

# Princess Fred's Matters



Friday 18th October 2019

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. **Colossians 2:6-8***

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a really positive start to the new academic year with lots to be thankful for and lots to look forward to. Classes have settled into new routines and we have enjoyed the annual process of electing our school council as well our new head boy and head girl. The children's excellent choices in both Daisy Walker and Sammy-Ray Cherry were justified when they spoke with engagement, confidence and passion at the recent Buddy Assembly and we are confident they will continue to fulfil their role with passion and pride.

We also enjoyed NSPCC workshops (as well as a sponsored danceathon), Harvest Festival at St Mark's Church and a visit from Nick Chandley from Sapere to inspire us further in the work we do on Philosophy For Children. We finished the half-term spending this last week focused on Black History Month. Read more about this later in the newsletter.

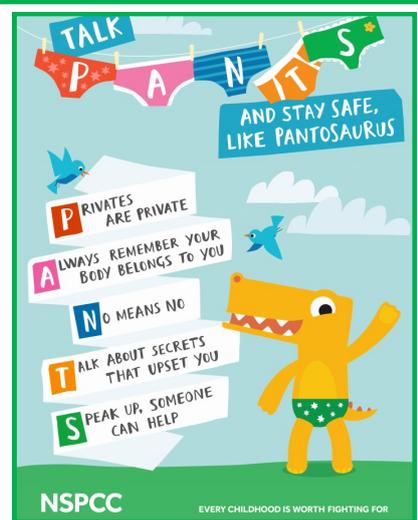
Over the next couple of weeks, you will start seeing subject overviews appearing on the school website. The aim of these is to give parents and carers a clearer idea about exactly what is being taught and when in each subject. It will also explore some of the different approaches the school employs and the reason the school has chosen that approach.

A reminder that Monday 28th October is an inset day and so the school is closed to all children. We look forward to welcoming all children back on Tuesday 29th October.

Mr Richards, Ms Christopher and Ms Banks.

## NSPCC

The NSPCC visited the school in September, leading an assembly for all children from Reception to Year 6 on 'Speak out, Stay safe'. Years 5 and 6 also had one hour workshops from the NSPCC. The whole school enjoyed taking part in a dance-a-thon to raise money for the NSPCC. An amazing £3,500 was raised! Thank you all for your support.



## Philosophy For Children

Nick Chandley continues to support the school in P4C and during his recent visit he enjoyed working with parents, teachers and children in the school. He has created some materials which will go on the website during the half term break. These new resources will enable parents to support their children with P4C at home.

P4C question: Is elephant art any different to art that humans make?

## Black History Month

The week started with a fantastic story telling assembly from Alim who told us an Anansi the spider story. This was followed by workshops with the classes about famous black scientists and inventors. He also told the children about Mansa Musa, the richest man who ever lived. Year 2 enjoyed a visit from Mary Seacole as part of a drama workshop and year 6 had a visit from a pilot who answered questions about his job. On Wednesday and Thursday, there were concerts to celebrate the rich and varied music of black origin. Wednesday's concert included the ukulele group playing Shackles and a beautiful rendition of Redemption Song by the Junior Boys Singing Club. Thursday's concert included African drumming and the Girls' choir singing Happy. In Friday's assembly, we had a visit from a local celebrity: Norman Mitchell MBE. The 98 year old told the children some stories about his life and they asked him questions.



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## Democracy in action: The School Council

Congratulations to all the children who were elected to be school council leads for their classes this year. The children will meet at least once every two weeks and more frequently during busy times. Their job is to reflect the views and opinions of the children in their class and work on projects identified as important in helping children enjoy their experiences in school even more. Ms Mulry will work directly with the children and will support them in their decision making. After meetings, the children will report back to their classes what they have been discussing and carry out any tasks (such as completing a questionnaire) ready for the next meeting. The children have already enjoyed their first outing in their new roles and more are planned. We look forward to hearing at the end of the year exactly what they achieved.

## Safeguarding and Child Protection

### IF YOU HAVE A CHILD PROTECTION OR SAFEGUARDING CONCERN, PLEASE REPORT IT TO THE SCHOOL

Firstly, you can report concerns directly to the school DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) which is Ms Griffin or the deputy DSL which Mr Richards (HT). If neither of these people can be reached or it is out of school hours, please e-mail [safeguarding@princessfrederica.com](mailto:safeguarding@princessfrederica.com). This e-mail address inbox is monitored out of schools hours including weekends and school holidays.



