

# Princess Fred's Matters

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy." Matthew 2:10



Wednesday 20th December '17

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Princess Frederica 3rd in the Brent league tables

We were delighted to see that in the newly released DFE school comparison tables that Princess Frederica ranked 3rd out of 81 primary schools in Brent. It was also great to see this appear in the Evening Standard! This was based on the percentage of children who achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths at the end of Year 6 in 2017. This great news comes after Nick Gibb wrote to the school congratulating us on our excellent phonics screening results which put us in the top 8% of primary schools in England. Congratulations to all the staff and children at Princess Frederica. A really successful academic year last year and we are very proud of what we have achieved.

## A Christmas message from Princess Frederica

All staff at Princess Frederica would like to wish parents and carers a merry Christmas and happy holidays. We hope you have a restful and wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you again in January.

## Love thy Neighbour

As at the end of every half-term, Ms Simpson and Mr Richards held an afternoon tea with all the children who were nominated by their class teacher as a winner of the love thy neighbour award for their class. It was lovely to hear such a variety of reasons for why different children were awarded a love thy neighbour certificate and hearing about the value it was linked to. Well done to all the children who were nominated and attended.

Reception France	Orla Carr
Reception Paris	Ruby Cooper
1 Ottawa	Jerome Jones
1 Canada	Angus Blaikie
2 USA	Ariya Jolly
2 Washington	Arthur Cain-Phillips
3 Australia	Tallulah Swaby
3 Canberra	Shreya Sahni
4 New Zealand	Naomi Casimir
4 Wellington	Maelys Smith
5 Portugal	Kim Aglupos
5 Lisbon	Maud Ampofo
6 Russia	Eleanor Samson
6 Moscow	Eleanor Hobson-Leis

## Reading Challenge and Writing Competition over the Christmas holidays (optional!)

### Writing Competition:

The school council have spoken to all children about a writing competition that involves writing a Christmas story. It can be handwritten or word processed and can be as short or as long as your child likes and can follow any idea or theme as long as it is Christmas based.

### Reading Challenge - A Reading River:

All children are challenged to create a reading river over the Christmas holidays. This is a visual representation of all they read on a daily basis. Your child might draw pictures of what they've read, stick objects down such as wrappers or TV guides or they might just write about it. It really is amazing how much we do read, let's try and capture it!



Christmas Lunch at Princess Frederica

Children from nursery to Year 6 enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Tuesday. The children, teachers and some visiting governors enjoyed a traditional lunch along with crackers, music and Christmas hats.



**School Prayer**

Dear Lord,  
 Who gave us the gift of your son at Christmas, thank you for this chance to spend time with our families and please help those who might feel lonely at Christmas.  
 Amen



# Star of the Week

Class	W/B: 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Reception France	Leonardo De Oliveira for his cheerfulness and enthusiasm.
Reception Paris	Wilbur Woods for trying hard to get dressed all on his own for PE and Gabriel Morais for working hard to listen carefully to instructions in class.
Year 1 Ottawa	Kezia Appleby for settling in to class very well.
Year 1 Canada	Yasmina Diab for settling in to class very well.
Year 2 Washington	Oscar Abdy Collins for creating a fantastic design in sewing.
Year 2 USA	The whole class for working hard together to put on a fantastic Nativity performance.
Year 3 Australia	Sam Cook for always being polite, lovely and kind and writing a very sweet Christmas card to a resident at a nursing home.
Year 3 Canberra	Jake Crockatt for showing perseverance in maths lessons and making good progress in using the column method.
Year 4 New Zealand	Georgia Hobson-Leis for working incredibly hard in maths by solving division problems.
Year 4 Wellington	Noah Jordan for submitting an amazing handbook to go with a very creative Egyptian death mask.
Year 5 Lisbon	Willow Charles for showing the school value of endurance throughout the term in maths and for making good progress.
Year 5 Portugal	Holly Palmer for being a very supportive friend in class and for working very hard in English as well as using all features that are needed in her writing.
Year 6 Russia	Oliver Da Russell for showing great improvement in his behaviour, showing excellent listening skills and displaying good manners.
Year 6 Moscow	Abe Wolchover for getting full marks in maths and achieving a greater depth judgement in mocks.
Music	All of year 2 for excellent performances in the Nativity.