



Whitehall Junior School School Newsletter 28th October 2022

Autumn Term: 1

Welcome to WJS



Our first term ended on a high note as the school looked a beautiful selection of colours as we wore our finest party attire to mark the **festival of Diwali** here at Whitehall Junior School.

The seven weeks appeared to have flown by and it has been really impressive to see how quickly our children, as guided by all staff, have adopted our school's new '**Ready, Respectful, Safe**' system. From our youngest Year 3s, who are no longer 'new' to our school, to our senior Year 6s, all demonstrated this in all aspects of school life.

As a school, we always pride ourselves on having highly effective behaviour management systems, therefore only registering 1 suspension (previously known as fixed-term exclusion) across the school this term. Let's hope that that number remains unchanged for the remainder of the year.

This term, we also successfully saw the reintroduction of our **Friday Class Assemblies** to which parents are invited. With our Year 6s having begun this cycle of showcasing the rich teaching and learning within our school, the Sharks' Class closed Black History Month with an outstanding presentation.

We look forward to welcoming all parents from other year groups to your child's Friday assembly throughout the year.

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

Achievements

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all parents for attended your child's parent-teacher meeting or availing yourself for a telephone call to discuss how well your child has settled in this term. For those who didn't manage to do so, do make contact with your child's class teacher via the year-group email account to arrange a progress conversation.

Golden Ticket Winners this term



These were our Golden Ticket Winners this term. Whilst many others had also demonstrated their '**Ready, Respectful, Safe**' attitude this term, the respective staff across the school felt that these pupils went above and beyond this term.



It is hoped that all children will have had the opportunity to receive one by the end of this academic year.

As Headteacher, I had the privilege of hosting our first-ever Golden Ticket Winner Tea Party that afternoon. I look forward to hosting many more each term.



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General

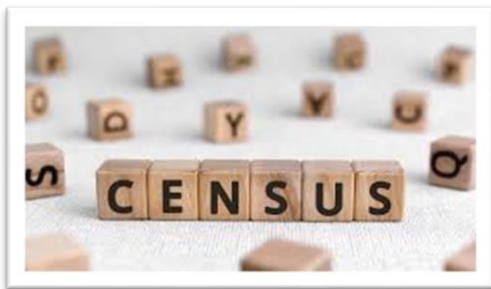
Diwali Celebrations



We pride ourselves on being a culturally connected school and wish to continue to celebrate the defining characteristic of our school. We appreciate the many festivals and traditions celebrated by our families.

With Diwali having been celebrated this week, we marked this festival by dressing up in our finest attire on the last day of term. Thank you for contributing to the richness within our diverse school.

Census Day Updated Numbers



On **Thursday 06th October 2022** all schools nationwide had to submit their official, headcount of children to the DfE. We proudly boast having registered **385 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 **46 languages** spoken by us all. What a celebration of our various backgrounds!

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 4th November 2022** to administer the nasal flu immunisation.

This FREE service is offered to all junior-aged children and further information has been sent out to families this week. Only children for which consent has been granted will receive the nasal spray.

Should you wish for your child to receive the flu nasal spray this year, use the link on:

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/C/NWLLon/imms/cnwl12/102399>

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.



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URGENT: Secondary School Applications



If you are applying for a secondary school place for **September 2023**, please apply online.

To apply for a local secondary school, visit:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Closing date for applying is **Monday 31st October 2022 by 5pm**. Contact the school should you require a paper copy instead.

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>

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.

BBC Children in Need 2023: Non-Uniform Day



On **Friday 18th November 2022**, everyone is invited to join in the **Great SPOTacular Event** and come to school in your own clothes with a spotty theme, something yellow or any 'Children in Need' merchandise, **donating £1** for this great charity. With this year's theme being **'together we can change young lives'**, let's all rally together to help this worthy cause yet again.

Feeling creative: Why not take an old white T-shirt and draw spots of different colours or affix spots onto a school jumper- no cost needed!

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
Training Day Friday 10 th February 2023 (School closed to children)



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Dates for your Diary



<u>Monday 31st October 2022</u> <i>Yr6 Secondary School Applications close 5pm</i>
<u>Friday 04th November 2022</u> <i>Child Flu Immunisation</i>
<u>Friday 11th November 2022</u> <i>Class Assembly Yr 6D (parents welcome)</i>
<u>Friday 18th November 2022</u> <i>BBC Children in Need: The Great SPOTacular- Own Clothes £1</i>
<u>Friday 25th November 2022</u> <i>Class Assembly Yr 5P (parents welcome)</i>
<u>Friday 03rd December 2022</u> <i>WJS & WIS Christmas Market 3pm-5pm</i>
<u>Friday 09th December 2022</u> <i>Christmas Jumper Day & Whole-School Christmas Lunch (FREE lunch for all)</i>
<u>Friday 09th December 2022</u> <i>Class Assembly Yr 5E (parents welcome)</i>

Don't forget: Clocks go back



Don't forget to set your clocks back by one hour this **Sunday 30th October 2022**, the last Sunday in October.

Did you know...

In the UK the clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am on the last Sunday in March, and back 1 hour at 2am on the last Sunday in October.

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

If you're interested in applying for the role, please complete the candidate form which will be emailed later and return to: Rebecca Wilson, ctogovernors@whitehalljunior.org, by **3pm on Fri 11 Nov 2022**. If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a secret ballot will be carried out. We will inform you closer to the time if we have to do this.