



Whitefriars School Primary Section

NEWSLETTER

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Switch Off Fortnight



Switch off fortnight is a focused campaign for schools and communities to come together to think about energy, how we use it and how we can be more mindful of preserving it. At Whitefriars we are going to become energy savers! We have been learning about the impact of energy waste and the effects it has on our environment.

The Eco Warriors are measuring our success by educating others and collecting data about our classroom energy use. We look forward to updating you next month with our results from 'Switch off Fortnight'.



Article 13: Your right to have information.

The Reluctant Dragon



Last week the Wizard Theatre visited Whitefriars and performed the Reluctant Dragon for the children. Everyone knows that dragons are fierce, fire-breathing, princess-eating monsters. But this dragon is different. He's a nice dragon: he writes poetry, appreciates beauty and doesn't care for princesses. He befriends a lonely boy from the village but when the villagers send for St George, the infamous dragon slayer, the dragon's friendship and life are at stake....

"I liked when the man and dragon were fighting, we were all cheering the dragon" *Sophie in Cassiopeia.*

"I really enjoyed the play 'The Reluctant Dragon' because it was really humorous and energetic. I liked the play because the dragon and the boy were really good friends and they both worked together to prove that the dragon was friendly and harmless". *Ritika in Andromeda*

Value of the month



Peace

- Respecting each other
- Acting with compassion
- Reflecting on your choices and actions



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Anti-Bullying Week

For Anti Bullying Week we focused on the theme 'All Different, All Equal' We celebrated this by taking part in Odd Socks Day to show our uniqueness.

We learnt about how we should speak up and tell someone when we feel things are not right and what to do if we see a friend who needs our help.

In class, we all created a kindness garden where we designed flowers and wrote how to be kind to one another.

We must always remember to treat others how we would want to be treated.



On Friday 17th November the school held a collection for BBC Children in Need. A total of £329.81 was raised for this fantastic cause.



Introducing Our New RRSA Ambassadors

Whitefriars school is a 'Rights Respecting School', this means we are part of the Unicef UK programme which aims to put children's rights at the centre of our school ethos and culture. We currently have our Level 1 Award and this year we will be making progress towards achieving our Level 2 Award. As a Rights Respecting School, we believe it is important to continue to teach, practise, respect, protect and promote the United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNRC). Over the last couple of weeks each class has democratically voted for their Rights Respecting Ambassadors. These ambassadors are part of the 'Article 12 Group' where we will work together to discuss and create pro-active strategies to help ensure that everyone within our school community puts the UNCRC into practice, which is based on the principles of: equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation.

- Nursery ~ Ishrah and Vansh
- Reception ~ Ayyub and Safah, Niya and Ridaan, Khadeeja and Faizan
- Year 1 ~ Abaan and Nolene, Robert and Stefania, Sarah and Dastan
- Year 2 ~ Maariya and Alex, Seerat and Saif, Zara and Umar
- Year 3 ~ Vasavi and Leith, Ibrahim and Lujain, Tatiana and Max
- Year 4 ~ Vaidik and Hana, Darius and Beheshta
- Year 5 ~ Kyle and Mariam, Daisy and Tomasz
- Year 6 ~ Faaz and Lexi, Ritika and Rihan



Article 12 : You have the right to say what you think should happen and be listened to.



School Awards

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

Bronze Awards:

- Mia ~ Cassiopeia
- Jade ~ Hercules
- Sana ~ Cassiopeia
- Amel ~ Orion
- Eva ~ Orion
- Patryck ~ Orion
- Zehao ~ Orion
- Dhairya ~ Orion
- Rhys ~ Orion
- Lujain ~ Orion

Silver Awards:

- Hana ~ Hercules
- Kimi ~ Aquila
- Jeet ~ Pisces
- Mrinali ~ Andromeda
- Zeyuan ~ Andromeda
- Abel ~ Andromeda
- Liliana ~ Andromeda
- Abdillahi ~ Aquila
- Samim ~ Aquila
- Janvi ~ Pisces



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





Supporting Unicef's OutRight Campaign

Whitefriars celebrated World Children's Day on 20th November by taking part in Unicef's OutRight 2017 Campaign. This campaign is designed for children by children. The aim of the campaign is to promote the rights of children in the UK and around the world. This year the focus of the campaign is to raise awareness of the protection of the rights of refugee children especially the right to be reunited with family. Across the school children have been getting involved in lots of activities linked to Paddington Bear, who is a refugee from Peru. They have been learning about the difference between refugees and migrants, learning about the reasons why people need to flee their country and the impact this has on the rights of children. Year 5 and 6 have written a letter to the local MP encouraging him to discuss the issue in the Houses of Parliament.

Article 10 : You have the right to see your family if they live in another country.
Article 22: Refugee children have the same rights as children born in the U.K.



Diary Dates for December...

- 5th ~ Year 5 trip to National Portrait Gallery
- 5th ~ EYFS Christmas Production
- 8th ~ Year 1 visit to The Christmas Tree Festival
- 11th ~ Year 3 visit to Planetarium
- 12th ~ Year 6 trip to Kenton Synagogue
- 13th ~ Year 1 Production
- 14th ~ Christmas lunch
- 14th ~ Christmas Jumper Day
- 20th ~ Last day of term 2pm finish

Book Fair Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered our Book Fair Competition. We had hundreds of entries and it was really difficult to pick 4 winners and 4 runners up. Congratulations to the winners: Praise in Pegasus, Mohamed in Perseus, Rayyan in Cassiopeia and Anjolie in Aquila, who all won a book voucher to spend at the fair. Also well done to our runners up Beau in Pegasus, Iqra in Delphinus, Sidonia in Hercules and Jevantia in Aquila who all received a runners up prize.



Robotic Workshop



On Thursday 16th September Year 4 had the opportunity to take part in a 'Computer Xplorer' workshop! The children had a great blend of fun and learning that had them create a motor powered Ferris wheel using Lego robotics technology! The children learnt about them and then built their models using the latest sensor technology which allowed their Ferris wheels to turn. "I really enjoyed actually seeing the wheel turn as I didn't think that was possible" Logan in Lyra. "My favourite part was when we used a laptop to make our models move!" Rahela in Hercules.



Article 28 : You have the right to learn and go to school.