

The WHPS Weekly

Friday 24th January 2025



The Importance of Reading



Dear WHPS Families,

At WHPS, we recognise that reading is essential for our children's growth and success. It opens doors to knowledge, enhances creativity, and fosters critical thinking skills.

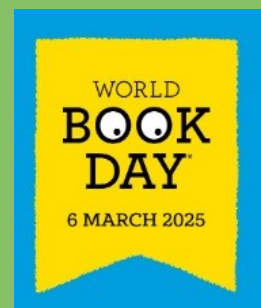
We are excited to share that we are continuing our partnership with ECR7 in Camden to further enhance our reading provision and ensure all children have access to the resources they need to develop their understanding of phonics and a love for reading.

<https://camdenlearning.org.uk/blog/a-successful-year-for-ecr7/>
<https://camdenlearning.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/ECR7-1-flyer.pdf>



Last week, we hosted our Winter Read-Aloud event, where students enjoyed sharing stories in a cosy atmosphere. It was a wonderful opportunity to spark excitement for reading and encourage discussions about their favourite books. Next week we will be sharing all of our photos from that event!

Looking ahead, we are looking forward to announcing our upcoming World Book Day celebration this March! We will have a range of activities, including a themed dress-up day and interactive reading sessions, designed to inspire our students and celebrate the joy of books. Watch this space!



Thank you for your continued support in nurturing a love for reading at home and in our school community!

Have a fantastic weekend, Sam Drake, Headteacher

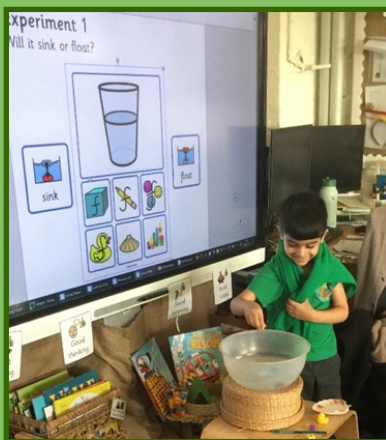
EVENTS NEXT WEEK

MONDAY:	Reception Height and Weight All Day Yr3 The Place Workshop PM Danube Class Swimming
TUESDAY:	Yr2 and Yr5 Art Workshop 3:30– 7pm Debating team @South Hampstead Secondary School
WEDNESDAY:	8:45-9:30 SAT's Breakfast for Yr 6 parents/carers Thames Class Swimming PM
FRIDAY:	9:10 Seine Class Assembly 2:45-3:15 Golden Time

Science Week at West Hampstead Primary School

Last week was **Science Week** at WHPS and it was a huge success across the school. Each year group received a specialist workshop from scientists who work at the Crick Institute. The children learnt more about their current science topics and learnt from people who work as scientists. We were also excited to send year 5 to the Crick Institute to have a whole day of science learning in their special laboratory.

Nursery– While THE EYFS did not have a visitor from the Crick Institute, they take part in lots of activities which have links with science, developing their knowledge and understanding of the world.



Reception did some experiments in class, including **“What floats?”** and **“Bouncing Raisins”**.



Year 1 workshop “What’s in the Bag” –The children were introduced to the idea of being a scientist and using their senses to identify a mystery object. They also drew their own class scientist.

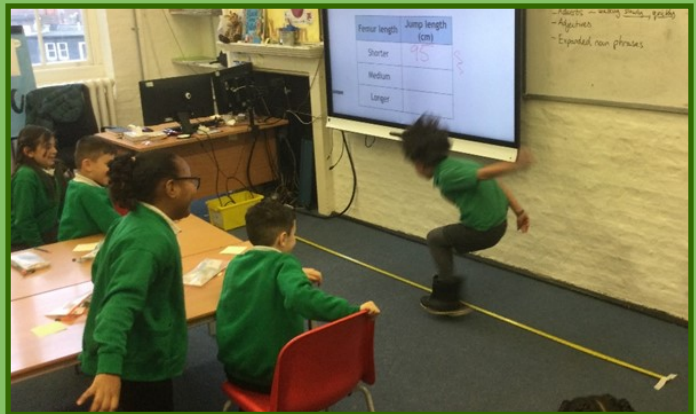




Year 2 workshop
“Journey of a Germ” –The children were introduced to viruses, how they spread and using a comparative test to investigate the importance of hygiene .