Ms Julia Griffin  
DSL



Mr Peter Southgate  
Link Governor for Safeguarding



Mr Anthony Richards  
Deputy DSL and HT

**Be smart on the internet**

- SAFE** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.
- MEETING** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only permission and even then only when there can be parents. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.
- ACCEPTING** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or links from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems - they may contain viruses or spyware!
- RELIABLE** Someone online might be about who they are. Find information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows.
- TELL** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online. You can report online abuse to the police at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk).

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### Harvest Festival

As part of our Harvest festival celebration, children donated food items to support the Marylebone Project - a charity that cares for vulnerable women in our society. The School Council made the donation on behalf of the entire school community.

### Nursery

Our first term in Nursery has been very exciting! We have been working hard on settling into our routines and making new friends. There have been many exciting activities over the past few weeks, such as; rolling conkers in paint, making hedgehogs out of clay, painting self-portraits as well as trying to write our names for the first time. With Miss Greenway we have squeezed our own apple juice and have made tomato and leek soup with vegetables from the embankment! We are learning about the different fruit and vegetables that are growing there and what they taste like.

All the children are doing listening walks down the embankment, finding out what sounds we can make and what we can hear. This is part of the Phase 1 phonics that we have begun both in and out of the classroom. As a class we now have lessons with Mr Tang for Music and Mr Chantler for PE; who say we are doing very well already. We have now started going to singing assembly with Mr Tang and have already had Kanga visit us for a week! The Nursery team and I are all very proud of all the fantastic work the children have already done and wish you all a restful half term.

Ms Bellini



### Reception

We have had a brilliant first half-term in Reception. The children have settled in well and are enjoying making friends and learning lots of new things. Our first topic was 'All About Me'. We drew pictures of our families and created wonderful self-portraits with charcoal. We also thought about how we have changed since we were babies and brought in photos of ourselves when we were younger. We loved guessing who was who!

We have also been learning about Autumn and all the exciting changes that come with each season. Both classes have been making the most of our fantastic embankment - collecting lots of Autumn leaves, sticks and conkers to make collages and leaf prints in class.

We have been reading lots of fantastic stories in our English lessons. Our favourites are 'Titch' and 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?' We have even been acting out these stories in our role play areas using masks and stick puppets. In maths, we have been learning how to count and have had lots of fun playing number games and singing songs.

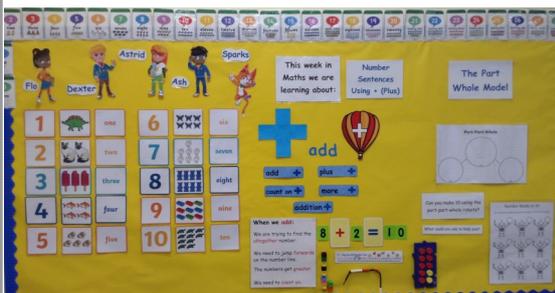
We wish you all a restful break and look forward to seeing the children after half-term for more adventures. Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Mulry and Ms O'Sullivan



## Year 1

After a successful transition from Reception and all the excitement of using exercise books, the children are now settled into Year 1 and have been enjoying their new curriculum. They have been introduced to Power Maths and have started to learn about ordinal numbers and number bonds. In English, they have been focusing on sentence structure and adding detail by including adjectives. The children have also retold and written a well-known traditional story with the help of sequencing activities, drama and designing their own story maps. They have shown enthusiasm towards all of the new subjects taught in Year 1 such as science, RE and geography. This has included learning



about the creation story in RE, sorting everyday materials in science and learning about the United Kingdom in geography.

In addition, the children have been working hard on their reading and phonics skills this half term and are learning about digraphs, trigraphs, segmenting and blending. We are really grateful for your continued support and would like to wish you an enjoyable half term. Miss Coode and Miss Moore



## Year 2

What a great start to year 2 this year! All the children have settled in beautifully and have enjoyed learning lots exciting topics this half term.

In maths, children have enjoyed the Power Maths scheme where they have been developing their knowledge of place value through the use of concrete, pictorial and abstract strategies. As a result of this, children are beginning to gain a deeper understanding of number values. In English, the children have enjoyed writing expressively across a range of genres. They have all enjoyed reading a range of interesting fairy tales and writing their version of The Frog Prince where they included lots of descriptive language to add detail to their story. Children have also enjoyed writing instructions for making a healthy sandwich. They then tested their instructions by following it to make a healthy jam sandwich which they enjoyed afterwards.

