

Weekly update

Week ending: 14.09.2018



Theme: Arts Week

Dear Parents and Carers,

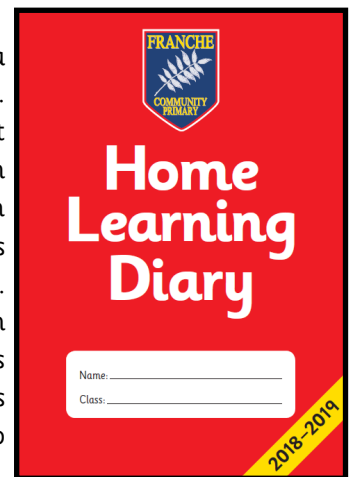


Arts Week:

I would like to start by thanking you all so very much for a wonderful week. I have been amazed and delighted every day to see so many of you turn up to support your children with Arts Week. I have worked in schools for 21 years and I have never seen such wonderful support from parents. I truly feel privileged to work with such a great community. I even saw some of you dancing along with our lovely year 2 children during their Dance-Off! I thought it was brilliant. Thank you everyone!

Home Learning Diaries:

Yesterday, we received the delivery of our new Home Learning Diaries. There was a lot of excitement in all the classes today as the children saw them for the first time. We hope that you enjoy using them with your children and that you find the content helpful. Your homework this week is to look closely at the diaries with your children as there is a lot of helpful content. These diaries will be given out to take home on **Monday**. I would ask you to especially read the guidance on reading, times tables and spelling. We will be writing to you all next week to invite you to parent training. We will provide family training sessions for all year groups and we hope that an adult from every family will attend with their children. A key aim for us at school is that all children read fluently, have excellent spelling and master all their times tables and related division facts. We will make to sessions enjoyable and I look forward to seeing you all there.



Digital advice: As a parent, supporting your child as they explore the digital world can be challenging. If we could offer one piece of advice it would be this: talk! Talk about what games and apps your child is into, ask about the vloggers and online celebrities that they like to watch, chat about what their friends do online- this is a sneaky, indirect way of finding out how they feel about the online world and how their friends are using it! You can address any issues or misunderstandings that come up in a safe and non-threatening way. For an excellent website that tells you everything you need to know about popular apps and programs, including how to block and report inappropriate content or users, visit <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Please note that only blue disabled badge holders are eligible to have their children collected from the main school office and also to enter the school carpark if there are spaces available.



Please give as much notice as you can if there is a different person collecting your child. The office gets incredibly busy at the end of the day leaving little time to pass messages onto class teachers in time for collec-

ATTENDANCE school target 96%

Whole School Attendance— 97.9%

Best Classes of the Week:

Reception— RLB,RJ & RC 100%

KS1— 1D,2D,2H & 2W- 100%

KS2— 3C,3P,5D & 6P- 100%

Best Year Band— YR 2—99.4%

Lates this week - 2

Unless agreed with Mr Kenyon, **all** parents must drop off & collect children from the class remaining with your child until the designated time. No child is to be dropped off & left to enter school alone via the school of- fice.

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McMillan Parents' Coffee Morning on
Friday 28th September from **8:30 - 10:30am**
and a cake sale for the children.
More details to follow.



Nursery

Nursery have had a brilliant first week back after the holidays. We have been excitedly learning about England, our country of choice for Arts Week. The children have been creating bunting for our English tea party on Friday as well as re-creating paintings by the famous English artist, Banksy.

Reception

Reception kick started their Arts Week by focusing their learning and creativity on Spain and Spanish themes. We began by looking at the Spanish artist Picasso and discussed some of his artwork. The children created their very own Picasso masterpieces. Whilst making their artwork the children were focusing on holding scissors correctly and developing their cutting skills.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic, first full week at school. We welcomed our grown-ups to our Parent Workshop to ignite our new topic, Australia. Everybody loved creating unique and colourful Aboriginal art together in an assortment of Australian animal themed outlines. The children have used the skills they acquired within the workshop to design and make their very own colourful boomerang for Art's Week.

Year 2

After receiving a strange box of items and, after taking on the challenge to work out what they meant and who they belonged to, they found out they were linked to dancers and a place in North America called New York City. This week, the children have been creating riddles as part of their English work about some of New York's famous landmarks. They have been thinking carefully about the choice of adjectives to help describe these buildings. Do you know which famous landmark is being described below?

I am ginormous.

I am taller than a house but I am shorter than a tower.

I am from New York but shorter than the Chrysler building.

I am whid.

What am I?

Year 3

To begin the excitement of Arts Week and a new school year, Year 3 children were challenged by a cryptic crime scene which included some interesting pieces of evidence. After discussions, children realised they are investigating the Wild West this half term. With much creativity, children designed their prairie schooners and showed the skills of teamwork and negotiation to build their group wagons. Furthermore, this week we had the opportunity to be artistic and imaginative alongside our grown-ups at our parent workshops. Great fun was had constructing our own Native American Story Telling Sticks – we look forward to sharing our own stories in class later in the term!

