WHITEHEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Opportunity, Confidence & Growth

Whole School Newsletter

Newsletter No: 6 **Friday 9th October, 2026.**

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 5 BRAZIL DAY



The children in Year 5 had an absolutely fabulous time last Friday as they immersed themselves in the vibrant culture of South America for our special Brazil Day. The classrooms came alive with colour and energy, and every single child looked super in their creative outfits.



Throughout the day, the children took part in a fantastic variety of cultural and artistic activities, putting their design skills to the test by crafting stunning, intricate carnival masks and beautifully decorating colourful Macaws to capture the true spirit of Rio de Janeiro. The energy levels soared as they hit the dance floor to learn the steps of the traditional Samba, showing off some fantastic rhythm and coordination before turning their hands to traditional style percussion, filling the school with powerful, synchronized beats during an incredibly lively drumming workshop.



Beyond the arts, the children spent time learning about the geography, history, and rich traditions that make Brazil such a fascinating country.

It was an unforgettable day filled with creativity, music, and learning, so a huge well done goes to Year 5 for their fantastic enthusiasm, alongside a big thank you to parents and carers for helping with such wonderful costumes!

OCTOBER WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

This month, we're encouraging our children and families to take part in Walk to School Month! Walking to school is a great way to stay active, enjoy some fresh air, spend time together and help reduce traffic and pollution around our school.

Children who walk to school will receive a mini passport, which their teacher will stamp each day they walk to school. **So, FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS, at the end of the week, the class with the most stamps will win EXTRA PLAY!**

So, get your walking shoes ready and let's make every step count!



YEAR 5 PEDESTRIAN TRAINING

Year 5 have been developing their pedestrian skills and learning how to stay safe when out and about.
They have explored the Green Cross Code – Stop, Look, Listen and Think– and practised how to cross roads safely, identify safe crossing points, and be aware of traffic around them. Through practical activities, they have built their confidence and understanding of how to make safe decisions when walking in the local community.

PENNIES/POUNDS FOR THE PTA COMPETITION – LED BY OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS

During next we will be collecting money to raise funds for the PTA. The House Captains will be collecting money for their House every morning for the whole week. They collect coins AND NOTES in their buckets, and once counted and verified, the winning House will earn a non-uniform day.





MESSAGE FOR PARENTS/CARERS – RE: SPECIAL EDUATIONAL NEEDS

I hope you had a restful summer break and the children have now settled into the Autumn Term in their new classes.
Parents/carers with children who are included on the Special Educational Needs Register have been contacted separately via email.
If you have not received the email but your child has additional needs and is usually included on this register, please contact sendco@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
I look forward to continuing to work with you this year to provide support and help for your child.
Mrs Manfredi, SENDCo

SCIENCE COMPETITION - CELEBRATING WORLD SPACE WEEK AT WHITEHEATH



As part of this year's World Space Week, Pokémon has teamed up with the European Space Agency to make the week memorable for all children around the world. Amazingly, Pikachu recently travelled to the International Space Station (ISS) with French astronaut, Sophie Adenot.

Here at Whiteheath, we marked the occasion with an assembly based on this year's theme: **Rocket Revolution**, where we explored the incredible growth of space exploration and the transformation of rockets over the years. The children were very excited to hear that Pikachu had launched into space in April this year, spending 67 days orbiting the Earth on the ISS.

This would be a fantastic topic to discuss and further explore with your child/ren at home, particularly as there is so much excitement surrounding space travel across the world at the moment.



To continue celebrating, I am launching a World Space Week competition and invite the children to create their own **'Pikachu's Journey to Space Comic Strip'**, bringing Science, Art and Writing together to hopefully create something special.

The children are encouraged to research a little more about the space mission that Sophie and Pikachu undertook for 67 days. They can then use what they've learned, alongside their own imagination, to write and illustrate their own version of Pikachu's journey to space. I will provide a comic strip template to the children who would like to take part. The last day for submitting their entries will be **Thursday 22nd October**.

I look forward to seeing the children's fantastic comic strips and reading all about Pikachu's adventures and hope they enjoy the challenge! Miss Bryant - Science Lead

Sports News

FOOTBALL MATCH

It was a thrilling week for our Football A team on Wednesday as they stepped out for the first round of the cup. Fresh off the back of a fantastic 3-0 league victory against Newnham the previous week, the players were raring to maintain their 100% record—and they did just that with a spectacular 7-3 win against Hillside to storm through to the next stage of the competition.

Once again, the team were absolutely rampant on the pitch, effortlessly controlling the tempo of the game and proving devastating in attack. Whiteheath established a comfortable 2-0 lead by the break thanks to clinical, well-taken goals from both Romeo and Arthur.

The momentum carried straight into the second half. Arthur struck again to secure his second goal of the afternoon, while Frankie P put the game completely out of Hillside's reach with a brilliant, quick-fire hat-trick. Frankie has been in sensational form, racking up an impressive five goals in just two matches and establishing himself as a major threat in front of goal this season. A late consolation saw Hillside turn the ball into their own net to bring Whiteheath's tally to seven.



It was an excellent, high-energy performance from everyone involved, and the entire school community is incredibly proud of their teamwork and dedication.
Well done, team! Mr Newing

NETBALL MATCH

WHITEHEATH 10 - 11 WARRENDER



On Thursday afternoon, our girls' Netball A team hosted Warrender in their very first competitive fixture of the calendar, and what a spectacular match it turned out to be!

Whiteheath started on the front foot, moving and passing the ball with real pace and purpose to take an early 2-1 lead. Warrender fought back strongly, however, and looked to be pulling out of reach as they opened up an 8-4 advantage heading into the third quarter.

