



Whitehall Junior School School Newsletter 10th September 2021

Autumn Term: 1



Welcome to Whitehall Junior School, especially to new families joining us this year; to our returning families, welcome back! Whilst now a distant memory, I certainly do hope that you managed to enjoy the summer holiday with your families.

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 newsletters which will not only celebrate our many successes but will also highlight key information.

Have a relaxing weekend. Stay safe and stay well!

Mrs Moloi, Headteacher

Achievements

Year 3 celebrated some of the many fantastic pieces produced as holiday homework. These were produced by **Zaki B.** and **Makar H.** based on two well-known stories. Can you tell which they are?



Above: Zaki B's home project



Above: Makar H's home project

Year 5 message:

What a wonderful start to the new academic year! Year 5 have made an excellent first impression this week with their submissions of holiday homework from 3D sculptures to non-chronological reports, filled with fascinating facts- they surely have set the ball rolling.

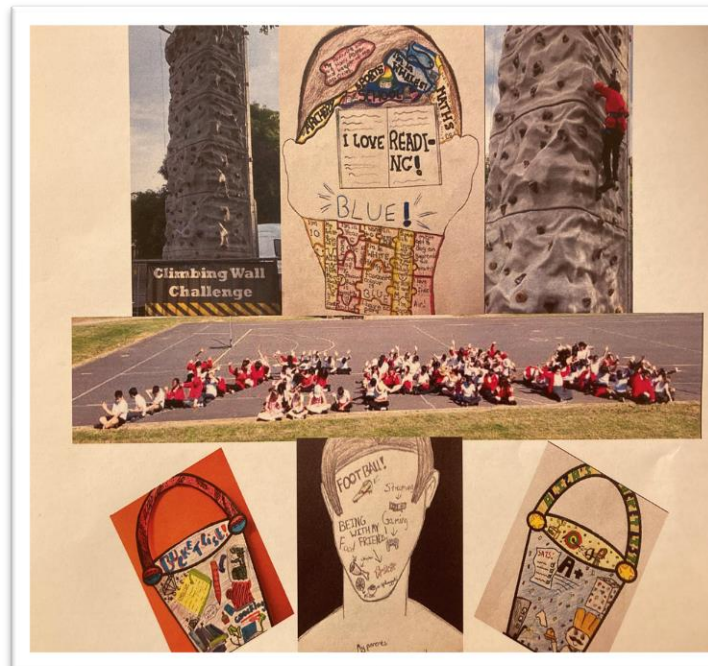


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This week, along with the rest of the school, the Year 5s have taken on the challenge of the climbing wall. It has been wonderful to see each of them putting into practise the very first of our school values, '**Bravery**' as some of them faced their fears of height. We look forward to what lies ahead in our Year 5 journey.

Year 6



Year 6 have had an action-packed first week back at school with many highlights. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning about perseverance, determination, resilience and friendship through our movie

themed PSHE unit of work using the film, 'Zootopia' and they have even tested their personal ability in showing these qualities through taking part in a variety of activities.

All pupils excelled in completing the climbing wall challenge as well as creating a piece of artwork for display (a silhouette of themselves and their personal attributes) and writing a bucket list of goals they wish to achieve accompanied by a letter written to themselves to be opened on their last day of Year 6. We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

General

Message of the Week:

Our children have all enjoyed a themed week around '**perseverance, determination, hard work, resilience, friendship, stereotypes and bullying**' which was explored through the movie, Zootopia. Ask your child what they learnt about these PSHE themes.



Cold & Flu Season Ahead



As part of our annual NHS commitment to tackling colds and flus, our local nursing team will be in on **Friday 5th November 2021** to administer the nasal flu immunisation.



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This FREE service is offered to all junior-aged children and further information has been sent out to families this week. Paper copies are available in the Office too. It is important to note that only children with signed permission from a parent will receive the immunisation.

Update your contact details



Now, more than ever, we need to ensure that we can contact you in the event of an emergency.

Please call the Office next week or email in on: whitehalljun@whitehalljunior.org to update your contact details and to ensure that you do not miss out on any important correspondence.

Asthma updates



Autumn is here...

If your child has asthma and uses a preventative inhaler (**Beige/ Brown/Orange/ Red/ Purple/Pink**), please make sure it is being taken regularly **EVERY DAY** as we are heading towards the most challenging season for asthmatics.

It is imperative that any child currently on our asthmatics list be provided with the necessary inhalers for school usage. Contact Mrs Treanor, our Welfare Assistant, to check if your child's inhaler is still in date.

