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March 2022



## World Book Day



'You are a reader' was the theme of World Book Day 2022 for secondary section pupils. It was a message that was taken to heart by all our pupils and teachers. Members of the English team dressed as their favourite character from a book and pupils from KS3 were encouraged to create PowerPoint presentations of their favourite books and present it to the class. Pupils worked hard to create presentations that were engaging and exciting as well as informative. Book quizzes, games and lessons and open discussions on books took place in all classrooms. Primary section pupils also thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. They dressed up as their favourite book characters and explored books from different cultures. They listened to stories from different teachers in their year groups and took part in various activities based on the book. They also created their own reading charters for their class libraries. The positive power of reading on a child's education can never be underestimated.



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## Italian Day



Italian Day Menu  
Wednesday 16th March

- Beef Lasagne
- Vegetarian Pizza with Sweetcorn and Peppers
- Garlic Bread
- Baked Beans
- Pasta and Sweetcorn
- Tiramisu - Creamy Italian Dessert

This month we had a special Italian day in the Dining Room which allowed all our children to sample and discuss Italian food. The children are really enjoying our theme days and we will shortly be asking them which country they would like next.



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

### Value of the month



## Forgiveness

- Understanding the feelings of others
- Showing empathy



Article 13 : Your right to have information.

## Dates for April...

- 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Year 12 Virtual UCAS training
- 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Last day of term
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 6 Easter booster classes
- 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Primary pupils and Year 11 pupils return to school
- 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Secondary pupils return to school
- 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 7 Parents' Evening



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## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our Book Fair this month. We raised £707.80 which has given us £353.90 to spend on new books for the school.



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## STEM Week

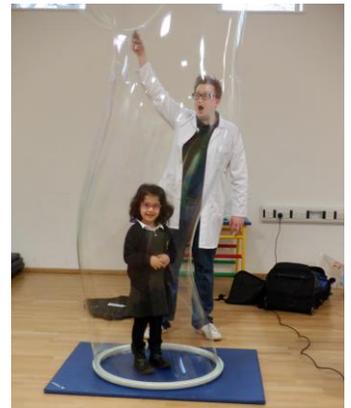
During STEM week pupils immersed themselves in Science and Design Technology. Every class performed experiments and learnt valuable skills. Doctor Rebecca Dewey came to talk to the pupils about the reasons she became a scientist and showed them an MRI of her brain. Emma from Year 2 said, "I want to be a scientist when I grow up!" Throughout the week classes took part in online presentations and discussions about climate change. KS2 pupils met an engineer called John Parnum, who showed them some automata that he'd built and recommended a book so pupils can start making their own in school. There was also a visit from Professor Sulphur Nitrate about Silly Science. Pupils learnt that scientists ask questions about life and make predictions; they aren't always right but scientists don't mind, they just want to work towards finding out the solutions to their questions.

## Professor Bubbleworks



Professor Bubbleworks showed pupils how fire can quickly grow into a swirling, fiery tornado. Pupils learnt that a bubble will pop against your skin, but not against a woollen glove. Rona in Year 3 was able to bounce a bubble 168 times on her glove! Pupils also thought it was great fun being put into a giant bubble. Professor Bubbleworks showed pupils that although they might not be able to see all forces, like wind, they can feel it. He

demonstrated this by using a giant leaf blower to blow some cups off pupils' heads to show how powerful air can be.



## Scientist of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who were our Scientists of the week:

- Sophia & Zaheer ~ 0 Dorado
- Lea & Dhruv ~ 0 Pictor
- Zahraa & Yunus ~ 0 Pavo
- Arya & Ahaan ~ 1 Cygnus
- Gelia & Samuel ~ 1 Centaurus
- Amalia, Pranit & Heet ~ 1 Pegasus
- Artemis & Badal ~ 2 Delphinus
- Mia & Brainer ~ 2 Phoenix
- Ariana & Yahtroy ~ 2 Perseus
- Hibba & Ateeb ~ 3 Orion
- Ayat & Kevin ~ 3 Cassiopeia
- Rona & Rahul ~ 3 Aquarius
- Baby & Ishan ~ 4 Hercules
- Alia & Ali ~ 4 Lyra



- Sibora & Nicolas ~ 4 Corvus
- Navya & Dastan ~ 5 Aquila
- Ikhlas & Daniel ~ 5 Leo
- Asenad & Bahha ~ 5 Pisces
- Sakina & Braulio ~ 6 Andromeda
- Tamana & Callan ~ 6 Draco
- Armaan & Lorren ~ 6 Chamaeleon

STEM week came to a close with the announcement of the winners of the 'Get it Write' competition.

Congratulations to the following pupils who worked incredibly hard to write some fantastic stories about stopping climate change:

- Rabia ~ 1 Centaurus
  - Sophie ~ 2 Delphinus
  - Muzhda ~ 3 Aquarius
  - Rahul ~ 3 Aquarius
  - Riya ~ 4 Corvus
  - Arushi ~ 4 Corvus
  - Anjali ~ 5 Pisces
  - Jazara ~ 6 Andromeda
- Well done!



