



Whitefriars School

# NEWSLETTER

May 2023



A warm welcome to our May Newsletter, it has been a pleasure meeting so many of our amazing staff and pupils this half-term. I have seen such great teaching and learning visiting lessons from Nursery to Sixth Form. I have been so impressed to see the vast majority of our pupils taking their education so seriously, and the quality of their work is reflected in their positive attitude to learning.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils have had a positive start to their public examinations, with many attending the extra booster sessions before their exams. The vast majority are so ready, and I know they will achieve the grades they deserve due to the sheer hard work they have put in from Reception to now. Every lesson counts! Trust is the Value of the Month, trust for me is hard to earn and quickly lost. So, I have to be honest and share that some of our pupils are struggling, and how on reflection they regret some of the opportunities they have missed and now wish they had made better choices.

This is why we are raising our standards to what we know will help our pupils exceed their potential. We are making our expectations clear in terms of attending school and lessons on time and looking smart and ready to learn. Please support us in having these high expectations by speaking with your child over the half-term break using the information sent out over this term, so we can all collectively have the high expectations that will help our pupils flourish. Being on time is a habit, this is a critical life skill we want to foster in our pupils, early in their childhood, so they are lifelong positive habits.

We will also be reviewing our Behaviour Policy for September 2023, more on this after half-term. However, I should make you aware that we aim to have a policy that rewards the pupils displaying the expected high standards, but also support those who need to make better choices. Where pupils are making poor choices continuously after the deep support, we will be enforcing the policy to the highest level. We unfortunately have had some pupils who have already met this threshold, and thus they will not be returning to our school.

I am committed to extending the rewards opportunities, and looking at new ways to showcase the amazing pupils who make good choices every day. I am increasing the rewards budget for the Heads of Year. We will be using the pupils to help us plan activities or opportunities that will motivate them to work even harder.

We also want to expand our network using our parents and carers to enhance our pupils' experience. If you would like to work with us to offer work experience, deliver assemblies or even to help interview some of our older pupils so they can practice their interview skills; we would love to hear from you by emailing [office@whitefriars.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:office@whitefriars.harrow.sch.uk)

I would like to take this opportunity to share that Mrs Williams; our fantastic Primary Deputy Headteacher will be going on maternity leave after half-term. We wish her our best and thank her for her dedication and support. We look forward to meeting the new addition to her family. We will have an update on who will be taking on this important role after half-term.

Finally, I wanted to thank you all for your support in advance, I am committed to ensuring that our school provides an exceptional educational experience to all of our pupils from Nursery to Sixth Form.

We can't do this without everyone pulling together.

Wishing you all a safe and restful half-term break.

Pritam Kumar Vekaria

Proud Headteacher of Whitefriars School

Value of the month



## Trust

- **Being reliable**
- **Having confidence in others**
- **Giving people a chance**

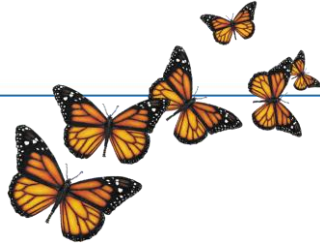


Article 3 : Everyone who works with children should always do what is best for each child



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## Butterflies in EYFS

EYFS pupils have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. Nursery and Reception pupils had a butterfly farewell ceremony. They were very excited to see them fly away in the Outdoor Zone. They finished by singing the caterpillar song.



## Dates for June...

- 29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June ~ Half Term
- 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Pupils Return to School
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 6 Residential Trip
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 6 Activity Week
- 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 6 Trip to Boxtree Park
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 12 Work Experience
- 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Summer Extravaganza
- 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 10 Exam Week
- 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Secondary Sports Day

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## Year 3 Trip to Verulamium



Year 3 pupils recently visited Verulamium, a town in Roman Britain. They took part in a 'Roman Market Workshop' and dressed up as Romans. They were tasked with finding Roman objects on their shopping lists. They handled replica items that were discovered during excavations at Verulamium. They came across many interesting objects, such as a baby's milk feeder, a frying pan carried by soldiers and a charm necklace given to Roman children to help keep them safe. Pupils also enjoyed exploring the gallery and were amazed by the Roman mosaics. They walked through the nearby park to find other Roman remains, such as a Roman wall and hypocaust. Behaviour was excellent and everyone had a lovely time!



Article 13 :  
Your right to have information.

## Year 1 Phonics



In Phonics Club this term, pupils have been practicing recognising diagraphs and trigraphs. They have been playing lots of phonics games to help them practice sounding out pseudo and real words.



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



## Year 4 Class Reading Challenge



In January, Corvus Class were given the challenge of reading 100 books each half term. During their April and May challenge, they finally succeeded. This month by sheer determination, the pupils managed to read 108 books! Some of the books they read included:

'The Twits', 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid', 'The Boy at the Back of the Class', 'The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig' and 'How to Train your Dragon'.

