



Whitehall Junior School School Newsletter: Edition 1

Autumn Term: 1

Welcome to WJS

Ready

Respectful

Safe

The start to this academic year has been full of excitement and much dedication from all. It seems hardly believable that we are fast approaching the colder and darker months but we all have to surge forward with resilience. To those of you joining us, a warm Whitehall Junior welcome to you all.



As Headteacher of the Junior School, I have been impressed by how positively the year has begun and in particular, by how our Year 3s have settled into new routines so swiftly. Thank you, parents and staff, for making this possible.

I look forward to personally meeting you at the school gate this year and it would be lovely if you could introduce yourselves, and your junior-aged child/ren to me, allowing us to establish positive relationships between home and school.

Please take the time to read our regular letters and newsletters which will not only celebrate our many successes but will also highlight key information.

Yours in education,

Mrs Moloj,

Headteacher/ Designated Safeguarding Lead

Achievements



At the beginning of October 2023, Whitehall Junior School took part in Great Ormond Street (GOSH) Charity's 5k family fun walk/run, RBC Race for the Kids, to raise funds to help build a new Children's Cancer Centre at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

It was an event that was thoroughly enjoyed by all and we were pleased to see so many family members come and join in this event. Thank you for your support!

We are pleased to announce that we raised **£451.00** for the GOSH Charity plus £104.45 Gift Aid. Thank you to all those that sponsored Whitehall Junior School!

Please visit our website on:

<https://www.whitehalljunior.org/stream/news/full/1/-/> to see the wonderful pictures from that week.

General

Parent-Teacher Meetings



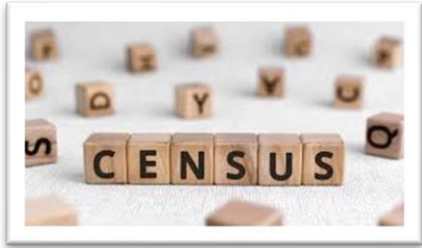
Thank you to all parents who have since managed to dedicate time to meet with their child's teacher. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the teacher and to agree on ways in which you can support them.

The next will be held in the Spring Term.



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Census Day Updated Numbers



On **Thursday 05th October 2023** all schools nationwide had to submit their official, headcount of children to the DfE. We proudly boast having registered **384 pupils** on roll that day.

Based on these numbers, the DfE allocates school budgets accordingly and we hope that these increased numbers will boost our annual allocation.

We are the World



It always fascinates me to learn about the selection of languages spoken by the families within our amazingly diverse community. This year's census registered an astounding **52 languages** spoken by us all. What a celebration of our various backgrounds!

Show Racism the Red Card Day



On **Friday 20th October 2023**, everyone was invited to join in the '**Wear Red Day**' in support of **the Show Racism the Red Card Charity**.

We are such a diverse school population that it was wonderful to see us standing united in ensuring that we embrace all people within our community. What a wonderful mark of solidarity as a way of ensuring a better future for our children!

Wrap Up Warmly

winter clothing



As the weather is now changing, please make sure children bring appropriate outdoor clothing to school, i.e., coats, hats, gloves, etc. At Whitehall Junior School, we always try to take children outside at playtimes and lunchtimes unless it is raining heavily. Please make sure that any item of clothing brought to school is labelled with your child's name. This makes it much easier to find any lost items.

Safety updates



Permission granted to Year 5 & 6 Pupils

Year 5 & 6 pupils are allowed to travel to and from school unaccompanied but do require written permission from their parents. Please email the school or send your child in with a note to authorise this new arrangement.

Collection from after clubs

With the darker months approaching, we ask that Year 5 & 6 pupils are collected from clubs, regardless of whether they have permission to go home unaccompanied or not.



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Flu Nasal Spray Vaccination



As part of our annual NHS commitment to tackling colds and flus, our local nursing team will be in on **Friday 1st December 2023** to administer the nasal flu immunisation.

