

The WHPS Weekly

Friday 28th February 2025



WHPS - Smartphone Survey

Dear WHPS Families,

I hope that you had a restful and enjoyable half term break. In today's issue we will be sharing some photos from our recent 'A Night at West Hampstead' extravaganza. A massive thank you to Miss Anna Woodfield for organising such an epic event!

I am also thrilled to share that our recent parent workshops on online safety and the consultation on smartphones were a resounding success! We had a fantastic turnout, and I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all those who attended and contributed to the discussions. Your engagement is vital in fostering a safe and supportive environment for our children.

During the workshops, we explored essential topics concerning online safety, discussed practical strategies for navigating the digital landscape, and gathered invaluable insights regarding the use of smartphones in our school community. Many of you expressed your concerns and suggestions, which will help us shape future policies and guidelines around smartphone usage.

To ensure that we continue this conversation and address any further thoughts or ideas you may have, we invite you to participate in a brief survey. Your feedback is critical in guiding our actions and improving our approach to these important matters. You can access the survey by clicking the following link: <https://forms.gle/m26TBbFgJi63eYvq6>

We truly appreciate your time and input!

For those who were unable to attend the workshops, we will be sharing the presentation slides soon so that everyone can benefit from the information covered. We believe it is essential that all parents have access to the tools and knowledge necessary to support their children in an increasingly digital world.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and commitment to the well-being of our students. Together, we can create a safe and nurturing environment that allows our children to thrive.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Sam Drake, Headteacher

You can find events for next week on the last page.

SMARTPHONE or 'NON'-SMART / BRICK phone?

- Internet access
- Social media, apps and games
- Notifications
- Anytime connection
- Parental controls

REMEMBER IT'S YOUR CHOICE
Every child and situation is unique, and you are best placed to know their needs

- NO internet access
- Some games
- Anytime phone calls and texts
- Limited parental controls

LGfL SafeguardED



A Night at West Hampstead

Before half term, we had a wonderful evening of music, song and art showcasing all of the fantastic creative endeavours which happen at our school.

Many brave children took to the stage to show us their talents as soloists as well as in duets or ensembles. All of the performers were dressed to the nines and left the stage after their turn performing buzzing with excitement and pride.



The night began with YR children singing, 'Hey Tiger' before we had solo performances from children from Y1—Y6. We heard accomplished pianists, singers, flautists, drummers and guitarists as well as debuting a violinist! This was definitely the most popular part of the evening—I'm sure I saw a few tears in the audience.



We were then thrilled by group performances from Y4 recorders, Y6 brass, choir and our very own WHPS band! We also witnessed the world premiere of Ganges class' composition for ENO's Finish This...project—Electric Purple. The night was rounded off by a performance from our beloved 'Dad band' (shout out to Otto in Y4 who is now a fully fledged member of the band!)



It was undoubtedly the most successful music evening we have had to date!

All that remains is to thank everyone for all of their hard work.

Thank you to all of the teaching staff who made sure the show ran seamlessly on the night.

Thank you to the office staff who helped with the programmes and queries.

Thank you to Mr Drake for compering the event.

Thank you to the Nursery Team, Ms Schafer, Ms Phillips and Ms Anderson for the beautiful art work which was on display.

Thank you to all of the peripatetic music teachers who worked so hard on making sure the children were ready for their performances.

Thank you to all of the parents who made sure practice was done!

Thank you to the audience for being so appreciative on the night.

And...

Thank you to the children who performed! It is no easy task putting yourself forward and sharing a creative part of yourself. You should all be applauded for your resilience and aspiration. It made me so proud seeing all of you flourish on stage and I know that you will all go on to be incredible musicians and artists.

I already can't wait to see how much progress you will have made by next year!

Ms Woodfield





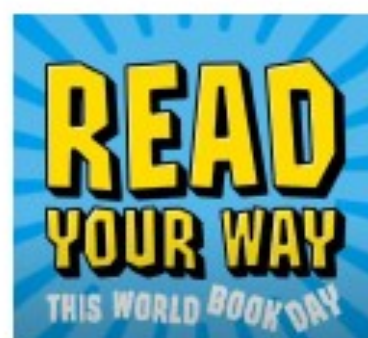
WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

6 MARCH 2025

Dress up as your favourite book character!

Thursday 6th March 2025

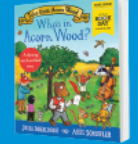
We can't wait to see all of the amazing characters come to life across the school.





READ YOUR WAY THIS WORLD BOOK DAY 6 MARCH 2025

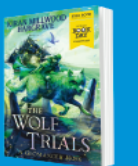
BEGINNERS READERS



EARLY READERS



FLUENT READERS



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EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK

- MONDAY:**
 - Seine Class Swimming
 - Yr3 The Place Workshop
- TUESDAY:**
 - 3:30-6:00 Parents Evening**
- WEDNESDAY:**
 - Royal Academy of Music visit Nursery **PM**
 - Mersey Class Swimming **PM**
 - 3:30-5:30 Parents Evening**
- THURSDAY:**
 - WORLD BOOK DAY– Non School Uniform Day**
 - Come dressed as your favourite book character**
 - Various events throughout the day**
- FRIDAY:**
 - 9:10 Tyne Class Assembly**
 - 2:45-3:15 Golden Time**