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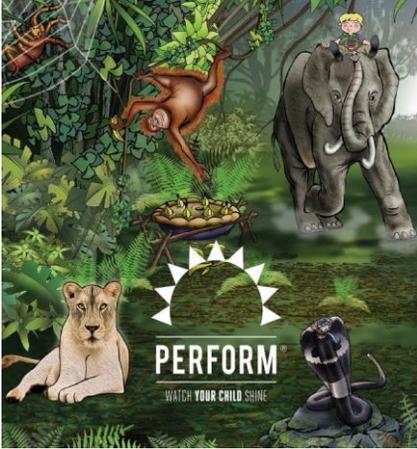


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## EYFS Drama Workshop



Reception pupils thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Perform. During the workshop, pupils crept through the undergrowth, encountered Eeli the ancient elephant, ate Banana Pie with Boo the monkey and danced the Jungle Jive. They had a wonderful time exploring the theme of The Jungle and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

## TfL Workshop



Year 6 had the fantastic opportunity to take part in the TfL workshop organised by the Safety and Citizenship London Project. Pupils learnt all about London Transport, the legal requirements on transport use and how to be safe whilst using London transport. The session was full of informative videos which led to some great conversations. The session really helped pupils reflect on safe travel and what they can do to keep their community safe.

## Choir



In choir club pupils have enjoyed singing songs from all over the world. They have sung songs originating from Southern Africa (Si njay njay njay), Zimbabwe (Chiro chacho), Polynesia (Tonga) as well as continuing to work on

songs closer to home such as 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars and 'Go the Distance' from Hercules. These songs have introduced a variety of languages to the pupils and they have learnt about the songs' purposes and background. The choir will be making it's performance debut in assembly next term.

## Performance Platform

Pupils from KS1 and KS2 have had the opportunity to play an instrument or sing a song to the rest of their year group. This may have been music learnt in class or outside of school. Many pupils have been learning instruments at school and by showcasing them to other pupils it will hopefully inspire and encourage them to want to learn an instrument too. The class teachers were also given the opportunity to display their talents and Mrs Palmer's performance of 'Parakeet in de Garden' will long be remembered by all!



## Mindfulness Club



In Mindfulness Club Year 1 have been talking about a healthy mindset and keeping their mind happy and healthy. They have been practising breathing exercises and talking about how they feel in different situations. They have learned how to understand their feelings and how to keep their mind busy with mindful colouring, yoga and meditation.



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



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## Football Tournament



Congratulations to Year 5 and Year 6 boys for finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Shield Trophy competition, winning three games and drawing two. The team only conceded 3 goals in the entire tournament. They showed great respect to the other schools and their positive teamwork shone throughout the day.

## Year 5 Swimming



Year 5 have had a brilliant term learning new skills in their weekly swimming lessons. Some pupils have had the opportunity to use floats to support their water balance as well as learning new swimming strokes such as butterfly and breaststroke.

All pupils have learnt to control their breathing in the water as well as turning and moving safely. Well done Year 5.

## Year 9 Theatre Trip



Year 9 pupils enjoyed a trip to the West End to see The Lion King. The show was a brilliant combination of music, drama, dance and puppetry. It was a very immersive experience and enjoyed by all.



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## Netball Fixtures



In early March we hosted our first mixed Year 5 and Year 6 netball fixture against Weald Rise school. Each school had two teams and it was great to see the development of netball skills. Whitefriars pupils played extremely well.



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## Gardening Club



Our young gardeners in Year 4 got straight to work planting seeds inside and tending to them. They also prepared the outside garden area ready for more seeds to grow into lovely flowers. They hope they'll bloom through the summer. They also spent time taking care of the environment by sorting and clearing the outdoor areas.



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## Year 7 and Year 12 Examinations



Well done to Year 7 and Year 12 pupils who completed their examinations this month. Good luck to Year 6 and Year 11 who are now completing their final revision and preparation for their SATs and GCSE examinations. Year 11 have been working very hard. Keep

going Year 11 with all the efforts over the Easter holidays, your extended celebratory summer holiday will arrive soon.

## Year 9 GCSE Option Choices



Year 9 pupils and families attended a GCSE Options Information Evening where they heard about all the subjects we have to offer. After deliberating choices at home and discussing courses with their teachers, pupils chose their subjects for next year. The option blocks have been created, and pupils are eager to start this very exciting new path in Year 10 next year. Option choices will be confirmed after Easter.

## Maths Challenge

Many congratulations to the following students for doing so well in the UK Maths Challenge.

Bronze Award:

Nathanael ~ 11 Bach

Laila ~ 11 Bach

Sahil ~ 11 Dylan

Silver Award

Sinni ~ 11 Bach

Seniru ~ 11 Armstrong

Maryam ~ 11 Dylan

Paul ~ 11 Lennon

Gold Award

Daniel ~ 10 Rowling

The Junior Maths Challenge for Year 7 & 8 will take place after the Easter break.



