



Whitefriars School Primary Section

NEWSLETTER

September 2019



Welcome Back

We've had a fantastic start to our new school year! We are always excited at the beginning of the year to see the children back after their Summer break looking so smart and ready to learn. It was great to see so many parents and carers at our Meet the Teacher sessions; lots of mums and dads finding out about the exciting year ahead – thank you parents for all your positive feedback! Our new teachers have settled in well and are already valuable members of our brilliant teaching team. The children have been focusing on our Value of the Month for September: Positivity. We have seen the power of Positivity in action everyday as the children get used to being in their new year groups with new challenges and exciting things to learn.

Value of the month



Positivity

- Focusing on solutions not problems
- Thinking about the next step rather than what went wrong



Article 13 : Your right to have information.



Dinosaur Workshop

Year 1 children loved our Life Long Ago workshop. Siddharth said, "It was the best time ever!" We learnt how to excavate fossils and we found an Allosaurus skull and a Stegosaurus tail spike. At the end, we were shown fossilised dinosaur poo! It was so funny!



Schools for Success



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



Once again Whitefriars School has been recognised by the Mayor of London as a School for Success! This programme recognises the fantastic levels of progress our students have made. We have been invited to attend a special event at City Hall in September to celebrate this achievement.

Books for Classrooms

We are looking for books to put into the reading areas in our classrooms. If you have any children's books in good condition at home, that you no longer use, we would love to give them a new home! All donations will be gratefully received at the school office. Thank you.





Welcome to our Reception Children

Reception have been settling into school and are enjoying exploring our exciting zones inside and outside. Our topic is 'Who am I?' and the children have been eager to talk about our similarities and differences and create pictures of ourselves, our friends and our families. We look forward to seeing parents at our 'Welcome to Reception' meeting on Monday 7th October.



Welcome to our Nursery Children Too!

The new Nursery children have started school and have had great fun exploring their new surroundings. They have been busy making mud pies, dressing up and making lots of new friends, amongst other things.



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

Sports Leaders



At Whitefriars our Sports Leaders are role models; helping others to achieve their goals and encouraging others to lead fit and healthy lifestyles. They organise, communicate and get children involved in sports activities. Sports Leaders learn the essential skills of leadership; communication, organisation and motivation, and in addition they grow in confidence and self-belief. The following children have been chosen to be our new Sports Leaders for this school year:
Kamarni, Rayyan, Sophie, Vasavi, Sahar, Lujain, Rhys, Zehao, Larysa, Mafaaza, Jayden and Abdullah in Year 5 Hana, Denisa, Nadia, Kendrick, Hussain and Nivriti in Year 6.



Pupil Council

PUPIL COUNCIL

We are very pleased to introduce our new Pupil Council for this year. Pupil councils are a way for children to have a greater say over matters that affect their school and wider lives. The Pupil Council gives children the chance to tell teachers and staff their ideas and represents their class in school. It allows children to be involved in decisions that affect them, keeping them informed about the life of the school and helps them to gain confidence to have their say. It can also help children to feel good about their place in the school community by giving them responsibilities and encourages active citizenship.



Article 12 :
Your right to say what you think should happen and be listened to.

- Year 1: Tamira & Mubashir, Muzhda & Sami, Nihaal & Ayub
- Year 2: Imran & Aradhya, Maysoon & Faizan, Bhakti & Liana
- Year 3: Daniel & Alexia, Damantas & Stefania, Bixente and Sheza
- Year 4: Ashaz & Maariya, Saif & Zaina, Abdullah & Sophie
- Year 5: Abdur Rahman & Hilal, Laura & Mubarak, Kiana & Zehao
- Year 6: Carmena & Lewis, Hana & Austin

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>



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School Awards

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

Bronze Award:
Nisarg ~ 5 Pisces

Silver Award:
Hosna ~ 5 Leo
Omar ~ 5 Pisces



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

Diary Dates for October...

- 1st ~ Year 3 Trip to Verulamium
- 2nd ~ Year 5 Victorian Workshop
- 7th ~ Meeting for Reception Parents
- 9th ~ Year 6 Trip to RAF Museum
- 21st - 25th ~ Half Term
- 28th ~ Staff Training Day
- 29th ~ Children return to School