



WHCS Newsletter 2 Autumn 1, Week 5

With God all things are possible

A note from the Headteacher

Year 6 Residential Visit

The Year 6 children who attended the residential visit to Juniper Hall last week had an absolutely fantastic time. It was very wet, but this didn't affect their good spirits. Thank you to the staff who gave of their time: Miss Jukes (Phase leader), Mr Breaden, Mrs Palmer and Mrs Ridgely. This year, we were very fortunate to have been successful in our application for funding from the Field Studies Council meaning the visit was offered for £35 (the residential was £150 last year and heavily subsidised by the school). The joy on the children's faces makes it all worthwhile.

Outdoor and Adventurous Activities (OAA)

This week, our teachers took part in an inspiring training session, and it helped us see our school in a whole new light! Enrich Education's School Orienteering and Cross-Curricular Outdoor Learning packages provide the infrastructure, resources, and knowledge to support physical activity across the whole curriculum. It introduced us to exciting ways of teaching orienteering skills, and we can't wait for the children to start exploring. Our school grounds will become an adventure zone where students will learn to navigate, solve problems, and work as a team. We're thrilled to share these activities with the children, helping them develop new skills while discovering just how much there is to explore right here at school!

~ Miss Uddin, PE Lead

Visitors to school next week

We are happy to be supporting the University of East London again by hosting a group of PGCE students next week observing teaching across the school. The students will have an opportunity to read to classes at the end of the school day to start their teacher training.

London Fire Brigade - Thursday 9th October

Year 2 and 5 will be participating in workshops with the London Fire Brigade to learn about fire safety.

Harvest Festival - Wednesday 16th October

Please donate canned and dried foodstuffs for the local foodbank - bring into school on the Wednesday. We will be holding our usual, inclusive Harvest Festival in the Church - we hope all our families can join us.

Hello and Goodbye

Welcome to Miss Jeyakumar who will be teaching with Miss Rice in Honeybees class as part of her teacher training.
A fond farewell to Mrs Aslam who has accepted a new position teaching abroad after her maternity leave. We wish you the very best.

National Poetry Day Thursday 3rd October

Each teacher kept a copy of their favourite poem in their pocket and shared it with a pupil upon request. The theme was counting this year. Here's an old favourite children never seem to tire of...

This Little Piggy

BY [MOTHER GOOSE](#)

This little piggy went to market,

This little piggy stayed home,

This little piggy had roast beef,

This little piggy had none.

This little piggy went ...

Wee, wee, wee,
all the way home!

Don't Forget!

Half-term is for
2 weeks
this October

21st Oct - 1st Nov

*(Children should return to school
on the 4th Nov 2024)*

Next Week

Assessment week
to prepare for

Parent Consultations

Mon 14th &
Tues 15th Oct

Book online or ring the office

Attendance

Honeybees 89.5%	Otters 88.9%
Dragonflies 90.8%	Badgers 98.0%
Butterflies 94.6%	Foxes 93.6%
Squirrels 88.5%	Doves 89.1%
Hedgehogs 92.3%	Kingfishers 93.2%
	Eagles 93.3%

Attendance is improving - thank you.

The Department of Education has introduced changes to penalty notice fines for unauthorised absences from 19th August 2024:

- 5 consecutive days or 10 non-consecutive days
- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days
- £80 per parent, per child paid within 21 days
- 3rd time - straight to Magistrate's Court, those found guilty will have a criminal record, fine up to £2500, DBS will state 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

Punctuality

Our school day starts at 8:45am and the playground gates close promptly at this time to enable staff to get to lessons to teach. If you are late, you will need to come to the front office and fill in a late slip.

Data shows Year 6 have the highest percentage of late marks. Parents, please check they are coming straight to school for their safety and impress upon them the need to get to school on time, **thank you**.

Parent Forum

Friday 11th Oct, 2:30pm

Come in and share a cuppa

(sign in at the office please)

We will be discussing strategies to prevent bullying to agree a new school policy; including a proposal by school Governors to become a smartphone free school for pupils - more information to follow.

Can you help us run the
Christmas Fair?

Please let us the office know if
you would like to help

World Mental Health Day - Thursday 10th October

Wear yellow to school for a £1 donation to YoungMinds to help them support young people's mental health.

There are days when all of us struggle with how we are feeling. Things can get tough, and it can be difficult knowing how to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't always get the help they need, when they need it.

No young person should feel alone with their mental health. But together, we can change this.

Let's stand out and show up for young people's mental health.

~ Miss Jukes, PSHE Lead

Headteacher's Awards				
	Wonder	Harmony	Compassion	Strength
2/9/24	Bhavishka	Ariane	Sheza	Elizabeth
9/9/24	Sara	Yaryna	Xenia	Maira
16/9/24	Jahaziel	Amara	Inaarah	Toba
23/9/24	Ismail	Sariah	Ayla	Elysa
30/9/24	Amelia	Vjola	Andrea	Shahim

Book Bags

Children need to read daily to their parents at home to make expected progress.

We have noticed many children without book bags which makes it difficult to send books home.

Please help - bring their book bags into school everyday, thank you