



Whitehall Junior School School Newsletter 30th September 2022

Autumn Term: 1

Welcome to WJS



It seems hardly believable that we have already reached the half-way point of Term 1. We have had a wonderfully exciting week, especially as every child within our school was afforded the opportunity to visit Windsor Castle.

Having booked the visit to acknowledge Her Late Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Year, our visit coincided with the re-opening of the castle following the sad passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Pupils were able to explore St George's Chapel, see the Changing of the Guard and saw the burial place of Queen Elizabeth II.

After exploring the castle's beautiful grounds, pupils were also able to visit the State Rooms and to soak up the atmosphere and admire the stunning art collection. It was impressive to see how much knowledge our pupils could recall from their learning earlier in the year and to make links to what they had observed in the media during the national period of mourning.

As a school, we believe in enhancing the experiences of all of our learners through providing them with 'Learning Outside the Classroom', helping to develop their cultural capital further. I do hope that your child was share something exciting that they had learnt!

Yours in education,

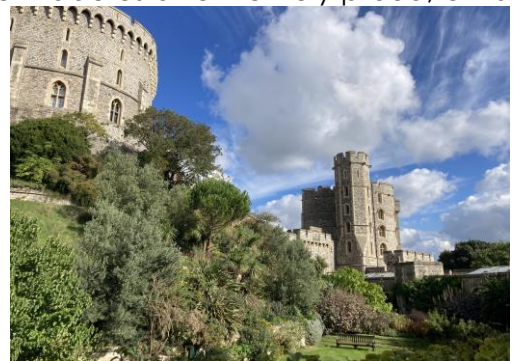
Mrs Moloi,

Headteacher/ Designated Safeguarding Lead

Achievements

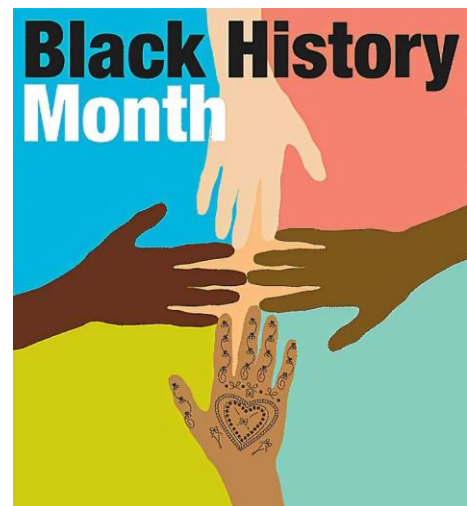
Compliments from the public

On our recent visit to Windsor Castle, various groups received compliments from various members of the public, commenting on our children's exemplary behaviour and general conduct. This is a wonderful accolade! "You have made us all extremely proud, children!"



Black History Month

The theme for BHM UK 2022 is 'Sharing Journeys'



October marks the start of Black History Month (BHM) UK – a time to celebrate and remember African and Caribbean heritage peoples' achievements and contributions to the British economy, culture, and history. It's a chance to tell the stories of those less well-known Black Britons who we will forget if we don't showcase them.



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General

Harvest Festival donations



Annually, at this time of year, we hold a **Harvest Festival**. We wish to continue our tradition of collecting food to help the elderly and needy within our community and we are therefore asking for donations of tinned food, other non-perishable goods and toiletries. For canned food items, kindly check that they are still in date.

These can be brought into school by your child this week. All donations are to be in by **Friday 07th October 2022** for distribution to some elderly people within the community and for collection by the Hillingdon Food Bank.

'Own Clothes' Day



All children are invited to come into school wearing their own clothes, and not their uniforms, on **Thursday 06th October 2022**. Apart from it being the annual Census Day (the day on which pupil numbers are counted and the DfE allocates school budgets accordingly), we also wish we celebrate the start of October in a fun way. No donation is being asked of families on this occasion.

Special menu that day



For **Thursday 06th October only**, our kitchen team are offering the meals that our children most enjoy:



Ordering of school dinners



Parents and carers are reminded to order your child's meals by midnight daily. EduSpot has already been set up until the October half-term break so you can book all meals in advance.

Failure to do so will lead to you being requested to drop off a packed lunch for your child instead.



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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.

Secondary School Applications



If you are applying for a secondary school place for **September 2023**, please apply online. Information packs will be emailed out to our Year 6 parents on Monday.

Closing date for applying is **Monday 31st October 2022**.

Parent-Teacher Consultations



Annually, we usually hold two face-to-face meetings with our parents in the Autumn and Spring Terms, to discuss how well your child is progressing.

This term, we will trial both face-to-face and telephone consultations, allowing you and your child's teacher to discuss how your child is settling into their new class.

These are scheduled for the week of **10th October 2022** and invitations will be sent out shortly to you via our T2P online booking system.

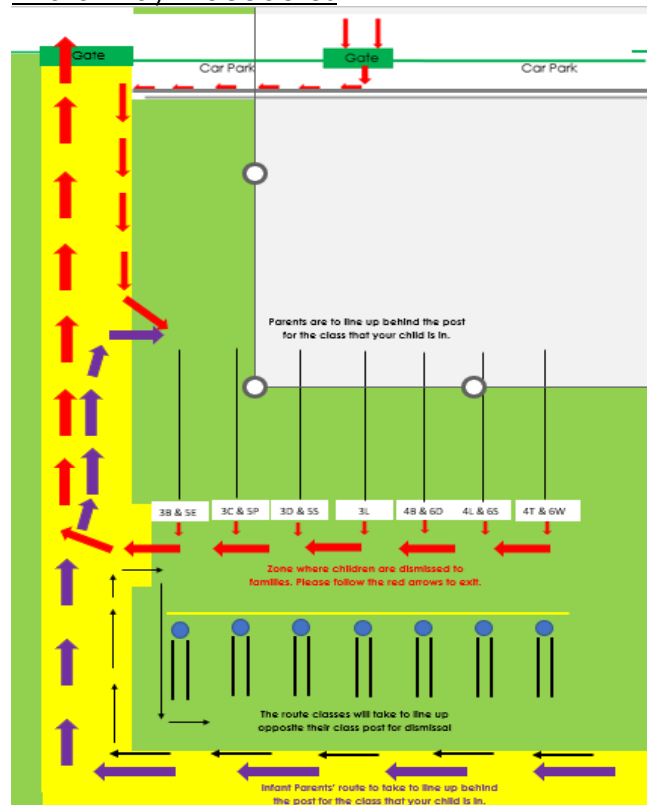
Safety updates



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.

End of Day Procedures



For parents who have children in the Infant and Junior School, you will need to collect your infant child/ren first (accessing the school via the main entrance on Cowley Road) and then then follow the path onto the field and wait to collect your junior child/ren behind your junior child's class line on the MUGA.



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Please do not congregate on the grass patch near the bicycle shed or attempt to pull your child from the line. Teachers need to see that they have safely handed each child over to the named responsible adult.

Years 3 and 4: 3.10pm dismissal time.

Years 5 and 6: 3.15pm dismissal time.

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.

Useful year group information

Welcome to Year 3



Welcome to Year 3 booklet

Welcome to Year 4



Welcome to Year 4 booklet

Welcome to Year 5



Welcome to Year 5 booklet

Welcome to Year 6



Welcome to Year 6 booklet

To find out more about your child's year group, visit:

<https://www.whitehalljunior.org/welcome-booklets-2022/>

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