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WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

| MONDAY 18 MARCH | TUESDAY 19 MARCH | WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH | THURSDAY 21 MARCH | FRIDAY 22 MARCH |
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| Final Day—Book Fair 3:15pm—4:00pm Covered area by school hall | Year 2 SPLAT—2pm start in school hall | Year 1 Trip to Didcot Railway Centre (within school hours) | Tennis Years 1 and 2 Last session before Easter break | Year 3/4 Girls Football Tournament Hosted by Whiteknights |
| Lara School of Drama Receptions last session before Easter break | | Queens Gambit Chess Tournament Hosted by Whiteknights | | Parenting Anxious Children Workshop Onyx Classroom 2:00pm—3:00pm |
| | | Lara School of Drama Show—Year 1 and 2 Last session before Easter break. Please enter via back of the school hall | | Lara School of Drama Show—Years 3-6 Last session before Easter break. Please enter via back of the school hall |
| | | ASC in Pearl Classroom until 4:30pm then back in the school hall | | ASC in Nursery until 4:30pm then back in the school hall |

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.54%

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| REC—Crystal | 95.33% | Y4—Amethyst | 97.67% |
| REC—Pearl | 94.67% | Y4—Jasper | 97.33% |
| Y1—Amber | 96.67% | Y5—Emerald | 98.67% |
| Y1—Jade | 96.00% | Y5—Onyx | XX% |
| Y2—Opal | 96.00% | Y5—Sapphire | 97.42% |
| Y2—Topaz | 97.00% | Y6—Obsidian | 97.00% |
| Y3—Diamond | 99.31% | Y6—Ruby | 97.00% |
| Y3—Garnet | 98.00% | Y6—Tiger's Eye | 93.00% |



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

DATES FOR

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

Spring Term

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|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday, 19th March | Year 2 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall |
| Wednesday, 20th March | Year 1 Trip to Didcot Railway Centre (within school hours) |
| Wednesday, 20th March | Queen's Gambit Chess Tournament @ Whiteknights (more details to follow) |
| Friday, 22nd March | Year 3/4 Girls Football Tournament at Whiteknights School |
| Friday, 22nd March | 'Parenting Anxious Children' Workshop in Onyx Classroom 2:00pm—3:00pm |
| Monday, 25th March | Parents' Evening—4:30pm start Open for booking 6pm Friday 15th March |
| Tuesday, 26th March | Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Production to parents - 9:00am and *2:15pm |
| Tuesday, 26th March | Parents' Evening—3:40pm start Open for booking 6pm Friday 15th March |
| Tuesday, 26th March & Wednesday, 27th March | Easter Egg-Rolling Competition (within school hours) |
| Wednesday, 27th March | Reception Re-Inspired session (within school hours) |
| Thursday, 28th March | Easter Bonnet Parade (within school hours) |
| Thursday, 28th March | End of term. School finishes at 1pm |
| Summer Term | |
| Thursday, 18th April | Emerald class visit to Lower Earley Library |
| Tuesday, 23rd April | Y5 'Meet the Author' at Leighton Park School |
| Thursday, 25th April | Sapphire class visit to Lower Earley Library |
| Monday, 29th April | Crystal Class visit to Lower Earley Library |
| Monday, 29th April | Year 5 Dance Workshop (within school hours) |
| Tuesday, 30th April | Pearl Class visit to Lower Earley Library |
| Tuesday, 4th June | Tigers Eye class visit to Lower Earley Library |
| Tuesday, 7th June | Obsidian class visit to Lower Earley Library |
| Thursday, 23rd May | Sports Day and Summer Fair |

- **PARENTS EVENING:** Parents evenings are taking place:

Monday, 25th March starting at 4:30pm
 Tuesday, 26th March starting at 3:40pm
Open for bookings at 6:00pm Friday 15th March (through Arbor)

