



WORPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

1st October 2021

Worple Newsletter

Enjoy, Learn, Grow

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for all of your support over the last week. It was lovely to have the opportunity to get to meet with you all online for the curriculum evening on Tuesday. I do hope that you found the evening useful and that this has given you some idea about what the school will be focusing on over the next academic year. The children are working really hard and we hope that our new curriculum will keep them really engaged and provide some of those opportunities that they have missed out on in recent months. Swimming starts next week and we will be sharing our full complement of extra-curricular clubs with you in the very near future.

On Wednesday this week we hosted the opening of 'Izzie's garden' in our school playground. It was lovely to have Amanda Holden be part of this memorable event. For our new parents, Izzie was a member of our school community who sadly passed away from cancer in 2019 when she was in Year 5. The garden is a reminder to all of us in the school community of the joy and vibrancy that Izzie brought to our school community and to the many lives that she touched during her short journey. Izzie's family and friends, all very much a part of our small and very special community have worked tirelessly over the last year, to create a wonderful and colourful haven which will always remain very much part of our school community. Izzie you will never be forgotten and will always remain very much part of our Worple story.

Next week is walk to school week. I know most of you do walk or cycle in but for those who don't, its maybe a chance to leave the car at home...especially given that petrol has become more like gold dust these days!!

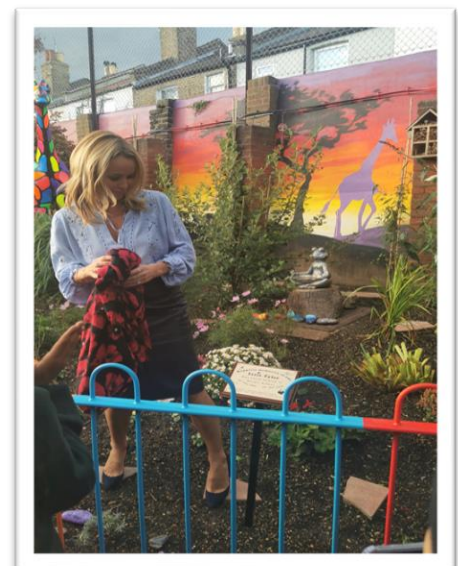
Have a lovely weekend when it arrives.

Best wishes,

Marais Leenders

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Executive Headteacher





Izzie's Garden. 🦋

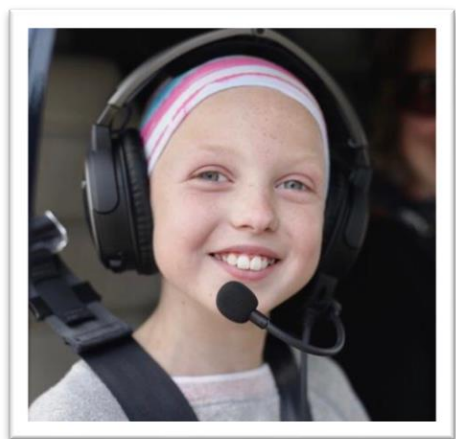


Amanda Holden with Izzie's class.

The Izzie Effect

The Izzie Effect Walkers (who include 4 current Worple Mums and 3 former Worple Mums) are in their final training before they tackle a 26-mile walk in honour of the amazing Izzie who died in 2019 when she was in Year 5. They are raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital to refurbish Elephant Ward where Izzie spent a lot of time. If you would like to donate, their fundraising page is below. All donations will be very gratefully received and will help make a real difference to other families with seriously ill children who need the services of GOSH.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kelly-tyler3?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=kelly-tyler3&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&utm_term=adfb4790bb0446ca5ce989e3c64e784



Please Read

An important message to parents/guardians from Hounslow's Director of Public Health, Kelly O'Neill:

"We're currently seeing a significant increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in our schools across the borough which is causing a great deal of disruption for teachers, parents/guardians and children. Approximately 50% of our cases in Hounslow involve children under 19, with the majority of those cases involving 10-19-year olds. My team is doing everything it can to help the school community stop this on-going transmission as quickly as possible. But there are some important, practical, steps everyone can take to enable children to keep learning in the classroom and to stop the spread: I would urge you to please keep testing twice a week using 'rapid' LFT tests if you don't have COVID-19 symptoms. If you do have COVID-19 symptoms, please get a PCR test as soon as possible. Regular testing is the quickest way to identify if you have the virus so that you can self-isolate if required. I would also encourage you to continue wearing a face covering if you can, especially in crowded areas, including on public transport. Together, all of these things will help to reduce transmission in the wider community.

