

The children at Whitehouse Primary School have had a busy and productive start to 2020. Over 140 children have already represented Whitehouse Primary School at sporting events this year, and we are really beginning to make our mark. We have had some fantastic achievements – please ensure you follow all our successes on our twitter feed @WhitehousePri

A highlight from this term has to be our Year 2's fantastic production "Pirates vs Mermaids". They were amazing – such a talented and enthusiastic group of children – they blew us away with their performance!

We would like to welcome back Mrs Wagerfield, who has returned after her maternity leave and is supporting teaching and learning across the school.

As always our staff have gone above and beyond to ensure that your children receive a first class education and we have been overwhelmed with the positive comments and feedback we have been given. They are always warmly received and appreciated by the staff. We were extremely proud to be sent a letter from Rt Hon Nick Gibb, congratulating the school on our achievements in the Key Stage 2 Assessments – Whitehouse Primary School achieved in the top 1% of the country! Have a lovely half term, and thank you for your continued support!

Mrs Kelly



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 25th Feb	Y3 Hazeley Wood trip
Wednesday 26th Feb	Costume swap event
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10th March	School nurse clinic
Monday 16th March	Sports Relief
Tuesday 17th March	Voice in a Million trip
18th – 24th March	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 20th March	YF Mums Stay & Play
Wednesday 25th March	Year 4 performance 2pm
Thursday 26th March	Year 4 performance 9.15am
30th - 31st March	Year 4 Caldecotte residential
15th – 17th June	Year 5/6 residential
Thursday 25th June	Summer Fayre

NEW 'No Parking' Signs

To ensure the safety of all our Whitehouse Community and show consideration to local residents, with the money raised from our FoWPS cookie sale we have purchased child sized bollards that will stand on the edge of Vaynol Way encouraging parents to think before they park. We are very lucky to have a car park so please help by using the spaces provided.

We have seen a huge improvement, thank you!

New Dinner Menu

For a more detailed menu and allergen information, please visit our school website.



Follow Mr Williams' sport news on
Twitter: @WhitehousePri



A few of our sporting highlights this half term...



Year 5/6 Basketball Match

A friendly basketball festival held at TMA. We took three teams to TMA for a round robin of matches. Some excellent basketball played by all!

Year 3/4 Badminton Finals

BRONZE MEDALS!

A huge well done to our Year 3/4 Badminton Team who finished 3rd in Milton Keynes at the Finals! A huge well done!



KS1 Gym Festival

9th Place

An action packed morning for our Year 1/2 Gymnastics team who took part in a festival at Kingston Gymnastics Centre. The children took part in a floor routine, body management section and a vaulting station! Well done guys!

Strictly Competition – Our girls are FAB-U-LOUS!

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 team of dancing girls who placed 2nd at the Strictly Junior - Dancing Schools UK Buckinghamshire heats with their fantastic Waltz and Cha Cha. The girls worked their socks off, even coming in to practise at 8am every day for 2 weeks before the competition. Making the top 3 teams at the event means that the girls will now go forward to represent us at the National Finals in July which will be held at the Derngate Theatre. We are so proud of this amazing achievement!



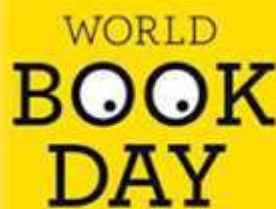
Coming up...

World Book Day – 5th March

On Thursday 5th March, we would like to invite the children of Whitehouse Primary to dress up as their favourite book character in celebration of World Book Day.

Costume Swap Event – 24/25th February

We would like to be more environmentally conscious this World Book Day and have decided to host a costume swap event. The idea is that parents/carers of Whitehouse Primary bring in any unwanted costumes to Reception and receive a token in return. This token can then be used to exchange for a different costume when we host the event.

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Sports Relief – Monday 16th March

We will be participating in Sport Relief on **Monday 16th March**. Children are invited into school wearing their sports wear or something red. This does not need to be the WPS PE KIT.

Children will also participate in a Dance-athon with Mr Williams on the day.
£1.00 donation

Nursery

It's been a busy term for the children in nursery, welcoming lots of new friends and introducing new routines into their day. The children are enjoying taking part in phonics and maths each day as well as joining in with a P.E session each week. We have also reintroduced cooking into to our routine, the children love taking part in a new learning experience each week such as using knives, using electrical cooking equipment and trying vegan options too.



