

The WHPS Weekly

Friday 18th March



Our Behaviour Policy

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Spring term we have been reviewing the school's Behaviour Policy. We consulted with staff, children, parents and governors on what is working well and what could be improved.

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend one of our recent Behaviour coffee mornings to offer your views.

We are planning to make 2 key changes to the policy which will take effect from the beginning of the Summer term:

1. **Class Dojo** will be used in all classes from Y1 to Y6 to celebrate children's good choices. Children who earn enough dojo points will be rewarded with an item of specially made WHPS stationery—a pencil, pen, ruler, sharpener and pencil case. This will make our reward system more consistent across the school.
2. The concept of "Always Children" will be removed—we will instead celebrate the very best behaviour through "**mentions**" - being sent to a member of SLT for a reward. Children who earn 3 mentions will be awarded one of our special pin badges. This will prevent children feeling overly anxious about losing 5 minutes Golden Time, or feel excluded if they have lost some Golden Time but the majority of their class have not.

These changes were supported by almost all of the staff, children and parents we spoke to. You can read more on page 2 about why these changes are being made. If you have any thoughts on behaviour at school, please feel free to email me at admin@westhampstead.camden.sch.uk.

Jim Roebuck (Deputy Headteacher)

Golden Rules

We are gentle



We are kind and helpful



We listen



We are honest



We work hard



We look after property



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EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Last week of After School Clubs

MONDAY:	Seine Class Swimming PM
WEDNESDAY:	9:00-10:00 Coffee Morning– Anti-Racism Hub Yr3 Performance at The Place Thames Swimming PM
THURSDAY:	KS2 Choir to Camden School Music Festival
FRIDAY:	9:30-10:30 Prospective Parent Tour 2:45 - 3:15 Golden Time 3:30- PSA Planting Fundraiser

Behaviour at West Hampstead Primary School



Year	% Always children in Y2-6
2015-16	51%
2016-17	49%
2017-18	55%
2018-19	51%
2020-21	58%
2021-22 (Autumn)	76%

What's working well?

Visitors to the school have consistently commented positively on children's behaviour. Visitors from other schools, from Camden LA, prospective parents and others have all noted that the children at WHPS are:

- Engaged in learning
- Keen to contribute
- Respectful to each other and adults

The number of behaviour incidents has halved in 21-22 compared to 20-21. In particular, serious incidents are much less common, and SLT are rarely needed to help anyone reflect on their behaviour at lunchtime.

Class Dojo is very popular amongst children, staff and parents in the classes where it is used regularly and consistently.

The number of "Always Children" has risen significantly as so many children are maintaining a high standard of behaviour.

The Early Years Behaviour policy is working well and staff and parents do not have any suggested changes at the moment.

What could be improved?

Consistency. Class Dojo is being used in different ways in different classes. This is to be expected as teachers have been asked to trial it so far this year with no particular agreed whole-school approach.

Children feeling left out and anxious about lost Golden Time. When our "Golden Rules" approach to behaviour was first introduced, "Always Children" were in the minority. Now they are the majority. If you are one of the 15-20% of children who have only lost 5 or 10 minutes of Golden Time all year, it is frustrating to know you have lost your "Always Child" status even though your behaviour has been great almost all the time.

Rewards. Parents and staff alike are not keen on children being rewarded with plastic pound shop gift toys; they would prefer rewards of more educational value.

Class A – 50% Always chn

Class B – 90% Always chn

- The picnic is supposed to be a **positive** way of rewarding our best behaved children
- It is not intended to make children feel like they are missing the class party

Changes from Easter:

Class Dojo—to be used consistently across classes in Y1-Y6

Rewards—children to be rewarded with special school-branded stationery, not plastic toys

No more "Always Children" - we will remove the concept of Always Children which has served its purpose but has begun to cause unhappiness instead of promoting good behaviour and attitudes.

Mentions—children will now be able to earn a special WHPS pin badge when they have been sent for 3 mentions for good work or good behaviour.

Planting fundraiser
Friday 25th March
After school in the main playground

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the PSA is asking you to save up your empty containers for our first-ever planting fundraiser.

Children will be invited to bring a plant pot or empty container on Friday 25th March after school. They can then choose from a selection of flower or vegetable seeds.

Volunteers will be available to help the children plant these seeds and then they can watch them grow. At the end of term, children can donate their plants to the plant sale, or enter our plant competition!

A prize will be given to the best plant and plant pot.

If you can help with planning this event, or help by providing pots (or any containers), soil or seeds, or can help on the day, please email the PSA WestHampsteadPSA@gmail.com.

Maths card game to help with your times tables

Number Rumbler is a brain-fizzing, times tables card game for families – anyone from 5 to adult can join in. When you play it you'll be having fun, practising your times tables and developing number sense – all at the same time.

The PSA is offering these at a **discounted price of £5** (rrp £7.99) to support the school's Spring Slam

Pick up your pack from the office today!