- **RECEPTION LIBRARY VISITS:** Crystal (Monday 29th April) and Pearl Class (Tuesday 30th April) need volunteers for their Library trips. Can you please inform the class teacher if you are able to help. Thank you.
- **SMART DEVICES AT SCHOOL:** Please note that as with mobile phones, all smart devices, with similar technology to mobile phones, will now need to be handed to the class teacher at the start of the school day and will not be accessed again until the end of the day. Our children are growing up in an increasingly complex world, living their lives on and offline. This presents many exciting opportunities – but also challenges. Schools must create safe and calm environments free from distraction so all pupils can receive the education they deserve. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.
- **PLEA FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE:** Can we please request that any alternative arrangements for end of day collections are communicated to the school office no later than 2:00pm. Last minute requests (often as late as 3:15pm) make it extremely difficult to get the message to the relevant teacher.
- **BOOKFAIR:** We have had an amazing week at the Book Fair, and the generosity and support of our parents has been fantastic. So far we have raised over £700 in commission which will be used to replenish our library, and add lovely new resources to our classrooms. We have one day of the Book Fair left on Monday after school so if you've missed the chance to buy books and raise money for the school we'd love to see you then. Many thanks for your support – and for your patience whilst waiting to pay! Mrs Lee

WORLD WATER DAY—22 MARCH: Join us next week as we come together to observe World Water Day at school. Each class will host an assembly to highlight our shared responsibility to conserve this precious resource. We invite you to join the conversation at home, exploring ways we can all save water and extend this important discussion beyond the classroom. Together, let's make a splash for a sustainable future!



- **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB :** Please note that if picking up before 4:30pm, ASC will be in:

Wednesday, 20th March— Pearl Classroom
 Friday, 22nd March— Nursery.

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES (cont.)

- SUMMER TERM CLUBS:** Please view letters and details of how to book for clubs starting after the Easter holidays. Please note— Whiteknights led clubs will be open to book on Scopay, Friday, 22nd March 2024. More details to follow.

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|  | FRENCH CLUB | YEAR 1, YEAR 2, YEAR 3, YEAR 4, YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 | MONDAY | FRENCH CLUB INFO LETTER |
|  | ARTIKIDS | YEAR 1, YEAR 2 | THURSDAY | ARTIKIDS Y1-Y2 CLUB INFO LETTER |
|  | ARTIKIDS | YEAR 3, YEAR 4 | WEDNESDAY | ARTIKIDS Y3-Y4 CLUB INFO LETTER |
|  | MINECRAFT | YEAR 3, YEAR 4, YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 | MONDAY | MINECRAFT CLUB INFO LETTER |
|  | KIDS WITH BRICKS | YEAR 2, YEAR 3 | TUESDAY | KIDS WITH BRICKS CLUB INFO LETTER |
|  | SPORTS4KIDS FOREST SCHOOL | RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 | MONDAY | |
|  | SPORTS4KIDS DODGEBALL | YEAR 3, YEAR 4, YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 | TUESDAY | |
|  | SPORTS4KIDS ATHLETICS | YEAR 3, YEAR 4, YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 | WEDNESDAY | SPORTS4KIDS INFO LETTER |
|  | SPORTS4KIDS FOOTBALL | YEAR 3, YEAR 4, YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 | THURSDAY | |
|  | SPORTS4KIDS MULTI-SKILLS | RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 | FRIDAY | |

PARENTING ANXIOUS CHILDREN [BOOK HERE](#)

Whiteknights is delighted present an informative and practical workshop designed specifically for parents of children dealing with anxiety. With only 20 spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis, seize the opportunity to equip yourself with valuable insights and strategies. For further details, please reach out to our Home-School Link Worker, Ms. Collard

22 MARCH | 2-3PM | ONYX CLASS



Whiteknights is proud to be part of the Mental Health Team Support in schools (MHST)

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK: There is still time to submit your poster! Please hand in to Mrs Neville (Year 6 Tigers Eye) or the school office by Monday 25th March 2024!



Help Whiteknights celebrate British Science Week

ENTER THE POSTER COMPETITION!

Be creative and design an informative poster that fits with the theme of **TIME**.

