

The WHPS Weekly

Friday 16th October 2026



PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR

Dear WHPS Families,

I would like to use this newsletter as an opportunity to introduce myself to you all as the new Deputy Headteacher and phase leader for years 4,5 and 6. It has been great to meet so many of you already on the gate and at the events we have run so far this year. Everyone has been really welcoming and the strength of the school community is really clear to see. I have been working in schools for twenty years and been in leadership roles for ten of those.

West Hampstead Primary School really appealed to me because of the high expectations that run through everything that happens. I am passionate about developing teaching and learning and so am very excited to be working with the amazing staff here to support your children.

Every day the children really rise to the challenges put in front of them and they are a real credit to you all. I look forward to getting to know as many of you as possible to help develop that close working relationship between home and school that is so important.

Mr Kilty

OUR PLAYGROUND

It gives me great pleasure to be able to share with you how much the pupils are enjoying the new playground that the whole school community came together to turn into a reality. The range of activities available mean that pupils are able to make choices about what they spend their time in the playground doing and the atmosphere is really positive as the children follow our playground golden rules (see poster). See pages 2 and 3 for more news on the playground.

PARENT SURVEY

In last week's newsletter, Mr Drake shared a link to the new Parent Survey, which unfortunately, did not work. Please click on this link to complete the new survey and give feedback on the school:

<https://forms.gle/o3UQWYTJFNcSGHV58>

Playground Golden Rules

We are gentle when we play.



We are kind and helpful towards others.



We respect everyone's games.



We look after the playground.



We listen to and keep the playground safety rules.



We are honest with everyone.



Playground Press

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: Danube Class Swimming PM

TUESDAY: 9:15-11:15 Prospective Parent Tour

Yr3 The Place—Workshop

WEDNESDAY: Mersey Class Swimming PM

FRIDAY: **NON UNIFORM DAY**

Coffee morning— PSHE curriculum

2:15 Golden Time

PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR

In our recent OFSTED report one of the targets was to ensure that behaviour standards were as high outside the classroom during break and lunchtime as they are inside the classroom during lessons. As you know, the inspection occurred immediately before work on the new playground began. A visit today would find a transformed outside space and a really positive playtime atmosphere. Here are a few of the highlights:

The stage

The stage was added as a place for pupils to express themselves through drama, dance and music and has been a great success. Costumes are available and many children enjoy dressing up during break and lunchtime.



Ball games

Ball games are allowed only on designated courts or pitches and this means that there is no danger of balls flying around the playground and interfering with other children's play. Between the two MUGAS (Multi Use Games Areas), the basketball hoop and the 'champ' area there is a really great selection of ball games for those who want to play.



The science garden and nature trail

Pupils are really enjoying the opportunity to be hands-on with nature in the science garden while many enjoy the nature walk where there are quiet spaces to sit and chat.



Reading arches

The reading arches provide a great space for any children to spend some time reading, writing, drawing or chatting with friends in these lovely calm spaces.



Climbing areas

There are a multitude of climbing frames around the playground and the pupils have been developing their balance and grip strength.



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Back by popular demand... the Friends of Fortune Green and the Hampstead Garden Suburb Astronomical Society invite you to take a...



Our solar system is BIG!! And it does not look like this picture... so, to gain a better understanding of how small is our planet, how big is the Sun, and how far it is to Neptune – please join us on an intriguing guided walk, starting at Fortune Green. There are six slots to choose from over the weekend:

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17: 11:00 / 13:30 / 16:00

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18: 11:00 / 13:30 / 16:00

Each walk is FREE and takes around 75 MINUTES.

But places are limited, so to be sure of your preferred slot please EMAIL us at fortunegreen@gmail.com – specifying the slot you prefer AND the names or number of people wishing to attend. We will do our best to accommodate everyone and will send out confirmations and further details nearer the time.

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Sherriff Centre West Hampstead Halloween Party



**FREE
ENTRY**

WALK-INS WELCOME



30TH OCTOBER
3PM - 7PM

WHAT'S ON

- ★ Disco & karaoke
- ★ Face painting
- ★ Arts & crafts
- ★ Halloween games
- ★ Fancy dress competition
- ★ Photo booth
- ★ Popcorn
- ★ Soft play



WANT TO GUARANTEE ENTRY?

Book soft play in advance. ★
Walk-ins welcome, subject to capacity.

SCAN TO BOOK
SOFT PLAY



★ WALK-INS ARE WELCOME, SUBJECT TO CAPACITY. ★



Mums together

**Are you a mum with
a child in nursery,
reception or Year 1?**



Would you like to come and share experiences about the ups and downs of motherhood, with other mums, in a supportive, non-judgemental space?



Join our drop-in support group at
West Hampstead Women's Centre,
Every Friday from 10-11.30am.
starting **Friday 2nd October 2026**

Facilitated by Naomi Landau -counsellor and psychotherapist with a special interest in supporting women during motherhood.

For more details contact us on 0207 328 7389



Children's events

Some of the events for children taking place in our libraries this month



Camden Town Library

Bella's Big Caribbean Adventure

19 October, 4pm-5pm

Join children's author Anne John-Ligali for an interactive journey inspired by Bella's Big Caribbean Adventure. Discover the story of Chief Chatoyer and the Garifuna people through storytelling, Caribbean history, music and a fun craft activity. Age range: Suitable for children aged 6+.



Queens Crescent Library

Kente Creations Craft Workshop

Monday 26 October, 3pm-4:30pm

Explore the colours, patterns and symbols of Ghana's Kente cloth while creating your own personalised necklace. A fun, hands-on workshop celebrating culture, identity and self-expression. Age range: Suitable for all ages.



Pancras Square library

Thursday 29 October, 3pm-4:30pm

Explore language and African history with poet Rakaya Fetuga through storytelling, poetry, games and creative writing activities. Age range: 7-12 years.



Queens Crescent and Pancras Square Libraries

Being Human festival with London Metropolitan University

Queens Crescent Library Wednesday 11 November, 4pm - 5.30pm

Pancras Square Library Friday 13 November, 4pm-5.30pm

Come along to celebrate languages and picturebooks with your little ones at your local library!

You will discover and read books in more than 70 languages from our multilingual library, enjoy language themed colouring, and get creative while making your own books in any language to take home.

Activities particularly suitable for ages five years -10 years, although people of all ages are invited to enjoy this hands-on celebration of the languages and cultures of London!. Drop in event