



Whitehead

Primary School
& Nursery Unit

August 2022

'LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER'

So where did that summer go?

I hope that you had a lovely summer. The summer has indeed flown by, but it has been great over the last couple of days to see all of the children returning to school (in their lovely new uniforms) and getting back into routine.



Breakfast Club & Canteen

Breakfast Club and Canteen will begin on Thursday 1 September.

ON MONDAY 29, TUESDAY 30 & WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BRING A PACKED LUNCH TO SCHOOL.

Finish Times 2022/23

Y1 & Y2	1.45 pm (Monday – Friday)
Y3	2.45 pm (Monday & Tuesday), 1.45 pm (Wednesday – Friday)
Y4	2.45 pm (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday), 1.45 pm (Wednesday)
Y5 – Y7	2.50 pm (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday), 1.50 pm (Wednesday)

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Key Dates for September

Thursday 8	PTA @ 7.00pm
Thursday 15	Y1 Induction Evening & Child Protection @ 7.00pm Nursery Induction Evening & Child Protection @ 7.30pm
Thursday 22	Y6 & Y7 Curriculum Evening & Child Protection @ 7.00pm Y4 & Y5 Curriculum Evening & Child Protection @ 7.30pm Y2 & Y3 Curriculum Evening & Child Protection @ 8.00pm
Friday 30	STAFF TRAINING – NO CHILDREN SHOULD ATTEND

Induction & Curriculum Evenings

These evenings will provide you with an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, to receive an outline of the curriculum for the year and to gain an understanding of what homework will look like. As part of these evenings I will also outline the Child Protection policy, training parents who may then wish to come into school as parent helpers or accompany their child's class on a school trip.

After School Activities

Our full After School Activity Programme will begin over the next few weeks. Private companies will offer after school activities on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Please see the information below relating to the activities offered by the private companies, including the dates, the price and how you can pay the company directly. We don't have any information regarding tennis at the moment, however there will be a tennis demonstration in school over the next few weeks and sign up information will be sent home that day.

Our own after school activities will take place on a Tuesday & Thursday, on the dates outlined below:

Tuesday 13 & Thursday 15 September

Tuesday 20 & Thursday 22 September

Tuesday 27 & Thursday 29 September

Tuesday 4 & Thursday 6 October

Tuesday 11 & Thursday 13 October

Tuesday 18 & Thursday 20 October

Tuesday 8 & Thursday 10 November

Tuesday 15 & Thursday 17 November

There will be a small charge of 50p per session for our own after school activities which will allow us to purchase and replenish the equipment necessary for the activities. Each activity will run for 8 sessions this term costing £4 per activity. Parents will be able to sign up on School Money for our own afternoon school activities from Tuesday 30 August – Friday 9 September.

School Milk

School milk will be starting again on Monday 19 September. If you would like your child to receive milk every day, the cost will be £18.69 from Monday 19 September to Friday 10 February. **Payment will go live on the School Money system on Monday 29 August 2022 and should be made by Friday 2 September** to enable the order to be sent through to Dale Farm. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Punctuality

It is absolutely vital that all children are in school, in the classroom by 9.00 am. An increasing number of children have been arriving after 9.00 am. Not only have they missed the initial activities which serve to settle the children and 'get their brains going' but they have missed the key instructions for the day and the beginning of the first lesson, leaving them at a huge disadvantage. **CHILDREN WHO ARRIVE AFTER 9.00AM WILL BE MARKED AS LATE.**

- The parents of those children who are regularly late in September will be contacted by their child's teacher.
- Should lateness persist teachers will discuss this with parents at Parent/Teacher Consultations in October.
- Should the issue not be resolved I will be in contact with parents.
- Continued, persistent lateness throughout the school year will be recorded on a child's report.

I fully understand that everyone can be late on occasions however persistent lateness really does impact on how your child performs and achieves on a daily basis, affecting their overall progress.

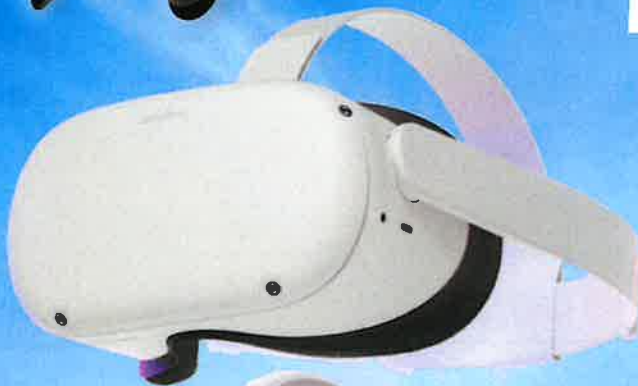
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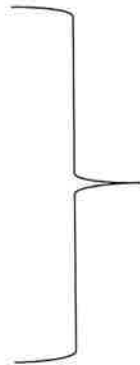


Dear Parent/Guardian

We are delighted to announce that Burns Skills School are running one of their fantastic afterschool programmes within the school grounds this year. The programme will consist of 11 weeks which will entail age appropriate educational sessions that will have a main focus of fun whilst improving each child's technical ability.

Dates of programme:

Friday 16th Sept
Friday 23rd Sept
Friday 7th Oct
Friday 14th Oct
Friday 21st Oct
Friday 11th Nov
Friday 18th Nov
Friday 25th Nov
Friday 2nd Dec
Friday 9th Dec
Friday 16th Dec



To secure a place for your child you must enrol online via www.burnsskillsschool.co.uk This is very easy and straightforward. Click 'secure your place' at the top of the website. Then scroll down to find your child's school and the correct activity to enrol. **Cost: £44.00.**

Primary 1 – Primary 3 (1.50pm-2.50pm each week) **Primary 4 – Primary 7** (2.50pm-3.50pm)

Note: You do not need to print any tickets off our website.

Benefits of programme:

- Improves technical ability
- Enhances physical, mental and social attributes (confidence building)
- Professional coaching
- Controlled and structured physical activity
- Teaches respect for one and all
- Make new friends

Deadline for payment is **Thursday 15th Sept.** This is a great opportunity for your child and certainly one not to be missed. When in attendance we would advise that all children wear appropriate clothing with a pair of trainers suitable for indoor and outdoor.

Payment options: PayPal (Please select friends & family)

Thanks
Aaron & Andrew
Burns Skills School



Gozen Ju-Jitsu Clubs

Experience and Learn Ju-jitsu this year



*Ever wanted your
child to learn self-
defense in the form
of martial Arts?*



After-school ju jitsu lessons for P3
and above on a Monday
Learn self defense skills such as:
Punching, Kicking, blocking and
break away skills

*Want to improve
your childs fitness
and confidence?*



**Classes Start Monday 12th
September 2.50- 4pm (all
children will be looked after by
the coach in the hall should their
class finish earlier than 2.50pm.
Classes paid monthly.**



For more information or to book a
place please email:

alisonmcneilly@aol.com

www.jujitsuireland.com

Jordan Academy Irish Dance



Whitehead Primary After School Club

**WEDNESDAYS
1:50-2:50pm**

12 weeks

DATES:

14th, 21st, 28th Sept

5th, 12th, 19th Oct

9th, 16th, 23rd,

30th Nov

7th, 14th Dec



**Pe shoes or
trainers
required**

**Price £48
(£4 per class)**

**Contact Kerry
07999859139**

**Please send a
message to
secure your
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