



Whitefriars School

NEWSLETTER

November 2022



Stand Against Bullying



Once again our whole through-school fully participated in the national Anti-Bullying week. The pupils learnt lots about what bullying is, how to prevent it and what to do if they think someone is being bullied. The theme was 'Reach Out' and was chosen because we can all do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. All pupils made anti-bullying posters. At the end of the week all pupils made a simultaneous and powerful stand against bullying.



At 9.10am on Thursday 17th October everyone across the whole through-school held up their posters and chanted 'Reach Out'.

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

EYFS Open Evening



We recently held our EYFS Open Evening, where we invited Parents and Carers to come and visit our provision. They were presented with information about the curriculum and our unique provision. The families saw example of how our classrooms are set

up daily. They all enjoyed taking part in activities and it was lovely to see families engaging with each other. The parents gave very positive feedback and we look forward to seeing them next academic year.

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

Value of the month



Friendship

- **Sharing with each other**
- **Helping others**
- **Looking after each other**



Article 13 : Your right to have information.

Dates for December...

- 6th ~ Robin Hood Wizard Theatre Reception-Year 5
- 6th ~ Year 6 Trip to RAF Hendon
- 6th ~ Year 9 Options Evening 5.30-6.30pm
- 8th ~ Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- 9th ~ Year 1 Production 2pm
- 14th ~ EYFS Production 9.30-10.15am
- 14th ~ EYFS Production 2.00-2.45pm
- 15th ~ Whitefriars Extravaganza 6.00-8.00pm
- 16th ~ End of Term Early Departure Secondary – 12.15-12.35pm Primary – 12.35pm



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Remembrance Day



Year 6 pupils organised, planned and performed the 'Remembrance Day' assembly this year. The Year 6 pupils embraced the opportunity to teach the pupils across the school the significance of Remembrance Day. Year 6 pupils learnt about the impact of the First and Second

World War and how people from all over the world were called in to help win back freedom. They learnt why poppies are worn on this special day and collectively read out the famous poem 'In Flanders' Fields' by John McRae. Everyone who watched the assembly enjoyed their emotive performance. Well done Year 6.

Mindfulness Club



This half term in Mindfulness Club we have been talking about what makes us feel happy and calm. We have been expressing our emotions through drawings and learning to relax our mind and body through yoga.

Victorian Day



Year 5 pupils experienced a day in the life of a Victorian child. They enjoyed dressing up as Victorian pupils and had Victorian lessons that included the 3R's. They also learnt about the consequences and the rewards given during a Victorian school day. Their classrooms were set up to resemble Victorian classrooms and pupils were given the opportunity to look at Victorian artefacts and toys.

They also took part in a national anthem for Queen Victoria.



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

Magic Maths Club



Magic Maths club is a fun and competitive activity that is aimed for pupils in Year 6. It is a great way for pupils to develop intuitive thinking skills and learn new types of Maths. They not only learn how to use different strategies to solve mathematical puzzles, but they apply their previous knowledge from school to fun and challenging problems. They also learn to view Maths not as a set of rules or guidelines, but as a subject full of creativity. Besides the academic benefits, Magic Maths club is also a great way to develop teamwork skills.

Transport for London Workshop



TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

Year 6 attended a Transport for London workshop which focused on developing a range of skills for young people. These included developing respect, responsibility, and awareness when using public transport. The topics covered included journey planning, active travel choices, ticketing, getting help, respect for others, possible dangers and personal safety.



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Virtual Reality Workshop



Year 4 had an amazing educational visit from Prime VR. They thoroughly enjoyed experiencing volcanoes from the safety of their classroom. They could see the helicopter blades whirring above their heads as they looked down on the lava spewing out of the volcano below them.

Their journey continued as they visited the Amazon Rainforest, consolidating last year's learning. Pupils saw monkeys all around them in the canopy layer. Leaf-cutter ants on the forest floor looked like giants as they crawled amongst the leaves. There were lots of animals that seemed so realistic, several pupils reached out their hands to touch them! They ended their day in the Arctic Circle, watching a time-lapse of the Aurora Borealis. What a brilliant experience!

Medical Careers Day



Pupils from Year 10 and Year 11 found out what it takes to have a career in Medicine by taking part in a Medical Careers day. They learnt about medical ethics, how to carry out CPR, about routes into Medicine, and they interviewed a doctor. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we received excellent feedback from the organisers.

Music



Year 4 pupils used percussion and wind instruments to compose a soundscape for the theme Natural phenomena.



