

Princess Fred's Matters



*Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree.
Genesis 18:4*

Dear Parents/Carers,

So we have come to the end of a very busy and very exciting academic year and while there is lots to celebrate, it's also a time to say some good-byes and good lucks. Let's start with the celebrations. The Reading Bus, which was opened by Ross Welford, was only possible due to the generosity and commitment of our parent community and will sit in our playground as a wonderful resource for children to read in. This opening came shortly after the success of the PSA organised Fredstival that will help us achieve some of the exciting projects we are planning including the dining hall makeover! We enjoyed art week with the classes showing off what they did through the week on Friday afternoon. Also, last week, Year 6 were joined by reception for their graduation service with the children exchanging cards as a lasting reminder of their buddies. Other exciting things include the harvesting of different products from the embankment including potatoes that were served on the salad bar in the dining hall: something we will see more of next year. Staff wise, we are looking forward to welcoming Mr Kai to the team who will be teaching in Year 2 and Ms Gayer, who will be teaching in Year 5. Both teachers know the school well and are excited about their new roles at the school. We will be saying good-bye to some members of staff. Mr Cheeseman has been with us a year and will be moving on to new opportunities, as will Mrs Newcombe who will be teaching at a school in Islington. Ms Barron and Mr Kibble will also be moving on. Both learning support assistants have been with the school for three years. Ms Barron has been an important member of the Year 6 team and supported different clubs within the school and worked at Kenzalia. Mr Kibble has worked within Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage and supported the school football team and athletics club. We wish them all well with their futures. Finally, we would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the school. We wish everyone an enjoyable, safe and restful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday 4th Sept. Mr Richards, Ms Christopher and Ms Banks.



Nursery

We have had an exciting final half term in Nursery. Our topic has been Water, Water, Everywhere and all the children have been so enthusiastic about it. We have looked at different fish, ice and melting water, sharks, rhyming books about fish, Rainbow Fish and stories about fish who tell tall tales! The children have done so much work and have tried their best, we could not ask for more. We have also been learning new sounds as part of our Phase 2 phonics. This term we have focussed on the formation, pure sound and the use of the new letters, all of which will help support the children going on to Reception, where they will do further work in Phonics to aid their writing.

For Art Week, in Nursery we did a week long project where we built a bug hotel for our playground. Part of this included looking at what a bug hotel is, what it is built for and why do we need a bug hotel? All the children took this project to heart and were so enthusiastic about building it properly. Every day they are checking to see if bugs have moved in and updating the adults on what they have seen.

This term has also brought us Sports Day. All term the children were practising for the different events and I think you will agree, they did so fantastically and were very supportive of each other's efforts. I think we have some future sports superstars in our midst!

Mr Olubanjo, Miss Qassem and I would like to wish all the children moving on to Reception the best. We will miss you next year and look forward to seeing you around the school and hearing all the new and exciting things you have learned. We hope you all have a restful and happy summer holidays!

Ms. Bellini, Miss Qassem and Mr Olubanjo.



Reception

This term in Reception has been action-packed and full of fun! We have been learning all about the ocean and have been reading books such as 'The Rainbow Fish', 'Tiddler' and 'Shark in the Park' in our English lessons. We have also been thinking about how we can care for the ocean and our wider environment. We learnt that lots of our rubbish ends up in the sea or in landfills so we have made an effort to do lots more recycling! We even had the chance to put this into practice during Art Week when we turned lots of recycling into beautiful works of art!



In Maths, we have been learning lots about shapes. We know that 2D shapes are flat and 3D shapes are solid. We even went on embankment walks and searched for shapes in the environment. We have been continuing to practise writing our numbers correctly and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have had some very exciting assemblies this term, with Reception France and Reception Paris both performing in front of the whole school! We loved learning our lines and practising our songs together and it was brilliant to share all the things we have learnt this year with our friends and families.

We finished off the term with a brilliant trip to Queen's Park with our buddies, where we played in the playground, visited the petting zoo and cooled off with some delicious ice lollies. It was a wonderful way to say goodbye to our buddies before they leave for secondary school.

From all the staff in Reception, we wish you a relaxing and fun-filled summer. Thank you for all your support this year.

Miss Mulry and Miss O'Sullivan

Year 1

As the year draws to a close, this half term has been a good chance for the children to reflect on just how far they have come this year and the progress that they have made. In English, the children have been introduced to letter writing and have not only written letters to the tooth



fairy but also to a child in reception, reassuring them about how much they will enjoy year 1. In maths the children have recapped all of the topics that we have looked at this year as well as being introduced to the topic of space and movement and learning about the different turns. In science, we have been studying plants which resulted in a very exciting trip to Kew Gardens which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Thanks to all of the children's hard work, the phonics test was a success and we are very proud of all they have achieved in phonics and reading this year. The year 1s have also been a part of some very exciting events this half term! The violin concert was a real success and the children thoroughly enjoyed sports day! We also had a fantastic Art Week in which the

children produced some amazing art work linked to our rainforest topic. Have a lovely summer holiday and thank you for all your support this year.