"The NHS vaccination service has asked secondary schools across the borough to obtain consent from parents/guardians to vaccinate 12-15-year-old children. Remember - it's not too late to get vaccinated yourself, so if you haven't yet come forward for your first and/or second COVID-19 vaccine, please take a look at our website: www.hounslow.gov.uk/coronavirus where you can find lots of detailed information as well as your nearest vaccination site. If you have any questions, please get in touch with me and my team at: publichealth@hounslow.gov.uk We're here to help."

Curriculum Evening

Thank you to all of those that attended the Curriculum Evening on Tuesday this week. It was a shame that we were unable to run the event in person, but we hope you found it informative nonetheless. The admin team sent out a copy of the PowerPoint presentation via Parent Mail on Wednesday should you have missed the event, so please check your emails if you would like to review this.

Please note that all the curriculum overviews for each class can be found on our website.

<https://www.worple.hounslow.sch.uk/index.php/curriculum-overviews>

Calling all Nursery Parents!



Play and Engage



Calling all Nursery Parents! Please join your child on a **Friday mornings for a 'Play and Engage'** session!

The sessions will run for 5 weeks starting on Friday 24th September. Each session will last 45 minute and involves your child and you, in fun, themed physical activity. It's a really great opportunity to join your child at school and have some fun together.

Aims

To develop the fundamental movement skills of the child, including **locomotion**, **stability** and **object control**. To develop the child's **confidence**, **listening skills** and also their ability to **follow instructions**.

Why it is important to develop the fundamental movement skills at a young age?

Improving the fundamental movement skills also improves a child's ability to write, get dressed, throw, catch, jump, hop, skip and perform other daily tasks, as well as giving a foundation for lifelong movement and participation in physical activity.

(Margaret Whitehead, educator and leading researcher)

Dates: Friday mornings September 24th - October 22nd (**5 weeks**)

Time: **9.00 - 9.45am**.

School Uniform

Dear parents,

As you are aware our new Worple PE Kit can be purchased from 'Schools Days & Just Dancing' in Whitton Highstreet, or online on their website (see link below). Feedback throughout this term from parents is that it would be easier to purchase all items in one place. Therefore, as of **the October Half Term all of our school uniform including PE kit can be purchased through School Days**.

This means you will be able to purchase all of your items directly from the shop and you will no longer need to order any items through your ParentPay account.

To ease the transition, uniform items such as cardigans, sweatshirts and book bags will still be available via parent pay **and** through 'Schooldays' until October 22nd. After half term all items will **only be available through 'Schooldays'**, either online or in the shop itself.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

Please see below the link to the schooldays website where you can order online for either delivery or click and collect, as well as the address for the shop in Whitton.

School Days & Just Dancing

<https://schooldaysllp.co.uk/>

Address:

94 High Street Whitton,
Twickenham

PTA

Please join us for the PTA's 2021/22 AGM on Thursday 14th October at 7pm, on zoom.

We'll be reflecting on the successes of last year and planning for the year ahead. Log in to share your ideas and any thoughts you have on how we can best support our school and it's families going forward – all ideas and inspiration welcome! Log-in details will be sent to you nearer the time.

We're always looking for more people to help with events and activities, so if you'd like to get more involved please email pta@worple.hounslow.sch.uk

Many thanks

Katie

On behalf of Friends of Worple PTA

Free School Meal Information

Your children are entitled to free school meals if you receive one of the below benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Universal credit and have an annual income of no more than £7,400
- Child tax credit, but not entitled to a working tax credit and have an annual income (as assessed by the inland revenue) of no more than £16,190
- Guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Or are being supported by the national asylum support service (nass)

Universal Free school meals

Your child will be able to get free school meals if they're in a **government-funded school** and in:

- Reception class
- Year 1
- Year 2

How do I apply for Free School Meals? Follow link below and complete form.

https://eforms.hounslow.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?formid=A161_FREE_SCHOOL_MEALS&SUBMIT_AGAIN=N&ebz=1_1632739742644&ebd=0&ebz=1_1632739742644

Should you need any support with this please do contact the school office and we will be happy to help

Telephone: 020 8321 8100

Email: office@worple.hounslow.sch.uk



Dates for the diary!

Key Dates	
Friday 24 th September – Friday October 22 nd October (Each Friday for 5 weeks)	Nursery parents Play and Engage 9.00- 9.45AM
Thursday 14 th October 7PM	PTA's 2021/22 AGM
Monday 25 th October - Friday 29 th October	Half Term Break
Monday 1st November	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 2nd November	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 3rd November	Children return to School