Year 3 workshop “Jaws, Joints and Jobs for Juniors” –The children used bones, model organs and fossils to seek patterns in biology.



Year 4 workshop “Sounds like Fun” –The children used comparative and fair testing to investigate how sound travels through different materials and how our hearing works.



Year 5 workshop “Discovery lab day” – Year 5 took part in a day long visit to the Discovery Lab at the Francis Crick Institute. They took part in a mixture of demonstrations, challenges and self-directed learning.



Year 6 workshop “Lasers” – The children took part in a 60 minute session in which they looked at how light travels and interacts with various materials. In the last half of the lesson, children completed a variety of ‘laser mazes’.



To finish off Science week, Mississippi class presented an assembly about all the exciting experiences that the children have had. We also looked ahead at the future, when maybe the children could become scientists. We learnt about four famous scientists; Francis Crick, Dmitri Mendeleev, Stephen Hawking and Maggie Aderin-Pocock, finding out about how they got started in science.



Science Week

At West Hampstead Primary School

Community Association for West Hampstead

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Free February Half Term Workshops for children

Please get in touch
via email for more
information and to book
your place:
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Free Workshops

Mon, 17th Feb, 12:30am – 3:30pm
DIY Paper Crafts with Janine
followed by an energizing
Dance Session run by the
Spencer Stage School

Tues, 18th Feb, 12:30am – 3:30pm
Kids Clay Time
A fun clay workshop
with **Barbara**

Thurs, 20th, 12:30am – 3:30pm
Make dream catchers & plant pots
out of recycled materials
with **Tash**

Fri, 21st Feb, 12:30am – 2:30pm
Get creative!
Arts & Crafts with Michelle

**All workshops are aimed
at children aged 6 and over.**



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NSPCC

Number Day

CELEBRATING
25 YEARS

IT'S MATHS, BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT.



Friday 7 February 2025

#numberday



Number Day is supported by Man Group, Maths Circle and Oxford University Press, led by NSPCC.

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

NSPCC 2024 National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Registered charity England and Wales 238531, Scotland 10237717 and Jersey 184. 020-20370

On **Friday 7th February**, we'll be celebrating **NSPCC Number Day** and **Dressing up for Digits!**
Time to start thinking about your number related costume.



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How about decorating a plain t-shirt or wearing your favourite sports top with a number?

Number Day

Dress up for Digits 'Be Inspired'



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Could you be a human calculator, dice, domino or playing card?



Have fun and Dress up for Digits!

#numberday

It's Free



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JUNIOR CRICKET COACHING CLUB

Age 7 to 15 Years old Boys and Girls

**Every Sunday
11:00 to 1:00 PM**



**11 to 12 Girls Only
12 to 1 PM Mixed**

**Starting From
2nd February
2025**



Venue
Maria Fidelis Catholic School
1-39 Drummond Crescent
NW1 1LY



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Camden Mobile Health

Come and visit us for a BMI and Know Your Risk score assessment and blood pressure check, winter flu and COVID vaccination for eligible people*, smoking cessation information and advice, no appointment needed

We will be open at the below locations:

Bus location	Date
Bacton Tower - Bacton Tower Deck Level, Haverstock Road, NW5 4PU (indoors)	Wednesday 15 January 11am-4pm
Sidings Community Centre - 150 Brassey Road, NW6 2BA	Saturday 18 January 10am-3pm
Fitzrovia Community Centre - 2 Foley Street, W1W 6DL (indoors)	Wednesday 22 January 11:30am-4pm
Swiss Cottage Market - Eton Ave, NW3 3EP	Monday 27 January 11am-4pm
Highgate Library - Chester Road N19 5DH (indoors)	Tuesday 28 January 12pm-4pm
St Peter's Church Belsize Park Belsize Square, NW3 4HJ (indoors)	Wednesday 29 January 11am-4pm



Winter Flu
and Covid
vaccines
offered





FREE

Playgroup for under 5s & Coffee Afternoon

**at the West Hampstead Community Centre
Monday afternoons, 2pm - 3:30pm
starting Monday, 20th January**

Join our weekly coffee meet up for a relaxing and friendly way to meet mums, dads, grandparents and carers, while babies and toddlers get a chance to play.

