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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Update on Recruitment of Deputy Headteacher

I wanted to provide you with an update regarding the recruitment of our new Deputy Headteacher, who will succeed Mrs Ellis when she leaves in July.

Just before the half-term break, we conducted interviews with a number of candidates. However, on this occasion, we did not make an appointment. We have therefore decided to re-advertise the position next term, with the aim of appointing a strong and capable Deputy Headteacher to start in January 2026.

In the interim, I am pleased to share that our phase leaders—Jane Hill, Mersedeh Faryabi, Sara Pareathamby, and Alex Athanasi—will each take on specific aspects of the Deputy Head's responsibilities. We are confident that this arrangement will support the smooth running of the school and provide valuable continuity during the transition period.

This approach also allows us the necessary time to find the right candidate for our school community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Wayland

Recycling

As part of our Eco School efforts, we are launching a printer cartridge recycling scheme at Frith Manor. Families can drop off used cartridges in the school office collection box. Not only does this help reduce electronic waste, but the school also receives a small donation for each cartridge recycled, supporting future eco-friendly projects. Please see the letter that has gone home for full details. *Miss Shipway*

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Supporting All Our Children – A Note from the SENCo

At Frith Manor, we are passionate about making a difference for every child. Our SENCo team is here to support pupils with additional needs, working closely with teachers, support staff, outside professionals and, of course, you as parents and carers.

We operate an open door policy, so if you have any concerns about your child's learning or development, please feel free to pop in – but do speak to your child's class teacher first, as they will usually be the best first point of contact.

Due to the increasing number of children with complex needs, the SENCo team must carefully triage cases to prioritise support. While we aim to respond to all concerns promptly, we must balance our time fairly and focus support where it is most urgently needed.

We know that some parents are keen to explore the possibility of an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Please be aware that this is a lengthy and detailed process. EHCPs are only issued for children whose needs cannot be met through what is ordinarily available in school. For more information on what is ordinarily available in Barnet schools, please see this guidance: https://www.barnetlocaloffer.org.uk/documents/2098-ordinarily-available-educational-provision.pdf

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Circus

After months of planning and a great deal of hard work, thank you to the PTA for arranging Monday's circus show. It was a very successful event, with great feedback from parents and children and it raised much-needed funds for the school.

Children commented:

"It was one of the funniest shows I've seen" "It's the first time I've been to the circus" "Slinky was amazing!" "It was so cool when they were swinging above us" "The candyfloss was delicious"

Throughout the school day, as the Big Top was being set up, the organisers invited classes to observe the process and the children had the opportunity to ask questions about the show and how Happy's Circus was started.

A Message From the PTA

The PTA would like to thank everyone who came to the circus and who enjoyed the fun and food on the field beforehand. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves and we're delighted to announce that all in all we raised **over £4,000!** A big thank you to Accelerate Sports for running the fun activities on the field and to Allotmentz and Farm House Kebab for the delicious food.

Accelerate Sports - see flyer in this newsletter

Allotmentz N11, a community food café and restaurant aimed at providing job skills and local volunteering opportunities for young people and supporters in the local community. Currently, we are running our C.H.O.I.C.E.S program—an initiative focused on **Creativity, Health, Opportunity, Independence, Character, Employment, and Skills.** This program has successfully assisted many young people in developing person-centered skills, and during the initial wave of COVID-19, and since then, employed 66 young people providing approximately 20,000 hot meals per month with the support of 175 dedicated volunteers during the pandemic. We are located at 61 Friern Barnet Rd, N11 3EH

Farm House Kebab A sustainable kebab approach which considers the environmental and social impact of the entire process: from sourcing ingredients to packaging and disposal. It involves choosing sustainable meat or plant-based alternatives, using eco-friendly packaging, and reducing food waste. Over 20 years experience in catering film sets and private events.

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Fantastic Moving Pictures in Year One!

Earlier this week, our Year One children had a brilliant time creating their very own moving pictures! As part of their Design and Technology project, the children learnt about different types of mechanisms, including sliders and levers, and how these can be used to make pictures move in fun and imaginative ways.

