



Whitefriars School Primary Section

NEWSLETTER

February 2019



Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

At the beginning of February everyone at Whitefriars took part in Children's Mental Health Awareness Week in partnership with Place2Be. To end the week we asked pupils to wear something that made them happy on the inside and out! Pupils and parents helped us to raise £551 for Place2Be which will make a massive difference in helping the charity provide mental health support for children in schools throughout the UK. We would like to thank you for your kind donations and your continued support. To make sure all our parents are aware of the important work that Place2Be do in supporting our pupils we will be holding a parent coffee morning in the summer term, we look forward to sharing more information with you soon.



Children's Mental Health Week 2019
4-10 Feb #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek
ChildrensMentalHealthWeek.org.uk



Article 6 : You have the right to life and to be healthy.

Value of the month



Thoughtfulness

- Thinking of others
- Being generous
- Making time to think

Job Vacancies

From time to time we have job opportunities which are advertised on our schools' websites. Please click the 'Staff Vacancies' button on our website for further information on any of our current vacancies or follow this link <http://heathlandwhitefriarsfederation.net>

Super Zone Project at Whitefriars



As you will already know Whitefriars School is taking part in a new London initiative called 'Super Zones'. The project focuses on the 400 metres (a 10 minute walk) around our school to help create a healthier environment making our children safer, happier and healthier. 'Super Zones' have been established to take action to protect children's health and encourage healthy behaviours and Whitefriars School will be working in partnership with Harrow Council to focus on many aspects such as air pollution, traffic congestion and healthy food and lifestyle choices.

As part of the project we have already been asking families to think about healthier ways of travelling to and from school to limit traffic congestion and air pollution.

We have had public health looking at cars who sit with engines running outside the school at drop off and pick up time in an 'anti-idling' focus morning and as a result Harrow have installed a new camera outside the school to help with this. We will keep you updated with the next stage of the Super Zone project in our next newsletter. The Super Zone team are still keen to hear if you have any comments or suggestions for how the local area can be improved, if you have any suggestions then please email: publichealth@harrow.gov.uk

Article 19 : You should not be harmed and should be looked after and kept safe.





Year 3 Production



On Thursday 14th February, Year 3 performed Roald Dahl's Cinderella. The children performed the play brilliantly using their acting and musical skills. They are so talented they

even created their own recorder piece and performed it at the end of every scene! The children compared the original story to Roald Dahl's version. 'In Roald Dahl's Cinderella the Prince was rude because he chopped off heads' (Sophie, Aquarius). 'Cinderella decided to marry the jam man because he was nice' (Aziz, Aquarius). Well done Year 3!



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

World Book Day



World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March and we would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this special occasion. We are inviting the children to come to school dressed as their favorite character from any book. In return we would like them to bring in a book in good condition to go into our library

Harrow Music Guitar Festival



On Tuesday 12th February, three children from Whitefriars participated in the Harrow Music Service Guitar Festival. They had the opportunity to play with children from other schools and perform to their parents in the evening.

The children represented the school with great pride and showcased their wonderful talent.



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

Diary Dates for March...

- 5th ~ SRE Workshop KS1 Parents - 2.30pm
- 7th - 8th ~ World Book Day Workshop
- 8th ~ Year 6 Percussion Workshop
- 11th - 15th ~ STEM Week
- 12th ~ SRE Workshop KS2 Parents - 2.30pm
- 15th ~ Year 5 visit to V&A Museum
- 15th ~ Reception Drama Workshop
- 18th ~ Year 6 TfL Workshop
- 19th ~ KS1 SATs Meeting for Parents
- 20th ~ Year 3 visit to RHS Wisley
- 21st ~ Dental Survey Reception & Year 1
- 25th - 29th ~ Art Week



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School Awards

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

Bronze Award:

- Swapnil ~ Aquarius
- Miriam-Elena ~ Aquila
- Mohamed ~ Aquarius
- Abdullah ~ Aquarius
- Suleman ~ Aquila

Silver Award:

- Luca ~ Corvus
- Carmena ~ Pisces
- Nivriti ~ Pisces
- Noor ~ Pisces
- Maryam ~ Pisces

Gold Award:

- Vasavi ~ Lyra



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



Nursery



Nursery children made the most of the glorious February weather earlier this week. The morning children had their fruit outside and the afternoon children had their library session outside. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed being out in the fresh air.

Bikeability



This month some of our Year 5 and 6 children took part in Bikeability. Bikeability is about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads. The children were given the opportunity to take part in levels 1 and 2 learning the basics of balance and control to riding safely on the road.



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

Year 2 Home Learning



Year 2 have been learning about what we want to be when we grow up particularly focusing on what the emergency services do. This topic allowed us to focus on the Great Fire of London. We learned where the fire started, how the fire spread and who was involved. For their home learning Year 2 were asked to create a house from 1666, thinking about the period features. We were really impressed with how much effort they put in and how fantastic they all looked. Well done Year 2!

E-Safety



The theme for Safer Internet Day this year was, 'Our internet, our choice: understanding consent in a digital world.' We learnt about how important it is to ask for permission and when we can and should give our consent. EYFS talked together about how to ask permission from our grown-ups to use tablets, phones and computers, and how to protect our personal data by never sharing our real name with strangers. In Year 1 and 2, children worked together to get our E-Safety messages out. We need to keep our personal data safe, we need to ask for permission to go online and always check with our adults before going online or accepting any messages. In Key Stage Two, children designed posters to help keep us safe online and we talked about getting consent from friends and family to share pictures, games and more at home.



Term Dates
Academic Year 2019-20
(September 2019 - July 2020)

Autumn Term 2019

Staff Training Day	Monday 2 nd September 2019
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 3 rd September 2019
Year 7 <u>ONLY</u> first day of school term	Tuesday 3 rd September 2019 – 1.30 pm start
Pupils' first day of school term* (Yrs. 1-11 only)	Wednesday 4 th September 2019
Pupils' last day before half term	Friday 18 th October 2018 - 3.00 pm finish
Half Term	Monday 21 st October - Friday 25 th October 2019
Staff Training Day	Monday 28 th October 2019
Pupils' return to school	Tuesday 29 th October 2019
Pupils' last day of school term	Thursday 19 th December 2019 - 2.00 pm finish

Spring Term 2020

Pupils' first day of school term	Monday 6 th January 2020
Pupils' last day before half term	Friday 14 th February 2020 - 3.00 pm finish
Half Term	Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February 2020
Pupils' return to school	Monday 24 th February 2020
Pupils' last day of school term	Friday 3 rd April 2020 - 2.00 pm finish

Summer Term 2020

Pupils' first day of school term	Monday 20 th April 2020
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2020
Pupils' last day before half term	Friday 22 nd May 2020 - 3.00 pm finish
Half Term	Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May 2020
Pupils' return to School	Monday 1 st June 2020
Pupils' last day of school term	Friday 17 th July 2020 - 2.00 pm finish
Staff Training Day	Monday 20 th July 2020
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 21 st July 2020

**Nursery and Reception pupils will receive individual start dates/times by separate letter*

PLEASE REMEMBER: we close at 2pm on the last day of each term (December, March and July).
On the last day of each half-term (October/November, February and May) we close at the usual time of 3pm.