The Hillingdon Champions of Asthma Team

Secondary School Applications



If you are applying for a secondary school place for **September 2022**, please apply online. Information packs will be emailed out to our Year 6 parents on Monday. Closing date for applying is **Sunday 31st October 2021**.

Safety updates



Since reopening, we have been constantly reviewing our systems around the school as a way of keeping all children, staff, families, and local community safe.

Dismissal updates: Thank you to all parents who already maintaining the queuing systems daily, allowing Yr 3 & 4 parents to collect their children first at 3:10pm and Yr 5 & 6 parents to safely collect their children at 3:15pm.

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.

Dropping off children in mornings: Several parents have been observed stopping on the pedestrian crossing along Whitehall Road to allow their children to jump out of the car. This is not safe for other pedestrians and is adding to the morning congestion so I ask that we refrain from doing this.

Uncourteous behaviour of adults: I have had to become directly involved in or have had staff reporting that some adults are questioning our authority, and at times,



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becoming defiant, particularly in regard to arrivals and dismissals. I have to remind all families that 'respect' is key to us working together as a harmonious school community.

Wraparound Care begins next week



We are pleased to announce that we will resume our Breakfast & After-Club as wraparound care for Junior children only, as of **13th September 2021**. If you are interested in registering your child to this service, do call the Office or email us with your request.

Breakfast Club: (7:30-8:30 at £3)



After-School Club: (3:15-5:15 at £5 per hour)
We will eventually be exploring the possibility of opening this service up to those with siblings at the Infant School.

Sports Clubs kicking off

Our Sports Clubs, as run by **Super Star Sports**, will start on Monday 13th September 2021. All morning sports clubs start at 8am. Our after-school clubs start at 3:15pm. Please ensure that you are prompt to collect your child as soon as the club ends at 4:15pm. Late collection on 2 occasions will result in your child being taken off the club list.

Reporting absences



It is important that parents continue to report their child's absence. More than ever, please ensure that you give a reason for the absence and please state if it is linked to COVID-19 symptoms.

In the event of your family needing to have a COVID-19 test done, during a period of self-isolation, it is important that you notify us of the result of the test. This will enable us to take the necessary action and prevent a possible spread of the virus within our school community. To report your child's absence, call us on: 01895234071.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- **a new, continuous cough,**
- **a high temperature,**
- **loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell.**

If the child has a positive test result but do not have [symptoms](#), they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or by calling 119.

Daily communication



We are mindful that we are not able to have the usual meaningful communications with parents on the playground anymore,



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especially at the start of the school day. Should you wish to get a message to a teacher, feel free to write into your child's planner. For more urgent matters or to request to speak to the class teacher, please call the Office to arrange this. It is not always easy to get to talk to your child's teacher at the end of the school day. Please be patient and if you urgently need to talk to the teacher at the end of the school day, you will have to wait until all children have dismissed. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

School uniform

"Think Smart, Dress Smart"



It has been pleasing to see how smart our pupils are looking, especially when they are wearing the correct school uniform.

School jumpers/ cardigans: This is a special appeal for children to be provided with the school's own jumper (with school logo) as this is the school's official school uniform. There are other schools in the area who also wear a similar styled uniform and by purchasing our branded uniforms, this gives us a further sense of identity and makes us unique.

Black shoes only: Thank you to those parents who have purchased your child a sturdy pair of black shoes over the summer break. There are a few children who have come into

school wearing black and other coloured shoes/trainers with thick white soles as part of the uniform. These are not allowed unless for PE.

Wearing PE kit to school

PE Day	Year Group
Monday	Year 5 & 6
Tuesday	Year 3 & 4
Wednesday	Year 5
Thursday	Year 3 & 4
Friday	Year 6

Meet the Team: 2021-2022



Position	Member of staff
Headteacher	Mrs Moloj
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Upfield
Assistant Headteacher	Miss Costa
Year 3	
Year Leader/ Class 3D	Mrs Seymour & Mrs Kelly
Trainee Teacher	Miss Groves
Class 3B	Miss Shaw
Class 3L	Miss Akhter
Year 4	
Year Leader/ Class 4B	Mr Jones
Class 4L	Mrs Norman & Mrs Brooks
Class 4T	Mr Gohil
Class 4E	Mrs Perez
Year 5	
Year Leader/ Class 5P	Miss Mattera
Class 5O	Miss Brown
Class 5E	Miss Hyland
Year 6	
Year Leaders	Miss Costa
Class 6W	Miss Lattimore & Miss Costa
Class 6D	Mr Mitchell
Class 6T	Miss Lusher
Class 6S	Mrs Azeem