



## Whitehall Junior School School Newsletter 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### Summer Term: 6

**\*\*INFANTS' & JUNIOR SCHOOLS CLOSED\*\***

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021  
Staff Training Day**



Dear Families,

Welcome to all new families joining our school this term! This is the final term of this academic year and it is always an excitingly busy one. With approximately 4 weeks remaining until the summer holiday, there is still much consolidation of learning to do and many exciting whole-school activities to look forward to.

This week, our children have engaged in a jam-packed Health and Fitness Week organised by Miss Costa. This included: Sports Day activities in year-group bubbles, a session with **two GB Athletes**, our **'Road to Tokyo'** programme and much more.

All this is made possible by the **Sports Funding Grant** which all schools receive and helps expose our children to many new codes of sports.

With some nicer weather hopefully returning next week, let us get ourselves fit and healthy again this summer!

*Mrs Moloji, Headteacher*

### Achievements

#### Attendance



We value attendance highly at **Whitehall Junior School**. We record the attendance and punctuality of each class on a daily basis.

Our school's target for this academic year has been to raise the level of attendance so that it is above **97%** by September 2022 and reduce lateness.

Having tracked each class's attendance since September 2021, the attendance is as follows:



Year 3 Bees	97%
Year 3 Ladybirds	95%
Year 3 Dragonflies	96%
<b>Year 3 Overall</b>	<b>96%</b>

Year 4 Bears	97%
Year 4 Tigers	96%
Year 4 Lions	95%
<b>Year 4 Overall</b>	<b>96%</b>

Year 5 Penguins	97%
Year 5 Eagles	97%
Year 5 Owls	96%
Year 5 Swallows	95%
<b>Year 5 Overall</b>	<b>96%</b>

Year 6 Dolphins	96%
Year 6 Whales	96%
Year 6 Turtles	93%
<b>Year 6 Overall</b>	<b>95%</b>

<b>Whole-School Figure</b>	<b>96%</b>
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### Attendance



MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

Attendance is compulsory until **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021** and will be tracked until the end of academic year.

There is a full programme organised until the last day of term. School will close at **12:30pm** on that day. Kindly make travel and holiday arrangements around school closure time.

### GB Athletes enthuse our pupils!



**(Left: Feron Sayers Right: Dominic Mensah)**

We were visited by British Champion and European medallist, long jumper, Feron Sayers, and GB Gymnast and World Champion, Dominic Mensah. Why not research these talented athletes with your child this week!

***“Can your child remember anything that they have found out about Feron and Dominic?”***

To find out more about the many exciting things happening at Whitehall Junior this week, why not visit our website on:

<https://www.whitehalljunior.org/stream/news/full/1/-//>

### Year 6 Whitehall Week success!



Our Year 6s have just enjoyed an amazing, fun-filled Whitehall Week in which they have engaged in many new activities. This included: fencing, outdoor & adventure activities at Go Ape, pottery, dancing, and a day spent at Beale Park.



It was wonderful to receive compliments on the behaviour of our Year 6s from a gentleman working at Beale Park who stated that 'our group of leaners had been the best-behaved group in a long while'!

***“I am so proud of you, Year 6s! Keep it up!”***



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## General

### End of Year Reports

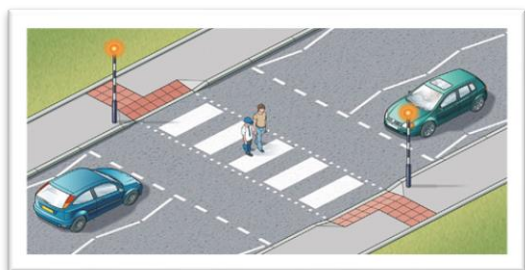


**Annual reports:** Your child's annual report will be emailed out to you next week. This is a summary of your child's progress and achievement this year.

Please read it carefully. Whilst academic achievement is important, do also take note of the 'Teacher's Comment' and discuss areas that require attention with your child, such as time management, behaviour, self-discipline, etc.

Please use the report to encourage and assist your child in preparation for the next academic year.

### Zebra crossing



Despite the new zebra crossing now in use at the rear of the school, I am still observing some children crossing dangerously at other parts of Whitehall Road. It is important that your child is trained on how to cross our busy roads safely.

### Year 6 Transition Days

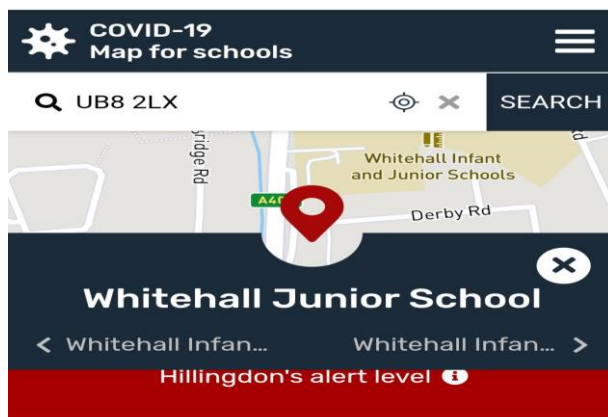


As school's are heeding the Prime Minister's call to take extra caution at this time, most local secondary have cancelled the Transition Days planned for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021. We are therefore expecting our Year 6s to attend school that day unless the new school is going ahead with plans. Please look out for information coming out from your child's secondary school.

### COVID-19 Updates Locally



As the COVID-19 cases locally have risen this week, let us continue to take extra caution to ensure that we are keeping our families and staff safe. I have observed an increasing number of adults not wearing a mask when coming to collect children at the end of the school day. I strongly urge you to continue to do so.



### COVID rate around school



Data last updated on Tuesday 22nd June 2021





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## Meet the Teacher Day



Our Year 2s at the Infants' School and our Year 3-5 pupils will be engaging in a transition morning on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021**. They will get the opportunity to meet their new teacher and will find out a little more about the year ahead.

## Moving Schools



Are you in Year 3-5, and are moving school and not intending to return in September 2021? If so, please email the Office to request a **leaver's form** for completion. This will help us with assigning classes and planning resources for the next academic year.

## General reminders: Summer Playtimes



On hot days, please make sure that sun cream is applied to children at home and that sun hats are sent into school.

Any children suffering from hay fever will need to have their medication before coming to school as they will be playing on the school field or on the lower playgrounds, weather permitting.

Please also remember to send your child in with a labelled bottle of water daily. There are drinking water refilling stations around the school.

## This week's inspiration



## Term Dates



<b><u>School Term Dates 2020-2021</u></b>
<b><u>Summer Term 6</u></b>
Monday 07 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021 <b>(Last day of term: 12:30 early closure)</b>
<b>**Training Day**</b> Friday 02 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN</b>

## Staff Training Day: School Closed



On **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021**, the school will be closed to children to allow our staff to have training that day. Please put this date into your diary.