Frith Manor School

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NEWSLETTER

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Safeguarding Update: Smart Devices and Photography at School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to share some important safeguarding reminders. As part of our commitment to pupil safety and wellbeing, Frith Manor has joined Barnet's Smartphone-Free Childhood Charter, and children are not permitted to bring smartphones to school. However, we've noticed a small number of children bringing in smartwatches.

Smartwatches

Smartwatches are not allowed in school as they can:

Access the internet

Communicate externally

Take or share images

These features pose safeguarding risks, and we appreciate your support in upholding this policy.

Smart Glasses and Photography at Events

While, to my knowledge, this has not occurred at Frith Manor, some local schools have raised concerns about parents wearing smart glasses (with built-in cameras) at school events. These devices make it difficult to monitor recording and pose a safeguarding risk.

Please follow our photography guidelines:

Only take photos/videos of your own child when staff have given permission

Do not share images of other children on social media

Smart glasses and professional photography equipment are not allowed

Staff will confirm if photography is permitted at each event

These rules help us protect all children and respect families' privacy choices.

Ms Wayland

Dates for the Diary

Headteacher Coffee Mornings - All Welcome

9.00-10.00am

October: Weds 22nd (with Jane Hill)

November: Fri 7th, Weds 12th, Mon 17th, Thurs 27th

December: Weds 3rd, Tues 9th, Thurs 18th

Oct 21st and 22nd Parents Consultation Evenings

Oct 24th Staff professional development day. No children in school

Nov 5th Speech and language therapy workshop for parents—Chatty Children; Switch Off Day (Eco Schools)

w/b Nov 10th Friendship Week

The Great Languages Challenge.....

Do you like learning new languages?

Do you like finding out about other countries?

Watch out for The Great Languages Challenge coming soon…

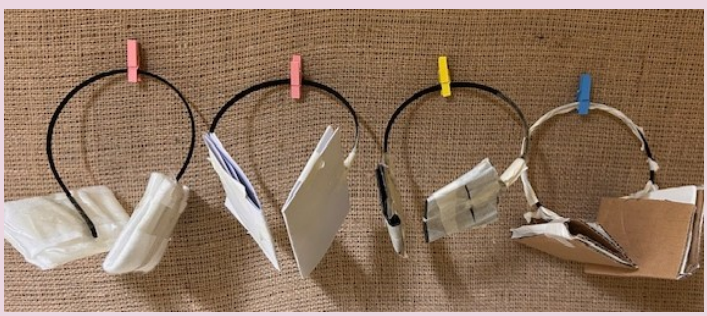
Keep an eye on the display board outside the hall for more details.

Mrs Shaw, Ms Engelhardt and Elizabeth

Year 4 Science

As we come to the end of our unit on 'sound', Year 4 made ear defenders to investigate sound proofing materials. We used all of our knowledge of volume, pitch and how sounds are created to predict which materials would be the most sound proof. We then started to make our own ear defenders. This required a lot of team work and resilience! After, we enjoyed testing out each material. We discovered that felt and cardboard were the best for sound proofing. We concluded that this was because they were thicker so they would lower the pitch of sounds.

Miss Pareathamby



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School Lunches

As you are aware we began trialling a new food company using a new online system called 'feedinghungryminds'. This has proven to be successful and the children seem to be enjoying choosing their meals each morning.

However, we are aware that it is more difficult for our younger children in Reception and KS1 to understand what food is on offer.

Parents are able to log in using the link below to create an account for their child/ren. This enables you to see the menu choices and allows you to pre book your child's meal. You can sit with them and discuss the options together, which is helpful when they come to eat their meal.

https://parents.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/

Feeding Hungry Minds

Xmas4Schools

Remember to send in your child's Xmas4Schools artwork. See guidance below for the best results. The deadline is **November 3rd.** You'll need to complete the form on the back of the artwork so you can place your orders.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE BELOW FOR THE BEST RESULTS

DO ✓

• You can **colour right up to the edges**, but any **important drawings or wording** needs to be kept at least **1cm away from the sides of the paper.**

DON'T ✗

• Please also **DO NOT** draw a border unless you want it to appear on the final product.

