

Weekly update

Week ending: 21.09.2018



Theme: Respect

What a fantastic Arts Week we had!

From wintry woods storytelling in Tots to Ancient Greek pottery in Year Six, every year band immersed themselves in a mixture of dance, art, DT and music from a variety of countries around the world. We were very excited to involve as many people as possible and hope that everyone enjoyed the family workshops during the week. Whether joining children to work collaboratively to inspire and create making Aboriginal art, Native American talking sticks, 3D dragon painting, clay creations or watching dance and music performances (put together and practised in only a week!!) or viewing art exhibitions, we hope you all enjoyed being part of the bigger picture and embracing the Arts with us. It was wonderful to see so many children and family members taking part in the many different activities, as the week culminated in Franche's first Arts Festival. From circus skills to painting, pottery and poetry and from photography to forest art, collage, rug making and ribbon dancing, along with our very own troubadours, the festival feeling was fantastic! The rain even held off for us as long as it could! We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who was involved in our celebration of the Arts. A special thank you goes to 'Andy's Magic' for some extraordinary balloon modelling and entertainment and Pam French, local artist, for not only sharing some of her works of art with us, but for sharing her expertise, working alongside children and adults.

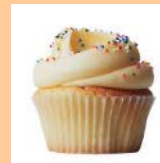
We have been incredibly proud of the children during the Arts Week, showing resilience and perseverance when faced with challenges, a 'can do' attitude to try something new and keep improving and creativity in bundles. Children demonstrating a super attitude and approach, showing their growth mindset in abundance of exciting, creative challenge.

If you any feedback about our Arts Week, either something you really enjoyed or thought was of benefit to the children or something you feel could



School Census Day 4th Oct

We would love it if as many children as possible would take up the option of a hot lunch on this day. Because this is also a school census day, we have to send certain information to the DfE. This information includes numbers who have hot (school) lunches. That number (along with a second census later in the year) dictates how much funding we get for infant free school meals – so the higher the take up on that day, the more funding school receives. The more children who have hot lunches, the more funding we get – even if your child doesn't have hot lunches any other day, if they have a hot lunch on Thursday October 4th (and the next census day later on) it benefits school for the whole year. So, please book a school lunch for your child on that Thursday – it really will help!



On 4th October, we will be preparing one of the children's favourite menus, including: all day breakfast and cupcakes. Hopefully the children will really enjoy it and help the school at the same time.

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 collection.

ATTENDANCE school target 96%

Whole School Attendance— 97.56%

Best Classes of the Week:

Reception—RLB,RJ & RC 100%

KS1—1D,2D & 2H 100 %

KS2— 3C, 3P, 5D & 6H 100 %

Best Year Band— YR2 99.4 %

Lates this week - 2 Lessons start **promptly** at 8.40.am.

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 office.

Franche house point totals

McMillan Parents' Coffee Morning

Friday 28th September from **8:30 - 10:30am** in lower school hall.

There will also be a cake sale for the children with all cakes

Costing 50p. Further details to follow.

Any donations of cakes can be dropped off at the office on Friday morning.



Dates for the diary:

Jeans for Genes day: Friday 28th Sept- Wear Jeans (with school top) and donate £1 towards this charity.

Year 4 farm trip:

Tuesday 2nd Oct - 4S

Wednesday 3rd Oct - 4A

Tuesday 9th Oct - 4B

Wednesday 10th Oct - 4EP

WHP drop in sessions

Mon 8th Oct 2pm-3pm

Wed 7th Nov 2pm-3pm

Fri 7th Dec 9am-10am

Nursery

Over the last week, nursery have had a lovely time both concluding their Arts Week theme of England and starting their new topic of Marvelous Me! On Friday afternoon, Nursery and year 6 shared with each other all about some of the amazing artistic things they had been doing during the week. Year 6 brought over their clay pots and found some super uses for them (see pic) and the children collectively enjoyed some typical English food like jam sandwiches accompanied by fruit and yogurt.

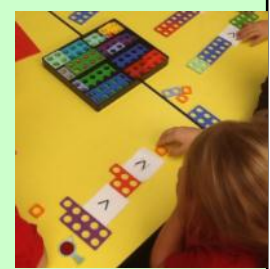


Reception

This week we have started our new topic 'I am special, I am me'. Our main focus has been looking at our faces and identifying similarities and differences. We used the mirrors to help us draw our face and talked about the features we could see. We even had a go at writing our name on our own! During maths we have been learning and applying the mathematical vocabulary of more and less by comparing groups of objects and people. We are very excited to have launched our Teaching Children To Listen programme alongside the speech and language therapists. This will help children develop their attention and listening skills within the classroom.

Year 1

This week Year 1 have continued to enjoy their topic of Australia. We have been learning all about maps in Geography, locating the United Kingdom and Australia on a world map. We created a key to accompany our map work. In Maths, we have continued our work on number starting to explore the concept of greater than, less than and the same as. We used Numicon to help us.



