

# The WHPS Weekly

Friday 10th November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's *WHPS Weekly* is dedicated to **Science**! Ms O'Brien, our science leader, has pulled together lots of information to give you a sneak peak into what science looks like at our school. Enjoy, and ask your child what they've been doing recently.

As usual, it's been another busy week here at WHPS. Today, we welcomed our parents in for our first class assembly of the year, which showcased the Y6 children's learning about World War Two. Keep your eyes peeled for when your child's assembly is; next Friday will be Nile Class.

Next week is **Anti-Bullying Week**. Over the next couple of weeks, the children will take part in activities around anti-bullying as well as enjoying a number of assemblies. We will round off our anti-bullying work with a whole school assembly on Friday 24th November. As a school and a community, we **do not tolerate** bullying and it is so important we raise awareness throughout anti-bullying week. We will kick start this on Monday with Odd Socks Day! Please encourage your child to wear odd socks for the day as a way of celebrating difference in our community.

Have a lovely weekend,

Hannah Bones, Deputy Headteacher

## EVENTS NEXT WEEK

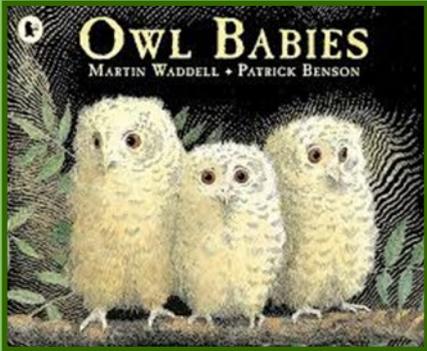
### Anti-Bullying Week

- MONDAY:** Odd Socks Day  
Reception Height and Weight checks  
Danube Class Swimming PM
- TUESDAY:** 9:15-10:15 Prospective Parent Tour  
10:00-12:00 Royal Academy of Music visit Nursery  
3:00-6:00pm Yr5&6 Football Tournament @ Talacre  
3:30-6:00pm Nursery Parents Evening
- WEDNESDAY:** Thames Class Swimming PM  
3:30-6:00pm Nursery Parents Evening
- FRIDAY:** 9:05-9:30 Nile Class Assembly  
2:45-3:15 Golden Time

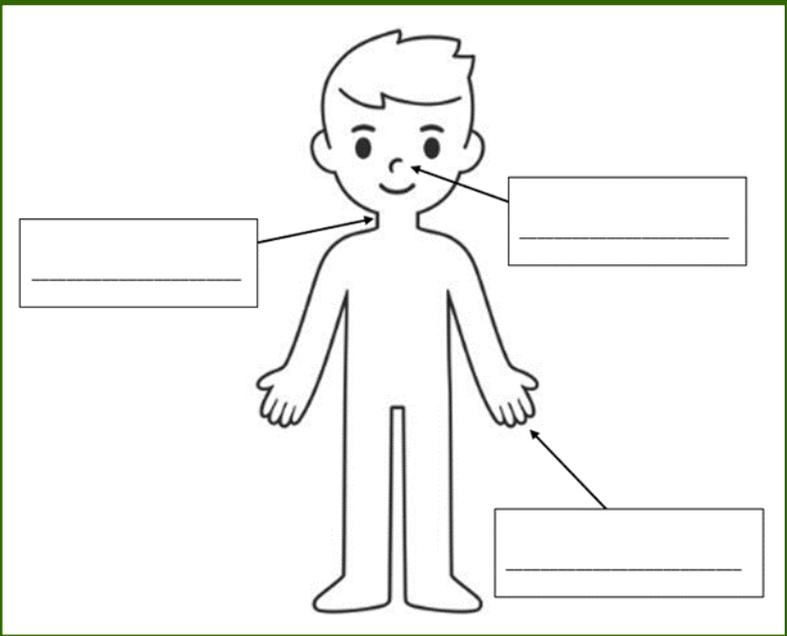
# Progression in Science at WHPS

Depending on the year group you visit, science might look very different at WHPS. As your child goes through school, the way they learn science changes and the challenges get higher.

For our youngest children in the nursery and reception, science is learnt through play, stories and songs. They observe, ask questions and learn new words, developing their knowledge and understanding of the world. Recently they have learnt about the seasons.



