



Whitefriars School Primary Section

# NEWSLETTER

July 2017



## Goodbye Mr Spruce

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mr Spruce at the end of this term, the whole school held a special assembly for him on Wednesday to celebrate his time with us. Musical entertainment was provided by our school choir and rock band and we all watched a video of good luck messages from the children from Heathland and Whitefriars schools for Mr Spruce.

Mr Spruce was presented with cards and gifts galore as the children told him he would be very much missed. Mr Spruce then presented the school with two books 'The Mousehole Cat' and 'The Lord of the Rings' for the school library and a Blue Spruce tree which you can see planted at the front of the school.

### Value of the month



## Courage

- **Being willing to confront difficult situations**
- **Carrying on when you find something hard**
- **Being strong when you are worried**



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## Verse vs Verse



Throughout this year, Year 6 have been working with Eastside on a Verse vs Verse spoken word project. After a poetry workshop year 6 children developed a poem within small groups. They then took to the stage and performed at the Criterion theatre in London for the Verse vs Verse Annual Poetry Slam. The competition was with other schools across London. All the children across year 6 enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot about Poetry Slams and the power of voice.

## Fond Farewells



Staff and pupils will be very sad to see Mrs Turner retire after 27 ½ years; she has seen many changes take place over the years and we wish her a long and very happy retirement! She will now have the luxury to do all the things she has been putting off all these years during term time!

As well as Mr Spruce and Mrs Turner leaving, Mrs Lachani, Miss Radia and Mrs Carroll are also moving on to pastures new. They will all be missed and we wish them all the very best for the future.

## Year 3 in the Garden



Year 3 children started planting vegetables in our new garden in March. Last week they harvested their crops and cooked a delicious vegetable curry from their fresh organic produce to share with everyone in the year group.



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## Harrow Film Festival



Primary students took part in the 'Harrow Schools Film Festival', where they filmed and edited videos to make a movie on the theme Journeys. We were shortlisted for the EYFS and the KS1 categories. We took 12 students to the finals at Harrow Arts Centre, and the students were a credit to the school. We came runners up for both categories. The students had a great time and can't wait to compete again next year!



## EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic



To celebrate the end of their first year at school the Reception children invited their families to join us on the school field for a teddy bears picnic. We played games, enjoyed using the parachute together and created pictures. We all sat together on the grass to eat our picnics and then had an ice lolly. It was brilliant to see so many of our parents and younger siblings engaging and getting to know one another. Thank you to our wonderful supportive parents and we wish the children every success as they move into Year 1.

## Oh What a Knight!

Year 6 storm the stage in a medieval performance about King Arthur and his trusty knights who protect Excalibur from the villainous Black Knight. The children put in a lot of hard work and dedication to learn all their lines, make props and perfect the sound and lighting. It was a memorable 'Knight' and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

## Year 6 Prom Night



Year 6 enjoyed celebrating their time at Whitefriars Primary School at the school prom. Everyone was dressed in suits and beautiful dresses and they all partied the evening away. It was a great evening to end a fantastic year. We wish all our year 6's the very best of luck for when they start their next chapter in secondary school.

  
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### Diary Dates for September...

- 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Staff Training Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Staff training Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Children return to School (Years 1-6 only)
- 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Soccer Skills club begins (after school)
- 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Swimming for Year 4 begins
- 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Autumn Fair





## WHITEFRIARS SCHOOL AWARDS CEREMONY 2017

At the end of last term we held our annual trophy assembly where we honoured children who have worked hard and contributed fully to school life this year. We gave out trophies for each of our values to children nominated by their teachers as showing excellence in each of these areas and celebrated outstanding learning, fair play and sporting achievement. Congratulations to each of the winners who are all listed below.

### 100% Attendance

We would like to say congratulations to these children for achieving 100% attendance last school year.

- The Spruce Cup
- Outstanding Contribution to the School
- Learner of the Year
- Young Musician of the Year Award
- Graham Barnes Trophy for Sporting Achievement
- Pinner Wood Friendship Trophy
- Rights Respecting Champion
- Fair Play Award
- Citizen Award
- Footballer of the Year
- Swimmer of the Year ~ Boy
- Swimmer of the Year ~ Girl
- Attendance Class Award
- Punctuality Class Award

- Nafisa Rahman
- Roshan Madhaparia
- Omaima El Alami
- Hailey Hu

- Stefania Malos
- Whitefriars School
- Saira Kaleem
- Carmena Bebri
- Luiza Pavlova
- Corey Hilton
- Jai Long Weng
- Daisy Nicoll
- Chamaeleon
- Delphinus

- Alexia Alagel
- Nicoleta Alagel
- Teya Butler
- Giulia Cicu
- Jahvana Edwards
- Jemika Edwards
- Sadaf Hashimi
- K'Shanye Higgins
- Hailey Hu
- Davina Jogia
- Saira Kaleem
- Vasavi Langston
- Stefania Malos
- Abhiram Mantrala
- Leona Mjekiqi
- Shaglyne Mpata
- Sebastian Murphy
- Bhakti Pritesh
- Omar Raouf
- Lojihan Rathnavarathar
- Apolo Rodrigues
- Sahar Sherzai
- Tomasz Sledz
- Bogdan Tarcatu
- Jia Long Weng
- Kiarna-Marie Wilson-Banerbie
- Phillip Zu

### SCHOOL VALUE AWARDS

- Respect ~ September
- Unity ~ October
- Friendship ~ November
- Responsibility ~ December
- Determination ~ January
- Thoughtfulness ~ February
- Appreciation ~ March
- Patience~ April
- Trust ~ May
- Harmony ~ June
- Courage~ July

- Mario Cicu
- Tyra McKenzie
- Vasavi Langston
- Austin Wong
- Ibrahim Almeteri
- Serine Haddadi
- Zehao Wu
- Dominik Wisniewski
- Bixente Patel
- Ritika Rasciclal
- Manav Patel



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