## Warwick University



Year 12 pupils were given the opportunity to visit Warwick University campus, which is part of the Russell Group.

They gained valuable experience of what higher education looks and feels like.

During the day they attended sessions about choosing courses, the requirements needed and helpful tips on financing their journey through their University years.

Student ambassadors met with our pupils and lots of questions were posed that helped put the importance of their studies into context. The final sessions of the day were subject focused and our Classics pupils were treated to a lecture run by the Professor of Classics, Dr Paul Grigsby. The day was a very useful introduction into the life of a student and an invaluable pre-UCAS experience for all.



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## STEM Club



# STEM

SCIENCE - TECHNOLOGY - ENGINEERING - MATH

In STEM Club, pupils are taking part in a national competition run by XBOX Studios & Playground Games. They are working in groups to create three games using the coding platform Scratch. They are looking forward to showcasing their games in the Summer Term.



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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:**

Mohamed – 5 Pisces  
Ayan – 4 Hercules  
Aryam – 5 Pisces  
Ritaj – 5 Leo  
Juste – 3 Aquarius

#### **SILVER AWARDS:**

Rhian – 5 Leo  
Yasser – 5 Leo  
Abdul – 5 Pisces  
Levi – 5 Pisces

Fatima – 5 Pisces  
Hussein – 5 Leo  
Ikhlas – 5 Leo  
Kush – 4 Hercules  
Dastan – 5 Aquila  
Sayeda – 4 Hercules  
Nirali – 5 Aquila  
Hamza – 5 Leo  
Fouz – 5 Leo  
Peighton – 5 Pisces  
Moriah – 6 Draco  
Abdulbasith – 4 Lyra  
Imaan – 4 Lyra

Flaviu – 5 Aquila  
Eduard – 4 Hercules  
Georgiana – 5 Pisces

#### **GOLD AWARDS:**

Bixente – 5 Aquila  
Bahha – 5 Pisces  
Yusuf – 5 Pisces  
Mariam – 5 Leo  
Habib – 6 Draco  
Ali – 6 Draco  
Mubarak – 6 Draco  
Laksikha – 5 Aquila



### Secondary Section School Awards

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

#### **BRONZE AWARDS:**

Lucas – 8 Kusama  
Lojjan – 8 Kahlo  
Juliana – 8 Wiley  
Deandre – 8 Wiley  
Fatima – 8 Hockney  
Karima – 8 Wiley  
Rusan – 8 Wiley  
Mohammad – 8 Hockney  
Saif – 8 Kapoor  
Romaissaa – 8 Kapoor  
David – 8 Kapoor  
Annie – 8 Kapoor  
Lilly – 9 Lovelace  
Sana – 9 Germain  
Mohammad – 8 Hockney  
Saif – 8 Kapoor  
Romaissaa – 8 Kapoor  
David – 8 Kapoor  
Annie – 8 Kapoor  
Kyle – 9 Lovelace  
Zidane – 9 Lovelace  
Samuel – 9 Lovelace

Ibrahim – 9 Johnson  
Salma – 9 Lovelace

#### **SILVER AWARDS:**

Thoha – 7 Carver  
Deeqa – 7 Carver  
Mohamad – 8 Kahlo  
Deandre – 8 Wiley  
Kayon – 8 Kusama  
Fatima – 8 Hockney  
Kayla – 8 Kusama  
Tyair – 8 Kusama  
Joseph – 8 Hockney  
Mohammad – 8 Hockney  
Aaliyah – 8 Kahlo  
Elisei – 8 Kapoor  
Brendan – 8 Wiley  
Rusan – 8 Wiley  
Damaris – 9 Germain  
Hamzah – 9 Germain  
Oana – 9 Germain

Thoha – 7 Carver  
Deeqa – 7 Carver  
Joseph – 8 Hockney  
Aaliyah – 8 Kahlo  
Elisei – 8 Kapoor  
Brendan – 8 Wiley  
Rusan – 8 Wiley  
Yousuf – 9 Johnson  
Andrei – 9 Germain  
Lilly – 9 Lovelace  
Aryan – 9 Lovelace  
Abdikaran – 9 Lovelace  
Yaqoub – 9 Johnson  
Akiri -9 Lovelace  
Zareen – 9 Lovelace  
Selina – 9 Lovelace  
Omar – 9 Lovelace  
Limayinla – 9 Lovelace  
Aayan – 9 Johnson  
Alexandra – 9 Lovelace  
Omed – 9 Lovelace

#### **GOLD AWARDS:**

Sara – 7 Leavitt  
Raluca – 7 Tesla  
Mario – 7 Tesla  
Hudeyfah – 8 Hockney  
Lukas – 8 Hockney  
Ana-Maria – 9 Germain  
Rhys – 7 Carver  
Hudeyfah – 8 Hockney  
Lukas – 8 Hockney  
Eno – 9 Germain  
Bilal – 9 Johnson  
Shannon – 9 Germain  
Mohammad – 9 Germain



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