



STEAM Week



Value of the month



Forgiveness

- Understanding the feelings of others
- Showing empathy



Article 13 : Your right to have information.

The last two weeks at Whitefriars have been all about STEAM Education: Science, Technology, Art, Engineering and Maths. Students have had the opportunity to listen to talks from real-world engineers, and challenge themselves to complete tricky engineering tasks in the classroom. All students in KS3 participated in the STEM CREST awards. They have built wind-turbines and competed in a science inter-form competition. It has been great to see the students be inspired by the STEAM activities of the last two weeks, and many have already started to ask questions about careers in STEAM. The Science Museum are also coming in to deliver a set of amazing Science shows.

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For STEAM fortnight Year 8's have been involved in a Dyson project. They have learned about the skills needed to be a successful design engineer. They have also had a chance to work in teams to apply problem-solving, perseverance and team effort skills by disassembling two Dyson vacuum heads and understanding the design process Dyson engineers have gone through to create their successful products.

Engineering Workshops



Two mechanical engineers visited Whitefriars during STEAM week to talk to students about their careers, what they do each day, what they love about it, what the challenges are and how they got to where they are in life. Students then took part in smaller Q&A sessions to discuss STEAM career paths and university life.



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



Harrow Dance Showcase 2018



On 20th March, our students took part in the annual Harrow Dance Showcase as 24 schools from the Harrow Borough took to the stage at Hatch End High School. Our students rehearsed their performance during after school dance and cheerleading sessions

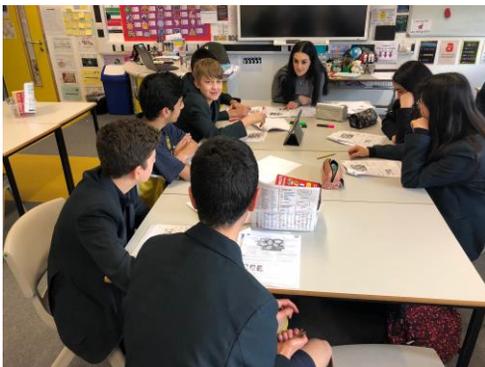
and wowed the audience with their outstanding lifts and synchronised routine. Great feedback was received from other schools as well as the organisers 'Non Stop Action'. Congratulations to all involved!

Netball



The year 8 girls netball team have been playing a weekly fixture against local schools. The team has played competitively and shown huge progress over the half term. We are training hard every week and are looking forward to more games and another tournament after the Easter break!

French Workshop



Year 9 students have been participating in innovative workshops to expand their vocabulary and grammar in French. It has been very beneficial for them, as they have been able to understand how to work on all four key skills in language: speaking, writing, reading and listening.

Award Winners

Many congratulations to the students who have achieved their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards this month.

Bronze Awards

Ajmal - 8 Plato
 Roberto - 7 Mozart
 Ali - 7 Mozart
 Raiyan - 7 Bach
 Farhaan - 8 Plato
 Ayesha - 8 Descartes
 Rawan - 7 Mozart
 Fatima - 7 Mozart
 Hashir - 7 Mozart
 Hamza - 7 Mozart
 Palakh - 8 Confucius
 Miguel - 7 Mozart
 Rachid - 8 Plato
 Chennai - 7 Bach
 Ibrahim - 7 Smith
 Charlie - 8 Aristotle
 Korie - 8 Aristotle
 Mujahid - 8 Socrates
 Mohamed - 7 Bach
 Hamzah - 8 Locke
 Joseph - 8 Locke
 Fin - 9 Mendeleev
 Sean - 9 Mendeleev
 Denisa - 8 Locke
 Florea - 8 Plato
 Ali - 7 Dylan

Silver Awards

Ibrahim - 9 Hawking
 Elizabeth - 9 Curie
 Ibrahim - 7 Smith
 Maryam - 8 Aristotle
 Akshay - 8 Confucius
 Harsh - 8 Socrates
 Rahib - 7 Bach
 Raiyan - 7 Bach
 Denis - 9 Mendeleev
 Sean - 9 Mendeleev
 Anand - 8 Socrates

Gold Awards

Nicoleta - 8 Aristotle
 Chris - 8 Socrates



Football



The year 7 boys recently played their first 11-a-side football match against Hatch End school. It was really exciting because some have never played a proper game of football before, some have never represented the school before and some have never played 11-a-side before. They are due to play Pinner High School after Easter as will the year 8 boys. The boys lost this fixture but showed determination and resilience as they were competitive right until the final whistle. This game provided the boys with lots to reflect upon and we all look forward to seeing their progress next term.



The Year 8 girls performed brilliantly during four matches at the Year 8 Football Tournament, with the following results:
Whitefriars 0 - Nower Hill 4
Whitefriars 2 - Avanti 0
Whitefriars 1 - Canons 0
Whitefriars 0 - Park High 3
They came 5th out of 10 schools. Well done girls!



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Diary Dates for April...

- 29th March ~ Last Day of Term 2pm finish
- 16th ~ Children return to School
- 20th ~ Year 7 Trip to Globe Theatre
- 20th ~ Year 8 Trip to London Zoo
- 20th ~ Year 9 Trip to Belgium



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GCSE Options

Students in year 9 recently came to Whitefriars for their GCSE options talk. Here they found out about the subjects offered at KS4, and made their option choices. This is a real milestone for the school.



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

Modern Art Exhibition



Some of our year 8 students had a fantastic opportunity to visit the Modern Art Exhibition that was put together by our Nursery children.



Bugsy Malone



We have started auditioning pupils for roles in the school's KS3 performance of 'Bugsy Malone'. We are very excited about this performance and pupils will be singing, dancing and acting their hearts out on Wednesday 23rd May!

The cast list has not yet been announced, but rehearsals for the musical elements have already started. Rehearsals will be running in clubs on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until the performance.

World Book Day



World Book Day was a 'big thing' in the library – it was used by pupils to 'share a story' which was this year's theme. Pupils from the Secondary section also visited primary classes to share stories. Several pupils, as well as staff, wore costumes and they wore their 'Share a Story' stickers with pride. Money was raised for new books for the library - pupils will be able to enjoy these books soon.

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Lino Printing



Year 8's have been creating Hybrids of themselves by crossing photographs of themselves and an animal of their choice using a tracing technique. These have been transformed into lino prints.

Ceramics Workshop



Jo Veevers, an external ceramicist from St Martins College, began a four week project with a number of KS3 students that will see them explore and create using new and exciting media and artist influences. The aim is to enrich the Arts curriculum and to enhance students perceptions of the Arts in readiness for their option taking in Year 9.

Library Lessons



Pupils are still making the most of their weekly library lessons. New books have arrived recently, including shortlisted Carnegie award books. There are displays related to the Value of the Month as well as the Word of the Week for pupils to peruse and pupils are encouraged to pick up a copy of 'First News' to find out what is happening in the world around them.