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May 2022



## Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



Pupils have been celebrating the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Nursery pupils learnt about the colours of the Union Jack flag and made crowns and decorations for a Jubilee party. They had their own ‘street party’ with a picnic outside. They played party games and dressed up as royalty in red, white and blue. Reception pupils created crowns and iced biscuits for their royal tea party. They had a royal parade where they all wore their crowns, they created a new dress for Queen’s Jubilee, compared the Queen’s palaces and explored famous London landmarks. They made bunting using their handprints and paper chains in red, white and blue. Year 1 created royal crowns using water colours and decorated them with glitter and gems. They made fruit kebabs and wore their crowns for the special celebration. Years 3 and 4 pupils drew portraits and created collages of Queen Elizabeth using shape and colour. They also created timelines to help them learn about the life of Queen Elizabeth II. Year 5 showcased their artistic talents by creating Jubilee plates, as memorabilia to mark this special occasion and Year 6 enjoyed using a variety of different materials to create a collage piece depicting Queen Elizabeth II. They also created timelines about the Queen’s reign and watched a video detailing her legacy. They became social media influencers, they wrote fantastic reviews about the short film ‘Jubilee,’ and created iconic hashtags. Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the reign of HRH Queen Elizabeth II.



Value of the month



### Honesty

- **Telling the Truth**
- **Speaking from the heart**
- **Accepting the consequences and facing them**
- **Doing what you say you will do**



Article 13 : Your right to have information.

## Dates for June...

- 30<sup>th</sup> May-3<sup>rd</sup> June ~ Half term
- 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Pupils return to school
- 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 9 DPT Vaccines
- 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 12 UCAS Fair
- 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 12 Classics Talk at Kings College
- 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 10 Exams Week
- 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Year 12 Classics Play at Kings College
- 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition
- 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 6 Activities Week
- 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Sports Day



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



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## Junior Maths Challenge



**United Kingdom  
Mathematics Trust**

The Junior Mathematical Challenge is a 60-minute, multiple-choice Challenge promoting a love of problem solving.

It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical

techniques to solve interesting problems.

The problems on the Junior Mathematical Challenge are designed to make pupils think. This year we had a record number of entries for the Challenge with 60 pupils taking part across both Primary and Secondary sections. The pupils did incredibly well and really showcased their talent in Maths. Congratulations to these pupils for achieving their Bronze, Silver and Gold Maths Challenge Certificates.

### **Bronze Award:**

Aun ~ 8 Kusama  
Tasal ~ 8 Kahlo  
Kyrese ~ 8 Kahlo  
Josiah ~ 8 Hockney  
Hanaan ~ 8 Kusama  
Frankie ~ 8 Hockney  
Rafaelle ~ 8 Kahlo  
Abdul ~ 8 Kusama  
Vraj ~ 7 Khan  
Jalak ~ 7 Khan  
McKenna ~ 7 Khan  
Vishweshwar ~ 7 Jemison  
Melissa ~ 7 Jemison  
Sanjai ~ 7 Leavitt  
Waleed ~ 7 Jemison  
Macy ~ 7 Khan  
Joho ~ 7 Carver  
Ved ~ 7 Tesla

Neev ~ 7 Carver  
Shan ~ 6 Draco  
Abdullah ~ 6 Chamaeleon  
Armaan ~ 6 Chamaeleon

### **Silver Award:**

Atharv ~ 8 Kusama  
Brendan ~ 8 Wiley  
Ahmed ~ 8 Kahlo  
Sediq ~ 8 Kusama  
Jakub ~ 7 Carver  
Dylan ~ 7 Carver  
Arsh ~ 7 Tesla  
Abdullah ~ 6 Draco  
Lucas ~ 6 Chamaeleon

### **Gold Award:**

Alireza ~ 8 Kahlo  
Mohamed ~ 8 Kapoor  
Arian ~ 7 Jemison

## Year 1 Trip to Chalfont St Giles



Year 1's Topic this half term is 'How is Wealdstone different to Chalfont?' and as part of this topic the pupils visited a small village called Chalfont St Giles. They visited three areas; the pond, a local church and the high street. They compared the sizes of the shops and the businesses of the village to those in Wealdstone. In the church they had a talk about the history of Chalfont St Giles and they observed some delicate paintings. The staff at the church kept praising the pupils on their fantastic behaviour. Some of the pupils have also been busy making their own version of the Clock Tower in Wealdstone, they even chose their own materials. We think they've done a brilliant job!





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## Welcome to Whitefriars Nursery



The Nursery team were very excited to meet the new parents and children for September 2022 during our recent Parent Meetings. It was fantastic to meet the children and see how excited they were to be in the Nursery, as they explored the environment and the activities. We welcomed new parents to the school as well as children of families who already know us well.

## Butterflies in Reception



Reception pupils have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and held a butterfly farewell ceremony during their Reception Heroes assembly. They were very excited to see them fly away in the Outdoor Zone. They finished by singing the caterpillar song.