"It was a difficult challenge, but we had a lot of fun doing it. I never used to read many books, but after this challenge I have a new love for reading." Suliman and Muzhda.

"As it was coming close to the finish line we were able to finish 100 books much quicker than expected!" Henos.

"I really enjoyed reading Snow White and Rose Red, it was a copy of an old story and I really enjoyed it." Rona.

Well done Corvus Class!

## Year 6 SATs



Massive congratulations to Year 6 on completing their KS2 SATs tests. All the pupils worked extremely hard and showed great determination. The teachers and all the staff involved in the SATs week were very proud of the way they handled their tests. Well done everyone.

## Residential Trip to Bath



Year 13 Classical Civilisation pupils went on a residential trip to Bath. They explored the Roman Baths and its history, and attended an Ancient Artefact Workshop where they learned how to interact with and form judgements about real ancient sources. The pupils also visited the Abbey, Pulteney Bridge and undertook some fun team building activities. It was a very successful trip and everyone had a great time!

## Inspire Programme



A group of Year 9 pupils had the opportunity to go to Oxford University as part of the Inspire Programme.

This programme is designed to help pupils explore their interests, develop their academic skills, and consider their futures. It supports

pupils by encouraging them to reach their academic potential. During the day pupils took part in an Artificial Intelligence Workshop and had a tour of the University including the Natural History Museum. They also learned many interesting facts about Oxford University. Pupils really enjoyed their trip and are very excited about applying.



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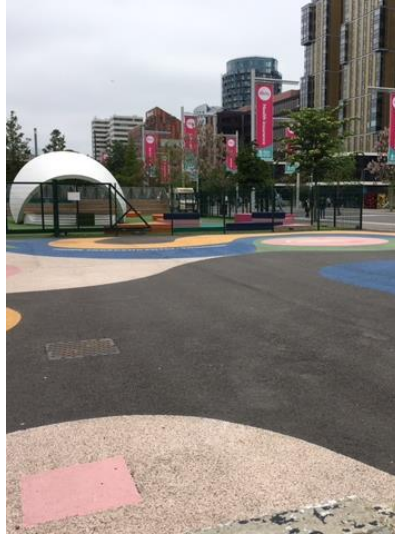
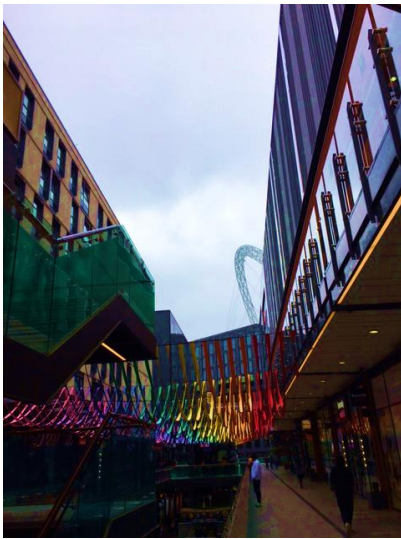


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## Year 12 Geography Field Trip



Year 12 Geography pupils went to Wembley to undertake data collection for their A-Level coursework. They considered the impact of the widespread regeneration including new flats, play areas and the outlet shopping centre. The pupils interviewed a member of staff who has lived in the area since the 1970s and has seen many changes. It was agreed that there has been a huge investment in the area and the landscape has changed completely.

## Whitefriars Extravaganza



On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June we shall be holding our Summer Extravaganza Talent Show in the Main Hall. Doors open at 5:30pm and the show starts at 6pm. Entry is free and should finish by 7:30pm. A number of wonderfully talented pupils will be showcasing their skills in the show. Please come and show your support. We look forward to seeing you there!



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## Warwick University



Year 12 pupils had the opportunity to visit Warwick University campus, which is part of the Russell Group. They gained valuable experience of what higher education looks and feels like. During the day they attended sessions about choosing courses, the requirements needed and helpful tips on financing their journey through their University years. Student ambassadors met with our pupils and lots of questions were posed that helped put the importance of their studies into context. The day was a very useful introduction into the life of a pupil and an invaluable pre-UCAS experience for all.



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## Globe Theatre Visit

The Globe Players Theatre Group performed a one-hour educational performance of 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens for Year 11 GCSE pupils. Seeing it on a stage really helped them envisage the text. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the play.