It was wonderful to see the children's creativity shine as they designed and built their moving scenes. From sliding animals to characters that popped up with the pull of a lever, every piece was unique and carefully made.

A huge thank you to the parents who kindly gave up their time to come in and support the children with their projects — your help made the morning extra special, and we are so grateful for your enthusiasm and encouragement.

Mrs Yankelowitz and the year 1 team

Science in Year 4

Just before half-term, Lagoon Class had a fantastic day visiting the Barnet Environment Centre as part of our science topic on living things and their habitats. The day was filled with excitement and discovery as the children became real-life nature explorers!

Armed with nets and trays, the class took part in pond dipping and found all sorts of fascinating creatures hiding in the water, from wriggly water beetles to slippery pond snails.

Later, they set off on a mini-beast hunt, searching through leaves and grass, catching tiny insects and bugs. There were lots of squeals of excitement as they discovered a few surprise visitors!

The trip was a wonderful opportunity for the children to enjoy the great outdoors, work together as a team, and learn about the amazing variety of vertebrates and invertebrates that live right on our doorstep, bringing our science learning to life!

Miss Edmondson

Dates for the Diary

May

Thurs 12th June—Eisteddfod and Y6 Junior Citizen trip and Governors meeting with children

Tues 17th June —EYFS sports day (weather dependent)

Fri 20th June—KS1 and 2 sports day (weather dependent)

Mon 23rd to Fri 27th—Take One Picture week

Mon 23rd June—school journey meeting for Y5 parents

Tues 24th June—Y5 Frameless trip

Thurs 26th—choir performing at Proms at St Jude's

Fri 4th July—Y2 trip to Woburn Safari Park

Weds 9th July—carnival—families invited in the afternoon/ after school

Fri 11th July—Parents v Staff football match

Thurs 17th July—Year 6 show

Fri 18th July—Y6 disco

Music at Frith Manor - Dates for Summer Term Concerts and Assemblies.

Percussion assembly - Fri 13th June 1:30-2pm KS2 / 2-2:20pm KS1

Cello assembly - Weds 11th June 9:25-9:40am KS2 / 9:40-9:50am KS1

Guitar and brass assembly - Tues 1st July 1:30-2pm KS2 / 2-2:20pm KS1

Piano concert - Thurs 3rd July 4pm

Ensemble concert - Thurs 10th July 6pm

Woodwind assembly - Fri 11th July 9-9:20am KS2 / 9:20-9:40am KS1

Orchestra assembly - Fri 18th July 9-9:20am KS2 / 9:20-9:40am KS1

Please note—there may be dates added to this list. We will keep you updated.

Science and History in Year 3

This week in Olive Class, we have been learning all about mummification. To understand the preservation process better, we practiced by preserving a tomato. First, we removed the insides of the tomatoes. Then, we filled them full of salt. Finally, we made our own protective charms to see the tomatoes safely to the afterlife. We will check back on them next week to see how well they were preserved!

Miss Shipway

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Year 5 Moon Based Project

Year 5 were really lucky to be paid a visit by Lily Hayward, a space expert from the Science Museum. We learnt about how astronauts survive in space which complemented our learning about Space in science. The children were challenged to create a Moon base for astronauts living in space. We were so impressed with their creative ideas and attention to detail in all of their projects. Thank you for your efforts year 5 and thank you Lily for sharing your expertise with us. *Mr Wilsmore*

Well done to the winners…

1st Place – Arman

2nd place – Mika and Mihika

3rd place – Alan and Musa

and to the runners-up…

Sula and Naomi, Mira and Scarlett

Dan, Assaf and Chanakya

Headteacher Coffee Mornings

All Welcome

June—Tues 10th, Mon 16th, Weds 25th

July—Fri 11th, Weds 16th

Gardening Skills needed!

We need your help! Could you (or anyone you know) help tidy up our pond area, peace garden or forest? If you have a few hours to spare, please let the school office know.

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Saturday 12 July
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