D&T in Year 2

This week in Design and Technology, we have been enjoying making fruit salad. The children explored a variety of fruits, including some they were less familiar with such as persimmon, papaya, pomegranate, grapefruit, and passionfruit. They examined the inside and outside of each fruit and discussed their observations using adjectives. In groups, the children shared their favourite fruits and decided which ones they would bring in. They then designed their own fruit salads and used imperative verbs to write the step-by-step instructions for making them. The following day, everyone worked together to peel, cut and chop up the fruit before tasting their delicious creations — which they thoroughly enjoyed!

Miss White

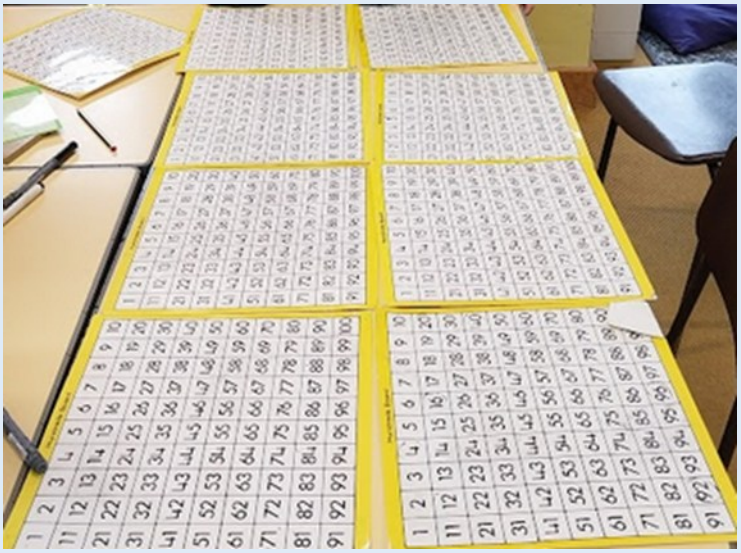
Maths in Year 4

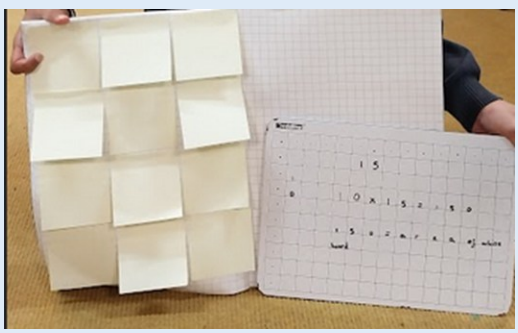
This week in Lagoon we started our unit on area in Maths.

We started by thinking about what area meant and decided that it was the space inside a shape.

We looked at how squares are used to measure area. We also discussed how circles wouldn't be a good tool to measure area because they wouldn't cover all the space inside a shape.

We had lots of fun practically investigating the area of our maths page, our desk or whiteboards. We used deines, post it notes or even hundred squares to help us measure. *Mrs Munnukka*





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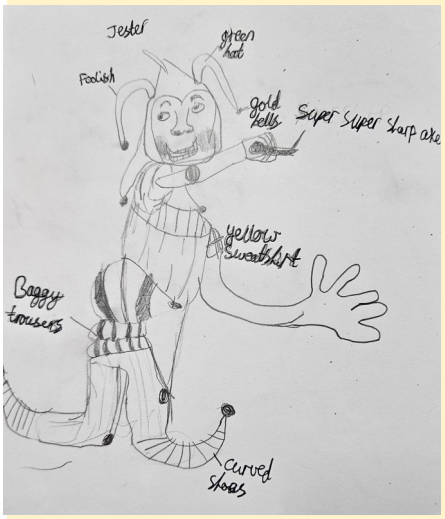
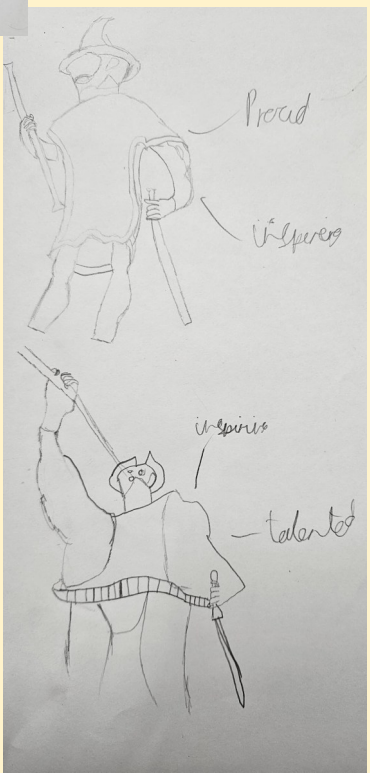
English in Year 5

