Many thanks, Your PTA



VOLUNTARY ONE-WAY SCHEME



Keep moving and drop children off on the nearside curb

The arrows indicate the one-way scheme for drivers during school drop-off and pick up times. Using it will ensure the greatest safety for all children and adults and it will keep the traffic moving

As part of the school's commitment to Road Safety, we again are circulating our 'Voluntary One-Way Scheme' that we have devised (in conjunction with the Local Authority School Travel and Road Safety Team). Due to its success, the 'Voluntary One-Way Scheme' is a permanent arrangement for parents/carers in our school.

The aim is to keep the flow of traffic moving and to prevent parents from parking inconsiderately and performing 3-point turns in places that are unsafe and block the traffic, including outside the school gates, on corners, driveways and on Whiteheath Avenue.

We would ask everyone who uses a car to use this voluntary scheme and be a considerate motorist in and around our school. Better still, consider alternative ways to travel, if possible.

Drivers Please use the route as shown and stop on the nearside. Please remember that it is dangerous to allow a child to get out from the offside of a car. If you follow this scheme, this will not be necessary. **PLEASE DO NOT STOP ON YELLOW MARKINGS.**



Remember No 'u' turns or reversing on Whiteheath Avenue.

Do not park on corners, dropped kerbs and double yellow lines

Reminders

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:

- 1st October 9 – 9:30am
- 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)

JUNIOR DUKE AWARD



You received an email on 8th September about the Junior Duke Award. The award is aimed at helping children from the age of 5 to 13 to learn and practice a large variety of life skills.

Year 3 children complete bronze, Year 4 children complete silver, Year 5 children complete gold and Year 6 children complete platinum.

If your child would like to take part, please complete and sign the slip on the letter and return it to your child's class teacher by WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER. **The deadline for ordering from Junior Duke is very strict. We cannot add your child after this time as the company will not accept any late applicants.**

TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL BY BIKE OR SCOOTER

All children are welcome and encouraged to bring their scooters/bikes into school. We have bike pods where they can leave them during the day and collect on their way out of school. PLEASE ensure that you have picked up a cycling agreement from the school office if you would like your child to come to school by bike. Thank you.



FOOTBALL CLUB ON A SATURDAY AT WHITEHEATH

This new club started successfully on the 13th September. Please see flyer alongside for more details and to sign up!



FIRST TOUCH FOOTBALL

LAUNCHING SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER
 SATURDAY MORNING FOOTBALL SESSIONS
 DELIVERED BY THE PSD ACADEMY
 FOR CHILDREN AGED 4 - 11

A MIX OF FOOTBALL FUNDAMENTALS AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR PLAYERS OF ALL ABILITIES TO DEVELOP CONFIDENCE AND INSPIRE THE NEXT STEPS ON THEIR FOOTBALLING JOURNEY.



UNDER 5'S - UNDER 7'S
 CHILDREN IN RECEPTION - YEAR 2
 SATURDAY MORNINGS
 9AM - 10AM
 £6 PER SESSION

UNDER 8'S - UNDER 11'S
 CHILDREN IN YEARS 3-6
 SATURDAY MORNINGS
 10AM - 11AM
 £6 PER SESSION

WHITEHEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL
 WHITEHEATH AVENUE, RUISLIP, HA4 7PR

BOOK ONLINE: WWW.THEPSDGROUP.ORG.UK/ACADEMY

academy@thepsdgroup.org.uk 0203 397 7409 @thepsdgroupuk

PLAY | SUCCEED | DEVELOP



Merit Assembly

Class of the Week – Beech

Class Merit Awards

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Isabelle, Caylee, Anna	Sarah F, Asiya, Jack	Sana, Harry	Lara, Ethan, Daksh



Payment/deadline Dates

UPCOMING PAYMENTS DUE

Payment	Date due
Anyone who has signed up for guitar or keyboard lessons	Overdue
First instalment for the Year 5 PGL Journey	Overdue
Donation for Jeans for Genes Day	today
Year 3 Stone Age workshop	22 nd September
Junior Duke	24 th September
Year 6 Science Museum	26 th September
Year 5 Brazil Day	29 th September
Year 4 Verulamium	23 rd September