This FREE service is offered to all primary-aged children and further information will be sent out to families in the coming weeks. **Please note:** Only children for which consent has been granted will receive the nasal spray.

Contacting the school



To ensure that we can direct your query or message to the right person, please contact us as follows:

Main Junior Office: 01895 234 071
Main Office Email: office@whitehalljunior.org
Safeguarding concerns:
safeguarding@whitehalljunior.org
SEND matters: senco@whitehalljunior.org

Please allow at least 48 hours for us to respond to any non-urgent matters.

Dealing with any concerns



We believe in dealing with any possible concerns that you might have as they arise. Feel free to talk to the staff on duty and we will direct you to the right member of staff if we are unable to deal with your concerns or questions.

Reporting absences



It is important that parents continue to report their child's absence by 9am daily. To report your child's absence, call us on: **01895234071** and leave a message on the absence line if calling before 8:15am.

Year Group Email Addresses



Should you wish to get in touch with your child's teacher to discuss work being covered in the year group or to query something, you can contact them directly on:

Year 3- year3@whitehalljunior.org
Year 4- year4@whitehalljunior.org
Year 5- year5@whitehalljunior.org
Year 6- year6@whitehalljunior.org

For more urgent matters, contact the Office directly instead.

Term Dates: 2023-2024



<u>School Term Dates 2023-2024</u>
<u>Autumn Term 2</u>
Monday 30 th October 2023- Wednesday 20 th December 2023 (Early closure: 12:30pm only on 20th Dec.)
Training Day Thursday 21 st December 2023 (School closed to children)
<u>Spring Term 3</u>
Monday 08 th January 2024- Friday 09 th February 2024



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Dates for your Diary



<u>Friday 10th November 2023</u> <i>Diwali Celebrations- Wear traditional attire or party clothing</i>
<u>Friday 10th November 2023</u> <i>Class Assembly Yr 6S (parents welcome)</i>
<u>Friday 17th November 2023</u> <i>Class Assembly Yr 5S (parents welcome)</i>
<u>Friday 24th November 2023</u> <i>Class Assembly Yr 5P (parents welcome)</i>
<u>Friday 01st December 2023</u> <i>Child Flu Immunisation</i>
<u>Friday 01st December 2023</u> <i>WJS & WIS Christmas Market 3pm-4:30pm</i>
<u>Friday 08th December 2023</u> <i>Class Assembly Yr 5E (parents welcome)</i>
<u>Friday 08th December 2023</u> <i>Christmas Jumper Day & Whole-School Christmas Lunch (FREE lunch for all)</i>
<u>Tuesday 12th December 2023</u> <i>Year 4 Production at 2pm</i>
<u>Wednesday 13th December 2023</u> <i>Year 4 Production at 9:30am Year 4 Production at 4pm</i>

Interested in becoming a Governor?



What is the role of the Governing Board?

The school's Governing Board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance.

The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor, you'll voluntarily work with the board to make sure that it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll also play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the Governing Board, but you're not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body.

To be a parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- The specific skills required to make sure the governing board delivers effective governance

Meet the Team: 2023-2024



Position	Member of staff
Headteacher	Mrs Moloi
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Upfield
Assistant Headteacher	Miss Costa
SENDCo	Mrs Huse
Year 3	
Year Leader/ Class 3B	Mr Jones
Class 3C	Miss Rosser
Class 3L	Mx Spacey-Mageean
Year 4	
Year Leader/ Class 4B	Miss Brown
Class 4L	Mr Keegel
Class 4T	Miss Shaw
Class 4E	Mrs Seymour & Mrs Perez
Year 5	
Year Leader/ Class 5P	Miss Mattera
Class 5S	Miss Groves
Class 5E	Mrs Norman & Miss Guernieri
Year 6	
Year Leader/Class 6D	Mr Mitchell
Class 6W	Mr Hopkins
Class 6S	Miss Treanor