



Whitehall Junior School School Newsletter 30th November 2022

Autumn Term: 2

Welcome to WJS

Ready

Respectful

Safe

Welcome to any new families who have joined us this term! It has been jam-packed term in which our pupils have experienced our Asia-themed week and much more. This special week ended with our children having enjoyed Bollywood dancing and dhol drumming as part of our wider work on diversity.

With two weeks now left to this term, we turn our attention to the theme of Christmas festivities as we adorn the school with lovely festive trimmings. Our Year 4s are currently polishing up their Christmas production which they will perform to their families and the wider school next week. Oh, what fun!

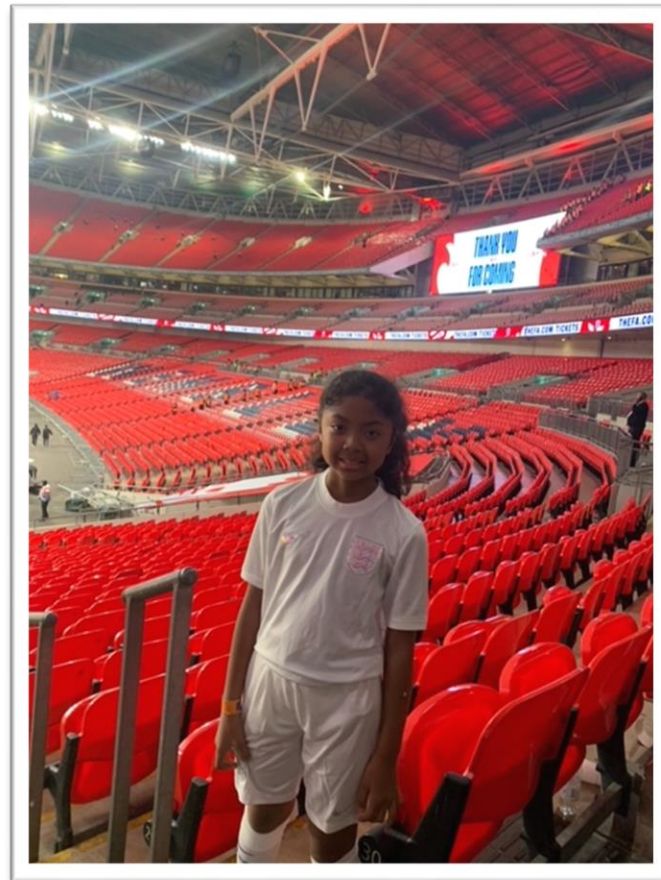


With COVID-19 cases rising locally again, do take extra care and wrap up warmly!

Yours in education,
Mrs Moloi,
Headteacher/ Designated Safeguarding Lead

Achievements

Star of the Week!



One of our Year 5 girls, Kyra, was fortunate enough to have been selected to be a mascot for the Women's Football match between England and USA in October.

This was played in front of a crammed Wembley Stadium of excited spectators (including her proud family) cheering on both teams.

"What an experience, Kyra, and who knows, we may one day see you playing for England's Women's Football team!"



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Congratulations, Mr Heath!



This month, **Mr Heath, our Premises Manager**, celebrated 25 years of service to our Whitehall School Community.



"Thank you for your loyal service in ensuring that we can learn and teach safely, Mr Heath!"

Diversity: Asia Week



A great week of activities was planned by Mrs Seymour, our Diversity Champion, to celebrate the continent of Asia this half-term.

Pupils participated in Indian drumming and dancing, they learnt to identify the countries which together form the continent of Asia, beautifully folded origami paper, as they studied about Japan, and created intricate Henna patterns as they have explored Mehndi.

Visit our **Latest News** section of our website to see the many exciting learning opportunities offered to our children this term:

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

General

Festive Friday: Christmas Jumper Day



As we typically fundraise for a children's charity in December, we will once again be wearing our Christmas Jumpers in support of **'Save the Children'**.

Therefore, on **Friday 09th December 2022**, we are inviting all children to come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper or any festive colours or **red, green, gold** (or even with some wonderful tinsel) and donate generously to this amazing charity.

