



Whitchurch
Weekly

School
News

10th
March
Issue 63

Dear Whitchurch Families,

This week we have hosted two fantastic Movie Nights with our younger children watching 'Paddington' (one of my personal favourites) and the older children enjoying 'Dog Gone Trouble'. The children were brilliantly behaved and we had a lovely evening watching the films with popcorn. A big thank you to School Council for organising the event.

We only have few weeks left this half term but it's action packed with Neurodiversity Week next week, Parents' Evenings in the final week of term and also SPLATS Circus Skills - where the whole school will participate in workshops then will prepare their own circus show and perform on the last day of term!

Next week is Neurodiversity Week when we will be focusing on what it means for some of our children and families who have extra challenges in terms of their non neuro-typical development. We have a growing number of children at Whitchurch who have diagnosis of autism, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia and dyscalculia - as such, these children face some extra challenges in their learning and everyday life. We are working closely with parents to help educate; improving our knowledge and skills. You are invited to our parent workshop on Thursday 16th March at 9am - we would love to see as many of you as possible.

Following on from the notice issued by our Chair of Governors in the newsletter last week, I wanted to encourage as many of you as possible to submit a question to be posed to the prospective new headteacher. The Whitchurch Governing Body would very much like parents, pupils and staff to be involved in the selection process and as parents you can do this by submitting a question to personnel@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk by 12pm on Friday 17th March. You will need to be available on Tuesday 28th March at 2pm to deliver your question directly to the shortlisted candidates.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mrs Caroline Rowley
Headteacher

Neurodiversity
Week
next week

3TG and 6OL
class assemblies
next week

Learners
today, leaders
tomorrow



Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th March	Neurodiversity Week
Thursday 16th March	Neurodiversity Workshop for Parents (9am)
Thursday 16th and Friday 17th March	FoW Gift Selection and Wrapping Days (for Mothering Sunday)
Friday 17th March	2LJ visit to Florence Nightingale Museum
Tuesday 21st March	HMS String Festival
Wednesday 22nd March	Spring Music Concert (4pm)
Wednesday 22nd March	Height and Weight Measurements - Reception and Year 6 (9.15am)
Friday 24th March	2KD visit to Florence Nightingale Museum
Monday 27th March	SPLATS Circus Skills Week (School Council)
Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March	Spring Term Parents' Evening (3.30pm to 6pm)
Friday 31st March	Last Day of Spring Term

Neurodiversity Training Workshop for Parents
Thursday 16th March at 9am

Spring Term Parents' Evening
28th and 29th March



Come back to class after the assembly to take a look at your child's books

All Class Assemblies start at 9.05am

Parents should arrive 5 mins before the assembly starts

Infant Class Assemblies
Tuesdays
9.05am

14th March - 3TG
21st March - 1DS

Tigers
class assembly has moved to
Thursday 30th March
(9.05am)

Junior Class Assemblies
Wednesdays
9.05am

15th March - 6OL
22nd March - 5DA
29th March - 6AS

STARS of the Week



Well done to our stars of the week, who have been selected for excellent work and demonstrating our school values

This week's Infant Stars

RRA Tigers Niyam
RNV Leopards Shlok
RBP Jaguars Abhay & Roma
RRV Lions Ilyas & Livia

1ST Nitya
1DS Aasiya
1MT Isuka
1SM Demaris

2GH Azlaan
2LJ Samuel
2KB Riyaan
2KD Riyansh

3NL Ashley
3MS Diya
3TG Kimia & Yousif
3SA Leon

This week's Junior Stars

4EH Aaran
4SK Aaron L
4CA Mariam
4BS Shay

5CM Saesha
5KP Diya
5HH Dheeyan
5DA Muhssen

6AS Dylan
6SC Anaya
6TM Dhiyan
6OL Yahia

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience
Honesty
Generosity
Aspiration



Notices

Parents' Evenings - Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March

Parents will have an opportunity to talk over their child's annual school report with the class teacher. These reports will be uploaded onto School Spider by **Friday 24th March** - it is vital you have school spider access as we will not be producing hard copies of reports.

