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NEWSLETTER

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Year 5 Visit to the Tower of London

On Monday 4th November, Year 5 spent an amazing day at The Tower of London. We visited The White Tower and admired the incredible armour. We were very impressed with The Crown Jewels and enjoyed chatting to The Beefeaters. In the afternoon we did a workshop about Henry VIII's wives and got to act in role as King Henry and the different queens.

"Thank you for today it was so fun I really enjoyed the part where the woman came and told us about the king Henry and his wives. It was very interesting and thanks to all the parents." **Olivia – Lapis Class**

"it was really fun." **Dhruvi, Lapis Class**

"it was really fun. I was really excited to go!" **Kashi – Lapis Class**

Amazing Autumn

Throughout Year 1 we learn about Seasonal Change in Science. This week we went up to the field and into the forest to observe the changes we could see since our last visit.

It was a stunning Autumn day, we noticed how long our shadows were, saw a variety of different leaves, recalled evergreen and deciduous trees and we observed some local wildlife too.

We are so lucky to have these amazing outdoor environments that truly bring learning to life!

Emma Cooper

Primary Mathematics Challenge 2024

Last week, 31 keen mathematicians from Year 5 and 6 took part in the Primary Mathematics Challenge organised by The Mathematical Association. The challenge is aimed at pupils aged 9-11 years, with a range of problems designed to make students think outside the box.

All the children who took part received certificates in today's assembly, with the highest scoring pupils receiving a bronze, silver or gold certificate.

Gold certificate winner - Mark Y6

Silver certificate winner - Bella Y6, Mihika Y5

Bronze certificate winner - Yuna Y6, Yuki Y6, Elliott Y6

Well done to everyone who took part and to our Gold, Silver and Bronze certificate winners. A special congratulations to Mark who achieved a perfect 100% score and to Bella for a score of 24/25 and Mihika for a score of 23/25. Very impressive!

We await news of how many of our certificate winners have qualified for the bonus round that will take place in February.

Mrs Ellis

Slippers!

On Wednesday 20th November, Frith Manor Primary School re-introduced an initiative which hopes to boost both the learning, mental health and wellbeing of our pupils: Wear Your Slippers Wednesday!

The idea was first introduced to schools in Scandinavia, where it was found that providing the pupils with a home comfort in the classroom, one that would also not greatly impact on the school uniform or the overall running of the day, such as wearing slippers, improved the morale and work output of their pupils.

At Frith Manor we are passionate not only about supporting the children's academics but also supporting their mental health and wellbeing development as well, so any initiative that can support both, is something we welcome.

The idea is simple: every Wednesday, children come to school in their normal school uniform with their normal school shoes, but bring their slippers in a separate bag. They then change into their slippers and can keep them on whilst they are in the school building. The children will only be expected to wear their school shoes when arriving and leaving school and during break and lunchtime.

If we see the positive impact we hope to see we will look to rolling it out across more days, with plans to introduce it throughout the whole week if we find it has had a positive impact on our children.

Below are some articles about schools who have introduced the idea and have seen positive results.

We hope this whole-school initiative will see the children feeling happier in school and more engaged in their learning.

https://www.theguardian.com/education/2017/jan/31/primary-school-pupils-slippers-class-findern-derby-shoeless

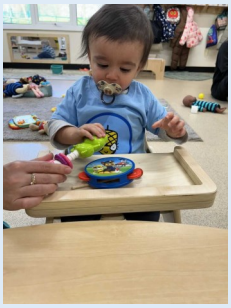
https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/education-38813815

Mr Athanasi

Ofsted Report

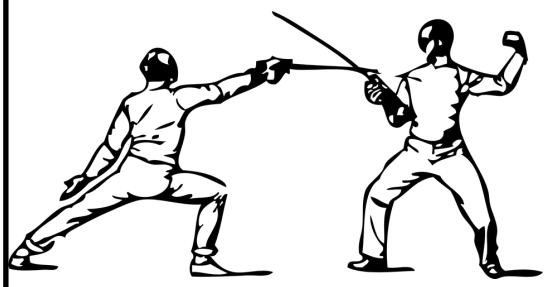
Our latest Ofsted report is now available on the Ofsted website https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/search?q=frith+manor&location=&lat=&lon=&radius=&level_1_types=1&level_2_types%5B%5D=1

We had a second successful Ofsted visit a couple of weeks ago, as part of our registration for **Acorn Babies**, our new nursery for children from 9 months to 2 years.



We're delighted that the children have settled in so quickly! Thank you to Lauren (room leader and her team)

Fencing Classes



On Monday, Jed from Fighting Fit Fencing will give a presentation to pupils in their assembly. We hope to have fencing classes after school on Fridays from January. Jed will hand out flyers to the children so be sure to book a place for your child if they're interested in taking up the sport.