In humanities, children have enjoyed learning about famous people in history such as Florence Nightingale, Muhammad Ali, Vincent Van Gogh and Mary Seacole. They learnt about the incredible values that these people showed and have been thoroughly inspired by their stories and achievements.

In RE, children have enjoyed learning about baptism and marriage in Christianity. They have enjoyed learning about objects used for baptism and weddings. They have also enjoyed comparing how different religions celebrate marriage.

In Science, children have enjoyed learning about different ways to keep healthy. They have enjoyed investigating different types of exercises used to keep our body healthy and also to keep our pulse racing. They have also enjoyed learning about the different food groups and planning a healthy menu.

We also enjoyed a Black History Week workshop based on the life of Mary Seacole. Children explored Mary Seacole's life through drama, singing and poetry.

It has been a very successful start to year 2 so far and we wish you all restful half term break. Mr Duker and Mr Kai



### Year 3

Year 3 have made a very good start in Key Stage 2. We have especially enjoyed science this half term, with a great trip to the zoo, comparing animal skeletons and looking at how animals move. Thank you for all your help with the science homework project - some very interesting moving limbs have come into school!



In English, we have been studying fables, non-fiction reports and haiku poems, reading and writing in each genre. Our maths has focused on place value, addition and subtraction, with a daily maths lesson to learn and practise methods. Many children have accessed the Athletics homework, to reinforce their learning in school. In geography we have studied maps, learning about the UK and how keys are used. Our weekly class trumpet lessons are going well and will continue next half term. as will African drumming. With computing, French, RE, P4C, DT and swimming, it's a busy timetable. We are looking forward to starting history after the half term break.

Ms Griffins and Ms Staron

### Year 4

What an exciting start to year 4! The children have been working so hard in all areas of the curriculum including the new Power Maths where we have been learning about place value.

In English, we have been reading the book *Way Home* by Libby Hathorn. The children have written their own sequel to the story. They also looked at issues raised in the story and picked it up in P4C (Homelessness). We have also been looking at John Updike's calendar poems.

We have been looking at habitats in science, and we visited Hampstead Heath education centre where we had a fun and informative workshop about classification keys. It was a fantastic trip and the children did Princess Frederica proud with their exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm.

In History we have been studying the Ancient Egyptians. We made replica reed boats using paper straws. In R.E we have studied the 7 'I am statements'. In art we have made sgraffito which is an exciting technique where areas of black paint can be scratched away using sticks to reveal colourful pastel colours underneath.



Children really enjoyed letting their creative side loose by scratching out a design of their choice.

It's been a busy but extremely fun half term, with Black History month activities and workshops, NSPCC assembly and BMS recorder workshop which year 4 children took an active part in playing their recorders.

We hope the children have a wonderful half term break and come back well rested and raring to go!  
Mr Sowa, Ms Foster and Ms Greenaway

## Year 5



Year 5 have made a fantastic start to the new academic year. They have all worked extremely hard and have been dedicated to learning about a wide range of topics. In science, the children have enjoyed learning about the planets in our solar system, the phases of the moon and why we have seasons. We consolidated what we learnt by visiting The Royal Observatory. The children were a credit to the school during the trip. They behaved impeccably, had lots of fun and showcased what they have learnt to the astronomers. In art, they have created mod roc sculptures in the style of Alberto Giacometti and showed off their creativity skills. In English we read the Iron man by Ted Hughes and it stimulated some fantastic writing from the children. We have now started to read *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell and the children are enjoying studying it in English. We even created the aeroplane from the opening chapter (see image) and hot seated how the characters were feeling during the journey. This half term 5 Lisbon worked extremely hard to practise

and present a fantastic Class Assembly, which showcased our learning. We are sure 5 Portugal will show the same dedication and commitment towards theirs in the first week back after the break. Well done Year 5 for a great half term and we hope that you have a well-deserved rest.

Mr McCann and Ms Gayer



## Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed a busy and varied start to the new academic year. They have loved reading *The Boy in the Girl's Bathroom* by Louis Sachar - a touching and humorous account of one troubled boy's journey through school - and have produced a wide variety of writing based on it, including biographies, narratives and letters. In maths, the children have learned adding and subtracting with numbers up to 10,000,000. They have been using different methods for long multiplication and division. Also, Year 6 have been revising fractions and learning how to represent fractions on number lines.

This year's cohort are clearly an incredibly creative bunch - their work in art on the impressionists and presentational posters in R.E. have been wonderfully crafted and well-conceived. Year 6 have also enjoyed learning about the Islamic Golden Age in history and applying their knowledge from maths to devising their own spreadsheets in computing.

