



Whitefriars School

NEWSLETTER

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Neurodiversity Coffee Morning



This month we held our first Neurodiversity Coffee Morning. Specialists were available to speak to parents and carers to offer advice on services available to support their child. The support and advice was for a variety of needs, including Speech and Language, Autism and ADHD and well-being. We look forward to hosting our next coffee morning soon so please do keep a look out for our next poster.



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Value of the month



Determination

- **Never giving up**
- **Being happy when you are stuck**
- **Always wanting to learn something new**

Dates for February...

- 2nd ~ Year 9 Options Evening
- 6th – 12th ~ Mental Health Week
- 7th ~ Internet Safety Day
- 7th – 11th ~ Year 9 Exam Week
- 13th-17th ~ Half Term Week
- 20th ~ All pupils return to school
- 20th – 22nd ~ Year 11 Geography Trip
- 23rd ~ Year 9 Options Evening
- 27th - Feb – 3rd March World Book Week
- 2nd March ~ World Book Day

Year 6 SATs and Booster Classes



Year 6 parents were invited to our SATs Information Meeting. This was a great opportunity for parents

to find out about the arrangements for KS2 SATs, how to help prepare their child at home as well as provide additional learning resources.

Year 6 After School Booster Classes have been taking place since the start of January. Pupils have been working very hard in Maths and Reading. It is important that all pupils attend their weekly booster class to support them in their SATs learning.

The school gates open every day at 8.35am. All pupils are required to be in their classrooms by 8.45am.



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



Article 13 : Your right to have information.



Cosmic Yoga



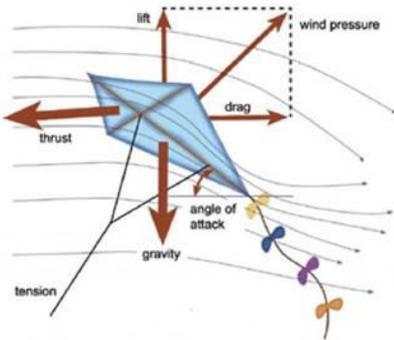
Reception pupils are thoroughly enjoying Cosmic Yoga Club. They have been learning to build their strength, balance and confidence. Class teachers used stories and role play to make the yoga and mindfulness exciting for the children.

Skilful Sewing Club



Pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6 have been developing their sewing skills, creativity and mindfulness in Skilful Sewing Club. It has provided opportunities for pupils to learn a variety of embroidery stitches, measuring, cutting and joining fabric, and sewing on buttons.

STEAM Club



STEAM Club have had an amazing time learning about kites. They have looked at the forces involved in flying a kite to help them design and build our own kites. They learnt about the history of kites and how they have been used in Science in the past. They are really looking forward to testing their kites.

Spanish Club



In Spanish Club, Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils have been learning about the culture in Spanish-speaking countries. They have looked at traditional foods from Caracoles (Snails) to Paella. They have learned about different festivals and they decided that their favourite was the Tomatina Festival.

This is where locals near Valencia take part in a huge one hour tomato fight! As well as learning key Spanish words, they can now identify the flags of the 21 Spanish-speaking countries. Excelente!

Lego Club



Year 1 had an amazing time in Lego Club! They were challenged by their class teacher to use their creative skills to build something meaningful and they all showed great determination to complete the challenge.



Year 5 and Year 6 Football



Our Year 5 and Year 6 Football team participated in Harrow schools football league. The pupils played extremely well as a team and were competitive in both games, winning one game and narrowly losing the other by

one goal. We look forward to participating in other competitions very soon.

Year 5 Swimming



Year 5 have shown great progress in their swimming lessons. They have developed their confidence and have continued working on their swimming skills such as front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke. They understand how swimming helps them towards a healthier lifestyle.



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



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

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance		
100% Attendance	Excellent	Target for all Pupils
97% Attendance	6 days absence = 30 hours lost learning	Good attendance
95% Attendance	10 days absence = 50 hours lost learning	Poor attendance - less chance of success
90% Attendance	19 days absence = 95 hours lost learning	Very poor attendance - Serious impact on education
Punctuality - Daily lateness equates to:		
5 minutes late	15 hours lost learning	3 days lost learning
10 minutes late	30 hours lost learning	6 days lost learning
15 minutes late	50 hours lost learning	10 days lost learning

Whitefriars School expects the highest attendance and punctuality from all pupils, at all times. We support pupils and their families to ensure that excellent attendance is achieved. We are continuously working towards our goal of 100% attendance for all pupils. If a pupil is absent from school for any reason parents should telephone the School Office as soon as possible to report the reason for this absence. If the pupil is arriving late at school for any reason, parents and carers should let the office know, preferably the day before. Medical appointments should be confirmed with

an appointment card or letter. If a pupil is absent for five or more school days then medical evidence is required. Parents and carers should try to schedule appointments out of school hours if at all possible.



