



Headteacher's Newsletter

November 2020 ISSUE 1

Whitehall Infant School is a five star school with a FRESH approach. We provide five star learning for all, with family at the heart of everything we do. We teach our children to have respect at all times. We want our children to achieve excellence, whilst being safe and happy.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. I hope you all had an enjoyable break.

This week our attendance was 95.3%. This is a fantastic start to this half term with the majority of children in school and learning. Thank you.

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure children are dressed appropriately.

Miss Cheshire

Acting Headteacher



National lockdown

I wanted to reassure you that the school will carry on as we have been during the current lockdown. We have received further guidance from the Department for Education and, at this time, our current procedures meet the new guidelines.

If your child has to self isolate for any reason, we will send home learning via email. Please ensure we have the correct email address for you and that you regularly check your emails for communications from us.

Diwali

Diwali is the Hindu and Sikh festival of light and celebrates the victory of good over evil.

Your child will be learning about Diwali in school. Children can come to school wearing traditional or party clothes on **Monday 16th November** in celebration of Diwali.

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and wearing school shoes or trainers only.



Drop off and Pick up reminder

Thank you to everyone who follows our drop off and pick up procedures.

Please remember to only join your child's year queue and enter the school at the allotted time (or when told to do so by a member of staff). We are still having some people joining a queue for a different year group and this causes mixing of our year group bubbles.

Be Spotacular for Pudsey!



We are having a **dress up day** to raise money for Children In Need on **Friday 13th November**.

The theme of this dress up day is **Spotacular!**



The children can come to school dressed in something spotty or non school uniform. Sensible clothes and school shoes or trainers only please to ensure the children's safety,

Due to the current situation, **we cannot accept cash in school** so we are asking parents to make donations via our justgiving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/whitehall-infant-school1>

Transition and First Half Term Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed the transition and first half term questionnaire. We are reviewing the responses and will send out some feedback soon.



Birch class parents' evening

Birch class parents' evening telephone calls will take place on **Wednesday 11th November**. If your child is in Birch class, you have been sent the link to the booking form. Please book your timeslot by **3pm on Monday 9th November**.

Christmas Lunch

Our caterer's are providing a free Christmas lunch on Friday 11th December for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This lunch will replace the normal menu on that day. We have emailed the link to a google form for you to select your child's lunch choice for this day. Please ensure you complete the form by **Friday 13th November**, even if your child will be having a packed lunch on this day. The link to the form is: <https://forms.gle/61r5yUvH4TzgZFX56>



Attendance

If your child is absent from school, please remember to call 01895 590112 and select Option 1 to leave a short voicemail.

You must do this **every day** that your child is absent.



Curriculum Overviews

The curriculum overviews for the second half of the Autumn Term are now available to view on our website:

<https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/curriculum>



ADMISSIONS

Applying for Primary School

For children due to start Reception in September 2021, you must apply for a Primary School place by **15th January 2021**. Applications should be made online at <https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary>

Applying for Junior School

For children due to start Junior School in September 2021, you must apply for a Junior School place by **15th January 2021**. Applications should be made online at <https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/junior-school>

Open Days

At this time of year we would normally invite prospective parents into school for 'Open Days'. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we are unable to do this. Instead, we will be creating a separate page on our website which will contain the information normally provided at the Open Day along with a presentation about our school and a virtual tour of the school. This page will be available to view within the next couple of weeks.

If your or anyone you know has a child due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2020, please ask them to visit our homepage - <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/> where the link to the open day page will be posted.

Clothing reminder

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child brings a winter coat, hat and gloves to school with them.

We are keeping classroom windows open for ventilation but the heating has been turned on in school so classrooms are warm. You may wish to put a vest on your child under their school clothes but they do not need to come to school wearing multiple layers of clothing.

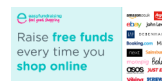


Whitehall Infant School Parents' Association

Due to the current pandemic, the Parents' Association are unable to hold their normal fundraising events.

To help raise funds, they have joined easyfundraising! It's a great site where you can raise money for the school when you shop online. All you have to do is create an account and choose to support Whitehall Infant School PA. Once you have created an account, there are 4,000 shops and sites who will donate money to the Parents' Association every time you shop via the easyfundraising website. You still pay the same as if you had shopped directly!

To create an account just visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/whitehallinfantschoolpa>



PMG Schoolwear

In accordance with the government guidelines PMG uniform stores are closed from Thursday 5th November until such time as they are allowed to re-open. However, you will still be able to order uniform from their website for home delivery. Just visit https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/school/WhitehallSchool_Uxbridge



Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is celebrated on 11th November and is a day to remember people who fought and died in wars. On 11th November 1918 the First World War ended. Poppies are worn on Remembrance day (and the days leading up to it) as a sign of remembrance for those who fought in the war.