## UKMT Junior Maths Challenge



### United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

Promoting a love of problem solving, the Junior Mathematical Challenge is a 60-minute, multiple-choice Challenge. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems on the Junior Mathematical Challenge are designed to make

students think. Congratulations to all of our pupils who took part with special congratulations to the following for their fantastic results:

#### Bronze

- Nandini – 7 Wiley
- Mudit – 7 Bryant
- Grace – 7 Wiley
- Emily – 7 Wiley
- Akmal – 7 Rashford
- Vraj – 8 Leavitt
- Vishweshwar – 8 Jemison
- Yusef – 8 Jemison
- Yao Zu Jojo – 8 Carver
- Dylan – 8 Carver
- Jenil – 8 Jemison
- Marius – 8 Leavitt

#### Silver

- Yusuf – 6 Chamaeleon
- Ryan – 7 Wiley
- Braulio – 7 Rashford
- Arian – 8 Jemison
- Annika – 8 Jemison

#### Gold

- Lucas – 7 Bryant
- Abaan – 6 Andromeda

## Harrow Athletics



As the summer term begins, Athletics competitions are now up and running. Some of our pupils took part in the Harrow Athletics Competition and we had some amazing results. Lewis in 10 Germain came first in long jump and 2nd in 200m sprint and Bilal in 10 Johnson came 1st place in 3000m. Well done to both pupils!



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

## AI Club #WomenInStem



Our AI Stem Club is in full flow. Year 7 and Year 8 female pupils are learning about inspiring female role models in STEM and how Artificial Intelligence plays a role in our society. In the coming weeks, they will be learning about how the world in medicine has changed with AI and how game theory can be applied to AI. There are still a few spaces left for anyone who wants to join. Please contact Mr Hirani for more information.



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



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



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## School Awards Board

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

### BRONZE AWARDS:

Tooba – 4 Corvus  
Ibrahim – 4 Corvus  
Kyan – 5 Aquila  
Aida – 3 Orion  
Guste – 4 Corvus  
Jai – 3 Orion  
Levent – 5 Leo  
Dhriti – 2 Perseus  
Juwayriyah – 3 Orion  
Safia – 3 Orion  
Ibrahim – 2 Perseus  
Freya – 2 Perseus  
Zainab – 2 Perseus  
Kashvi – 2 Perseus  
Iulia – 4 Corvus  
Sriram – 4 Corvus  
Siya – 4 Corvus  
Louie – 2 Perseus  
Heet – 2 Perseus  
Ahmad – 2 Perseus  
Mariyam – 2 Perseus  
Raffay – 2 Perseus  
Wayne – 6 Andromeda  
Ayooluwa – 7 Bryant  
Moriah – 7 Rashford  
Hamza – 8 Carver  
Armaan – 8 Jemison  
Atanasios – 8 Khan  
Elijah – 8 Khan  
Nisarg – 8 Khan  
Rahmeen – 8 Khan  
Rima – 8 Leavitt  
Bushra – 8 Carver  
Krishnam – 8 Carver  
Wafaa – 8 Tesla  
Joseph – 9 Hockney  
Daniel-Beneamin – 9 Hockney  
Sushant – 9 Hockney  
Caren – 9 Kahlo  
Diekoniayooluwa – 9 Kahlo

Barnaby – 9 Kahlo  
Vedant – 9 Kahlo  
Kaila – 9 Kahlo  
Kyrese – 9 Kahlo  
Prachi – 9 Kahlo  
Yash – 9 Kahlo  
Lidia – 9 Kahlo  
Ailin – 9 Kahlo  
Rahmat - 9 Kapoor  
Romaissaa – 9 Kapoor  
Stefania – 9 Kapoor  
Tre – 9 Kapoor  
Henry – 9 Kapoor  
Abdul – 9 Kusama  
Sahil – 9 Kusama  
Shayaan – 9 Kusama  
Julian – 9 Wiley  
Omraj – 9 Hockney  
Sabih – 9 Kapoor  
Hassan – 10 Banneker  
Harith – 10 Banneker  
Zareen – 10 Lovelace  
Alexandra – 10 Lovelace  
Ali – 10 Turing  
Harun – 10 Turing  
Safi – 10 Turing  
Noah – 10 Turing  
Laila – 10 Johnson  
Mox – 10 Lovelace  
Limayinla – 10 Lovelace

### SILVER AWARDS:

Lucas – 5 Pisces  
Heba – 5 Pisces  
Hasan – 5 Leo  
Juste – 4 Corvus  
Mia – 3 Orion  
Sriram – 4 Corvus  
Siya – 4 Corvus  
Zara – 7 Bryant  
Aziz – 7 Daley