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Year 8 Gold Award Trip



Year 8 pupils who achieved their Gold Award last year were rewarded with a Gold Award trip to Flip Out. These pupils have achieved 100 merits. They had an amazing time jumping around on the trampolines with their friends and teachers.



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



Sixth Form Workshops



As part of the extensive Personal Development programme, Year 12 pupils attended workshops with SIC Arts. These workshops focused on mental health, well being and living a healthy lifestyle. The workshop facilitators used various media to introduce aspects of the themes and worked with the pupils to develop their understanding and knowledge of how to make sure they were looking after themselves.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Over eight days from 21st November to 2nd December, Year 11 pupils completed their GCSE mock examinations. These exams are sat in exam conditions and determine predicted GCSE grades. The Year 11 pupils have shown a huge amount of dedication and maturity during this period. Well done to Year 11 for all your effort with your revision.



Article 6 : Your right to life and to be healthy.



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

BRONZE AWARDS:

Badal – 3 Aquarius
Adriel – 3 Cassiopeia
Rebecca – 3 Aquarius
Emmanuel – 3 Aquarius
Hasanat – 3 Aquarius
Swara – 3 Aquarius
Eva – 3 Aquarius
Artemis – 3 Aquarius
Saleem – 3 Aquarius
Hazel-Mae – 3 Cassiopeia
Ariana – 3 Cassiopeia
Wayne – 6 Andromeda
Aarav – 4 Hercules
Lewi – 4 Hercules
Arda – 4 Hercules
Ayat – 4 Hercules
Viktorija – 4 Hercules
Akib – 4 Corvus
Aarav – 4 Hercules
Lewi – 4 Hercules
Arda – 4 Hercules
Ayat – 4 Hercules

Viktoija – 4 Hercules
Akib – 4 Corvus
Saim – 7 Bryant
Afnan – 7 Bryant
Adam – 7 Ennis
Alessia – 7 Ennis
Danelle – 7 Ennis
Zahra – 7 Ennis
Yasvi – 7 Bryant
Larisa – 7 Williams
Giulia – 7 Ennis
Eesa – 7 Ennis
Swapnil – 7 Bryant
Abdullah – 7 Ennis
Husna – 7 Williams
Liam – 7 Ennis
Laiba – 7 Ennis
Aaliyah – 7 Bryant
Miruna – 7 Bryant
Swapnil – 7 Bryant
Emanuel – 7 Ennis
Jamal – 7 Ennis

Barni – 7 Ennis
Patrice – 7 Williams
Ahmed – 7 Daley
Chand – 7 Ennis
Alex – 7 Bryant
Hana – 7 Ennis

Alexandra – 7 Ennis
Daniela – 7 Ennis
Ryan – 7 Williams
Sabrine – 7 Ennis
Magdalena – 7 Ennis

SILVER AWARDS:

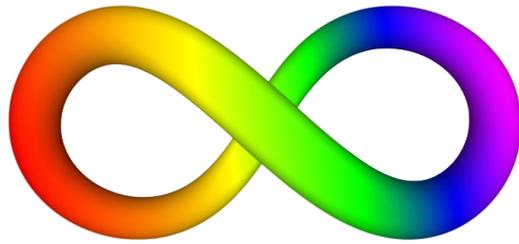
Mohammed – 5 Aquila
Tyreek – 5 Pisces
Mustafa – 5 Leo
Mattia – 5 Leo
Dua-Emaan – 6 Andromeda
Ilyas – 7 Bryant
Mudit – 7 Bryant
Annika – 7 Ennis
Yasvi – 7 Bryant
Annika – 8 Jemison
Jazara – 7 Bryant
Zahra – 7 Ennis

GOLD AWARDS:

Fatima – 5 Pisces
Harisaran – 6 Chamaeleon
Fatima – 6 Chamaeleon
Peighton – 6 Chamaeleon
Josef – 7 Bryant
Ilyas – 7 Bryant



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All Parents and Carers are invited to our
Neurodiversity Coffee Morning

Tuesday 10th January 2023
9:00am – 10:15am in the Main Hall

Come and talk to the professionals:

- Place 2 Be
- Children's Centre
- Speech and Language Services
- Autism Advisory Teacher
- Alexandra School Provision
- Harrow Horizons Provision
- Centre for ADHD & Autism
- SENDIAS Information Service including EHCPs
- Kids Can Achieve activities and support
- CAMHS (Assessment & Diagnosis)



Where Young Minds Matter



Building stronger families



Article 13:right to have information.

Article 23:have the right to special care and support if you are disabled.

