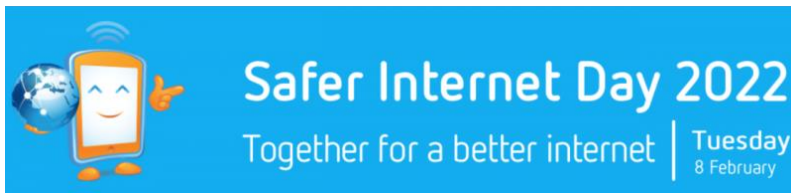




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Safer Internet Day 2022
Together for a better internet | Tuesday 8 February

On Tuesday 8th February we celebrated Safer Internet Day. The theme for this year was *All fun and games? Exploring Respect and Relationships Online*. Pupils investigated ways to stay safe when using the internet such as keeping personal information private, not sharing passwords with anyone, except for a trusted adult at home, and having an adult check the videos that are being watched online. They also looked at how to behave online especially in games, online chats or messaging apps and what to do if something negative happens or something is upsetting them. All classes across the school have come up with a way to stay safe on the internet. These articles are being put together to create a Whitefriars Online Safety Charter that will be displayed across the school.


 Article 19 : You should not be harmed and should be looked after and kept safe.

Value of the month




Love

- Giving compliments not criticisms
- Doing things to make others happy
- Thanking people

 Article 13 : Your right to have information.

Dates for March...

- w/c 28th Feb ~ World Book Week
- 3rd ~ World Book Day
- 9th ~ Year 9 Parents' Options Evening
- 14th – 18th ~ STEM Week
- 16th ~ Year 8 Parents' Evening
- w/c 21st ~ Year 7 Exam Week
- 23rd & 24th ~ Primary Parents' Evening
- w/c 28th ~ Year 12 Exam Week

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

American Themed Menu




AMERICAN DAY
Wednesday 9th February
MENU

- Classic American BBQ Burger
- Kidney Bean Burger
- French Fries
- Cheesy Mac 'n' Cheese
- Smoky BBQ Baked Beans
- Coleslaw, Sweetcorn
- American Doughnuts



Pupils really enjoyed our latest theme menu.

 Article 24: Your right to good food and water and to see the doctor if you are ill.

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Children's Mental Health Week

The theme for Children's Mental Health Week was 'Growing Together'. Our whole school grew together and learnt British Sign Language. All pupils learnt to sign various words and phrases. This was such a powerful and valuable learning experience. All pupils spent the week developing their understanding and importance of communication through British Sign Language and how this helps to promote an inclusive society.

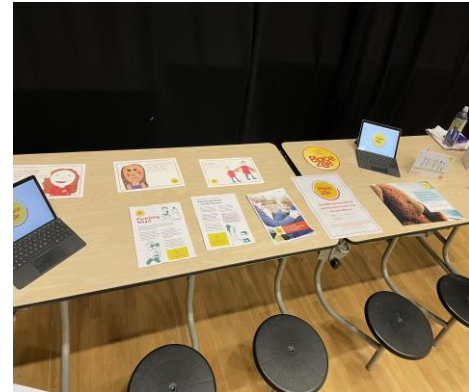
In EYFS, children learnt how to sign 'hello' and 'goodbye' and the alphabet. They enjoyed the mindfulness of space painting and stretching their muscles and developing their balance through cosmic space yoga. Pupils in KS1 learnt how to sign the alphabet and spell their name and how to sign different foods they may eat such as; egg, toast and butter. KS2 pupils learnt how to sign a range of greetings such as, 'good morning', 'good afternoon' and 'my name is' They also learnt how to express simple emotions such as, 'I am happy' or 'I am excited'. Pupils had a brilliant week learning a broad range of practical strategies to support their own mental health and wellbeing and will continue to embed these new skills throughout the year.



We are proud to host Place2Be in our school. They are the UK's leading children's mental health charity and provide in-school support to help improve the emotional wellbeing of our pupils, families and staff. This month they organised a very successful coffee morning for primary parents to meet face to face and find out about what their role is in school and how they support pupils. During the morning parents spoke about their children's friendships and emotions and were keen to find more ways to support them. The feedback was really positive with some mentioning that they looked forward to coming to more coffee mornings in the future and felt they too were being supported by Place2Be through the school.



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





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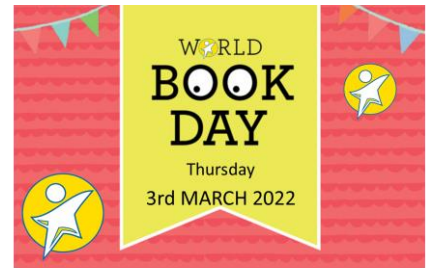


Modern Art Day Exhibition

The Nursery pupils were very excited to put together their Modern Art Exhibition this year. They were able to use lots of different media and materials and learnt different techniques. The models and artwork were linked to our Spring 1 topic which involved nursery rhymes. We also added the element of photography which the pupils loved.



World Book Day



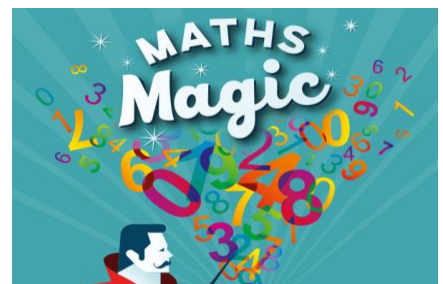
Celebrating books from cultures around the world

Come to school dressed up as your favourite global book character!