INSPIRATION

- Just think about time and what it means to you or the science you have learnt about.
- What do you do with your time - go to the park, crafts, sports?
- What about time in the world? How do we measure time - seconds, days, seasons, centuries? What about time in space?
- What about time travel films, books or music?
- How has technology changed over time?
- What might the world look like in years to come?
- Look at nature - lifecycles, lifespans, evolution or hibernation.

THE DETAILS

Once you have done your thinking - get making!
Your poster must be A4 or A3 in size. You can use pop-up pictures, pull out tabs or materials such as pencils, paints, crayons, or collage. Posters will be judged on how well they portray the theme and how engaging they are.

All entries to be submitted to Mrs Neville by Monday 25th March 2024. Please write your full name, age and class on the back of your entry.

Take a look at some of last year's winners -

Some of the prizes up for grabs:

Cool Cat Chem Cards | 15-minute STEM books | Shape Allens Game | At the museum jigsaw | A Day in the Life...books | Shroot pouches | Memberships for My Science Club | MegaWet Games | SuperQuarters: The Case of Angry Sea STEM ad-venture books by QuestFriends | A collection of Science Works books | Two space-themed 3D building playsets | Our Living Planet book | WWF adoption pack | Annual subscription to Save My Exams | A 12 month subscription to Allfresco learning.



GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- RECEPTION LIBRARY VISITS:** Crystal (Monday 29th April) and Pearl Class (Tuesday 30th April) need volunteers for their Library trips. Can you please inform the class teacher if you are able to help. Thank you.

YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- YEAR 1:** White Rose Maths Practice Journals— Kindly ensure that your child completes the Maths homework as set out below:
- YEAR 2:** White Rose Maths homework — kindly ensure that your child completes the Maths homework as set out below:

| Homework due date | Pages |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 26 th February (week 2) | 45-50 |
| 4 th March (week 3) | 51-57 |
| 11 th March (week 4) | 58-63 |
| 18 th March (week 5) | 64-70 |
| 25 th March February (week 6) | 71-77 |
| Monday 15 th April (after the Easter holidays) | 78-85 |

Year 2 - White Rose Maths Home Learning

| Week Commencing | Pages | Deadline |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| Monday 19 th February | 32 - 35 | Monday 26 th February |
| Monday 26 th February | 36 - 38 | Monday 4 th March |
| Monday 4 th March | 39 - 41 | Monday 11 th March |
| Monday 11 th March | 42 - 43 | Monday 18 th March |
| Monday 18 th March | 44 - 47 | Monday 25 th March |

YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- YEAR 4 COSTUMES FOR PERFORMANCE:** The children have placed their costume slip into the plastic wallet of their reading record/home learning diary. This gives you a rough idea for what to prepare for their costumes. If you have any questions or matters you would like to discuss regarding your child's costume, please talk to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

- YEAR 4 ROCKSTARS COMPETITION 2024:** We have entered a competition and are up against all the BPET schools. Can Whiteknights win the Top of the Rocks? Last year Noah at Braywick School won with 102,694 correct answers. Can anyone beat him this year and receive some sweets for their class?

How does it work?

Learners will try to answer as many multiplication and division questions correctly as they can using their Time Tables Rock Stars log in. The winning school and class will be based on the highest average number of correct answers per pupil.

Rules:

Every correct answer that a student gives, in any game type, between the hours of 7:30 BST to 19:30 BST each day will contribute to their class and school score.

There is a 60-minute limit playtime per player, per day. You have nearly a month to play.

Come on year 4, let's try and win!



YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL:** In order to secure you place, please pay £50 deposit through Scopay by **THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 2024**.

CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

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SAYING OF THE WEEK

This week we have been celebrating people who:
Have tried to keep themselves and others safe.



"You don't need to know the whole alphabet of Safety. The A, B, C of it will save you if you follow it: Always Be Careful."

COMPOSER OF THE WEEK



Read about our '[Composer of the Week](#)', Johann Sebastian Bach.

Air has proved to be a popular piece this week as we have continued to listen to it. In school, we have listened to this piece while watching the graphic score. This is an interesting way to see how each instrument plays a crucial role in creating the overall sound of the piece and a good way to observe the dynamics of the piece.

