



Whitefriars School Primary Section

# NEWSLETTER

September 2020



## Thank You Everyone!

A big thank you to EVERYONE who has helped to make the beginning of term work so well.

While all the brilliant teachers and staff have been doing such a great job, parents and carers have also been doing their bit, and we really appreciate it!

If you are a parent or carer and you have:

- taken care to keep your distance when dropping off or picking up your child
- been mindful to walk on the correct side of the barriers to give everyone space
- worn a mask on the school site
- dropped off and picked up at the correct time, not too early, not too late
- paid attention to the rather large amounts of guidance and information you are receiving
- avoided coming to the office and contacted school by email or phone instead

...then we owe you a HUGE THANK YOU! Your cooperation, support and enormous positivity are making a really big difference!

## Value of the month



### Respect

- Being polite
- Considering the feelings of others
- Understanding that there is value in unexpected places



Article 13 : Your right to have information.



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## Welcome to Whitefriars



The new Nursery children and their parents have been enjoying exploring the Nursery during their stay and play sessions in preparation for starting Nursery next week. It has all been a

little different this year as we were not able to do home visits, but the children have loved coming in to play and getting to know us. They are very eager to get started next week.

## 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>



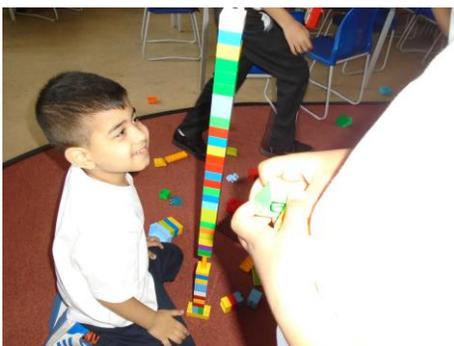
## Reception



The new Reception classes have enjoyed exploring their new environment over the past two weeks. The children have enjoyed a range of activities, inside and outside, and made lots of new friends! We are very excited for the school year ahead!



## Year 1



Year One are so excited to return to school! We have had so much fun reading new stories and learning to tell them with our friends. Our teachers are so impressed with how well we are listening and settling into our new routines at school. We have enjoyed making fabulous art and building the tallest towers we could! We've also

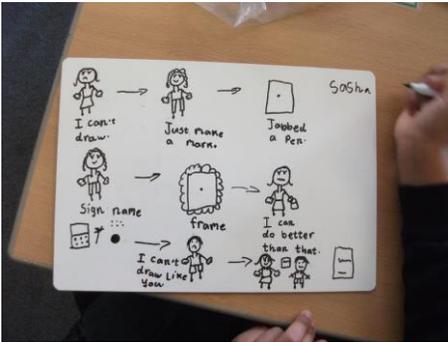


been practising counting forwards and backwards to 100 and use our skills to count out how tall our towers are.

Benais says, 'Playtime is fun because I can play with my friends!' Inaaya says, 'I love playing with my friends in our role play area!'



## Year 2



Year 2 have been doing lots of fun activities to get back into the school routine and to get to know our new students and teachers! We are getting more used to the new routines around the school. We have been reading a really great book called 'The Dot'



and have done a lot of art work around the theme of this book. We also have been learning how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s! Our teachers are so proud of how well we have settled in and are ready to learn.

'I am happy and I love school because I get to see my friends'  
 'I like school because I can read books and I like playtime'

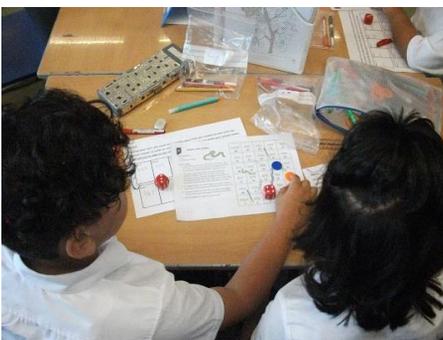
## Year 3



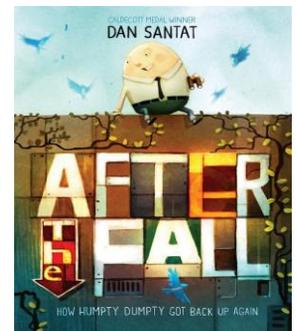
The children have settled into Year 3 wonderfully and have done lots of getting to know you activities. One of the activities was painting their favourite memory in a jar. The children painted wonderful pictures and wrote lots of fantastic things about themselves.



## Year 4



Year 4 have spent the past few weeks focusing on our mindfulness, and discussing our growth mindset and resilience. We learnt how to celebrate our differences and work together as a team. The children have also spent time building their writing skills, with some interesting diary entries! They have also been learning all about what happened to Humpty Dumpty *after he got back up again!*





## Welcome back Year 5 and 6

What a great start to the Autumn term. It has been lovely to see the hustle and bustle of all the excited pupils in the Year 5 and 6 corridors. All the pupils have shown great resilience and determination when settling into their new 'slightly different' term. Thank you to each and every one of them.

To celebrate the return to school, pupils have been super busy carrying out fun and exciting learning activities.



Year 5 pupils have enjoyed taking part in fun and creative PE lessons. The pupils have looked at how exercise can help with brain development and learning. 'In PE we have been doing lots of indoor circuits to help us improve our fitness and strength. The exercise I am



doing in the picture is called a 'plank' and it helps to strengthen our stomach and core muscles. *Younis* – Leo class.

Year 5 have also been busy finding fun and creative ways with their Maths learning. The pupils have looked at mathematical games and applied these to place value.

'I used the place value counters on the grid and that helped clarify the place value of each digit. I use these counters in my maths lessons to help me read numbers as well'. *Iqra* - Aquila class

## Year 6



Year 6 pupils have been focusing on 'mindfulness' - with morning yoga sessions to learning new breathing techniques to get them ready for the day.

'I have found it really fun being back in class, I like doing the Cosmic yoga first



thing in the morning with my class mates. Some of the movements are tricky but I like the challenge. I loved receiving my special mention reward too! I have really enjoyed reading and discussing lots of different kinds of books. My favourite book has been 'The Dot'. I like the message of 'always trying your best' in the books. We even designed our very own unique dots'. *Rebeca* - Chamaeleon class

'I was very excited and pleased to be back in school. During the months that we had to stay at home I was sad, but being in school has made me feel happy, especially seeing my friends again. Now I am back to my normal routine and I am ready to learn new things'. *Mario* in Draco class





## Pupil Council

We are very pleased to introduce our 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.

Year 1: Brainer & Mia, David & Rhea, Emma & Badal Year 2: Tamira & Mubashir, Muzhda & Sami, Nihaal & Ayub Year 3: Sameer & Aradhya, Maysoon & Faizan, Bhakti & Liana Year 4: Daniel & Alexia, Damantas & Stefania, Bixente and Sheza Year 5: Ashaz & Iqra, Saif & Zaina, Abdullah & Sophie Year 6: Abdur Rahman & Hilal, Laura & Mubarak, Kiana & Zehao



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

## School Awards

Congratulations to the following pupil who achieved his Silver Award this month.

**Silver Award:**  
Abdullah ~ 5 Pisces

Well Done!



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

## Diary Dates for October...

26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October ~ Half Term  
2<sup>nd</sup> November ~ Pupils Return to School



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