



Whitefriars School

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Safer Internet Day



On Tuesday 7th February we celebrated Safer Internet Day. The theme this year was 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. Primary pupils read the story 'Hanni and the Magic Window' which features Hanni overcoming her worry of starting

conversations. Pupils created their own magic windows to practice their own conversations. They took part in technology treasure hunts and learnt about the history of the internet. There were discussions on how to stay safe online especially in games, online chats and messaging apps. This was reinforced through a variety of role plays using different scenarios. Pupils designed their own media posts about how to stay safe online.



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

World Book Day



Primary pupils are celebrating World Book Week this week. Each year group is focusing on various stories and exploring them from different character viewpoints. All pupils are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on Friday 3rd March.

Let's Celebrate World Book Day!

Come to school dressed up as your favourite book character on Friday 3rd March

This year's theme is: exploring different character view points and perspectives



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Value of the month



Thoughtfulness

- Thinking of others
- Being generous
- Making time to think



Article 13 : Your right to have information.

Dates for March...

- 27th Feb - 3rd March ~ World Book Week
- 1st ~ Choir Showcase
- 1st ~ P.E. Practical Moderation Day
- 3rd ~ World Book Day
- 3rd - 5th ~ GCSE Residential History Trip to Berlin
- 6th - 7th ~ Class/Form Photos
- 6th - 10th ~ Year12/13 Exam Week
- 9th ~ Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening
- 13th - 17th ~ Scholastic Book Fair
- 13th - 20th ~ Primary STEM Fortnight
- 15th - 17th ~ Year 5 Residential Trip to Gordon Brown Centre
- 14th ~ Year 5 RE Trip
- 16th ~ Year 8 Parents' Evening
- 20th - 24th ~ Year 7 Exam Week
- 20th ~ Year 5 RE Trip
- 21st ~ Year 4 Trip to Science Museum
- 24th ~ Year 6 Paleo Quest Workshop
- 24th ~ P.E. Practical Moderation Day
- 24th ~ Year 6 Paleo Quest Workshop
- 27th - 31st ~ Year 12 Exam Week
- 28th ~ P.E. Course Work Day

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



Children's Mental Health Week

Primary pupils thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme this year was Let's Connect.



Nursery pupils read different stories and took part in different activities. They shared mindfulness moments by closing their eyes and focusing on the calming sound of the mindfulness chime.



Reception pupils discussed what makes them feel happy as they talked about their feelings. They drew pictures of what makes them happy and decorated handprints to make a classroom display. Pupils participated in yoga, using different techniques of breathing to practise mindfulness.



Pupils in Year 1 and Year 2 designed posters about making connections with others and supporting each other through different feelings. They shared stories and talked about times when they have needed love and support and the people who gave it to them.



Pupils in Year 3 and Year 4 learnt about building healthy connections with their families and friends. They discussed different things that made them feel excited, relaxed and sad. Pupils reflected on what they like about themselves and drew 'connecting' pictures of things that connect them including people, pets, friends, places and music. They also practised mindful breathing exercises to help them feel relaxed.

Mr Banks ran a fantastic sports session for Year 5 pupils, concentrating on team work. Miss Kharbanda, shared her passion for music across the decades and Miss Sivaraja showcased her talent in Art and Colour Theory.

In Year 6, Ms Babber shared her love of Art and Music, by teaching pupils all about mindful painting. Mr Bojang introduced pupils to the concept of intricate Japanese Art and Miss Maloney worked on developing positive inner dialogues and designing posters to illustrate them.



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Music in Primary



The school choir rehearsals are well underway as the School Showcase is drawing nearer. It is a great opportunity for pupils to perform for a big audience. We are looking forward to seeing our pupils perform at Elliot Hall, Harrow Arts Centre on 1st March.

Football Tournament



The Year 5 and Year 6 football team played extremely well at The Hive (Barnet FC), and finished 2nd in our football league. Each pupil tried their best and encouraged each other throughout each game. Well done!



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



ROYAL SOCIETY
OF CHEMISTRY

We have 8 pupils entered in the Royal Society of Chemistry's UK Chemistry Olympiad. Designed to challenge and inspire, the UK Chemistry Olympiad is a unique opportunity for pupils to push themselves further and excel in the chemistry field. Budding chemists will develop critical problem-solving skills, learn to think more creatively and get a chance to test their knowledge in new, real-world situations. They could even find themselves representing the UK at the prestigious International Chemistry Olympiad. We wish our pupils the best of luck.



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Inter-Form Sports Competition

We held our Inter-Form competitions for all secondary pupils to participate in and enhance their extra curricular experience. All pupils displayed amazing team effort, showing outstanding performance. We look forward to announcing the results.