DEADLINES FOR OTHER THINGS

Deadline	Date due
None at present	

Weekly Attendance

Class	% Attendance W/C 15 th Sep 2025	% Attendance 03.09.25 – 19.09.25	Year Group Attendance % 03.09.25 – 19.09.25
Ash	99.6	98.8	
Oak	96.8	98.0	
Willow	94.8	96.9	
Year 3	-	-	97.1
Beech	93.2	96.5	
Elm	95.6	95.7	
Maple	96.7	98.0	
Year 4	-	-	96.8
Birch	97.7	97.3	
Yew	98.1	98.9	
Year 5	-	-	98.1
Juniper	94.8	95.7	
Pine	93.9	96.7	
Poplar	89.3	91.0	
Year 6	-	-	94.5
Totals	95.5	96.7	96.7

Contacting us

Contacting class teachers	Willow	Ash	Oak	Maple	Miss Atkinson	Mrs Garland/ Mrs Robert	Miss Malone	Mrs Mendez	willow@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk	ash@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk	oak@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk	maple@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk



	Beech Elm Yew Birch Poplar Pine Juniper Years 5 & 6 maths sets	Miss Cook Mr Lewington Ms Prioli Miss Bryant Miss Lawrence Miss Jackman Mr Goodchild Miss Wells	beech@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk elm@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk yew@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk birch@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk poplar@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk pine@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk juniper@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk 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

Monday 22 nd September	European Day of Languages
Wednesday 24 th September	Year 3/4 Badminton Competition - TBC
Thursday 25 th September	National Fitness Day
Tuesday 30 th September	Photography and video day
Wednesday 1 st October	GenEarth workshop Year 5
Wednesday 1 st October	SEND & Pastoral meeting for parents/carers 9-9:30am
Friday 3 rd October	Year 5 Brazil Day
Monday 6 th October	Year 4 trip to Verulamium
Week Beginning 6 th October	Year 6 Bikeability Week 1
Week Beginning 13 th October	Year 6 Bikeability Week 2
Week Beginning 13 th October	Pennies for the PTA House Competition
Monday 13 th October	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop (date changed)
Tuesday 14th October	Parents' Consultation Evening
Wednesday 15th October	Parents' Consultation Evening
Thursday 16 th October	Year 3 and 4 Tag rugby Festival – TBC
Friday 17 th October	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 22 nd October	Year 4 -6 Virtual author visit
Thursday 23 rd October	Yr 5 Harvest Festival assembly to school am



Thursday 23rd October	Yr 5 Harvest Festival assembly to parents/carers 2:30pm
Friday 24th October	Training Day (no children)
	<i>(Half term - Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October)</i>
Monday 3rd November	Children return to school
Friday 7 th November	Individual photographs
Friday 7 th November	Kwik Sticks Hockey competition - TBC
Wednesday 12th November	Geobus workshop Year 4
Thursday 11 th December	year 6 Height and Weight Check
Friday 14 th November	Children In Need Day
Wednesday 19 th November	Geobus workshop Year 6
Thursday 20 th November	SportsHall Athletics - TBC
Wednesday 26 th November	Borough Girls' Football competition – TBC
Friday 28 th November	Year 6 visit to Science Museum
Wednesday 3 rd December	Borough Best Team football competition - TBC
Thursday 4 th December	PTA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 10 th December	SEND & Pastoral meeting for parents/carers 2:45pm
Friday 12 th December	Christmas lunch, Christmas Service and Christmas Jumper Day TBC
Monday 16 th December	Autumn term report cards out to parents/carers
Monday 15 th December	Year 3 Christmas performances dress rehearsal to the school
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents/carers at 9:30am
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents/carers at 5pm
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Parties
Friday 19 th December	School term ends at 12:30pm

Have a good weekend,

M Kenny,
Headteacher