But our girls were far from down and out. Team captain Isla rallied the squad, sparking an astonishing comeback. Thanks to some brilliant, clinical shooting from both Isla and Grace, Whiteheath sensationally levelled the score at 8-8.

The final quarter was an absolute nail-biter. With Warrender narrowly ahead at 10-9, Grace scored a stunning, long-range effort that sent the whole team jumping for joy as the equaliser went in. With just 30 seconds left on the clock, Warrender held the final possession and managed to score a dramatic late winner, bringing the final whistle to 11-10. Even though the result didn't quite go our way, it was a wonderful match between two fantastic schools.

Our players showed immense resilience, character, and spirit, while playing a truly exciting netball. We are incredibly proud of you all—well done! Mr Newing.

Reminders

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

We would like to remind all parents and carers that our school uniform colours are **white, green and grey**. As part of maintaining our school's high standards and sense of pride, it is important that all children wear the correct uniform.

Please ensure that children wear **grey trousers or a grey skirt, rather than black**.

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that our uniform policy is followed consistently. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in helping us maintain our school standards.

CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBITION

The school cordially invites you to an exhibition of the children's art. This unique event will be held in our very own art gallery (the converted school hall) on **Thursday 19th November 2026.**

The school art gallery will open straight after school. If you are unable to attend but wish to purchase your child's artwork, please arrange for someone else to collect and pay for it on your behalf. These make lovely gifts for Christmas, Mother's Day, or other family members. Pictures can be purchased on the day and taken home with you.

Please note that this event is cash-only, and we kindly ask that you try to bring the exact change. Framed pictures are on sale for £10 each.

Thank you for supporting this event and helping to raise vital funds for the school!

Merit Assembly

Class of the Week – Poplar

Class Merit Awards

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Chloe, Sophie	Millica, Veer, Charlotte	Hazal, Henri	Anaiya, Alphey

House Points

Hampton	Windsor	London	Westminster
20	10	30	30

Weekly Attendance

Class	% Attendance W/C – 5th Oct 2026	% Attendance 03.09.26 – 09.10.26	Year Group Attendance % 03.09.26 – 09.10.26
Oak	99	99.3	
Willow	97.5	98.1	
Year 3	-	-	98.9
Beech	97.4	96.4	
Elm	100	97.4	
Maple	97.2	95.3	
Year 4	-	-	96.3
Birch	97.3	97.5	
Yew	95.5	95.4	
Year 5	-	-	96.4
Pine	98.3	95.8	
Poplar	94.7	94.1	
Year 6	-	-	95
Totals	**97.4**	**96.6**	**96.4**

Payment/deadline Dates

UPCOMING PAYMENTS

Payment	Date due
Year 6 Isle of Wight instalment	2nd November
Year 5 PGL instalment	30th November

OTHER

Payment	Date due
Young Voices	23rd October

Contacting us

Contacting class teachers	Willow	Miss Atkinson	willow@whiteheath-jun.hillingdon.sch.uk
	Oak	Mrs Pedrick	ash@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 are going to include a guide in this newsletter, covering different aspects, to help ensure children and young people are supported and protected online.



PTA/Community events/info

HALF TERM SWIMMING LESSONS



OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMP



🚀 Mission Starlight Is Ready for Launch! 🪐

This **October half-term**, JAG's Holiday HQ camp is coming to our school with their Mission Starlight theme.

🗓️ **26–30 October**
(Check our school page on the JAG website for full details.)
👧 👦 **Ages 4–11**

👉 See What's On This October Half-Term

⭐ **Early Bird – Save 10%**
Use code **STARLIGHT10** when you book by **Sunday 4 October**.

👫 **Sibling discount – Save 10%**
Automatically applied when booking more than one child

🗓️ **Multi-day booking discount – Save 4%**
Applied when booking four days or more within the same week

👉 Find our school page
👉 Make a booking
📞 0333 577 1533
📧 hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk

Autumn Term Dates

Week Beginning 12th October	Pennies for the PTA House Competition
Week beginning 12th October	Year 6 Bikeability Week
Tuesday 13th October	**Parents Consultation Evening**
Wednesday 14th October	**Parents Consultation Evening**
Tuesday 20th October	Borough Best Team Football Competition
Tuesday 20th October	Borough Girls' football Competition
Wednesday 21st October	Year 4 Roman Day
Thursday 22nd October	Nasal Flu vaccinations
Friday 23rd October	Yr 5 Harvest Festival assembly to school am
Friday 23rd October 2:40pm	Yr 5 Harvest Festival assembly to parents/carers
Friday 23rd October	Hillingdon Foodbank Collection

(Half term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October)

Monday 2nd November	**Training Day (no children)**
Monday 3rd November	Children return to school
Friday 6th November	Individual photographs
Tuesday 10th November	Year 3 Stone Age Day
Thursday 19th November	SportsHall Athletics Competition
Tuesday 17th – Friday 20th Nov	Travelling Book Fair Days
Thursday 19th November	Art Frames Exhibition
Monday 30th November	Year 6 Trip to the Science Museum
Friday 13th November	Children In Need Day
Wednesday 25th November	Virtual Author visit for Years 5 and 6
Monday 7th December	Choir visit to Poplars Care Home
Thursday 10th December	Year 6 Height and Weight Check
Friday 11th December	Christmas lunch, Christmas Service and Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14th December	Autumn term report cards out to parents/carers
Monday 14th December	Year 3 Christmas performances dress rehearsal to the school
Tuesday 16th December 9:30am	Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents/carers
Wednesday 16th December 5pm	Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents/carers
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Parties
Friday 18th December	**School term ends at 12:30pm**

Have a good weekend all,

Ms Kenny,
Headteacher