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NEWSLETTER

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New Books!

We're thrilled to have the first batch of new books arrive, ready for the new 'Year of Reading'. An enormous thank you to all families who've kindly donated and helped to invigorate and refresh the library shelves with new and exciting titles.

Mrs Edwards, Librarian

Thank you to all those parents who have donated £10 per family to our library fund. If you haven't paid for this term, please do so if you are able to, via Arbor.

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Traffic and Parking Around School

A message from school governors

The school continues to receive concerns from both parents and local residents about traffic congestion and unsafe or inconsiderate parking around Frith Manor, particularly at drop-off and pick-up times.

We fully understand how worrying these situations can be and share the community's desire to keep all children, families and neighbours safe.

Over the past year, the school has raised these issues repeatedly with Barnet Council's Highways and Traffic Enforcement teams and the local police. We have also worked hard to address the matter directly with our school community through newsletters, reminders to parents and carers, and conversations with drivers at busy times of the day.

While we continue to do everything within our remit, it is important to clarify that the school does not have the legal authority to manage or enforce traffic or parking on public roads. Responsibility for enforcement sits with the local authority and the police. We will, however, continue to cooperate fully with them and to raise concerns on behalf of the school community.

We ask all parents and carers to support us by:

- Parking legally and considerately
- Avoiding blocking driveways, crossings and junctions
- Respecting local residents and keeping children safe
- Considering active travel where possible, such as walking or scooting part of the journey

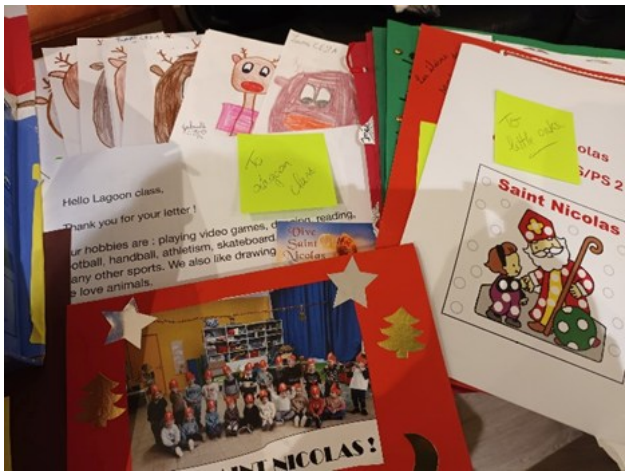
Improving road safety around the school requires a collective effort, and we are grateful for the continued support of our families as we work with the relevant authorities to seek longer-term solutions.

Thank you for helping us keep our community safe.

Frith Manor Governing Board

Bonjour!

The children were very excited to receive our latest parcel from France. The package contained cards and letters for every class across the school. Many of these cards contained recipes for French specialties and some children are looking forward to trying these out at home. Year 6 were delighted to receive their first letters from their individual penpals and can't wait to write back! *Mrs Shaw*



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Art in Year 2

In Year 2, pupils have been developing their understanding of colour through practical exploration and experimentation with paint. They have been learning how to mix primary colours to create a wider range of secondary colours, while also investigating how different tools and materials can be used to create a variety of textures and effects. Through hands-on activities, pupils have explored applying paint using brushes and a range of alternative materials, encouraging creativity, curiosity, and confidence in their artistic choices. These skills will be built upon and applied in their upcoming artwork this half term, allowing pupils to further develop their techniques. *Miss White*

Year 6 World War II Project – Anderson Shelters

Year 6 have been fully immersed in their World War II topic this term. After learning about life on the Home Front in their History lessons and visiting the RAF Museum to deepen their understanding, pupils explored how families stayed safe during air raids.

In Design and Technology, the children designed and built their own Anderson shelters. They carefully planned their ideas before constructing detailed models, showing excellent creativity and historical understanding. The finished shelters included many authentic features such as gardens built over the shelters, sandbags for protection, bunk beds, candles for light, tins of food and other thoughtful details that reflected what life would have been like during the war. *Mrs Engelhardt*

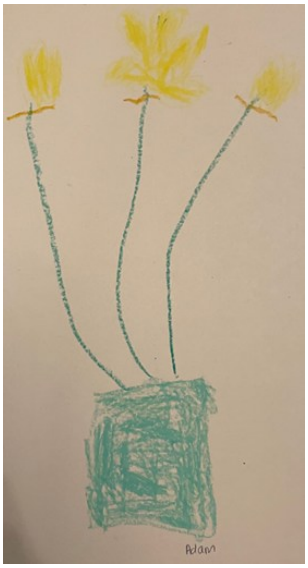
Observational drawing in Reception

We have been working hard to improve our mark making in Reception. This week we have been using our observation skills to create beautiful daffodil pictures with oil pastels.

We looked closely at the flowers, some of us liked their smell… some of us didn't!

I am so impressed with the progress in the children's drawing skills and concentration.

Emma



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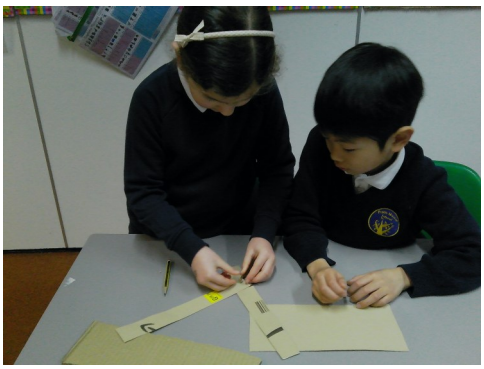
Learning in Year 3

In DT Olive class have been learning about levers and linkages, fixed and loose pivots and having a go at making our own. We have made a couple of different types.

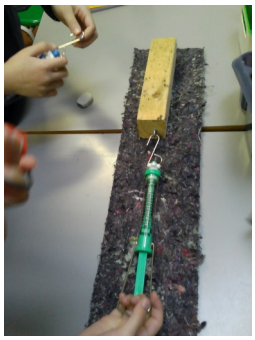


"In DT we made technical levers and the main bits were linkages and levers. " Dhilan

"In DT we have been learning about linkages and levers, it was very fun." Ivy

In Science this week Year 3 have been looking at Forces- in particular friction. We have been conducting experiments to see how much force is needed to pull an object along different surfaces. To make it a fair test we have only changed one variable. We had a variety of different surfaces to test, carpet, rubber, melamine and sandpaper. I wonder if you can guess which surface had the most friction.

"We were testing how much friction we could pull on force meters and experimenting how many Newtons it would take to pull on different surfaces." Kasra



Dates for the Diary

January 21st—SEND coffee morning for EYFS parents

February 10th and 12th Parent consultation evenings years 1 -6

Half Term 16th—20th February

Headteacher Coffee Mornings - All Welcome

9.00-10.00am

January: Thursday 8th, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 21st (SENCO coffee morning for EYFS parents)

February: Monday 2nd, Friday 13th

EYFS SEND

Coffee Morning

We are delighted to invite parents to our friendly, informal coffee morning.

On **Wednesday 21st January at 9am**

in the Staff Dining Room.

This is a great opportunity to connect with other parents and share experiences in a relaxed setting.

You will meet Ms **Wayland** and **Emma** (SENDCo team) and have the opportunity to ask any questions.

If you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to send a message via tapestry with the title 'For Emma'.