



Whitefriars School Primary Section

# NEWSLETTER

April 2018



## Going for Green...



For the last two years we have all been working incredibly hard to make Whitefriars more sustainable. We have participated in many campaigns and focused in depth on our 3 topic areas: Waste, Outdoor Learning and Energy. We have been taking part in weekly litter picks; weighing the food waste at lunch, monitoring and evaluating our achievements; and launching a whole school plastic project - thinking about how we can reduce our plastic usage . The Eco Warriors have been working really hard to gather the required evidence ready to submit our Green Flag application which has now been approved. We are eagerly awaiting our assessment for our Green Flag accreditations this term - watch this space!

## Celebrating Earth Day



Earth Day is a day dedicated to thinking and learning about our planet and what we can do to look after it and keep it special. The main focus for this year is 'End Plastic Pollution' which is the perfect fit for our plastics project that is underway! Each class in the school took part in discussions, debates and reflections about plastic pollution, its impact on the marine environment and how we can reduce our plastic usage. Each class came up with a 'plastic promise' which we will share in assembly next week. How are you contributing to a more plastic free environment?

## Book Fair



Thank you to everyone who supported our recent book fair. We raised £507.10 which gives us £202.84 to spend on new books for our library.

Value of the month



## Freedom

- Remembering our rights and responsibilities
- Expressing yourself
- Encouraging others to respect themselves



Article 13 : Your right to have information.



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

## Competition Winners



Congratulations to our book fair competition winners Yahya in Perseus, Stefania in Pegasus, Beheshta in Lyra and Stefania in Andromeda. They all won £5 book vouchers to use at the book fair and will also be entered into a national competition. Good luck!



## Walk to School Week



A generation ago, 70% of us walked to school, now it's less than half! Walking to school helps children feel happier and healthier because they arrive fit, refreshed and ready to learn.

More families walking means fewer cars on the road during the school run helping to reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates. During National Walking Month - MAY - Walk to School Week is from 21st - 25th May and we'd like school pupils to take part in our Five Day Walking Challenge. For more information visit [www.livingstreets.org.uk/walktoschool](http://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walktoschool).

 Article 6: Your right to life and to be healthy.

## Middlesex Chance to Shine



As many parents are aware, we had some representatives from All Stars (an ECB initiative for 5-8year olds) who will be running cricket clubs throughout the summer at Bessborough Cricket Club. Part of this initiative was that they delivered free coaching from Year 1 to Year 4 for a week. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed their additional cricket sessions through the week and, hopefully, many will join the cricket club during the summer holidays to try out their newly acquired skills!

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

## Eggs and Caterpillars



Some caterpillars arrived in Nursery and Reception last week! They are getting bigger and we can't wait to see how they change next! We are also having some eggs arrive next month! I wonder what will be inside them?

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## Year 2 Football



Year 2 football team took part in the Harrow Borough Mini Football Festival on 19<sup>th</sup> April. They were amazing! They had the chance to play 5 games and came out undefeated with all draws or wins! They worked as a team and supported one another brilliantly. Stay tuned for the next Year 2 football game results.





## Nursery



We have been very busy planting and caring for our new plants in the nursery.

We also have a new sensory area which includes plants like rosemary, thyme, sage, lavender and radula a lemon scented plant. Once it becomes established children will be able to walk amongst the bushes and explore the different scents. Our banana tree has survived its first winter and is beginning to sprout new leaves.

The birds are beginning to visit our revamped bird area and are enjoying eating the bird seed from the bird houses. Solitary bees have been visiting our bug houses and we hope that some will set up home there while they have their young.

We are looking forward to a great term doing lots of different activities linked to our topic 'Our wondrous world!'

## The Shoe Share Campaign



Whitefriars School are participating in the ShoeShare Campaign. On Monday 21st May - Friday 25th May, we would like pupils to bring in pairs of old and unwanted shoes, preferably in a reasonable condition. These will be donated to Clarks ShoeShare drop off points and all money from the reuse of these shoes will go to UNICEF. This money will be used to fund educational programmes around the world.



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## Diary Dates for May...

- 7<sup>th</sup> ~ School Closed Bank Holiday Monday
- 8<sup>th</sup> ~ KS1 SATs Week
- 14<sup>th</sup> ~ KS2 SATs Week
- 20<sup>th</sup> ~ RRSA ShoeShare Collection Week
- 21<sup>st</sup> ~ KS1 Sports Week
- 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Year 2 Visit to Mosque
- 24<sup>th</sup> ~ KS1 Gymnastics Competition
- 28<sup>th</sup> May ~ 1<sup>st</sup> June ~ Half Term



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## School Awards

Congratulations to all the following children who achieved their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards this month.

### Bronze Awards:

- Ayoub ~ 3 Orion
- Hassan ~ 5 Aquila
- Aaron ~ 3 Cassiopeia
- Jency ~ 3 Aquarius

### Gold Awards

- Kabeer ~ Andromeda
- Paraschiva ~ 6 Chamaeleon
- Jordan ~ 6 Chamaeleon
- Aisha ~ 5 Aquila
- Sana ~ 5 Pisces
- Ahmad ~ 5 Pisces
- Hassan ~ 5 Aquila
- Ayoub ~ 3 Orion
- Aaron ~ 3 Cassiopeia



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