



Whitefriars School Primary Section

# NEWSLETTER

March 2020



## 'Keep Calm and Wash Your Hands!'

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A huge thank you to all our families for your positivity and support during the school closures. Thank you for all your kind words of support and appreciation – we hope that everyone is well and that the pupils are enjoying some of the great activities prepared by the teachers. I'm sure that you'll join me in thanking all

the staff at Whitefriars – everyone has been brilliant and I'm so proud to see how teachers and other staff have stepped up cheerfully and selflessly during this challenge. Please keep checking the website for updated guidance and activities – we are all still very busy, even though you don't see us every day!

We are all looking forward to things being back to normal – we are excited about seeing the children again and returning to shaking hands... going on trips...being together!



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

Value of the month



## Forgiveness

- Understanding the feelings of others
- Showing empathy



Article 13 : Your right to have information.



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## Gordon Brown Residential Trip



On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, a group of our Year 5 pupils, along with a pupils from Heathland School, went on a residential trip to the Gordon Brown Outdoor Education Centre. They took part in lots of fun activities, including singing songs and drinking hot chocolate by the campfire, and feeding a range of different animals. The pupils also had the opportunity to learn new skills and develop their team building skills. Their favourite activity of the trip was climbing the high wall and going on the power fan!



Article 31 : You have the right to play and relax.



## World Book Day



Whitefriars celebrated World Book Day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. It was a chance for book lovers and young readers to revel in the magic of the written word. Pupils and staff, from Nursery to Year 6, dressed as their favourite characters from novels they've read. Our pupils took part in reading extravaganza assemblies. They shared acting, art work, 3D models and oral presentations all based on some fantastic books, and loved having the opportunity to share their special learning with the whole school. There were also competitions and prizes for the best dressed pupils and staff!



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

## African Drumming



Year 5 children have been thoroughly enjoying their drumming lessons, exploring different sounds on African Djembe drums and learning more about rhythms and playing together as part of a team. They have explored dance and movement alongside the drumming music.



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

## School Awards

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

### Bronze Award:

- Ikhlas – 3 Aquarius
- Elena – 4 Hercules
- Flaviu – 3 Cassiopeia
- Salwa – 5 Aquila
- Neve – 3 Cassiopeia
- Kawthar – 3 Aquarius
- Yasser – 3 Aquarius
- Mohammad – 3 Aquarius
- Kacper – 3 Aquarius
- Pranisa – 3 Aquarius
- Elpida – 3 Cassiopeia
- Laksikha – 3 Cassiopeia

### Gold Award:

- Akshaj – 6 Chamaeleon
- Ved – 5 Aquila
- Jayden – 5 Aquila



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## 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>



## Modern Art Exhibition

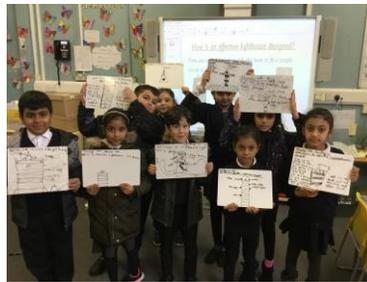


The Nursery children were very excited to put on a Modern Art Exhibition for their families. They have been busy making models and painting exhibits based on last terms topics which were nursery rhymes nursery rhymes and looking after their

own well-being during Mental Health Awareness Week. The children really enjoyed used a camera to take photos and an iPad to take selfies!

## STEAM Fortnight

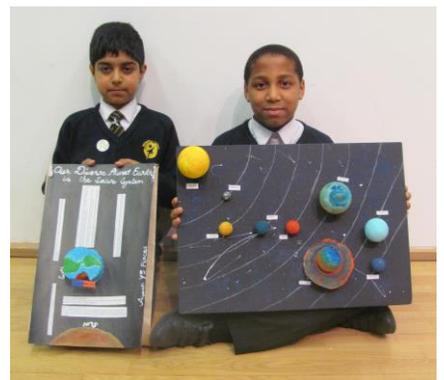
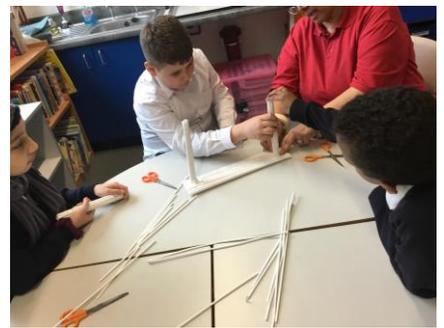
The theme of this year's STEAM Fortnight was 'Our Diverse Planet.' Each year group had a project involving science, technology, engineering, art and maths learning. The Nursery children learnt what happens to 'The Gingerbread Man' when he got wet. Year 1 designed their own wind buggies with different shaped sails and tested them in the playground to see which worked the best. Year 2 designed their own lighthouses. Year 3 planted seeds and grew them in different conditions to see which was the most successful. Year 6 were set a challenge to create a bridge that could hold up to fifty 2p coins using only paper straws and masking tape. The pupils worked in groups researching different bridge structures then deciding which would be the best example to use. Many thanks to all the parents and carers who helped support their child with their excellent home learning STEAM projects.



## KS1 Scooter Training



Last week Year 1 and 2 children had the opportunity to take part in Scooter Training Workshops. They learnt and practised new skills to help them use their scooters with control to ride them safely. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves!



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