MINECRAFT BUILDER OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to this week's Minecraft Quick Build joint winners, Karena and Alexander for their Easter Eggs with a great use of colour, design and shape.

Well done both of you!



PUPIL SPOTLIGHT : CELEBRATING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS BEYOND SCHOOL

- [SOARING SISTERS: ACHIEVING NEW HEIGHTS IN GYMNASTICS!](#) - meet Lili and Sofi, the dynamic duo whose gymnastics prowess is propelling them to new heights of skill and enjoyment in gymnastics.

USEFUL LINKS

[SCHOOL FORMS](#)

[SCHOOL MEALS](#)

[TERM DATES](#)

What's on the menu?

Monday 18th March — Friday 22nd March

Remember—Meat Free Monday

HARRISON
food with thought

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| WEEK ONE 10th Feb, 11th Mar, 1st & 22nd Apr, 13th May, 2nd & 24th Jun, 15th Jul | Cheesy Tomato & Basil Pasta with Salad Selection Indian Style Biryani with Tomato, Cucumber & Mint Salad Sweetcorn & Green Beans Orange & Lemon Sponge Cake with Custard | Creole Style Chicken with Vegetable Rice Chickpea & Vegetable Chow Mein Style Noodles Garlic Greens & Carrots Strawberry Jelly with Watermelon Slice | Chicken Sausages with Potato Wedges & Coleslaw Vegetarian Sausages with Potato Wedges & Coleslaw Baked Beans/Broccoli Lemon Shortbread with Fresh Fruit Wedges | Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with New Potatoes Tuscan Style Tomato & Bean Pasta Roast Courgettes/Carrots Chocolate Marble Cake & Chocolate Sauce | Battered Fish Fillet with Tomato Sauce & Chips Chickpea & Herb Pattie in a Tortilla with Sweet Chilli Sauce & Chips Peas/Baked Beans Vanilla Ice Cream with Sliced Fruit |
| W/C 18th Mar 18th & 19th Mar, 20th & 21st Apr, 22nd & 23rd May, 24th & 25th Jun, 26th & 27th Jul | Macaroni Cheese Vegetable & Bean Stir Fry with Sweetcorn Rice Peas/Butternut Squash Berry Swirl Sponge Cake & Custard | Beef Lasagne Lentil & Mixed Pepper Lasagne Broccoli/Sweetcorn Strawberry Ice Cream & Fruit Wedges | Roast Turkey with Roast New Potatoes & Gravy Cheese & Chive Quiche with Roast New Potatoes Carrots/Green Beans Chocolate Sponge Cake & Chocolate Sauce | Minced Beef Keema with Pilau Rice Italian Style Tomato & Herb Sauce with Penne Pasta Cabbage/Sweetcorn Apple Crumble with Custard | Battered Fish Fillet with Tomato Sauce & Chips Sweet Potato, Spinach & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce Peas/Baked Beans Jelly & Fresh Fruit |
| WEEK THREE 4th & 25th Mar, 15th Apr, 6th & 27th May, 17th Jun, 8th Jul | Pizza Margherita with Baked Potato Wedges Pesto Style Pasta with Mediterranean Salad & Cheese Sweetcorn with Mixed Peppers/Broccoli Vanilla Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit Wedges | Cheesy Beef & Macaroni Bake Chilli Bean Wrap with Salsa & Mexican Rice Carrots/Green Beans Carrot Cake & Custard | Cottage Pie with Gravy Chickpea & Vegetable Korma & Rice Broccoli/Sweetcorn Fruit Jelly & Fruit Wedges | Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges Sweet Potato & Pepper Pattie in a Bun with Potato Wedges Sweetcorn/Coleslaw Apple Sponge Cake & Custard | Breaded Fish Fillet with Tomato Sauce & Chips Cheese & Mixed Pepper Quiche with Chips Peas/Baked Beans Chocolate Shortbread |

Available daily: Freshly Baked Bread, Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings, Salad Selection, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt



Look out for monthly featured ingredients.



WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTICE BOARD



save
the
date

Thursday
23 May 2024

Sports Day
&
Summer Fair