In year 1, they have been learning about themselves, their senses and their bodies. This has been part of their integrated day activities.



In Year 2, science lessons become more formal. This term the science topic **was Animals Including humans**. One of the questions they investigated was whether older people had larger feet

Let's collect some class data: Is Mr T correct?

Youngest child	Middle child	Oldest child
75 months	80 months	84 months
16 cm	17.5 cm	19 cm

Observation: Do we notice anything?



I notice that...

I can see that...



## Star words

Predict

Investigate

Fair test

Results

Observation

Conclusion



In year 3, they have been learning about muscles and bones. They even made models of muscles using cardboard tubes and balloons.

Year 4 have been building electrical circuits and learning about the materials which conduct electricity and materials which are insulators (don't conduct electricity.)



tin foil



fabric



spoon



pen



chopstick



lolly stick

Which do you predict will **conduct** / **insulate** electricity?

Year 5 are investigating the properties of materials and recently made super saturated salt and sugar solutions. They then left the solutions and found that the water evaporated, leaving salt and sugar crystals behind.



Year 6 have been building circuits using kits lent to us by the Crick Institute. They have also been learning about Alessandro Volta, the inventor of the first battery.



As you can see, we try to make sure that, as children move through the school:

The learning suits their stage of development  
Their knowledge becomes wider and deeper, by revisiting ideas at a higher level.

Their science skills are developed.  
Their science vocabulary is built up.

But most importantly, their science lessons are exciting and fun.

Why not ask your child about their science learning?





# Odd Socks Day



**MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**



 **ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE**

With the support of



**This ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**  
we are holding

**ODD SOCKS DAY** on  
**MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**



Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!



## WEST HAMPSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL COME AND MEET OUR FAMILIES ON TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 6-7PM

Ask our students and parents any questions!



We would like to invite you to a very special evening. This event is for all parents and carers who are looking to choose a primary school for their children and would like to find out more about West Hampstead Primary School.

You will get the chance to visit the school, meet the headteacher and speak to current parents and children about the school. The event is in the evening so that all working parents can attend.

Light refreshments will be provided!



'Behaviour in lessons and at all other times of the school day is of a high standard. Pupils are polite and well-mannered.' OFSTED March 2022

Book online using the QR code or email  
[admin@westhampstead.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@westhampstead.camden.sch.uk)

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Click on the link below link for the Meet our families event :

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-our-families-tickets-753187623457>



SEND A LETTER TO

**SANTA**

Pick up your letter template  
from the school office and  
post it before 1st December to  
get a reply.

**POST OFFICE BOX IN SCHOOL  
OFFICE AREA**

Last collection:  
**Friday 1st December**

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# WINTERFEST

## Rainbow Hampers



Every year group is making a colourful hamper for our raffle! If you'd like to join in, please bring something in your hamper's colour - like food, drinks, or a small toy.

Please make sure it's not old, open, or can spoil.

Here are the colours for each year:

Nursery	Gold or Silver
Reception	Red
Year 1	Orange
Year 2	Yellow
Year 3	Green
Year 4	Blue
Year 5	Pink
Year 6	Purple



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# WINTERFEST



FOOD ★ LIVE MUSIC ★ PRIZES ★ CRAFTS

Friday 8th December

3:30 - 6pm

West Hampstead Primary, Dornfell St, NW6 1QL



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## **Families, Food & Feelings Parenting Workshop**

Free online session for parents and carers of children aged 5-17 who live in, are registered with a GP or attend school in Islington or Camden. This workshop is suitable for parents of children or teens who are above a healthy weight.

Date: 5th December

Time: 10:00-12:00

Online

The friendly facilitators provide strategies and insight to help parents feel confident in:

- Making mealtimes enjoyable
- Setting healthy boundaries
- Encouraging children and young people to eat more fruit and vegetables
- Modelling healthy behaviours
- Understanding emotional eating
- Helping children and young people to have a healthy relationship with food and more...

Register via the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h3u6cuwYcEajMx1Axlikm74zITBVDgZDn8q3fVBGORBUOFdTUDBQUUtVOEtGME5MTFNRUUZaTzdCMiQIQCNOPWcu>

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