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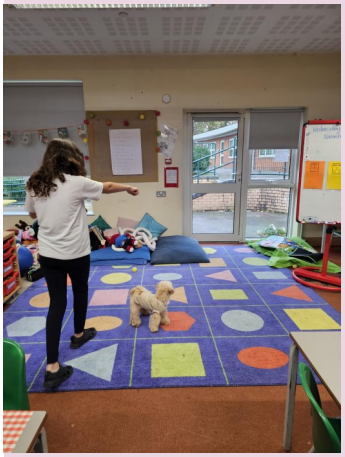

A Very Special Visitor

Last week, Mrs. Engelhardt brought her dog, Suki, to school to visit Fuchsia class and the nurture room. The children took Suki for a walk in the playground, practised some commands with her, and played together. Afterwards, they wrote some lovely stories inspired by the visit.

Scholastic Travelling Book Fair

The Scholastic Travelling Book Fair will be visiting Frith Manor from Monday 9th until Thursday 12th December.

There will be mobile bookcases packed with a selection of new books to purchase for children of all ages. The book fair will be open straight after school each day (Monday - Thursday) and will be located by the office.

You can browse books online and pre-order before the book fair at www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay There is also an exciting competition to win book vouchers - see Google Classroom or Tapestry for more information.

Message from the PTA: Santa's Sweet Treats Tombola and re-gifting Second Hand Stall

Please donate chocolates or other tasty goodies to our Sweet Treat Tombola. Any size, any brand, any flavour but please remember, NO NUTS.

We also need any unwanted, **unopened** gifts or any good condition new or used toys or games that could be sold at our second hand stall.

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Each class at Frith Manor is twinned with a class in France and Year 6 all have individual penpals. We sent our letters to France just before half term and this week we were very excited to receive our first pack of class letters. There were even some letters for Key Stage 1 children. Year 6 are looking forward to receiving replies to their letters soon!

Letters from our friends in France.

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UK Parliament Week

The Pupil Leadership Team took part in UK Parliament Week. They learnt about Parliament and how it runs. Throughout the week, they asked questions to Barnet's local MP - Dan Tomlinson, and received a fantastic video dedicated to Frith Manor's questions. They also went on a trip to meet the Mayor of Barnet, Tony Vourou, at Hendon Town Hall. It was a fascinating trip, where they even got to try on the robes of the Mayor and pass a new law! As they learnt about voting and ballots, they decided to run their own vote in school. The Pupil Leadership Team decided to vote on "Is there a place for Graffiti art in our school?" Children across the school visited the Frith Manor Polling Station throughout the week and cast their votes. After looking at the votes across the school, we have found that you have voted YES for graffiti art within our school.

Miss Pareathamby

Child Car Seat Checking Events – your views matter

BARNET
LONDON BOROUGH

Around 90 child car seats were checked by an expert from Good Egg during six events in Barnet with a total of 180 errors reported. The events took place in supermarket carparks during August – October 2024 and future events are planned next year. We'd love to hear your thoughts on how we can host these events to best meet your needs. Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey: Child Car Seat Survey or scan the QR code.

PTA News

Are you organised, good at taking minutes, keeping on top of emails and tasks?
You could be the new PTA Secretary!
If you're interested,
please email: frithpta@gmail.com
or call 07474007104

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WINTER FAIR

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2024

3:30 - 6:30 PM

Come and join the fun
Santa's Grotto
Games and crafts
Food and drinks
Music and much more

More info coming in your class WhatsApp groups or email frithpta@gmail.com

Volunteers needed! Please scan

Choirs R Us

PRESENTS:

Christmas Choir Concert

IN AID OF HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY
7TH DECEMBER 2024, 7PM

ST MARYS CHURCH

THE WALK, POTTERS BAR EN6 1QQ

TICKETS ON THE DOOR FROM 6.30 PM

or in advance from choirsrus@btinternet.com

ADULTS £15 (£13 in advance) Includes a glass of wine and a mince pie.

FREE FOR UNDER 12'S

CHOIRS PERFORMING ARE:

CHOIRS R US from Barnet

JUBILATE LADIES CHOIR from Pinner

AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS SONGS, POP, SOUL, JAZZ AND MORE.

Huntington's Disease Association

Jubilate

WWW.CHOIRSRUS.CO.UK

Music at Frith Manor

Presents A

WINTER CONCERT

Choirs, Orchestras, Ensembles

Wednesday 11th December• 6pm

Tickets available soon on ParentPay •£5 Adults, £3 Children

- Email: music@frithmanor.barnet.sch.uk

Autumn Term

Headteacher Coffee Mornings

all welcome

December: Wednesday 11th (changed from Monday 9th), Tues 17th

The Enhanced Healthy Living Service

Families, Food and Feelings Workshop

Scan the link below to sign up:

or email:
brandoncentre.healthyliving@nhs.net

3rd of December

10:00-12:00 AM (online)

Join our free workshop!

Key elements include:

- Strategies to encourage healthy eating at home
- Tips to create helpful boundaries
- Finding ways to promote a positive relationship with food
- Learning about emotional eating

This workshop is for:
Parents with **children struggling with excess weight** (aged 5-17)
You must be registered with a **GP in Camden or Islington**

We look froward to meeting you

Our aim is to support families to find a compassionate and sustainable approach to working with their children towards an enjoyable and healthy lifestyle.

Further support for parents is available after the workshop

Brandon Centre