FREE Christmas lunch for all!



Again this year, we are in a position to offer all of our children a FREE Christmas lunch. This will be served on **Friday 09th December 2022** which coincides with **Christmas Jumper Day** too.

Your child has already signed up in class if they wished to enjoy a meal with their classmates.



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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. If out of hours, leave a message on the absence line.

Contacting parents in an emergency



To ensure that we are able to reach parents by telephone in an emergency situation, we are asking that each family provides us with **more than one telephone number or names of people** to contact if you are not available.

Do contact the Office with additional numbers, if needed. Thank you.

Applying for Junior School



For children due to start Junior School in September 2023, you must apply for a junior school place by **Sunday 15th January 2023**.

This only applies to children currently within an Infant School or those wishing to apply for a Year 3 place for September 2023.

Applications should be made online at:
<https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/junior-school>

Useful Email Addresses



To contact our **main school office**, email us on our new email address:

office@whitehalljunior.org

For safeguarding matters, email us on:

safeguarding@whitehalljunior.org

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

Winter Weather Conditions



Warm jackets- With the colder weather now upon us, please ensure that your child has a warm coat each day. Do ensure that it is clearly labelled for easier identification.

Labelling uniform



There are often items of clothing that cannot be returned to their rightful owners as they are not labelled. It would be advisable that you label your child's uniform for easy identification. There are currently many unlabelled winter coats in there. Any unclaimed items of clothing will be placed in the 'red, lost property box' in the playground. Let's teach our children to be responsible from an early age.




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Dates for your Diary



<u>Wednesday 07th December 2022</u> Year 4 Christmas Production (1:45pm) £2 per ticket purchased via EduSpot
<u>Thursday 08th December 2022</u> Year 4 Christmas Production (9:30am) £2 per ticket purchased via EduSpot
<u>Thursday 08th December 2022</u> Year 4 Christmas Production (4:00pm) £2 per ticket purchased via EduSpot
<u>Friday 09th December 2022</u> Christmas Jumper Day & Whole-School Christmas Lunch (FREE lunch for all)
<u>Friday 09th December 2022</u> Class Assembly Yr 5E (parents welcome)
<u>Wednesday 14th December 2022</u> Class Christmas Celebrations
<u>Friday 16th December 2022</u> Last day of Autumn Term



Early Closure

Year 3 & 4- dismissal at 12:15pm
Year 5 & 6- dismissal at 12:20pm

Please ensure that you make the necessary arrangements to collect your child earlier on that day. It is important to also note that attendance is compulsory until the end of term and the register will be taken before dismissal that day.

assume that the school is open unless otherwise informed.

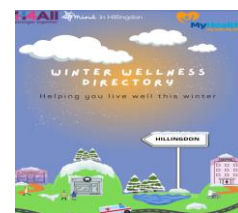
If information needs to be shared about the school not being able to open, we will contact you via the school's messaging system and /or via email.

Term Dates: 2022-2023



<u>School Term Dates 2022-2023</u>
<u>Autumn Term 2</u>
Monday 31 st October 2022- Friday 16 th December 2022 (Early closure: 12:30pm only on 16th Dec.)
<u>Spring Term 1</u>
Tuesday 03 rd January 2023- Thursday 09 th February 2023
<u>Training Day</u> Friday 10 th February 2023 (School closed to children)

Online Winter Wellness Directory



Hillingdon have published its **Online Winter Wellness Directory** to help families through these challenging months.

The directory includes:

- Government Scheme
- Council Help
- Debt and budgeting advice
- Household bills and appliances
- Self-care and Mental Health support.
- Local support groups
- Local food banks

Visit our website to download a copy today:
<https://www.whitehalljunior.org/parent-support-online-winter-wellness-directory-20/>

Cold Weather Procedure



With the cold weather conditions having descended on the UK this weekend, we are reviewing our school's cold weather procedures.

Unless treacherous weather conditions, we are pleased to mention that in the case of extreme weather conditions, parents should