Miss Moore and Miss Staron



Year 2

It's been a fun-filled half term for the year 2 children. They have enjoyed exciting educational trips to the Wetlands centre to deepen their understanding of habitats in science and also to the Neasden Hindu Temple to deepen their understanding of Hinduism in RE. The children also enjoyed the Year 2 sleepover where they had fun playing games, toasting marshmallows and spending the night with their friends in school. They all demonstrated incredible levels of independence and maturity during the sleepover. The children also enjoyed developing their creative skills during Art Week. They created a variety of sea life creatures from recycled materials and also wrote a class book to create awareness about the dangers of plastic disposal in our seas and oceans.

In English, the children enjoyed writing and performing their own fruit salad poems. They included a range of poetic features such as alliteration, repetition and rhyming words to add effect to their poems.

In maths, the children enjoyed solving word problems and puzzles. They enjoyed an outdoor code breaking activity where they applied their knowledge of known number facts to complete exciting maths challenges. Their reward was a hot chocolate and marshmallow token which they redeemed at the Year 2 sleepover.

In Science, the children have enjoyed learning about how plants grow. They all planted a sunflower seed and cared for it by ensuring that it had enough water, air and light. They also created a sunflower diary and recorded progress made by their sunflower each week.

The children also enjoyed making fruit salads in DT. They prepared mouth-watering British fruit salads and Caribbean fruit salads using a selection of local and exotic fruits that they had chosen. They also put a tremendous effort into garnishing their fruit salad to make it look appetising.

It's been a great year for all the children in year 2 and we wish them all best in year 3.

Mr Duker and Ms Coode



Year 3

Year 3 have had a great final half term. We started with our wonderful trip to Celtic Harmony for our 3 day residential. The children loved sleeping in round houses and all participated enthusiastically in Stone Age and Iron Age activities such as fire building, then cooking sausages on sticks, weaving, archery and den building. English has continued well, with a focus on newspaper articles about the trip and stories for comics. In maths, we have been tackling problem solving, to apply the skills we have been learning. Children found the rocks topic in science interesting and many different rocks have been brought into school for identification! Our geography topic of South America has enabled us to learn about and compare different parts of the world.

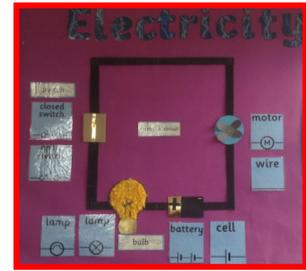
We had a fun trip to Hampstead Heath to look for sculptures and take soil samples. Some very interesting homework projects have been coming in, telling stories about the 'recycled creatures' they have made. Well done Year 3 for all your hard work.

Ms Griffin and Ms Greenaway

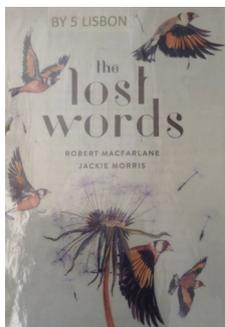


Year 4

Wow! Finally, we have come to the end of a successful year. A lot has happened and the children in Year 4 have enjoyed every moment. The Firework Makers Daughter by Philip Pullman was our first book in English. The children were able to talk about and discuss many issues from the book. They were also able to describe some of the characters in the book. They enjoyed designing and explaining a firework. In maths, the children have learnt about perimeter, area, equivalent fractions, time, statistics and converting decimals to 2 or 3 decimal places. In science, the children enjoyed a range of electrical activities exploring and how we use it at home and other places. They also had the opportunity to design a poster about the dangers of electricity. In Art week, the children used their prior knowledge about the collage of Henri Matisse by creating a summer garden collage. They also enjoyed making pop art using a picture frame. In other subjects, we covered the Liturgy in Religious education and linked that to our collective worship. In computing, our unit of work was to write for different audiences. The children used publisher or word and wrote reports about an earthquake which was linked to our Geography topic. Our residential trip to the Gordon Brown Centre was fabulous! Children worked in small groups to



complete short tasks designed to test their ingenuity, adaptability and cooperation skills and team building. It has been a truly wonderful time in year 4 this year and we have enjoyed seeing all the children make good progress. May we take this opportunity to wish them all the best in year 5. Lastly, we would like to thank all parents for working with us this year. Have a smashing summer holiday!!!
Mr L Sowa, Mrs D Jariwala, Mrs H Brookes and Ms O Gayer



Year 5

Wow! what a busy final half term for Year 5 with lots of different learning opportunities. Both classes have impressed us with their continuous dedication and hard work to their educational studies. In English, the children produced fantastic persuasive leaflets arguing for the closures of Workhouses in Victorian London. They also produced stunning poetry based upon the text The Lost Words with copies of their poems being put in the library for the whole school to read.