## End of SATs Celebrations



To celebrate the end of the SATs tests and how incredibly hard they all worked, pupils had the opportunity to play fun team board games, such as chess and monopoly. They also took part in origami sessions as well as variety of mindfulness quizzes. Some pupils created their own Sudoku puzzles. They ended the session with a movie and some well deserved fun time.



## NHS Storytime Session

Year 1 took part in story time ran by Whittington Health NHS Trust. Pupils listened to a story on how to keep our teeth healthy by remembering to brush our teeth twice a day. Zainab learnt 'We should spit out toothpaste out and not wash it out'. They also learnt how animals keep their teeth healthy and completed a quiz.



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



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## University Personal Statement Training

# UCAS

Year 12 pupils have taken part in the second of their Personal Statement writing workshops in readiness for their UCAS applications. Personal statements are a crucial part of the UCAS application process and Jane Marshall from Optimising Features came to help guide them through this



process. Jane gave our pupils tips and tricks on how to write the perfect personal statement. There have been lots of excellent conversations about University choices and career paths.



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

## Year 12 Psychology Trip

Year 12 Psychology pupils travelled to Dorset to visit Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre. They explored the issue of animal attachment for their Developmental Psychology Unit. The pupils took part in a lecture on primate behaviour and then conducted research by observing the various behaviour amongst the variety of primates that Monkey World has to offer.



## Digital Break



Monday 9th May marked the beginning of Mental Health Awareness week. Pupils took part in our Digital Break, and gave up their smart phone for eighteen days. We know that a growing proportion of children and adolescents' leisure time is spent with screens, raising concerns about the effect of screen time on well-being among parents, health professionals and educators. Associations between screen time and poor mental and physical health outcomes have been well-documented. These pupils showed great leadership and set a fantastic example to all of their peers. In the process, they raised money for Mind, the mental health charity. Well done all!



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



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## School Awards Board

### Primary Section School Awards

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

#### BRONZE AWARDS:

Jasmine – 3 Aquarius  
Muzhda – 3 Aquarius  
Henos – 3 Aquarius  
Mayah – 5 Leo  
Sofia – 3 Cassiopeia  
Rayyan – 3 Aquarius

#### SILVER AWARDS:

Sameer – 4 Hercules  
Antonia – 4 Hercules  
Naba – 4 Hercules  
Gabriella – 5 Pisces  
Noel – 5 Pisces  
Andrei – 5 Leo

Fatima – 5 Leo

#### GOLD AWARDS:

Hassan – 5 Pisces  
Zakaria – 5 Pisces  
Yahya – 5 Aquila  
Hussein – 5 Leo

### Secondary Section School Awards

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

#### BRONZE AWARDS:

Zain – 7 Khan  
Aryam – 8 Kahlo  
Musawir – 8 Wiley  
Riana – 8 Kahlo  
Aryan – 8 Kahlo  
Ailin – 8 Kahlo  
Saed – 9 Johnson  
Dhruv – 9 Banneker  
Mohammad – 9 Banneker  
Harith – 9 Banneker

#### SILVER AWARDS:

Saqib – 7 Khan  
Tasal – 8 Kahlo  
Carmena – 8 Wiley  
Samuel – 8 Wiley  
Daniel-Beneamin – 8 Hockney  
Rafaelle – 8 Kahlo  
Emre – 8 Kahlo  
Fardeen – 8 Kusama  
Zikriya – 8 Kahlo  
Karima – 8 Wiley  
Kyrese – 8 Kahlo

Brooke – 8 Kahlo  
Mawa – 8 Kusama  
Sana – 9 Germain  
Adel – 9 Germain  
Ana – 9 Johnson  
Dhruv – 9 Banneker  
Harith – 9 Banneker  
Alessia – 9 Johnson

#### GOLD AWARDS:

Hilal – 7 Khan  
Jalak – 7 Khan  
Khaleel – 7 Khan  
Rana – 7 Khan  
Thi Anh – 7 Khan  
Macy – 7 Khan  
Omran – 7 Khan  
Hasib – 7 Khan  
Zuhoor – 7 Khan  
Lana – 7 Jemison  
Abdul – 8 Kusama  
Mohamad – 8 Kahlo  
Mohamed – 8 Kapoor

Alireza – 8 Kahlo  
Shamina – 8 Kahlo  
Fatema – 8 Kusama  
Ehsan – 8 Kahlo  
Viraj – 8 Kusama  
Kayla – 8 Kusama  
Lyndon – 9 Lovelace  
Ptryk – 9 Banneker  
Yousuf – 9 Johnson  
Awais – 9 Germain  
Aayan -9 Johnson  
Tahleel – 9 Germain  
Chloe – 9 Lovelace  
Kyle – 9 Lovelace  
Samuel – 9 Lovelace  
Dhruv – 9 Banneker  
Nawid – 9 Banneker  
Srishiv – 9 Banneker  
Abdul s – 9 Johnson  
Abdirahman – 9 Johnson

#### PLATINUM AWARDS:

Tyra – 9 Banneker  
Lilly – 9 Lovelace



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