Year 2

Upon arriving at school on Monday, a strange selection of items landed in the Year Two classrooms. Using our detective skills, we answered questions to determine that the items were leading us to the Great Fire of London. Through research completed by reading Samuel Pepys's diary and searching the school grounds to locate facts, we discovered how the fire started, who started it and when and where it was. Careful observations of fire images helped us to use colour to effectively re-create vibrant flames using oil pastels and also helped us to generate adjectives, verbs and nouns associated with the Great Fire. We hope to find out more information next week and begin to write about the events in an exciting way to share with others.



Year 3

Year Three have had a busy week. In Art, we have explored colour wheels, using the language of warm and cold colours. Using this knowledge, children have watercolour washed a Wild West background in preparation for their cactus collage later in the week. To develop their reasoning skills and depth of understanding during Maths lessons, children have explored problems involving place value.



Year 4



This week, Year Four have received their replies from their pen pals and have enjoyed finding out about their childhood experiences. Some of the stories really made them chuckle.

The children have read a poem from an author from our pen pals' era and have used dictionaries to explore new exciting words.

Year 5

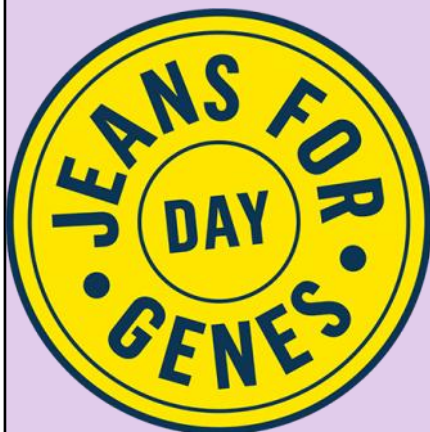
This week we have released our dragons back into their natural habitats. We then celebrated Arts Week with our buddy year band - reception where we shared songs and the stories of our art.



Year 6

This week in year 6, the children have been responding to the cryptic message that they received from Percy Jackson, requesting their support in finding out who he is! To support Percy, the children have conducted research on the Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses. The children have used this research to create a non-chronological report about their chosen God. As part of their clay pot making task, the children have now painted their pots and discussed which are the most robust for carrying water and helping Percy with his quest. We are hoping that the information we have gathered will help Percy on his way!

Jeans for Genes Day - 28.09.2018



Following requests from parents, we have decided to support Jeans for Genes Day. The national Jeans for Genes Day is actually today. However, to give parents and staff time to be organised for it, we have decided to mark it next Friday—28.09.2018.

Jeans for Genes is all about raising money for some of the most vulnerable children in our country who have a genetic disorder. If you would like to take part, please send your child to school wearing jeans (along with normal school uniform shirt/top) with a small donation. We will then ensure that the money goes to help children with a genetic disorder—thank you!

Pupil Premium Funding

Did you know that schools 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 all 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.

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



Philip Oliver of class 6H was awarded Best Batsman 2018 by Oldswinford & Stourbridge Social Cricket Club. Well done Phillip!!

Katie Charles in year 5 completed a Memory Walk on in August raising a fabulous £200.00 for Dementia!

Well done Katie!!



This year, we are introducing a new tool to help the children with their spellings.

In years 2-6, we have sent home a letter with your child's log in details and they will also be in their new home learning diaries. Your child can then log into Spelling Shed to practise the word lists for their school year e.g. Stage 1 and 2 are the spelling lists for years 1 and 2, stage 3 and 4 are the spelling lists for years 3 and 4 etc. Class teachers will also be assigning spelling lists in the "More Lists" section to practise specific spellings. They will earn points for the games they play and will be able to buy features to add to their avatar. We will be using this in school and the children can use it as part of their home learning. We hope this will be a useful tool to develop your child's spelling knowledge and skills.

<https://play.spellingshed.com/#/login>



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



TOTS

Tiny Tots - Lily Rose P
Little Tots - Bella D
Big Tots - Kitt H
Big Tots 2 - Jude H

Nursery

Mia-Bella L-B
Willow B

Reception

Fergus C - RJ
Austin B - RFM
Zaiden B - RLB
Riley-Lee B - RC

Year 1

Corey G - 1L
Autumn T - 1D
Max K - 1B
Evie P - 1C

Year 2

John P - 2CH
Ella W - 2W
Rose H - 2D
Savannah D - 2H

Year 3

Ned H - 3C
Lexi H - 3P
Ethan O - 3T
Erin B - 3H

Year 4

Noah G - 4S
Ruby C - 4B
William G - 4EP
Edward E - 4A

Year 5

Ellis P-M - 5C
Brooklyn L - 5E
Charlie T - 5D
Jasmine M - 5P

Year 6

Hayden J - 6R
Mason W - 6G
Jess M - 6H
Phoebe H - 6F

Headteacher's Award

Nursery— Matilda H

Reception— Isla H in RFM

Year 1— Nathan W in 1B

Year 2— Francesca B in 2H

Year 3— Blaine O'S in 3T

Year 4— Kyra B in 4A

Year 5— Rhys B in 5D

Year 6— Philip Oliver in 6H



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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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