We are inviting Primary pupils to come to school dressed as their favourite global book character to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March.

Magic Maths Club



In Magic Maths Club, Year 2 have been learning how to use addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in games and puzzles. They also had fun taking part in quizzes using iPad's.



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



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Literacy Club



Literacy Club have had an amazing time developing their literacy skills. Some worked on decoding skills while others practised inference and retrieval skills on Bug Club. They also practised special comprehension papers with their new friends and helpers from Secondary.

Wizard Theatre

Year 6 pupils took part in the Wizard Workshop where they had the chance to learn all about making healthy choices to food and drink as well as issues surrounding harmful substances that they may encounter in their day to day life. Pupils enjoyed taking part in a role play session as well as a quiz show set. They all learnt valuable information that can help keep them safe in a creative and fun way.

Year 9 Options Evening



Year 9 pupils had an assembly to help them fully understand the GCSE options process and to give them the opportunity to discuss with their form tutors what paths they would like to take. The assembly featured all the subjects that are available here at Whitefriars, including the compulsory and optional

subjects. Parents were also invited to attend a live event to go through these details.



Article 13 : Your right to have information.



Article 36: You should be protected from doing things that could harm you.

Fixtures Update



Secondary pupils have had great opportunities competing against other schools in football, netball, cross country and indoor athletic competitions. Well done to our Year 8 indoor athletics team who came 2nd in the Borough Indoor Athletics Competition.

The Inter- House Competition last half term was a great success. 8 students from each House team competed in a mini indoor athletics competition and the winners will be revealed soon.

Primary PE

Year 1 to Year 4 pupils have been creating dynamic gymnastic shapes whilst using different apparatus. Pupils have been engaged and have challenged themselves to improve their balance and posture. Year 5 and Year 6 have been learning hockey and basketball skills. They have learnt how to dribble the ball with a hockey stick and have begun competing in matches in basketball.



We also have twelve Sports Leaders doing a tremendous job creating various games and activities

to keep pupils active during lunchtimes.



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



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School Awards Board



Primary Section School Awards

Congratulations to the following Primary pupils who achieved their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards this month:

BRONZE AWARDS:

Khadizah – 6 Andromeda
Daniel – 5 Leo
Laura – 5 Aquila
Aminah – 5 Aquila
Jacob – 5 Aquila
Aicha – 4 Lyra

SILVER AWARDS:

Edward – 4 Lyra
Zakariya – 5 Leo
Eiman – 5 Leo
Yaseen – 5 Leo
Navya – 5 Aquila
Krish -5 Aquila
Misha – 6 Andromeda
Layla-Rose – 5 Leo
Khadeeja – 4 Lyra
Liam – 6 Andromeda
Arushi – 4 Corvus

Rhian – 5 Leo
Yasser – 5 Leo

GOLD AWARDS:

Anjali – 5 Pisces
Sakina – 6 Andromeda
Miruna – 6 Andromeda
Barni – 6 Andromeda



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



Secondary Section School Awards

Congratulations to the following Secondary pupils who achieved their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards this month:

BRONZE AWARDS:

Sara – 7 Leavitt
Raluca – 7 Tesla
Mario – 7 Tesla
Daniel-Beneamin – 8 Hockney
Tia – 8 Hockney
Aaliyah – 8 Hockney
Aiman – 8 Kusama
Nivriti – 8 Wiley
Zibin – 9 Banneker
Yousuf – 9 Johnson
Aayan – 9 Johnson
Jahvana – 9 Banneker

SILVER AWARDS:

Kiana – 7 Leavitt
Rebeca – 7 Leavitt
Makai – 7 Leavitt
Amelia – 7 Leavitt
Raj – 7 Leavitt
Jorji Mae – 7 Leavitt
Pratham – 7 Leavitt
Sriyansh – 7 Leavitt
Medina – 7 Tesla
Gabrel – 7 Tesla
Ayaan – 7 Tesla
Edward – 7 Tesla
Arsh – 7 Tesla
Doenya – 7 Tesla
Yusuf – 7 Tesla
Miriam – 7 Tesla
Maryan – 7 Tesla
Khaled – 8 Kahlo

Ehsan – 8 Kahlo
Zackariah – 8 Kapoor
Mohamed – 8 Kapoor
Mohammad – 8 Kapoor
Viraj – 8 Kusama
Noah – 9 Banneker
Sufa – 9 Banneker
Nawid – 9 Banneker
Patryk – 9 Banneker
Srishiv – 9 Banneker
Mateusz – 9 Banneker
Eno – 9 Germain
Awais – 9 Germain
Tahleel – 9 Germain
Hamzah – 9 Germain
Uesli – 9 Banneker

GOLD AWARDS:

Mafaaza – 7 Leavitt
Tara – 7 Leavitt
Arsh – 7 Tesla
Muhammad – 7 Tesla
Phillip – 7 Tesla
Josiah – 8 Hockney
Ahmed – 8 Kahlo
Salih – 8 Kusama
Kenneth – 8 Wiley
Ioana – 9 Banneker
Hassan – 9 Banneker
Lewis – 9 Banneker
Esha – 9 Germain
Denis – 9 Germain
Neha – 9 Germain
Ghazi – 9 Banneker
Leoni – 9 Banneker