



Whitefriars School Primary Section

NEWSLETTER

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Schools for Success



Heathland School and Whitefriars School have been celebrated under a new programme set up by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, to recognise exceptional schools in the capital.

Schools for Success celebrates schools that are achieving academic success with all their pupils, in particular disadvantaged or vulnerable students. Only around 100 eligible schools are invited to join the programme.

Heathland and Whitefriars, working in partnership as the Heathland Whitefriars Federation since 2012 have been recognised in the Schools for Success Awards, because of the exceptional progress achieved by all groups of pupils regardless of their starting points.

Ms Caswell, said: 'I am proud and delighted that both of our amazing schools have been recognised for the work we do to support our learners in achieving excellence in their learning.'

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said: **"Congratulations to Heathland School and Whitefriars School for their outstanding achievements and for the hard work**

Value of the month



Tolerance

- Accepting ourselves
- Accepting others

of their pupils and teaching staff. London has some of the best schools in the country, and Schools for Success shows the huge difference good quality teaching can make to pupils who started off behind in their studies. By sharing best practice with other schools across the capital, we can help every young Londoner reach their full potential, and ensure no child is left behind."



Heathland and Whitefriars have been asked, as schools for success, to share their good practice so that other schools can learn from their successful approaches.



Article 13: Your right to have information..



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Introducing our New School Councillors



At Whitefriars we have a very active School Council. We collect the views of the pupils in our classes. We share what pupils have said when we have our School Council meetings at least every half term. There are 2 representatives from every class in Key Stage 2 and 3.

As a School Council, we also help to raise lots of money for international, national and local Charities. We are currently researching and voting for which local charity we want to support this year. We talk to our classes about what suggestions people have regarding school or charity fundraising ideas.

Every year we make contact with our local MP or visit the Houses of Parliament. This is a great way to find out how councils and government work.

Being a School Councillor is a very popular role here at Whitefriars, we get to go on local outings and we really enjoy being part of it.



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

Eddie the Penguin Saves the World!

Year 2 children put on a wonderful performance of Eddie the Penguin this week. Eddie discovers that the world he lives in is changing and that the ice is melting. He decides to take his family to find a new home at the North Pole, where he meets Peggy the polar bear and discovers that human beings are causing the ice to melt. Eddie goes on a mission to save the planet and let the world know how they can change things for the better. Well done Year 2!



Woodland Adventure Forest School Wellbeing Course



Woodland Adventure Arts & Crafts invites you to come along and join us for a morning of fun, where we will relax and enjoy woodland crafts and environmental art tiling from a local artist, Helena.

The course starts Monday morning 30th October every week until 4th December. It is free for adults wishing to come along and learn a new skill, have coffee and cake around a cosy woodland fire. For more details please contact Mrs Gammell or Mrs Pay.



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Year 1 Trip to Chalfont St. Giles



For our topic 'How is Wealdstone different to Chalfont St Giles' Year 1 have been on two school trips this term. We walked around Wealdstone looking at the different buildings and landmarks like the War Memorial and Clock Tower and then visited Chalfont St Giles for comparison. The children noticed that there are lots of differences with living in the country; more green spaces and fields, bigger houses and gardens, more farm animals and local shops like bakers, butchers and green grocers.

Year 5 Victorian Day



On Friday 6th October year 5 experienced a typical Victorian school day. They looked at Victorian artefacts that would have been used within the households. Their classes were led by a 'Victorian' teacher where they learnt about writing with ink and quills, traditional school punishments, lesson routines and how the classroom was set up. In the afternoon children also got the chance to experience playing with Victorian toys and games that would have been played by both wealthy and poor Victorian children.



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



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Diary Dates for October

23rd - 27th ~ Half term
30th ~ Staff Training Day
31st ~ **Pupils return to School**

Diary Dates for November

After School Clubs begin
7th - 8th ~ Family photos
16th ~ Year 4 Robotics Workshop
21st ~ Year 4 Pedestrian Training
24th November ~ Wizard Theatre visit Whitefriars.
29th-30th ~ Parents' Evenings
27th-30th ~ Book Fair

Save the Date!

End of Term

Wednesday 20th December.

Pupils finish at 2pm.