



Whitefriars School Primary Section

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December 2017



Christmas Productions



On 5th December 2017, the EYFS children performed 'Shine Star Shine'. It was about a big star who could not shine. The children performed fantastically singing, dancing and acting. They had lots of words, songs and actions to remember and they did this really well. Well done EYFS!



We were all so proud of Year 1 last week as they performed their modern take on a Christmas nativity, Children Around the World. They enjoyed learning the songs and actions and performed them beautifully. Those on stage showed great confidence projecting their lines so that all the parents could hear clearly. Well done Year 1!

Festive Dress Up Day and Christmas Lunch



On Thursday 14th December, children came to school wearing festive themed costumes and Christmas jumpers and hats. The children also enjoyed a very festive lunch with all the trimmings! All the money raised will go towards the School Council's chosen charity. Raising money to help worthy causes is an important value within our schools and part of the Rights Respecting Charter we support. Thank you for bringing in your £1 to support us.

Value of the month



Resilience

- Moving forward positively after a problem
- Working together when things get tricky
- Trying hard not to give up or be negative



Article 13 : Your right to have information.

New After School Clubs



Our new After School Clubs will start the week beginning 8th January. We are offering Construction and Maths Magic for the Reception children. Art and Team Games for Year 1 and 2, Computing for Year 3 and 4 and also for Year 5 and 6. Choir, NFL Flag and Netball will be continuing.



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





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Eco Schools Silver Award Success!



The Eco Warriors have been busy this term making our school a more sustainable place. We have taken part in litter picks and been thinking about the importance of energy saving during the 'Switch It Off Fortnight' campaign. As recognition of all our eco hard work we have achieved our Eco Schools Silver Award. We are all so proud of this achievement and are now working towards our Green Flag status in 2018!

UNICEF's OutRight Campaign 2017



Whitefriars school was awarded a certificate from UNICEF's UK's OutRight 2017 Campaign which recognises the commitment, passion and hard work on the OutRight Campaign which promotes and protects the rights of refugee children. Well done to everyone who got involved in the campaign and used your voice to speak out in support of children's rights.



Article 2 : All children have these rights no matter what!

20th December is the last day of term.
Please note that school finishes at 2pm.



Diary Dates for January...

4th ~ Children return to school
19th ~ Year 6 trip to Whipsnade Zoo



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School Awards

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

Bronze Awards:

- Morgan ~ Lyra
- Ruby ~ Chamaeleon
- Zainab ~ Cassiopeia
- Abdulla ~ Cassiopeia
- Kabisha ~ Cassiopeia
- Karima ~ Lyra

Silver Awards:

- Rihan ~ Aquila
- Azra ~ Aquila
- Nikia ~ Aquila
- B'Yasmin ~ Pisces
- Vasavi ~ Cassiopeia
- Hasini ~ Aquila

Gold Awards:

- Krishna ~ Pisces
- Larisa ~ Andromeda
- Ritika ~ Andromeda



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



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Meat Free Monday



At Whitefriars School we are taking part in Meat Free Monday which aims to raise awareness of the environmental impact of eating meat and to encourage people to help slow climate change, preserve natural resources and improve health by having one meat free day each week. Our Chef, Branko, makes amazing vegetarian meals which you can see on our school website <https://www.whitefriarssecondary.net/school-lunch/>. Why not make a healthy new years resolution and encourage your child to participate in Meat Free Monday. Thank you for your support.



Article 24 : Your right to good food and water.

Year 6 Visit to the Synagogue



Last week the Year 6 pupils visited Kenton Synagogue to extend their RE learning about Judaism. The children met Rabbi Black who explained more about the Jewish customs and traditions. The children heard Rabbi Black read from the Torah scroll. It was interesting to learn that Hebrew, unlike English, is read from right to left. Also, the children heard the rabbi blow the different notes of the shofar (a ram's horn used in Jewish New Year ceremonies) and some children even had a go at blowing the notes themselves!

Adverse Weather

Thank you to everyone for their patience when we closed last week; a reminder to parents that in the case of adverse weather and possible school closure we always update the school status on our website: <http://www.whitefriarsschool.net/> and on the LGfL website: <https://opencheck.atomwide.com/Default.aspx> We also tweet our status before 7.15am on the day. Please do follow our Twitter at [@WhitefriarsNews](https://twitter.com/WhitefriarsNews) We also endeavour to text/email parents with the information, we have now sorted out our technical hitch, and will be able to send updates by 7:30 at the latest.

Year 3 Music Festival



Orion, Cassiopeia and Aquarius classes have been having music lessons through Harrow Music Service. We have learnt note B on a recorder, we played some songs, performed actions to songs and sang songs in our performance to our Year group this week.

Book Fair

Thank you to the children who entered our book fair competition to design a new front cover for their favourite book. Many congratulations to our winners Praise, Mohamed, Jevantia and Anjolie. Well Done to our runners up Iqra, Beau, Sidonia and Rayyan. Thank you for supporting our book fair. We raised a total of £719.45 giving us £359.00 to spend on new books for the school.