Sport Leadership Award



Congratulations to Kaijah-Chae and Macy in Year 8 for successfully completing their Level 1 Sports Leadership Award during the half term holiday. This has given them the opportunity to develop the essential skills necessary to become sports leaders.



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

Speakers for Schools Event



We had the pleasure of welcoming Detective Superintendent Charmain Brenyah as part of the charity run 'Speakers for Schools' programme. D.S. Brenyah spoke to our Sixth Form pupils about her career journey working for the Metropolitan Police. She is the Head of Covert Functions for Counter Terrorism (CT) Policing and oversees a number of units that provide

critical support to MI5, SIS and GCHQ and SO15 during covert deployments. Pupils found the talk very informative and hugely inspiring.

Art Workshop



Visiting Artist in Residence, Jo Veevers, held a workshop for our Year 12 Art pupils, showcasing a variety of creative skills and techniques, based on the themes of identity and self. Pupils enjoyed print-making, drawing and slip-cast tile making.



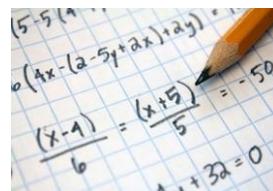
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GCSE Geography Field Trip



Year 11 Geography pupils went to Ashridge Woodland in Hertfordshire to undertake a data collection activity for their Paper 3 GCSE Geography exam. They were investigating the infiltration rate, vegetation cover and species diversity of different areas of the woodland along a transect. Pupils identified that trampling by the public has a serious negative effect upon the biodiversity of the woodland.

Maths Challenge



Pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 recently sat the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge. Congratulations to the following pupils

who received Gold Awards and have qualified for the next round: Daniel in Year 11, Aayan in Year 10, Vedant and Alireza Year 9. Silver Awards were given to Brendan, Hamzah and Ehsan in Year 9, Yousuf and Mohammad in Year 10, and Jeny, Hafsa, Naina and Xiaoxuan in Year 11. Bronze Awards went to Srishiv in Year 10, Davina, Kanisha and Yusuf in Year 11. Well done to you all!

The Junior Maths Challenge will be held after the Easter break and is available to Year 7 and Year 8 pupils. If you are interested in taking part please sign up with your Maths teacher.



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

BRONZE AWARDS:

Magnus – 3 Cassiopeia
Inaya – 5 Pisces
Mia – 3 Orion
Cecily – 7 Williams
Sanya – 7 Williams
Abeer – 7 Bryant
Ayman – 7 Rashford
Younes – 7 Rashford
Amir Ali – 7 Williams
Hamza – 7 Rashford
Umar – 7 Bryant
Mysam – 7 Bryant
Theo – 7 Rashford
Abigail – 7 Bryant
Filip – 7 Bryant
Aditya – 7 Rashford
Miriam – 7 Ennis
Emilia – 7 Bryant
Akmal – 7 Rashford
Mohammad – 7 Rashford
Latifah – 7 Williams
Ioana – 10 Baneker
Bilal – 10 Johnson
Jaiden – 10 Lovelace
Tahleel – 10 Pascal

Naomi – 10 Turing
Naieem – 8 Carver
Sophie – 8 Carver
Ana -8 Carver
Rhys – 8 Carver
Dylan – 8 Carver
Trey – 8 Jemison
Hilal – 8 Khan
Jalak – 8 Khan
Rana – 8 Khan
Macy – 8 Khan
Stefan – 8 Khan
Pearl – 8 Leavitt
Amelia – 8 Leavitt
Jorji Mae – 8 Leavitt
Marius – 8 Leavitt
Sriyansh – 8 Leavitt
Sahir – 8 Tesla
Tasal – 9 Kahlo
Archisman – 9 Kapoor
Lucas – 9 Kusama
Juliana – 9 Kusama
Kayon – 9 Kusama
Fardeen – 9 Kusama
Karol – 9 Wiley

SILVER AWARDS:

Mackenzie – 5 Leo
Aayushi – 3 Cassiopeia
Diane – 3 Cassiopeia
Mason – 3 Cassiopeia
Hridya – 5 Leo
Elisabeta – 5 Leo
Laibah – 7 Rashford
Ibrahim – 7 Bryant
Liam – 7 Ennis
Aaliyah – 7 Bryant
Mysam – 7 Bryant
Eesa – 7 Ennis
Miriam – 7 Ennis
Ahmad – 7 Bryant
Savannah – 7 Rashford
Armaan – 7 Ennis

GOLD AWARDS:

Imaan – 5 Leo
Alayna – 5 Leo
Chloe – 5 Pisces
Kush – 5 Pisces
Zainab – 5 Leo
Alexia-Gabriela – 5 Leo
Ikhlas – 6 Draco
Zahra – 7 Ennis



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Attendance

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.



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