

Princess Fred's Matters



"Live in peace and the God of love and peace will be with you." (2 Corinthians 13:11)

Friday 10th March '17

Dear Parents and Carer,

World Book Day

It started early in the morning, the school halls filled with the giggles of staff guessing who each other had dressed up as and sharing stories of train trips to school filled with embarrassment. Preparation for the day done, the next step was the start of the day with the children.

The playground was filled with excitement and noise. Children talked excitedly about their creations while parents snapped away furiously on camera phones. Jaws dropped as each impressive costume was topped by the next. First there was the choosing hat, and then Ursula, followed quickly by numerous others as well as Claude on skis! The excitement and joy was great to see.



The Parade

Over the next half-hour, the children took their opportunity to parade in front of their parents with style. Despite the cold weather, parents stayed behind and applauded with great enthusiasm. All classes paraded and it was a great success. One change for next year: everyone will parade in the main playground!



The Judges

From 9:30am, our trusted group of judges- who were made up by Reverend Will Leaf, Reverend Graham Noyce and three different members of our school council- started the unenviable challenge of finding the best costumes on offer. There was strict guidance on scoring and the whole process was overseen by our eagle-eyed Headteacher, Ms Simpson. Soon, the results were in!

The Assembly

Excitement reached boiling point as the school in its entirety piled into the main hall. With the finalists all collected on the stage, and with anticipation building, the winners and runner-ups were announced. This was followed by a quiz: Can you identify the book from just the first line of text. From Madeline to The Hungry Caterpillar, the children demonstrated their love of reading and books and with it, the end of a very noisy but highly enjoyable assembly.

The rest of the day

Activities for the rest of the day included reading in unusual places, paired reading with different year groups and parents sharing stories with the class. And as the day slowly started to draw to its close, the natural deterioration of costumes accelerated. Irritating face paint was washed off, fake moustaches were lost and heavy props started to prop up walls. The children who left at the end of the day were the same children who had started it, they were just now exhausted, almost as exhausted as the teachers!

A special thank you to Mr Richards for leading a very enjoyable, exciting and very effectively organised World Book Day and coordinating with the PSA in creating a memorable Book Week. Well done Mr Richards.

The Authors from Book Week

We were lucky to have five authors come to visit us at Princess Frederica to work with a range of children through assemblies and workshops. There has been laughter, deep thought, enjoyment, curiosity and exploration and all thanks to the inspirational, engaging and informative visitors we have had.



Andy Griffiths



Lotte Moore



James Campbell



Cressida Cowell



Adisa the Verbaliser

Thank you to the Princess Frederica PSA

A very big thank you to the PSA who worked tirelessly to produce an incredible line up for our Princess Frederica Book Week. Their work and investment has made a great week possible. Special thanks to Amanda Constance, Emma Lowe, Pendle Harte and Belinda Rasmussen for their great efforts in coordinating the week.

Mother's Day sale on Friday 24 March

On Friday, 24th March Year 6 is holding a Mother's Day sale to raise money for the residential trip to France at the end of May. Children in Reception to Year 6 will be able to visit the sale in the main hall throughout the afternoon of the 24th. A team of Year 6 students and parents will be selling items for 50p - £1. We ask that children bring no more than £2 to spend. Money for the Mother's Day sale should be brought to school in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it and given to the class teacher for safekeeping. From Year 6 and the PSA.

Our Christian values focus for this half-term: Peace

As a Church of England school, we are always looking to develop our Christian value system further. We have now decided to introduce focus values, the first being the value of peace. Your child's class teacher will be exploring this in class and it will be touched on in assemblies so it would also be beneficial for the children if you could extend this link by talking about this at home. Please think about the value of peace with them, especially in the local, national and global environment.

Calendar Dates

Calendar dates for the academic year (2017-18) will be available on the website from Monday 13th March.



Book Fair News

Thank you to everyone who supported the school by buying books from the visiting book fair. We raised £1,136.50 which gives the school a fantastic £621.90 to spend on books for our school.

School Prayer

Father God,
We thank you for the changing of the seasons and all the signs of Spring around us. Help us to be thankful for, and take care of our environment. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen



Star of the Week



Year Group and Class	Stars of the Week from the week starting Monday 20 th February '17.	Stars of the Week from the week starting Monday 27 th February '17.
Reception Paris	Portia Osaje for continually improving her writing skills and knowing all her tricky words,	Louis Main Sin, for trying very hard at reading and writing.
Reception France	Edie Morgan for making progress in writing.	Ali El Faour for excellent work in phonics.
Year 1 Canada	Violet Barber for her fantastic effort when reading using a clear and expressive voice.	William Sprinz for always being kind and polite to others.
Year 1 Ottawa	Theo Lawrence for always helping others, sharing his love for learning with them and always trying his best in class.	Fernanda Assis Oliveira Esau for working really hard on her reading and her phonics. Thandiwe Tembo for putting a lot of effort into all of her work, never giving up and always trying her best.
Year 2 USA	Violet Barber for her fantastic effort when reading using a clear and expressive voice.	Cora Carty Day for her fantastic effort in Maths when exchanging varying amounts of money.
Year 2 Washington	Fredy Hayden - always working hard and behaving well in class	Micah Joseph for great work counting amounts of money in maths
Key Stage 1 PE	Violet Barber (2USA) For her hard work, concentration and enthusiasm learning dance in PE.	
Year 3 Australia	Arthur Keam George for excellent listening skills and being very polite all week.	The whole of Year 3 Australia for a fantastic performance in their class assembly.
Year 3 Canberra	Georgia Hobson-Leis for writing an amazing and very neat non-fiction text, using subheadings, different paragraphs and including interesting information.	Samuel Cooper for making a huge effort to create a powerpoint for our class assembly without any help an adult. Jack Cain-Phillips for making a huge effort to create a powerpoint for our class assembly without any help an adult.
Year 4 New Zealand	Amin Benyamoune for always being a kind and caring member of the class.	Mia Stanley for using a excellently using play-script features to change a story into a play-script.
Year 4 Wellington	Matilda Lawrence for putting effort into all her work and always trying hard.	
Year 5 Portugal	Arthur Lott for writing a fantastic free verse poem in English and for his consistent hard work in all areas of the classroom.	Zara Hai, for always being a delightful student and showing great manners towards here peers and teachers.
Year 5 Lisbon	Kito Aukema for wonderful, creative descriptions in poetry writing.	William Oakes for being a helpful and enthusiastic member of the class.
Year 6 Russia	Jessica Simony for working extremely hard in extended writing to include the devices discussed in class.	Archie St-Giles for making good progress in his writing and presentation.
Year 6 Moscow	Kiara Howard for making more effort in class and displaying excellent spelling skills.	Elliot Norman for showing positive attitudes towards school and classmates. He always has a smile on his face, stays focused and friendly.
Key Stage 2 PE	Elizabeth Ulusele (Year 5 Portugal) for her continued improvement and hard work in PE and also in the Athletics Club.	
Music	Astrid Blomhoj-Aurell for Outstanding achievement in singing, violin, ukulele and recorder.	Isabella Campbell in Year 4W for outstanding attitude in music and commitment to the open choir.