Foundation

Over the last 6 weeks, we have had the opportunity to learn all about the people that help us in our everyday lives, while exploring the numbers 5-9 in depth, understanding their value while adding, subtracting and considering what one less and one more than a number is. We have been lucky enough to meet police officers, fire fighters as well as guide dogs and had the opportunity to ask lots of questions, learning in Literacy that questions need question marks. We are so excited by the progress all children are making and cannot wait to see their enthusiasm and determination going into Spring 2.

KS1

In Year 1 we have learning all about famous landmarks in London. We thoroughly enjoyed our tea party with the Queen where we ate lots of cake and wore our fancy clothes. The Queen told Mrs Kelly that the children had exceptional manners! In Year 2 we ended our half term with a visit to the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery. We used our imaginations to create our own Mr Twit Collage beards and had a guided tour, learning lots of facts about Roald Dahl's stories.



Lower KS2

This term we have become experts on the Ancient Greeks, learning about the gods and goddesses, mythological creatures as well as the legacy of all that the Greeks achieved. We were visited by a warrior from the past, took part in Olympic sports and created Greek pots. The children have also wowed us with their non-chronological reports and short narrative writing projects. What a great start to 2020!



Upper KS2

As we bring the first half of Spring term to a close we are reflecting on a great half term. All of the children have been truly immersed in our Egyptian topic, which will continue into the next half term. We have made Egyptian bread, created presentations about the dominant Cleopatra and are all creating wonderful Death Masks fit for any Egyptian noble to travel to the afterlife.

St Mark's Meal Boxes

Here at Whitehouse we consider everyone as family and know, in any family situation, money can be tight and finding funds for the next meal can be a worry. Please let us help!

We have teamed up with St Mark's Meals to store delicious meal boxes in school so nobody in the Whitehouse family goes hungry. This wonderful charity is solely based in MK and gives meal boxes to schools to share with their families when needed. Times of need vary but some examples of when families have used a meal box are when an expensive bill has come through unexpectedly, a member of the family is unwell and unable to work or if an expensive repair has been paid for. This is not an exhaustive list but we would like our families to know that we are there for you in all circumstances. Each box is packed with all the ingredients for a tasty meal for 4 (including a recipe card!) and they are completely free. Please, if you feel that having a meal box would take away one small worry from you, even just once in a while, don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Ndede or Mrs Williams in the office.

There are 190 school days each year, which means that there are 175 days for family time, holidays, shopping.....every day counts!



Attendance

- Children should arrive at school between 8.30 and 8.40am. Our school gates close at 8.45am.
- School must be notified every day a child is absent and the reason for the absence.
- Persistent illness could result in a referral to the school nurse.
- Leave of Absence forms must be submitted, along with documentation, at least 2 weeks in advance. Leave can only be requested for exceptional circumstances.
- Local Authority guidance has changed. A Fixed Penalty Notice can be issued for either 5 days unauthorised over the school year not necessarily consecutive days.
- Absence longer than 20 school days could result in removing your child from roll.

We would like to celebrate the attendance of each year group across the school. Starting after half term, any class with attendance over 97% will have the chance to play our Whitehouse-opoly board! Here is the year group attendance for the last 3 half terms:

Y5	97.94%
Y4	96.89%
Y3	96.63%
Y2	96.35%
Y6	96.27%
Y1	96.14%
YF	94.18%

WPS make the
Top 1 per cent in the country!



Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

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27 January 2020

Dear Mrs Kelly,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high standard of achievement demonstrated in the writing and mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments last year.

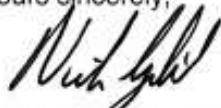
Your school's results, as published on 13 December, show that 100 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in writing and mathematics at the end of Key Stage 2. This means that for achievement in writing and mathematics, Whitehouse Primary School is in the top 1 per cent of primary schools in the country.

The Government wants to ensure that every child has the fluency in writing and mathematics necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, which is why I was delighted to see your results.

Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards, and congratulations again to you and your staff for your commitment and success.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

Headteacher Awards

- Hudson
- Kaashvi
- Izabelle
- Cherry
- Evie N
- Rafael
- Keerthika
- Maggie
- Ellen
- Ben H
- Simina
- Rahim
- Lily

Class teachers nominate children who have not only worked hard and been a lovely member of the class, but someone who follows the Whitehouse rules and is a good friend to others. These children are true Whitehouse Role models!

Most Improved Handwriting

- Abel
- Leo N
- Zachary Z
- Goodness
- James
- Emma
- Kara

Best Handwriting

- Kaarthika
- Vedasri
- Jishnu
- Bhomikh
- Alyha
- May-Lou
- Mayson