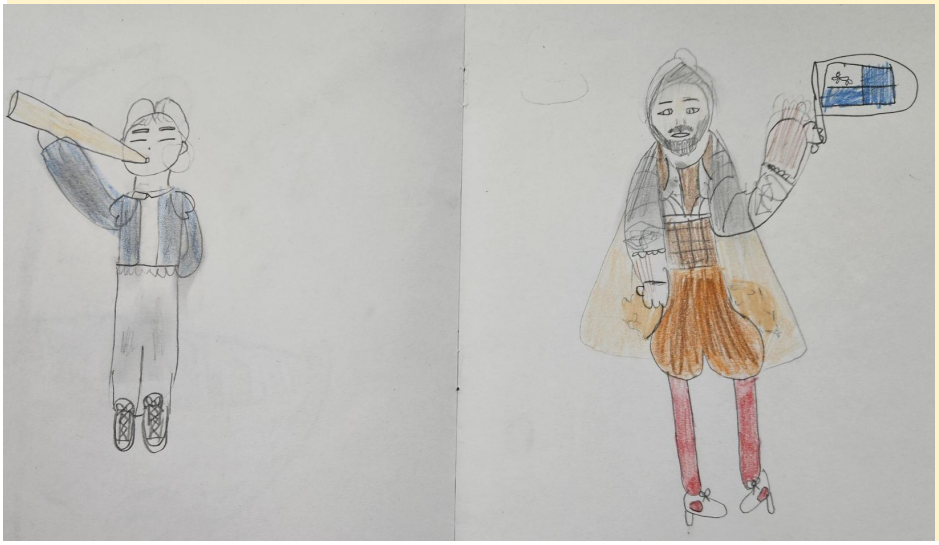
Inspired by the book "Clockwork" by Philip Pullman, which Year 5 are currently reading in their English lessons, Year 5 spent time researching the real-life inspiration for the book, the "Rathaus Glockenspiel" in Munich, Germany.

Students spent time looking at the intricate figurines placed in the clocktower and learning the history behind the characters and the story it tells, before drawing them and annotating them. They will eventually create their own figurines which will tell a story about their class.

Mr Athanasi







CUT YOUR CARBON

Throughout November, we're challenging everyone to complete 6 small carbon-cutting activities at home with friends and family.
These actions will reduce your everyday carbon emissions and benefit our planet.
To find out how you can get involved, speak to a member of the school Eco-Committee.

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ootiBOO! 2025

The monster craft competition for schools and families

Get ready for some frightfully fun creativity!

ootiBOO! is our annual monstrous craft competition, open to children and grown-ups of any age. Whether you're at school or at home, it's your chance to let imaginations run wild and bring your very own monster to life.

Prizes

There are over £400 worth of prizes to be won, including:

- Farshore and HarperCollins Book bundles
- Dubs kid's sneakers
- GoGift Global Gift Cards
- The Natural Crayon Company dinosaur set
- Ninyonga London bespoke jewellery

How to Enter

1. Create a monster-themed craft. Use any medium you like: paper, fabric, clay, recycled materials, paint, collage... the scarier (or sillier!) the better.
2. Snap a photo or video of your creation.
3. Upload your entry via the competition page on our website play.ootiboo.com/projects/ootiboo

Free to enter

Open to everyone, everywhere; no matter your age or ability.

Perfect for classrooms, after-school clubs and family fun at home.

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