1ST will have their Parents' Evening on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd March.

2LJ will have their late Parents' Evening on Friday 24th March (if you want an appointment for up until 4.30pm you can still book for Tuesday or Wednesday).



New Sensory Room

This week we have had our brand new sensory room installed. The room has been specifically designed as a safe, calm and relaxing space to help children (and staff!) re-regulate themselves. Next week during Neurodiversity Week we hope to introduce it to all children.



Safeguarding / PSHE Workshops

A reminder that we are hosting workshops for parents and carers on **Fridays at 9am** in the school hall.

Friday 17th March (9am-10.30am)

Online Safety

Friday 24th March (9am-10am)

What is Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)?

Friday 31st March (9am-10am) -

Years 3 to 6 only

How is FGM taught in school?

Industrial Action

As you know there are two more planned dates for teacher industrial action next week (**Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March**). Unfortunately we cannot guarantee which classes may be affected next week - please start thinking about alternative childcare plans if needed.

Please do not assume because your child's class was not affected last time it will be the same next week. As before, children of affected classes will be able to attend their instrumental music sessions.



Year Group Highlights

How to Catch a Star

This week in Nursery our focus book is 'How to Catch a Star'. As well as colouring our own beautiful stars, we have enjoyed creating our own aliens using card tubes and a range of textured materials!



Nursery

Earth

In Reception, as part of our topic 'Zoom to the Moon', we have been looking at planets. This week we explored Earth and created a fantastic collage of our planet using blue and green tissue paper.



Reception

Year 1

Dental Health

This week, Year 1 were very lucky to have a special visit from one of our brilliant parents who is a Dental Nurse. We learnt all about the importance of brushing our teeth and even received little goody bags with toothpaste to encourage us to brush our teeth twice a day!



Year 2

Sonia Delaunay

This week in Art, Year 2 have been learning about Sonia Delaunay and her abstract art. We enjoyed recreating a painting of hers using geometric shapes and contrasting colours.



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Inclusion Week
Neurodiversity

13th to 17th
March



Inclusion Week - Understanding Neurodiversity

Next week we will be exploring Neurodiversity, featuring the following activities:

Launch Assembly

Introduction to the week, featuring the story 'Strictly No Elephants'.

Neurodiversity video

Children will watch a video about Neurodiversity followed by a discussion.



'What makes me special' posters

Children across the school will create posters highlighting what makes them special and different. We will be presenting some of these in an exhibition during Parents' Evening and prizes will be awarded for the best posters in a special assembly on Friday.

Brain Hats

Children will create brain hats identifying different areas and processes of the brain.

Neurodiversity Workshops

We will be hosting training sessions for school staff, parents and our PlayPALs. These will be organised and presented by parents of children with Neurodiversity.



Neurodiversity
Training Workshop
for Parents
Thursday 16th
March at 9am

Including Autism, ADHD, Developmental Language Disorder,
Dyscalculia, Dyslexia, Epilepsy, Tourette's & Tic Disorders



£1 World Book Day Tokens

Children have been given £1 World Book Day Tokens. These will be accepted at our upcoming Book Fair on Parents' Evening (Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March). We look forward to seeing you there!

Book Day
Tokens and
Readathon

Readathon

All children who expressed an interest in participating in the Read For Good Readathon have been given sponsor cards. Please help us raise as much money as possible - **20% of what we raise comes back to us in book vouchers!** A great opportunity to get into reading and read for fun!



How it works:

- We encourage children to read anything they like; this can include audiobooks, magazines, blogs and comics - simply log these onto the sponsor cards.
- Parents/carers may choose to sponsor their child per book, per page or for a set time. It's up to you!
- Parents and family members are advised to pay online at www.readforgood.org/sponsor (alternatively, cash will be accepted in a sealed envelope with you child's sponsor card). Please bring any money and sponsor cards to the library.
- The funds raised help provide books and storyteller visits in children's hospitals.
- Two star pupils who raise the most funds will each be awarded a **£5 National Book Token** during a special assembly!

