



Friday 6th November 2020

As we all enter a second period of national lockdown, I know many of us are feeling anxious and unsure about how this will affect our children's education and wellbeing. Please be assured we are all working extremely hard to keep everyone safe, continuing to make progress and most importantly, having fun! The staff have been busy planning lots of exciting activities for the next few weeks and whilst it may be different to normal, Christmas will definitely be happening at Whitemoor!

I'd like to say thank you to everyone who has been wearing a facemask and adhering to social distancing whilst on the school premises, your cooperation and support in keeping everyone at Whitemoor safe is really appreciated.



Maria Rundle

Head of School

School Photos

Looking forward, we hope to arrange for the school photographer to visit for individual pupil portraits. Due to current COVID restrictions, and the need to maintain class bubbles, we are unfortunately unable to offer sibling or family group photos on this occasion. We will provide further information regarding school photos when we have arranged a date.

Parent's Evening

We will be conducting our Parents Evenings slightly different this time, due to the current situation.

Each Class Teacher will be offering telephone appointments.

These appointments will be held on **Thursday 12th November** (*for all classes*),

Monday 16th November (*Classes 1, 2 and 3 only*),

Tuesday 17th November (*Class 4 only*) and

Thursday 19th November (*for all classes*).

Time slots will be available between **15:30—17:00**.

As normal, they will be 10 minute slots and these will be bookable through the Arbor app.

The appointments will be 'live' for booking from 9am on Monday 9th November.

On the day of your appointment, please ensure you are available to answer your phone 5 minutes prior to your time slot. The Class Teacher will be phoning you on your primary contact number that we have on record in school.

If you have any problems booking through the app please get in touch with the school office who will be happy to make an appointment of your behalf.

Nursery

The nursery children have been busy exploring shapes and learning all about bonfire night this week. They have used different shapes to make some amazing rockets. The children have also had lots of fun with the instruments and making marks in a variety of ways.



Forthcoming Events

11th November—Remembrance Day

12th November—Parents Evening (All classes)

16th November— Parents Evening (Class 1, 2 , 3 only)

17th November— Parents Evening (Class 4 only)

19th November- Parents Evening (All classes)

23rd November—Nasal Flu Immunisations

16th December-Christmas Dinner Day

18th December to 1st January—Christmas Holidays

4th January-Inset Day (School closed to pupils)

Headteacher's Awards



Nursery: Abel, for amazing shape work this week.

Class 1: Konor, for trying really hard with his phonics to find initial sounds.

Class 2: Mary-Ella, for great engagement this week.

Class 3: Archie, for amazing problem solving skills.

Class 4 : Oliver, for working so well this week.



Remembrance day



Wednesday 11th November—Any children who are in uniformed groups such as Cadets, are welcome to wear their uniform.

Class 1

Well done to all of the children in Reception who are trying hard with their blending this week .

Class 2

Class 2 made a great start to their new London topic this week! They have used their senses to do some great writing and followed instructions to draw fantastic versions of Tower Bridge. They have learnt about the 7 continents of the world (and love the song!), and can now locate where we live and London on a map of the UK. Well done, Class 2!

Class 3

Class 3 have been finishing off their Van Gogh (Farmer in the Field) sketches this week, by learning the different brush strokes that they could use. We have been finding out all about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and how there are differences in the way that we celebrate Christmas around the world.

Class 4

Class 4 have had another happy week and have again been working hard! We have all enjoyed learning about the Ancient Greek myth, Theseus and the Minotaur, particularly reading the play-script and starting to act out the story. We have some great performers who have really come into their own and everyone has taken part enthusiastically. Well done Class 4 for your hard work this week, and special 'shout-outs' to Corey for your leadership and Brodie for your performance!

