Frith Manor School

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Smartphone Free Childhood

Along with this newsletter you will have received a letter from the Barnet Education and Learning Service about encouraging a Smartphone-Free Childhood. At Frith Manor we believe in fostering a childhood filled with real-world connections and creativity. With growing concerns about the impact of smartphones on children's well-being, we encourage a smartphone-free approach for our pupils. We have joined with a number of Barnet schools—primary and secondary— to encourage parents to delay giving a smartphone to their child until they are at least 14 years old and to delay allowing their children access to social media until age 16.

Frith Manor is already a smartphone-free school. Children in Years 5 and 6 who travel to and from school independently may bring a basic "brick" phone for essential communication. These devices ensure safety while minimising distractions, social pressures, and screen-related challenges.

Please ensure you read the letter. Thank you for supporting our efforts to create a balanced, engaging, and distraction-free environment for your child.

Wishing you all a safe and happy half term break.

Ms Wayland

Uniform Reminder

Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform to school. Check out the school website https://www.frithmanorschool.com/Parents/Uniform/ for details of what your child should be wearing to school

French

Bonjour!

Year 6 have prepared their next letter to their French penpal. They had fun making flip-books about their likes and dislikes. They are looking forward to receiving their replies! *Mrs Shaw*

Resilience Week

The children enjoyed being challenged in their sessions with The Happy Puzzle Company. Thank you to all the parents who came along on the day and helped out.

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Computing in Year 2

The Year 2 children have been having fun exploring algorithms and understanding the importance of giving clear instructions. They've been predicting where their Beebots will go before following a specific algorithm, and have also been creating their own algorithms to test their ideas with the Beebots. *Miss White*

Illegal Parking

We have had numerous emails from local residents complaining about parents and carers parking on double yellow lines and zig zags, doing u-turns on Lullington Garth and parking across driveways. We have contacted Barnet's parking enforcement team, who will be issuing tickets.

Fundraising

We're delighted to share that the PTA Winter Fair raised just over **£1800**.

Our Great Athlete's Visit raised **£1180**, which will be spent on new sports equipment.

Message from the School Office

Dear Parents and Carers, please be aware that after half term we will be using the Arbor Parent Portal app messaging service, rather than text messages. Please ensure you have signed up to the app to receive these messages.

Headteacher Coffee Mornings—All Welcome

February: Mon 24th

March: Tues 11th, Weds 19th

April: Thurs 3rd

We have a few spaces in our nurseries. Contact nursery@frithmanor.barnet.sch.uk to apply.

Acorn Babies—9 months to 2 years

Little Acorns—2 to 3 years

Little Oaks—3 to 4 years

Music at Frith Manor

What a great week it was this week with Music At Frith Manor just before half term.

Lagoon Class completed their 15 week taster violin course and gave a short concert/demonstration of the violin. Together the whole class showed their parents and a captivated Reception how to hold the violin and bow, and performed the Flower Songs, Monkey Song, DDAA at different tempos and Big Note Boogie. They made playing the violin look easy (it isn't!) and they sounded great, performing with loads of energy and keeping together – developing listening and coordination skills at the same time. Some of the children already learned the violin before the taster, so Noe performed a solo with Stepping Stones, and Amaya and Harriett decided to play Handel's Menuet as a duet. Catherina blew everyone away with her beautiful rendition of Sicilienne by Paradis and then performed it again this week on Wednesday for Key stage 1 and 2 in "Solo Spot" in Assemblies. The Reception classes were very excited to learn about the violin and to listen to it being played. Cyan class will start their 15 week taster in violin on Monday afternoons after half term.

All the violin students at Frith Manor also performed a solo and in groups in Ruth's Violin Concert on Sunday 2nd February. Everyone was very nervous, especially many of them who hadn't ever performed a solo in front of an audience before, but everyone performed very well. Learning to perform is a great and important skill to learn and takes practice. This was also the first time the Year 2 Violin Group performed, and they were fantastic. We're all looking forward to hearing them perform in assemblies very soon. Well done to all the performers and keep practising! *Mrs Cohen*

Cheese & Wine evening

Monday 3rd March

bring your ideas for the circus
coming to Frith this Summer
and how our PTA can expand
to become a
Parents Staff & Friends of Frith
Association

SCHOOL HALL
8PM
MONDAY
3RD MARCH

Family

BE WELL DANCE FESTIVAL

ARTSDEPOT

Saturday
22 February 2025
10am - 5.30pm

A celebration of dance and family, where generations come together, have fun and create memories!

- Dance workshops:
  - Hip-hop
  - Bollywood Dance
  - Creative Dance
  - Circle Dance

- Showcases:
  - Dare2Dance Company & artsdepot
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Habla Spanish UK provides quality Spanish lessons for children.
Lessons include interactive activities, games, role-playing and group projects that make learning Spanish a fun and interactive experience.

SPANISH AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

When?

25/02/2025 TUESDAYS 3.30 - 4.30 PM

Where?

FRITH MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL
LULLINGTON GARTH
WOODSIDE PARK
LONDON N12 7BN

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