



Whitefriars Calendar



We had over 180 photo entries for our Whitefriars 2018 calendar. It was a really tough decision but 12 of these have been chosen for the calendar and each of these photos has been assigned to a different month.

Value of the month



Resilience

- Moving forward positively after a problem
- Working together when things get tricky
- Trying hard not to give up or be negative



Article 13 : Your right to have information.

Classical Music Concert



Some of our students attended a classical music concert at Saint John's Church. They heard live performances of the music that they are studying in school and are now composing their own pieces.

Advent Calendar



Many of our students have featured in a very special advent calendar which we are using to countdown to the holidays.

Shoe Box Appeal



For the second year running secondary students have participated in the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal. These boxes are sent to people in Eastern Europe that are less fortunate than ourselves at Christmas time.

After School Clubs



We have a thriving clubs programme with a whole variety of clubs after school. Every Friday we have a chess club where students are honing their skills by playing teachers and other students.



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



Whitefriars Extravaganza



We warmly invite you to our Whitefriars Extravaganza at 6pm on Tuesday 19th December where there will be an array of student performances including singing, dancing, music and comedy. There will also be a special performance by the choir, rock band and drama club.

20th December is the last day of term.
Please note that school finishes at 2pm.

Diary Dates for January...

- 4th ~ Children return to school
- 17th ~ Year 7 trip to Warwick Castle
- 17th ~ Year 8 trip to Royal Observatory
- 17th ~ Year 9 trip to Bletchley Park

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Festive Jumper Day and Lunch



On Thursday 14th December, we took part in a Festive Dress Up Day. Children came to school wearing festive themed costumes and Christmas jumpers and hats. The children also enjoyed a very festive lunch with all the trimmings! All the money raised will go towards the School Council's chosen charity. Raising money to help worthy causes is an important value within our schools and part of the Rights Respecting Charter we support.

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Bronze Award Winners

Many congratulations to the students who have achieved their Bronze Award this month.

Year 7:
 Charlotte Sukhram
 Ibrahim Malik
 Shrey Doshi

Year 8:
 Aland Abdul-Wahid
 Jay Wong

Year 9:
 Ibrahim Mohamed
 Denis Cicu
 Noor Yasir
 Dawid Blazejewski

 Article 2 : All children have these rights no matter what!

Christmas Card Competition



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

Students from every form group were invited to design a Christmas card that would then be entered into a whole school competition. The winners gained valuable house points that will eventually be added to their overall total.



Inter-House Update



This term students have played basketball against each other. The finals are taking place this week, and house points will be awarded.

After Christmas we have the table tennis, postcard and creative writing competitions.

Learning Showcase



Huge congratulations to all students whose learning has been included in this term's learning showcase.

Cryptography Challenge



Years 7,8 and 9 competed in a timed cryptography challenge in their computing lessons. The fastest time in each class was recorded and ranked for house points. Well done to Ali in Hawking who managed to crack three challenges in under 12 minutes! The winners will be announced in the new year.

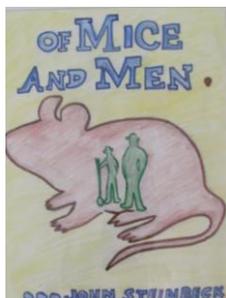
Giacometti



Year 9 have been creating different forms of 'typography' relating to the artist and sculptor Giacometti.

Book Fair Competition

Thank you to the children who entered our book fair competition to design a new front cover for their favourite book. Many congratulations to our winners Archisha in Year 9, Aditya in Year 8 and Maryam in Year 7. Well Done!



Book Fair

Thank you for supporting our book fair. We raised a total of £719.45 giving us £359.00 to spend on new books for the school.





Meat Free Monday



At Whitefriars School we are taking part in Meat Free Monday which aims to raise awareness of the environmental impact of eating meat and to encourage people to help slow climate change, preserve natural resources and improve health by having one meat free day each week. Our Chef, Branko, makes amazing vegetarian meals which you can see on our school website <https://www.whitefriarssecondary.net/school-lunch/> . Why not make a healthy new years resolution and encourage your child to participate in Meat Free Monday. Thank you for your support.

Article 24 : Your right to good food and water. 

Cinema Trip



Thirty KS3 students, accompanied by Ms Bailey, Ms Ilias and Ms Valentine, were lucky enough to visit the Vue Cinema in Harrow to see a performance of 'Wonder', the adaptation of the novel by the same name, which all KS3 students have been reading with their form groups.

The pupils were selected for the trip as they have shown that they are really ready to learn and have demonstrated a growth mindset across their learning in a range of subjects.

Adverse Weather

Thank you to everyone for their patience when we closed last week; a reminder to parents that in the case of adverse weather and possible school closure we always update the school status on our website: <http://www.whitefriarsschool.net/> and on the LGfL website: <https://opencheck.atomwide.com/Default.aspx> We also tweet our status before 7.15am on the day. Please do follow our Twitter at [@WhitefriarsNews](https://twitter.com/WhitefriarsNews) We also endeavour to text/email parents with the information, we have now sorted out our technical hitch, and will be able to send updates by 7:30 at the latest.

Helping the Elderly



Our students visited and helped out the elderly at Primrose House, they were a real credit to the values we teach in our school.

Concert



We held an amazing concert in school for our years 8 and 9 students with some important messages about mental health.