



Whitefriars School

NEWSLETTER

October 2022



New Basketball Area



We are delighted to announce that we are further developing our outdoor spaces in the main playground. Phase 1 was our new Green Heart area. Phase 2 was our improvements to the red football pitch. Phase 3 is our brand-new basketball area. We have a new set of adjustable basketball posts which pupils across the whole school are enjoying using. After half term new basketball keys will be painted onto the floor to complete this great new area.

Open Evening



We were delighted to welcome prospective new Year 7 parents and carers to our Open Evening. Our Year 7 pupils became tour guides, and our Year 8 pupils took on the role of department helpers. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed telling our visitors about our school. It was a hugely successful evening and we received lots of lovely feedback about the quality of our pupils, staff and the event as a whole.

Value of the month



Unity

- Coming together as one
- Working together
- Thanking people



Article 13 : Your right to have information.

Dates for November...

- 2nd ~ Year 10 GCSE Art Trip to The Royal Observatory and Tate Britain
- 8th ~ Year 8 Gold Award Trip to Flip Out
- 11th ~ Year 5 Victorian Day
- 15th ~ Medical Career Day for Year 10 and Year 11
- 17th ~ Flu Vaccination Programme Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9



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



Black History Month

We have celebrated Black History month with a variety of assemblies, stories and poems. Across the through-school every class and form group was assigned a Whitefriars value. Teachers then planned a series of lessons and activities about a person who had demonstrated that value in their life. Teachers and pupils also related this to a specific right from UNCRC. Pupils and teachers also selected an inspirational quote to share with the school. Reception had the value of positivity and learnt about the singer, Ella Fitzgerald: "It isn't where you came from: it's where you're going that counts." Year 1 focused on the value of appreciation and singer/ songwriter Bob Marley: "When we come together in the spirit of unity, peace and love, it's a great feeling." Year 3 had the value of Harmony and learnt about Bishop Desmond Tutu: "Do a little good of where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." Year 4 have learnt about the explorer Mathew Henson when thinking about the value of courage: "The path is not easy, the climbing is rugged and hard, but the glory at the end is worthwhile." Year 5 have been focusing on the value of responsibility and have been learning about the athlete Jessie Owens: "I always loved running – it was something you could do for yourself and under your own power. You could go in any direction, fast or slow as you wanted, fighting the wind if you felt like it, seeking out new sights just on the strength of your feet and the courage in your lungs." Pupils across the school have enjoyed learning about a broad range of people who have embodied our school values and upheld their rights and the rights of others. They have taken inspiration from their wise words and what life has taught them.

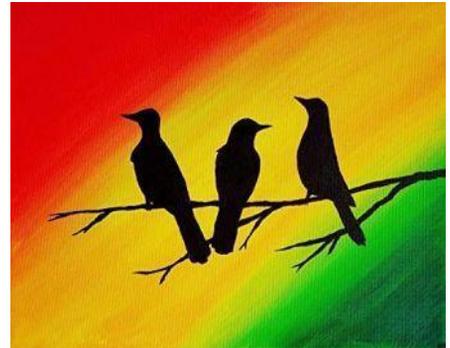
Year 2 Trip to Kew Gardens



Year 2 have been learning about 'How do plants grow?' in Science this term. To extend their knowledge on this topic they visited Kew Gardens. They had so much fun exploring the different plants and how they grow. They also participated in a workshop which helped them to explore , in greater

detail, the particular conditions plants need to grow in, how they grow and the lifecycle of a plant.

Singing Assemblies



To celebrate Black History month, KS2 have started learning 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley, which they are really enjoying singing. Also, all primary section year groups are learning to sing a beautiful song called 'We Are Here Together.'

Swimming



Year 5 have been enjoying their swimming lessons this half term. The pupils have gained confidence during their swimming lessons and have built on their swimming skills such as front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke. The swimming instructors have been very impressed with the way pupils have been progressing especially when using swimming apparatus such as noodles and floats. Pupils have also been actively incorporating the UNICEF school right 'You have the right to life and to be healthy' and have understood how swimming helps us towards a healthier lifestyle.

Sixth Form Theatre Trip



Sixth Form pupils went to watch a performance of *To Kill a Mockingbird* at the Gielgud Theatre in Shaftsbury Avenue. They went to watch a matinee show of the play. The performance was fantastic. All the pupils - who study English, French and Classics - were full of praise for the adaptation of Harper Lee's novel. After the intensely moving play about racism in America's deep south, pupils had a Q&A session with the cast, talking about how difficult it is to put on a show about such a difficult theme - racial injustice.



Article 5 : Learn how to use your rights no matter what!

Year 12 Art Trip

Year 12 Art pupils visited the prestigious Tate Britain to see the new Cornelia Parker Exhibition. They also visited a number of other exhibitions and gained many new ideas for their A level portfolios.



Duke of Edinburgh Award



The Duke of Edinburgh recruitment drive has been a resounding success! Many Year 9 pupils will be starting their Bronze Award after half term and Year 10 pupils will also begin their Silver Award. Exciting times lie ahead!



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

UCAS Launch

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We launched the UCAS application process at the end of the last academic year and a lot of work has gone into generating high quality personal statements and references. Our Year 13 pupils have sent off their UCAS Applications with their first choice Universities and have started the 'nail biting' wait to find out if they will receive offers. It was fantastic to witness the pupils pressing the 'send button', making the experience even more real! We wish them luck!



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



Freud Museum



Year 12 Psychology pupils visited the Freud Museum, which was the home of Sigmund Freud, the founder of psychoanalysis. The pupils saw Sigmund Freud's famous psychoanalytical couch and heard a lecture from a psychoanalyst. This was

a great introduction to the psychodynamic approach to Psychology.



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

Sports News



We had our first Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 girls football fixtures at Whitefriars. The enthusiasm from the girls in try-outs was amazing which showed in their match. The girls showed resilience and

teamwork. In addition, the boys have continued to play well at various matches. We have had a large number of pupils take part in training after school showing dedication to the sports offered.



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Whitefriars School Awards

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

BRONZE AWARDS:

Elvin – 3 Cassiopeia
Zack – 3 Aquarius
Hussein – 3 Aquarius
Divine – 3 Aquarius
Hania – 3 Aquarius
Raffaella – 3 Aquarius
Nicholas – 3 Aquarius
Jasai – 3 Aquarius
Suliman – 3 Aquarius
Ilyas – 6 Draco
Hewad – 6 Draco
Vishweshwar – 8 Jemison
Annika – 8 Jemison
Aniika – 7 Ennis
Daniela – 7 Ennis
Magdalena – 7 Ennis
Lana – 8 Jemison
Nandini – 7 Williams

Ibrahim – 7 Bryant
Raquel – 7 Ennis
Adam – 7 Daley
Eva – 7 Bryant
Mohamed – 7 Bryant
Nandini – 7 Williams
Vaishalini – 7 Daley
Lucas – 7 Bryant
Ahmad – 7 Bryant
Maria – 7 Daley
Ognyan – 7 Ennis
Josef – 7 Bryant
Faisal – 7 Bryant
Jazara – 7 Bryant
Anaum – 7 Bryant
Leah – 7 Bryant
Ilyas – 7 Bryant
Mudit – 7 Bryant

SILVER AWARDS:

Melissa – 5 Leo
Mayah – 6 Draco
Josef – 7 Bryant

GOLD AWARDS:

Kawthar – 6 Draco
Edward – 5 Leo
Rhian – 6 Draco



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