Khadijah – 7 Daley  
Braulio – 7 Rashford  
Grace – 7 Williams  
Ayooluwa – 7 Bryant  
Alexandru – 7 Rashford  
Jessica-Elena – 7 Williams  
Daniel – 7 Williams  
Moriah – 7 Rashford  
Andrei – 7 Rashford  
Hilal – 8 Khan  
Jasmina – 8 Khan  
Fehmi – 8 Khan  
Rana – 8 Khan  
Shahd – 8 Leavitt  
Jalak – 8 Leavitt  
Rima – 8 Leavitt  
Jorji Mae – 8 Leavitt  
Muhammad – 8 Tesla  
Frankly Jr – 8 Tesla  
Naieem – 8 Carver  
Hadia – 8 Carver  
Jakub – 8 Carver  
Ahlam – 8 Carver  
Ana – 8 Carver  
Rhys – 8 Carver  
Arian – 8 Jemison  
Sonia – 8 Jemison  
Armaan – 8 Jemison  
Davide – 8 Jemison  
Aaron – 8 Leavitt  
Raj – 8 Leavitt  
Tasal – 9 Kahlo  
Khaled – 9 Kahlo  
Alireza – 9 Kahlo  
Josiah – 9 Kahlo  
Hamzah – 9 Kahlo  
Ahmed – 9 Kahlo  
Ehsan – 9 Kahlo  
Brooke – 9 Kahlo  
Hargun – 9 Kapoor  
Amelia – 9 Kapoor



### SILVER AWARDS

Mahab – 9 Kapoor  
 Nadia – 9 Kapoor  
 Abdur – 9 Kapoor  
 Darren – 9 Kapoor  
 Abdul – 9 Kusama  
 Racit – 9 Kusama  
 Tyair – 9 Kusama  
 Samuel – 9 Wiley  
 Mohamed – 9 Kahlo  
 Denis – 10 Germain  
 Hamza – 10 Johnson  
 Sanah – 10 Turing  
 Naomi – 10 Turing  
 Yazan – 10 Banneker  
 Oana Maria – 10 Germain  
 Neha – 10 Germain  
 Lola – 10 Johnson

Ayooluwa – 7 Bryant  
 Auhood – 7 Daley  
 Miruna – 7 Bryant  
 Leah – 7 Bryant  
 Filip – 7 Bryant  
 Emilia – 7 Bryant  
 Abeer – 7 Bryant  
 Khadijah – 7 Daley  
 Amalia-Beatris – 7 Daley  
 Donika – 7 Daley  
 Andreea – 7 Daley  
 Braulio – 7 Rashford  
 Hamza – 7 Rashford  
 Larisa – 7 Daley  
 Andrei – 7 Rashford  
 Zahid – 7 Rashford  
 Manav – 7 Rashford  
 Akmal – 7 Rashford  
 Ahmad – 7 Bryant  
 Pearl – 8 Leavitt  
 Tara – 8 Leavitt  
 Jorji Mae – 8 Leavitt  
 Muhammad – 8 Tesla  
 Dhyan – 8 Tesla  
 Eva – 8 Tesla  
 Naeem – 8 Carver

Zackariah – 9 Hockney  
 Maria – 9 Hockney  
 Shamina - 9 Kahlo  
 Ehsan – 9 Kahlo  
 Brooke – 9 Kahlo  
 Hargun – 9 Kapoor  
 Archisman – 9 Kapoor  
 Amelia – 9 Kapoor  
 Nadia – 9 Kapoor  
 Abdur – 9 Kapoor  
 Darren – 9 Kapoor  
 Rachit – 9 Kusama  
 Kayla - 9 Kusama  
 Tyair – 9 Kusama  
 Aun – 9 Kusama  
 Bogdan – 9 Kusama  
 Orom – 9 Wiley  
 Frashostra – 9 Wiley  
 Kenneth – 9 Wiley  
 Thomas – 9 Wiley  
 Mahab – 9 Kapoor  
 Brendan – 9 Wiley  
 Atharva – 10 Johnson  
 Rayan – 10 Johnson  
 Tehya – 10 Johnson

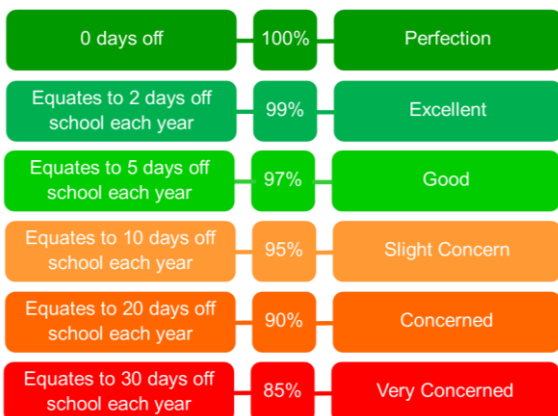
### GOLD AWARDS:

Liyana – 5 Aquila  
 Huda – 5 Pisces  
 Khalil – 5 Pisces  
 Melissa – 5 Leo  
 Mattia – 5 Leo  
 Henry – 5 Leo



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## Every School Day Counts



## Every Minute Counts - Lateness = Lost Learning

(figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!