Children will watch a special remembrance assembly in class and hold a 1 minute silence.



Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to Ellie and Rosie for completing the library's Summer Reading Challenge! We hope you enjoy your new book and bookmark from us.



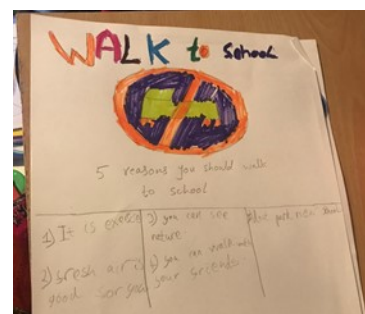
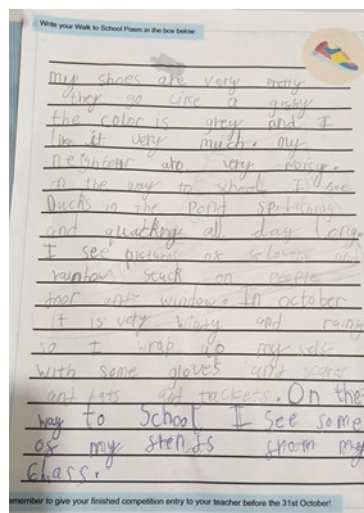
Walk to school competition

Walk to School Month

It was amazing to see the wonderful entries for the walk to school competition.

These have all now been sent on to the London Borough of Hillingdon Road Safety Team who will contact us shortly if a child from Whitehall Infant School is selected as the winner.

Each child who submitted an entry has been awarded with a certificate from us. Please find photos below of some of the entries we received.



Lunch Menu

Week of 9th November (Week 3 of menu)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef slice with New Potatoes	Lamb Lasagne with Herb & Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Sausages with Mash potato & Gravy	Fish Fingers with Chips
Salmon Paella	Jacket potato with baked beans & cheese	Vegetarian Pinwheel with Roast potatoes & Gravy	Vegetarian Sausages with Mash potato & Gravy	Chinese style stir fry with noodles
Macaroni Cheese	Lamb Lasagne with Herb & Garlic Bread (Halal)	Pasta Italiane	Chicken Sausages with Mash potato & Gravy (Halal)	Mixed Fresh Fruit Bag
Fresh Fruit	Mixed Fresh Fruit Bag	Jelly with fruit wedges	Fresh fruit	Fruit Yoghurt
Ice Cream	Fruit Yoghurt	Fruit Yoghurt	Berry sponge & custard	

Black History Month

We have received some amazing pieces of work that children have completed to celebrate Black History month.



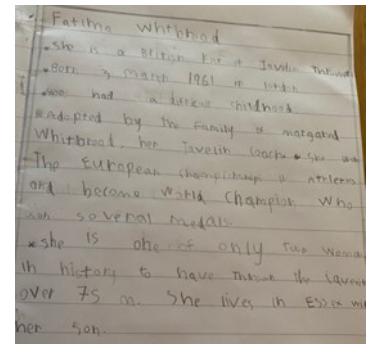
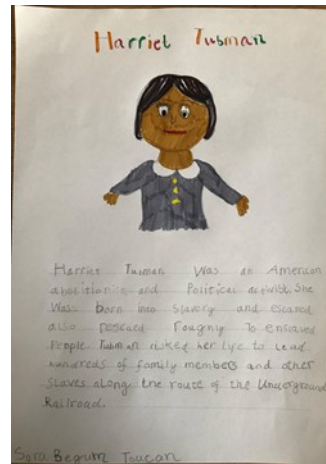
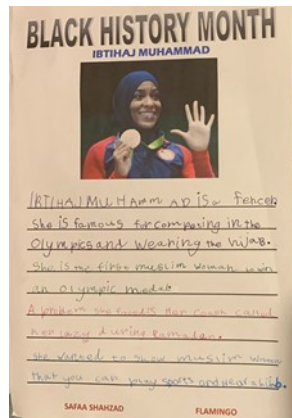
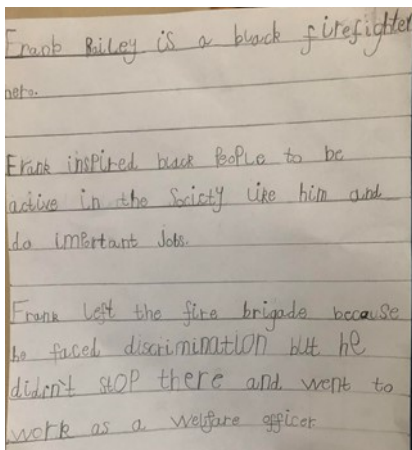
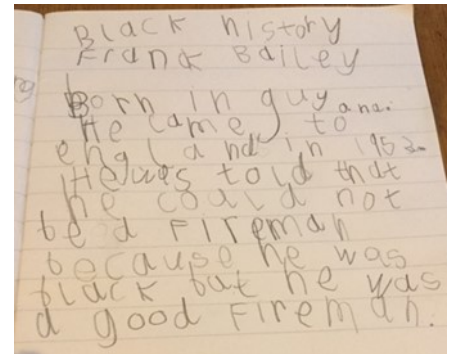
Each child who has completed the Black History Month home activity will be given a certificate from us.