We can see the children have enjoyed this half-term's homework project - the pride and effort that went into producing their work is clear to see in all.

The children have also really enjoyed being introduced to their Reception buddies and are already demonstrating mature, role-model behaviours in their interactions. It was fantastic to see so many parents joining in our celebration of this mentoring scheme during the buddy assembly last week.

We look forward to a jam-packed and exciting next half-term which will include both class assemblies and a trip amongst much much more. Enjoy the break and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Mr Larke and Ms Yerlisu



## Physical Education

In PE this half term KS2 children have been using a range of skills, techniques and strategies to help develop their ability to play invasion games, which includes games like football, netball, tag rugby, basketball etc. They are learning the correct passing skills, movement and spatial awareness when playing a game. Year 5 and 6 have also started to learn being active and staying healthy. They have also learnt where specific muscles are in the body, the names of the muscles and how to do different stretches for them. Year 3 have settled well into their Wednesday routine of swimming and the children are gaining confidence in the pool and making good progress with their various swimming strokes.

In KS1 the children have been working on improving their passing, dribbling and receiving skills in games. They have been working with partners, small teams or individually. The children have been working hard learning, practising and improving different skills and techniques to help with their catching abilities.

The Foundation Stage children are settling in well with their PE lessons and are enjoying learning using different equipment. We have been looking at movement with balance, hand/eye co-ordination, learning about being safe in the lesson and how to work with a partner, finding different ways of travelling/movement in a controlled and balanced way.

It has been a very good start to the school year for all the Key Stages. Children are making progress and improving on their knowledge and abilities; children just starting out are exploring the wonderful and exciting world of PE.

Thank you for your continued support with PE kits and encouragement to the children and helping them to get active.

Mr Chantler.

### Boys Football Team Match Report

#### PRINCESS FREDERICA v OUR LADY OF LOURDES THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 19



On Thursday afternoon the boys football team made the short journey to The Pavillion Football Ground in Stonebridge to play their first match of the new school year against Our Lady Of Lourdes RC Primary School.

In what turned out to be a fantastic advert for school football, the boys from Princess Freds played brilliantly together as a team and ran out winners 5-4 on the day. Yasen scored 4 goals and lead by example throughout the game. The captain Leonardo scored a stunning volley into the roof of the net.

There are lots of positives for the boys to take from this game and they should be very proud and pleased with their effort and hard work to get the 3 points. Some highlights were: Jackson running box to box in midfield; Sunny and Isaac working hard, tackling and defending throughout the whole game and Jack who pulled off some fantastic saves on his debut in goal.

It was a great win and one the whole school can be proud of. The boys know there's a lot of hard work and improvement to do to continue the winning run, especially with our next game coming up.....the local derby against Malorees Primary School after half term.

Well done boys, onwards and upwards.

Man of the Match – Sunny.



## Music

It has been an exciting term in music.

We had two Black History extravaganzas, featuring all our hard work such as: all choirs, year 2s on claves, year 3 African Drums and the orchestra among many other items.

Several children in year 4 took part in a Recorder Festival which featured the amazing Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment (OAE). Several other schools came to Princess Frederica primary school for the exciting event. The schools performed for each other what they had been learning in recorder lessons. Members of the OAE performed, as well as teaching the children songs that they were able to perform together with the orchestra. It was an incredible experience for all involved.

Children in year 1 and 2 participated in the school's first ever 'Try an Instrument' afternoon. In groups of 15, children came up to the music room and immensely enjoyed trying different instruments, including guitar, ukulele, cello, piano, violin and percussion instruments.



Year 6 music play leaders have done a brilliant job of leading Reception and Nursery children in action songs. We look forward to allocating them specific times to lead the younger children in their singing. Preparations are now underway for the FS/ KS1 Christmas Nativity. All year 2 children have been allocated a sung solo, while all classes in year 1, Reception and Nursery will perform a song as a class.

We're delighted to welcome many children into the extra-curricular music programme. The Brent Music Service have introduced their new slick practice books for all children learning an extra-curricular instrument. Our message for all those learning an instrument is to keep up the practice!

Written by Beulah and Inigo (and Mr Tang)



## School Prayer

Father God,

We thank you for loving and making each one of us,  
Help us to respect and care for each other and our environment.

Help us to work hard and play fairly

That our school may be a place of joy, peace and hope and a light in this community

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ

Amen