



Whitefriars School

# NEWSLETTER

September 2022



## Welcome to Whitefriars School



Our new Nursery children are settling in very well. They have been enjoying exploring their new environment and are beginning to make lovely new friendships.



The new Reception pupils have been enjoying exploring their new classrooms, different zones and the outdoor area. They have been busy getting to know their new teachers and new friends. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

## Meet the Teacher and Form Tutor

Primary and Year 7 families had the opportunity to discuss how their children were settling in to their new year group during our 'Meet the Teacher' evening. The children were excited to share their brilliant learning with their grown-ups. The event was also a great opportunity to share information regarding our expectations for learning. Teachers also shared what children are being taught this Autumn term. In Reception, parents explored the learning zones and the role play area. Year 6 created a fantastic learning video for parents and carers to enjoy. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and as a school we received extremely positive feedback. We believe that a strong parent-school partnership is essential in ensuring all children thrive and progress.

## 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.

## Dates for October...

- 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 12 Trip to Tate Britain
- 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Open Evening 6.00pm - 8.30pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 12 English Theatre Trip
- 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Open Morning 9.05am
- 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 12 Psychology Trip to Freud Museum
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> ~ GCSE Geography Field Trip
- 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> ~ Half Term
- 31<sup>st</sup> ~ Pupils return to school



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Article 3 : Everyone who works with children should always do what is best for each child

## Year 1 and Year 2



Year 1 have been learning all about toys past and present. Some of the children brought in their toys from home and spoke to the class about why it was their favourite toy.



Year 2 have been logging onto the computers and learning all about staying safe online safety.



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

## Year 3 and Year 4



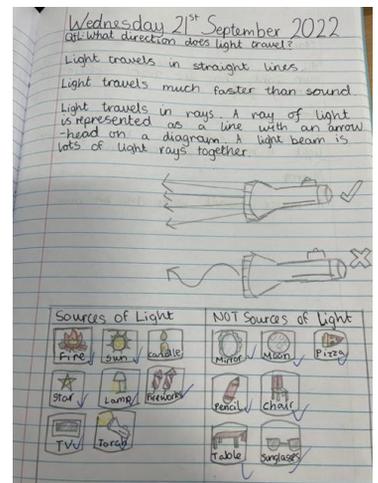
Year 3 have been learning about The Stone Age. They have looked at different cave paintings and how they were created. They recreated some of their own, with stencils of prehistoric animals such as wild horses, deer and woolly mammoths. They have learnt that tools were made using flint. This has linked to their Science work, where they have been investigating different types of rocks. Year 4 have been learning about different types of volcanoes. They have been studying the book 'Escape from Pompeii' written by Christina Balit and are looking forward to creating their own volcanoes.



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

## Year 5 and Year 6

Year 5 have been developing their place value skills in Maths. Year 6 have been writing a setting and character description based on a story linked to our History topic, Ancient Egypt. In Science, they have been looking at how light travels with a big focus on scientific enquiry.



## Year 5 Swimming



Year 5 have started weekly swimming lessons this term. Pupils have been enthusiastic about this new experience. They have been learning how to perform breaststroke and front crawl.



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## Rights Respecting School



Whitefriars School is proud to be a Gold accredited Rights Respecting School. A Rights Respecting school not only teaches about the rights of the child but also models rights and respect in all its relationships between teachers and pupils. We pride ourselves in combining our school values and the RRSAs rights, to ensure that Whitefriars is a safe, happy and inclusive environment for all.



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

## Online Safety



This term Primary pupils have been focusing on Online Safety. They have been learning how to keep their personal information safe from strangers online, safe ways to communicate online and being aware that they don't always know who they are talking to on the other side of the screen At Whitefriars we do our best to ensure that all pupils are safe online by not sharing their username or password and always following the SMART rules while using various devices. Our website has lots of information about various apps

being used by children, privacy and parental controls, guides for screen times and useful websites to help you understand how to keep your child safe online. Please click on the link below:

<https://www.whitefriarsschool.net/e-safety/> .

## Duke of Edinburgh Award



Year 9 pupils will be offered an exciting new experience to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Challenge. After the success of the Award last year, we are looking to expand this amazing opportunity to a greater number of pupils. The Award requires a lot of commitment and will take over 6 months to complete.



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

## Gold Award Trip



Year 9 and Year 10 pupils who achieved their Gold Award last year were rewarded with a Gold Award trip to Thorpe Park. These pupils have achieved 100 merits. They had an amazing day enjoying the rollercoasters and spending quality time with their friends and teachers.

## P.E. Fixtures



Since the start of term, several teams have had fixtures against other schools in Harrow, including Year 10 netball, as well as Year 9 and Year 11 football. This was a great opportunity for Whitefriars pupils to put into practice skills they have learnt in their PE lessons and compete in competitive sport. All teams showed outstanding resilience, co-operation and positivity throughout their fixtures.