Well done everyone!

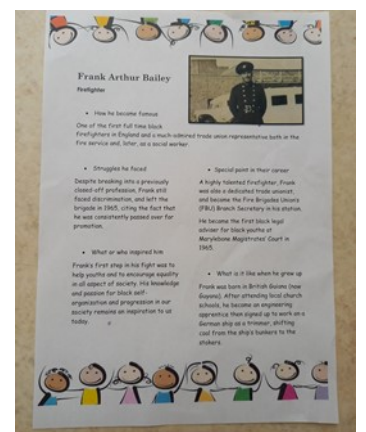
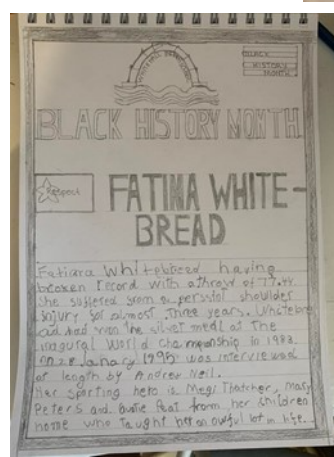
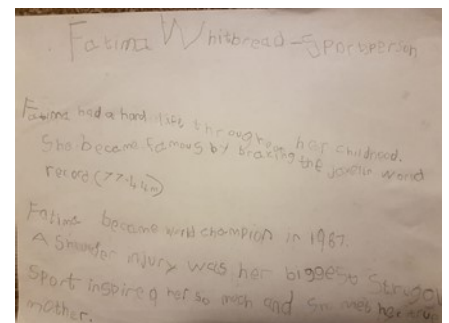
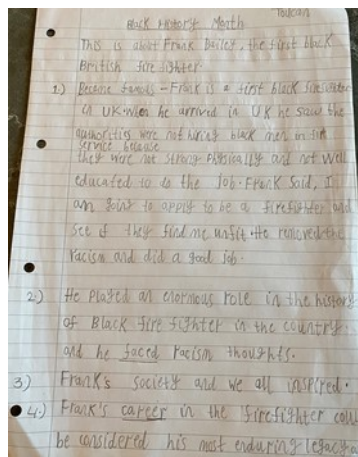
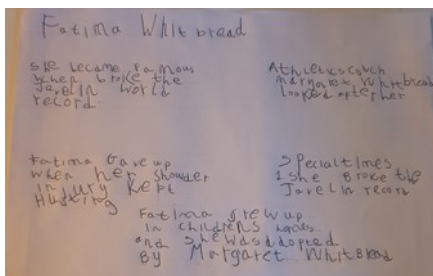


Trevor McDonald

Trevor McDonald was born on the 16th of August 1939. He was the first Black British Newsreader. Sir Trevor was mostly known for his career as a News Presenter. Sir Trevor McDonald was knighted in 1999 for his service to Journalism.



Respect - Malorie Blackman Writer and Poet Malorie was born in England with parents who came from an island in the Caribbean called Barbados. As a child growing up, Malorie spent many of her Saturdays at the local library, reading books that allowed her to imagine and be creative through the fictional storybooks she read. Most books she read did not have recognizable characters which Malorie could identify with and when she said she wanted to be a teacher, a counsellor said she could not, because she was black. Malorie learned how to use computers and was employed using this technology but then tried to become a writer. She wrote her first book in 1990 called 'Not So Stupid' which was published but it was very hard for her because a lot of bookmakers didn't like her stories. Malorie wrote another book called 'Thoughts and Crosses' which was published in 2001 and this book made a popular with many people. Malorie believes that any child can enjoy reading if the story or environment relates to them or their interest. I like reading stories that I can talk about and about things that I like or want to do.



COVID SYMPTOMS AT HOME FLOW CHART

