



Whitefriars School Primary Section

NEWSLETTER

June 2017



New Website Launched!



Value of the month



Harmony

- Striving for Peace
- Working Together
- Living happily with each other



Article 13: Your right to have information.

We have launched new look websites for our schools that feature our 'Learning Tree' graphic and a new clean design. The primary section sites for Heathland and Whitefriars now include a live Twitter feed to keep you up to date with all our exciting events. Follow us @WFPPrimaryNews. We have tried to make the sites quicker to navigate so you can find key information more easily.

We have also launched our mobile sites that are scaled for your smartphones so you can keep up with the federation on the move. Go to www.whitefriarsschool.net and have a look.

Year 6 Activity Week and French Trip



Article 28 : Your right to learn and go to school.



Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed activity week. Pupils designed crests and made them out of clay during our Piazzo Pottery workshop. The children made a three course meal in our food technology lab, then got to taste the sausage rolls, pizzas and cupcakes we made. They were also involved in a Yoga and Pro-golf taster session. At the end of the week the children ventured out into the forest school and worked in teams to build outdoor shelters. Great fun was had by all!



Meanwhile, in France the year 6 children from Heathland had the fantastic opportunity to explore the Bayeux Tapestry and D-Day landing beaches from World War 2, as well as visit a Boulangerie and local market to practice their French, whilst managing to fit in some canoeing, abseiling and trapeze jumps as well. A week of great fun was rounded off with a party to celebrate the children's fear-conquering and everyone's willingness to try new things. Well done Year 6!



High Standards of Behaviour and Safety at Whitefriars - HMI

Her Majesty's Inspector, Carmen Rodney, visited us on 14th June with a focus on behaviour and safety. She has written a letter to Mr Spruce to say that our school has, 'taken effective action to maintain the high standards of behaviour and attitudes identified at the last inspection'. She wrote, 'You have worked together to create a culture in which pupils can thrive.'

She went on to compliment our high expectations, positive values and strong relationships. Our work to promote staying safe on the internet was described as 'highly effective'. Pupils spoke with conviction about our values, including respect, tolerance, trust, peace and democracy. They described staff as 'family friends who respect and understand them' and know there is always someone to turn to if they have concerns.

The HMI recognised that pupils are safe, work hard and cooperate very well. She wrote, 'relationships are harmonious and peaceful'. She quotes one pupil as saying 'Anyone who is different is treated equally, we welcome all with open arms.' While most children attend school regularly, the school was urged to continue ensuring that any child who does not improves their attendance.

The full letter will appear on the OFSTED website which you can access via the link on our websites. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this excellent outcome.



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Year 6 Codebreakers



A group of students from Year 6 recently visited Bletchley Park in Buckinghamshire, the top secret home of code breaking and allied intelligence in World War 2. The group had a guided tour of the original buildings and interactive exhibitions.



This was followed by a workshop where they had to use Morse code, decipher encoded messages and plot enemy positions on a map of the Atlantic using latitude and longitude. A highlight of the trip was the chance to use a real German Enigma machine from the era.



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Summer Concert



The Whitefriars Summer Concert took place with students from Years 3 to 8 demonstrating their amazing skills in an evening of wonderful music making. There was a wide variety of performances including soloists, duos, guitar and violin ensembles, choir and rock band. Huge congratulations to all those who took part in the concert. A big well done to all of the staff involved and to the audience of proud parents and friends for their enthusiastic support.



Article 15: Your right to meet with friends and join groups and clubs

Year 3 Recorder Concert



Year 3 have been having recorder lessons this year in class and were very proud to show off their newly learnt musical skills in a concert. This is what the children said:

“I enjoyed performing ‘The Red Riding Hood’ rap.” Himani
“We played B, A, C and G notes in front of our parents and my Dad was impressed with my effort.” Amira



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Diary Dates for July...

- 3rd ~ Sports Leaders Trip
- 5th ~ Transition Day
- 7th ~ Reception Picnic
- 10th-13th ~ Book Fair
- 12th-13th ~ Parents Evenings
- 14th ~ Nursery Picnic
- 14th ~ End of Year Prize Giving
- 18th ~ Year 6 Prom
- 20th ~ Last Day of Term - 2pm Finish
- 21st ~ Staff Training Day

Save the Dates...

- Heathland Summer Fair ~ Saturday 8th July 11am-3pm
- Whitefriars Autumn Fair ~ Saturday 23rd September 11am-3pm



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Gold Trip Winners



On Friday 23rd June children from both Whitefriars and Heathland went on the Golden Trip. This year's trip was to an indoor trampoline park called Jump In, which is in Slough. All the children who went couldn't believe how big the venue was and all the different bouncing activities that were available. As well as trampolines, there were 4 foam pits (two even had a duelling beam and a rope swing), 2 tumble runs, a basketball hoop and 2 dodgeball courts. Both children and staff had an amazing time!

Borough Sports



On Wednesday 21st June 25 year 5 and 6 students represented Whitefriars school at the Borough Sports Competition. Children took part in a range of athletics sports including, long jump, relay and shot put. All children were excellent spectators as well as displaying excellent sporting talent.

Sports Days

This week we enjoyed our Sports Days getting every child active and engaged in sport. Our learners displayed fantastic sporting skills and were incredibly successful in a range of different athletic activities. A huge well done to every child for their sporting effort!



Article 29 : Your right to become the best that you can be