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



Lit in Colour

Whitefriars Secondary is now a Lit in Colour Ambassador School. We recently took delivery of 300 books written by Black, Asian and minority ethnic writers to give our pupils a rich and sustained opportunity to develop their understanding of other cultures. Lit in Colour is a Penguin campaign, run in partnership with The Runnymede Trust, aiming to support schools to make the teaching of English Literature more inclusive. The Lit in Colour campaign believes that each young person deserves an educational experience that more fully reflects Britain's past and the lives of young people today.



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Year 12 Art Trip



Year 12 Art pupils had a great time exploring Southbank to enhance their photographic portfolio. They also visited The Photographer's Gallery and learned a lot about Chris Killip, whom the pupils found very inspiring.

Year 12 Trip to Oxford University



Year 12 pupils visited Oxford University as part of the Inspire Programme. This programme is designed to inspire, encourage, and support Year 12 and 13 pupils during their final years of study before university. The flexible programme

offers pupils the opportunity to explore their favourite subjects in greater depth, receive up-to-date information about applying to university, and take part in opportunities that can be used in personal statements, interviews, and CVs. The day was packed with activities including Chemistry and History sessions run by the University Professors.



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Cross Country Challenge



30 pupils took part in the Harrow Cross Country Challenge at Harrow School. Three Year 9 pupils and two Year 10 pupils qualified for the Middlesex Cross Country Championships. This was a huge achievement and the pupils represented the school brilliantly. Good luck to them in the Championship!



Indoor Athletics Competition



We are thrilled to announce that Whitefriars hosted their first ever Indoor Athletics Competition for Year 7 pupils in Harrow. It was great to see the pupils

participating and demonstrating great resilience and determination. Over ten schools competed in track and field events. We are looking forward to seeing the results.



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Sixth Form Careers Event



Sixth Form pupils were invited to attend the Harrow School Careers Convention. There were representatives from various professions available to give

advice to Sixth Form pupils, from across the borough, about careers that interest them.



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

BRONZE AWARDS:

Heela – 2 Delphinus
Ahmed – 3 Cassiopeia
Aaron – 4 Hercules
Claudio – 4 Hercules
Fatima – 4 Hercules
David – 3 Cassiopeia
Karan – 5 Pisces
Emran – 4 Corvus
Sriram – 4 Corvus
Siya – 4 Corvus
Amalia – 7 Daley
Nikhil – 7 Daley
Aaron – 7 Daley
Donika – 7 Daley
Larisa – 7 Daley
Soroush – 7 Daley
Mickelle – 7 Daley
Karim – 7 Daley
Taha – 7 Williams
Delia – 7 Rashford
Sara – 7 Rashford

Laibah – 7 Rashford
Chloe – 7 Rashford
Sakina – 7 Rashford
Mohammad – 7 Ennis
Andreea – 7 Daley
Braulio – 7 Rashford
Mohammed – 7 Rashford
Adrian – 7 Rashford
Zahid – 7 Rashford
Abu – 7 Ennis
Habib – 7 Ennis
Savannah – 7 Rashford
Leah – 7 Rashford
Jayden – 8 Leavitt
Medina – 8 Tesla
Fehmi – 8 Khan
Thi Anh Suong – 8 Khan
Eva – 8 Tesla
Dharmik – 8 Jemison
Arian – 8 Jemison
Raheem – 8 Jemison

Muhammad – 8 Leavitt
Ashvind – 8 Tesla
Mohamed – 9 Kusama
Kayla – 9 Kusama
Beheshta – 9 Wiley
Zackariah – 9 Hockney
Alireza – 9 Kahlo
Ahmed – 9 Kahlo
Disha – 9 Kusama
Musawir – 9 Wiley
Ptryk – 10 Banneker

SILVER AWARDS:

Mohamed – 5 Leo
Rihan – 5 Leo
Maliha – 5 Aquila
Aaminah – 4 Hercules
Aminah – 6 Andromeda
Adelina – 5 Aquila
Liyana – 5 Aquila
Saim – 7 Bryant

Aaron – 7 Daley
Eva – 7 Bryant
Larisa – 7 Williams
Karim – 7 Daley
Maria – 7 Daley
Adam – 7 Ennis
Alessia – 7 Ennis
Danelle – 7 Ennis
Laiba – 7 Ennis
Emanuel – 7 Ennis
Eesa – 7 Ennis
Mohamed – 7 Bryant
Laibah – 7 Rashford
Ahmad – 7 Bryant
Giulia – 7 Ennis
Jayden – 8 Leavitt

GOLD AWARDS:

Arushi – 5 Aquila
Bhakti – 5 Aquila
Sheza – 6 Andromeda