The children must be applauded for developing their independence, strengthening their friendships and being so polite on the residential trip to Ironbridge. They are a credit to the school and represented it well. The trip allowed the children to consolidate what they have learnt in our science topic of forces and our history topic on the Victorians. They also had the opportunity to visit the Ragged School Museum where they experienced a Victorian style lesson, which allowed them to have a better understanding of the time period.

We must say a huge thank you to every one of the children for their overall commitment, growth mindset and positive attitudes towards Year 5. We also would like to thank the parents and carers for their continuous support throughout the year and, along with Ms Thorpe (our LSA), we wish the children the very best of luck for Year 6.

Mr McCann and Mr Cheeseman





Year 6

On 1st July 2019 Year 6 went on their residential to Rock Summit Centre in Wales. The children were given the opportunity to participate in a number of activities, including outdoor rock climbing, archery, raft building, high ropes, caving and bush crafting. The children really



enjoyed these activities and caving and raft building were amongst the favourite activities.

In art this half term, the children learnt about and imitated the work of Patrick Heron and Patrick Caulfield. The final works of art were fantastic and will be hanging on the school walls for years to come.

Motus Learning delivered mental health workshops to teach about emotional intelligence and development to prepare the children for their transition to secondary school.

The year 6 production 'Rags to Rock Stars' was written and produced by the students with a fusion of themes from 'Annie' and 'School of Rock'. The show was about children developing their talent and it gave them the opportunity to showcase these talents including, gymnastics, beatboxing and Irish dancing

At the graduation assembly, the year 6 children were joined by their Reception buddies and leaving cards were exchanged. It was wonderful to see how caring the children were towards their buddies and a lovely way to celebrate the relationships that have been formed this year. The second half of the assembly celebrated the achievements of the year 6 children and they were presented with a certificate and the leavers book. A huge congratulations to the winners of the Malcom Winterburn memorial prize: Farah Rattray and Varun Patel.

Year 6 put on a wonderful and moving leavers assembly which showcased their many talents. They worked incredibly hard, putting together a collection of memories from their time at Princess Frederica. The year six teaching team would like to thank the parents for their support this year and we wish all the children well as they move on to secondary school.

Mr Larke, Ms Yerlisu and Miss Barron



Physical Education

For the first half of this half term, the children worked hard, practising and improving their athletics skills. They focused on their running, jumping and throwing skills ready for sports day at the end of June.

All the children actively took part in their sports days, with the Foundation Stage enjoying their activities on the Thursday morning in the school playground and Key Stage 1 and 2 participating the next day at Willesden Sports Centre.

The children in FS/KS1 have also been focusing on their bat and ball skills, learning how to correctly hold a small tennis bat and develop basic ball work using the bat.

In KS2 the children have been focusing on their striking and fielding skills, techniques and using them in game situations when playing rounders and tennis. They have learnt when and what type of shot to play in tennis and how to hold a rounders bat and strike a ball with it.

The girls football teams took part in a Brent World Cup to tie in with the International World Cup. Our year 3/4 girls team came first and won the trophy and the year 5/6 girls came third.

A big thank you to all the children for another year of hard work, learning and fun in PE. Have a fantastic summer and see you all in September.

Mr. Chantler



Music

It has been another exciting year of music at Princess Frederica and one of the biggest highlights of the year, and of the summer term, was the end of year production. It was called Rags to Rockstars and was written, directed, produced and performed by the children in year 6. The children wrote their own original rags to riches story about some orphans who discover their talents. The children wrote all of the songs, all of the script and acted in all of the scenes. Children also worked behind the scenes on sound, lights and directing. The production also showcased the many talents of the year 6 children, which included Irish Dancing, gymnastics and a dancing violinist.

The Summer Violin Concert, hosted by Ms Kristina, was amazing, For the first time, it featured all the violinists from across the school performing together. Well done to the children.

The Fredstival Summer Fair also showcased the school orchestra who performed an enthusiastic rendition of We will Rock You. Year 3 children also impressed with their authentic African Dancing.

Finally, we were also delighted to have dozens of people taking their music exams this term. No matter what grade they achieve, we are extremely proud.

Mr Tang (with the help of Evan 6R and Alice 4W).



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