Readathon runs until next Friday (17th March).

If your child struggles with reading, reading charity Read For Good have some very helpful strategies that you might find useful in overcoming reading reluctance.

If you have questions please email
mstachurska@whitchurchprimary.harrow.co.uk

Mrs Stachurska
Librarian

Keep reading,
keep raising and
being amazing!

**Helping
Children to Read**
For guidance see the
Support for Families
page of our website
(in the Parents &
Community section)



Friends of Whitchurch Funds

A massive thank you to Friends of Whitchurch for their amazing support. In the past year we have used FoW funds to facilitate the following resources and projects:

- Maths equipment for classrooms and parents support packs - £1,600
- Outdoor library resources - £1,300
- Super Science Week resources - £105
- SPLATS circus skills (match funded School council) - £800
- Reception welcome teddy bears - £564.50
- Year 3 Grow Trip - £1,350
- Christmas Trees - £120
- Gazebos and BBQ - £380

Thank you
FoW!

Bags2School
Spring collection:
£392 raised
Well done
everyone!

Gift Selection and Wrapping Days Thursday 16th and Friday 17th March

It's that time of year when we show extra appreciation for the special lady in our life - a mother, carer, grandmother, aunty or even a big sister!

Children can come along to our gift and wrapping session during the school day where they can buy their gift and get it wrapped.

If your child would like to take part, they should return the envelope provided with **£1, £2 or £3** to their class teacher by **Monday 13th March**.



Mothering
Sunday
19th March



Return your
envelope with
£1, £2 or £3
by Monday



School Height and Weight Measurements

As part of the National Child Measurement Programme, we have arranged to undertake measurements for **Reception and Year 6 on Thursday 23rd March at 9.15am.**

About the National Child Measurement Programme

Each year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Height and weight measurements are used to calculate weight status. We collect this information because it is in the public interest to understand how many children are overweight, healthy weight or underweight. Your child's class will take part in this year's programme.

The checks are carried out by trained member of school nursing team. Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils.

The wellbeing of children and families is very important. Measurements are conducted in a sensitive way, in private and away from other children. Individual results are not shared with your child or their school. The weight and height information is shared only with you in the parent or carer feedback letter. It is your choice if you share the information with your child. If you are concerned about your child's growth, weight, body image or eating patterns, seek further support from a school nurse or General Practitioner.

If you are happy for your child to be measured, you do not need to do anything. If you do not want your child's height and weight to be checked, or your child has a medical condition that affects their height or weight please let the school know so that they can advise the school nurse who will be carrying out the measurements. Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to.

For more information about the National Child Measurement Programme, including the data collected and how it is used, please see the Support for Families page of our website (in the Parents & Community section).

You can also refer to the letter sent to you via School Spider.



Height and Weight
Measurements
(for Reception and
Year 6 children)
**Thursday 23rd March
from 9.15am**

Spring Menu



Salad bar,
bread and milk
are available
daily



Week 1
w/b 20 Feb,
13 Mar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
VEGETARIAN	Vegetarian Sausages, Mashed Potato & Green Beans	Vegetarian Bolognese Pasta Bake, Malted Wheat Baguette & Garden Peas	Vegetarian Cottage Pie with Fresh Broccoli & Carrots (Ve)	Vegetable Curry, Pilau Rice, Natural Yogurt, Naan Bread & Sweetcorn	Cheese Lattice, Chips & Baked Beans
ALTERNATIVE	Spicy Tomato Pasta with Side Salad (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese or Tuna Mayo & Side Salad	Neapolitan Pasta with Carrots & Broccoli (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese or Tuna Mayo & Side Salad	Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping, Chips & Salad (Ve)
MEAT	Chicken Sausages, Mashed Potato and Green Beans	Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake, Malted Wheat Baguette & Garden Peas	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Fresh Broccoli & Carrots	Chicken Curry, Pilau Rice, Natural Yogurt, Naan Bread & Sweetcorn	Fish Fingers, Chips & Baked Beans
PUDDING	Beetroot Sponge with Natural Yogurt	Fruit Tuesday Orange/Apple/Banana	Apple Crumble & Custard	Strawberry Mousse	Ginger Snap