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Beginners Woodwork Skills Course

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**Mill Lane
Garden Centre**

160 Mill Lane
NW6 1TF

10 workshops
£250 / £125
concession
+ £15 for materials



Saturdays
25 Jan - 5 Apr 2025
9:30am - 12:00pm

For more information email us at info@cawh.org.uk



Circle of Soup

Nutritious cooking on a budget workshops

FREE!



Fridays 18:00 - 20:30

31st Jan - 7th Mar

**@ West Hampstead Community Centre,
17 Dornfell Street, NW6 1QN**

To sign up email info@cawh.org.uk or call 0207 794 3729

Cooking real food together builds connection and community, and is crucial for physical & mental wellbeing.

Using inexpensive ingredients & simple cooking techniques create nourishing, delicious bowls of food to share.

Build your cooking confidence & flavouring 'know-how' on a budget.



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Camden Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are excited to be offering a **2-part, face-to-face workshop** for parents and carers of primary age children (4-11 years) on:

Dates: Wednesday 5th February and Wednesday 12th February 2024 (12:00-2:00pm)

Location: Regents Park Children's Centre, Augustus St, London NW1 3TJ

The workshop will explore Emotion Coaching, a parenting approach that supports identifying and validating emotions, while also setting boundaries and limits around behaviour.

How will Emotion Coaching help you and your child?

- To better understand and validate your child's emotions
- To respond more helpfully during moments of heightened emotion
- To implement appropriate boundary setting
- To reduce behaviours that you find challenging
- To further improve the parent/child relationship
- To learn from other parents and carers

This is an interactive workshop, which will involve sharing research, learning about Emotion Coaching and practising strategies. We often find that group workshops are a great space to learn from each other so there will be lots of opportunities to talk about ideas and to think through any challenges that might be around.

Please use the QR code or link below to sign up; **this workshop is in two parts so you will need to be able to attend on both dates.**



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/emotion-coaching-two-part-workshop-for-parents-and-carers-0502-and-1202-tickets-1106402231859?aff=oddtcreator>

Looking forward to seeing you!

Best wishes, Camden MHST



Regent's Park FC, in collaboration with Wildcats, is launching a series of girls only football sessions designed to be inclusive and fun, welcoming players of all abilities.

Key details of the program:

Location: Regent's Park's newest Hybrid Pitches

Session Fee: Just £3 per session, making it accessible to everyone

Focus: Encouraging girls of all skill levels to develop their football abilities in a supportive environment

Ages: Girls 5-11

Our aim is to provide a safe and engaging space for young girls to get active, build confidence, and enjoy the sport of football. We believe this program aligns well with initiatives promoting physical activity and empowerment in young students.

Parents/Guardians can book for their child here: <https://book.Englandfootball.com/Book/33ffd8e6-fef4-4f79-8e20-30ca376d8ab8?venue=regentsparkyouth0>



Vaccination UK

FLU CATCH-UP COMMUNITY CLINICS

Winter season is upon us, and with cold weather keeping us indoors and in close contact, it's easier than ever for the flu to spread. Protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community by getting your flu jab today.

The flu vaccine is your best defense against severe illness, hospitalisation, and missed work or school. Let's work together to keep everyone healthy this winter.

Stay Well:

Avoid the misery of flu this winter.

Protect Others:

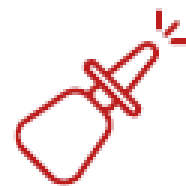
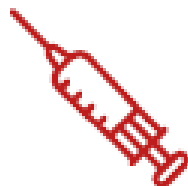
Especially children, the elderly, and those more vulnerable.

Stop the Spread:

Help prevent flu outbreaks in your community.

You can book your child an appointment for their flu vaccination at one of our community clinics.

For our clinic locations and contact details for the Vaccination UK team please follow the links below:



<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics>

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We are looking for **families & volunteers** interested in joining a bike bus from NW2/Willesden Green/Cricklewood to schools in West Hampstead.

What's a Bike Bus?

It's more than just cycling; it's a joyful gathering of families riding together to school! With our Bike Bus, your children will experience the many benefits of cycling while staying safe in a vibrant group.

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