FRYENT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE FRYENT TEAM

Can you believe how quickly 2024 is passing us by? It is already February and we are approaching the midway point of the academic year. As the influential adults in our children's lives, it's crucial that we exhibit positive behaviours and set a good example for them. As parents and school staff, we must prioritise showing respect and kindness in every interaction, as they are fundamental values at Fryent Primary School.

MEDICAL TRACKER

We have been using Medical Tracker since December and we want to make sure that all our families are receiving the email notifications about your children's injuries or illnesses at school. To receive the emails, please inform the office if your email address changes. Medical Tracker email messages are sent from donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk. Please add this address to your email address books (or approved sender list) to prevent messages from being blocked by your spam or junk filters.

YEAR 1 DELIVERY

Year 1 have been reading The Jolly Postman. Last week, they immersed themselves in the text by playing the role of the postman. They went on a journey around school delivering letters and packages to the different characters in the story! They had so much fun meeting The Three Bears, The Witch from The Gingerbread Man and even had a class party with Goldilocks to celebrate her birthday!

KEY DATES & EVENTS

- w/c Monday 5th February - DT Week
- Wednesday 7th February - Rec and Y1 Dental Checks
- Wednesday 7th February - Uniform Swap Shop
- Friday 8th February - Attendance Meeting
- Friday 9th February- Last day of Spring 1 half-term
- Monday 19th February - Pupils back to school
- Monday 19th February - Y6 Parents SATs meeting
- Tuesday 20th February - Y1 Orchestra Workshops

Y6 Police Workshop

Sofya P reported on the Police Safety Workshop: We learned how to protect ourselves from harm. The police spoke to us about knife crime and how we should not carry a knife or any weapon, even if we think we are in danger. The whole class was taught how we shouldn't join any kind of gang as it could put us in a severe situation that could lead to the police getting involved. We also learned about not trusting strangers. It was a valuable experience to help keep us safe.

The London Taxi Drivers' Charity for Children marked a significant milestone with the grand celebration of its 50th Annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Sunday 21st January 2024.

The enchanting event was held in the magnificent Great Room at the Grosvenor House Hotel, delighting over 600 school children including Fryent Primary pupils, accompanied by their parents and carers. It was a magical evening for everyone involved.

London Taxi Drivers Party

Dream Gardens

This half-term, our PSHE theme has been Dreams and Goals, where pupils have been reflecting on the skills, characteristics, and attitudes necessary to achieve their aspirations. In a creative PSHE lesson, Year 2 students crafted their dream gardens. The results were impressive, take a look!

Handwriting at Fryent

At Fryent Primary School, handwriting is taught 4–5 times per week. Following the Nelson Handwriting scheme from Reception to Year 6, all children begin writing with a pencil, progressing to using a pen when they are ready. We aim for all children, by the end of KS2, to have the ability to produce fluent, legible and speedy joined-up handwriting. We provide children with purposeful and plentiful opportunities to practise their handwriting regularly which should also be continued at home.

The Handwriting Panel

The Handwriting Panel are a group of children working with Ms Mistry to monitor, support and promote children to writing with a **school pen**. The panel will be trained to recognise the skills that children need to achieve, in order to write with a pen. The Handwriting Panel will award successful pupils a pen licence and a school pen.

Pen Licence success criteria

Skill	Achieved?
Is the correct pencil grip being used?	
Are all letters on the line?	
Are the lower-case letters formed in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place?	
Are capital letters formed correctly?	
Are lower-case letters formed of the correct size relative to one another?	
Are capital letters and digits written of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower-case letters	
Does the spacing between words reflect the size of the letters?	
Is the handwriting consistent across different pieces of work?	

Attendance

Y1-6 Attendance is currently 94.6%. There are sickness bugs and the usual coughs and colds going around at this time of the year. Please encourage regular hand-washing to minimise the spread. Please only keep your child off if they are really unwell and that holidays are taken within the school holidays.