Year 4

Year Four have been studying Australia for Arts Week. The children have worked hard on an Aboriginal style dance and a poetry performance called 'Big Rain Coming', which they are looking forward to sharing with their parents on Friday 14th. To help with their storytelling, the children have designed and decorated a pebble, taking inspiration from Aboriginal tales and art. Ask your child to tell you their story.



Year 5

Terrifying dragons have emerged within Year 5! Following Hiccup's instructions, the children have worked together superbly to develop their sculpture and paint skills with the help of their families.



Year 6

Year 6 have had an exciting start to the term! On their first day back, they received a message from Percy Jackson, asking for the children's support in investigating a series of strange occurrences, including the raining of fish and the vaporising of his Maths teacher!! Year 6 were then visited by a group of Greek Gods and Goddesses, who transported the year group back in time to Ancient Greece. The children were challenged by each God (Aphrodite / Athena / Hera and Poseidon) to complete a series of challenges, in order to receive a pack of important information to help Percy Jackson in his quest.



As part of Arts week, year 6 were given the challenge to create a pot for Percy to carry water in, as he embarked on his quest. They took this responsibility very seriously! The children spent time exploring Greek art and artists, learning about the different designs – geometric, oriental and archaic. Using this knowledge the children designed and sculpted their own clay pots.



Pupil Premium Funding

Did you know that school's receive extra funding for certain eligible pupils? Here at Franche we use that money to do lots of wonderful things. For example, we employ specialist teachers to ensure that are children are receiving the best opportunities possible, including additional intervention for those that need a little support. We are able to offer a huge range of after school clubs and enrichment activities such as bikeability, forensic science, cooking, archery, even Forest School Club! What's not on our list!? For many of our pupils the emotional and social support resources that we buy in each term are invaluable and help to make school a safe and happy place for them to thrive. We are even able to subsidise the more costly educational visits and residential trips as well as supporting families with the purchase of equipment for specific lessons.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to support your child further- Visit our school website <http://francheprimary.org.uk/pupil-premium/> for more information on the pupil premium and what we are doing with it or pop in the school office for an application form. Together we can improve outcomes for each and every pupil in our school.

Dates for the diary:

Year 4 farm trip:

Tuesday 2nd October - 4S

Wednesday 3rd October - 4A

Tuesday 9th October - 4B

Wednesday 10th October - 4EP

Baby Massage Class

Chestnut @ Franche

Next 4 week courses:

Starts: Friday 28th September 2018

Time: 1.00pm—1.45pm
or

Time: 2.00pm—2.45pm

Cost: £18.00 per course

Spend a little quality time between you and your baby and enjoy moments of bonding

Studies suggest that baby massage is good for babies, improving their breathing, circulation, digestion and growth. Builds positive attachments between parent and child.

It can provide a good source of sensory and muscle stimulation, which is beneficial to all babies.

Call 01562 571788 for more information or to book



Family Links

The Nurturing Programme

Take a break and share your experience over a cup of coffee/tea with 10 other Parents/GrandParents/Carers/StepParents

FREE

At Birchen Coppice Primary School, Woodbury Road, Kidderminster, DY11 7JJ

Thursdays 9.30-11.30am

Starts – 20th September 18

Ends 6th December 18

For more information and to book a place call Wyre Forest & Hagley Project on 01562 851292



**Congratulations to all our wonderful
Stars of the Week!**



TOTS

Tiny Tots - Omari G
Little Tots—Rowan W
Big Tots— Chloe L
Big Tots 2— Shannon B

Year 1

1D - Rory L
1L - Lyla-Rose H
1C - Cameron M
1B - Ella B

Year 4

4A - Emmi-Louise K
4B - Zayna J
4EP - Charlie L
4S - Oliver R

Nursery

Red Group- Lily H
Blue Group— Paige R

Year 2

2CH - Lexi S-J
2D - Rio D
2H - Kelsie M
2W - James T

Year 5

5D - Monty McB
5E - Noah W-A
5P - Ellis W
5C - Emily-Jai A

Reception

RJ - Oliver
RLB - Alex
RFM - Jackson
RC - Mason

Year 3

3C - Olivia C-G
3T - Ryan S
3H - Noah H
3P - Addison M

Year 6

6F - Keighley O-J
6H - Liam C
6G - Thani P
6R - Nino G

Headteacher's Award

Nursery— Skye K

Reception— Arlo W

Year 1— Zackary P

Year 2- Louie B

Year 3— Isabelle M

Year 4— Hayden F

Year 5— Charlie W

Year 6— Oliver B



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AMBITION UNLIMITED



OPEN EVENING
Tuesday 25th September 6-8pm
OPEN MORNING
Wednesday 26th September 9am-12 noon

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