Week 2
w/b 27 Feb,
20 Mar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
VEGETARIAN	Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn	Vegetable Enchiladas, Potato Wedges & Mixed Vegetables	Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Garden Peas	Vegetable Pie, Mashed Potatoes & Broccoli	Vegetable Burger, Chips & Garden Peas
ALTERNATIVE	Tomato & Herb Pasta, Malted Wheat Baguette & Side Salad (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese or Tuna Mayo & Side Salad	Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping, Coleslaw & Salad (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese or Tuna Mayo & Side Salad	Neapolitan Pasta with Garden Peas (Ve)
MEAT	Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn (V)	Chicken Enchiladas, Potato Wedges & Mixed Vegetables	Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Garden Peas (V)	Creamy Turkey Pie, Mashed Potatoes & Broccoli	Battered Fish Fillet, Chips & Garden Peas
PUDDING	Orange Drizzle Cake with Natural Yogurt	Fruit Tuesday Orange/Apple/Banana	Strawberry Jelly & Fruit (Ve)	Orange & Sultana Oat Bake	Cornflake Cake

Week 3
w/b 6 Mar,
27 Mar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
VEGETARIAN	Vegetarian Biryani, Naan Bread & Yogurt with Garden Peas	Vegetarian Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Side Salad	Vegetarian Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes, Fresh Carrots & Green Beans	Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn	Grilled Cheese Sub, Chips & Baked Beans
ALTERNATIVE	Vegetarian Biryani, Naan Bread with Garden Peas (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese or Tuna Mayo & Side Salad	Spicy Tomato Pasta with Side Salad (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese or Tuna Mayo & Side Salad	Tomato & Herb Pasta, Malted Wheat Baguette & Side Salad (Ve)
MEAT	Chicken Biryani, Naan Bread & Yogurt with Garden Peas	Beef Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Side Salad	Chicken Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes, Fresh Carrots & Green Beans	Chicken Burrito Bake, Homemade Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Fish Cake, Chips & Baked Beans
PUDDING	Fruity Flapjack	Fruit Tuesday Orange/Apple/Banana	Iced Sponge & Custard	Courgette Muffin Traybake	Banana Bread & Natural Yogurt



Useful Contacts

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If you have any concerns or communications about your child, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance

School Office

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School Term Dates 2023-2024

Summer Term 2023

Summer 1st	Monday 17 April to Friday 26 May
Half Term	Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June
Summer 2nd	Tuesday 6 June to Friday 21 July
Staff Training Days	Monday 5 June (no children in school)
Bank Holidays	Monday 1st May Monday 8th May

Friday
31st March
Last day of
Spring 2023

Autumn Term 2023

Autumn 1st	Wednesday 6 September to Friday 20 October
Half Term	Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October
Autumn 2nd	Monday 30 October to Thursday 21 December
Staff Training Days	Monday 4 September, Tuesday 5 September, Monday 13 November (no children in school)

Holidays
during term
time are **not**
permitted

Spring Term 2024

Spring 1st	Monday 8 January to Thursday 8 February
Half Term	Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February
Spring 2nd	Monday 19 February to Thursday 28 March
Staff Training Days	Friday 9 February (no children in school)

Term dates
are posted
on the school
website

Summer Term 2024

Summer 1st	Monday 15 April to Friday 24 May
Half Term	Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May
Summer 2nd	Tuesday 4 June to Wednesday 24 July
Staff Training Days	Monday 3 June (no children in school)
Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May

