

Franche News

Week Ending: 6th March 2020



World Book Day 2020

World Book Day at Franche was booktastic! We saw some amazing costumes and whilst every day at Franche is a book day, we made sure we took some extra special time to explore our love of books further. The theme this year was 'Share a Story' and so found children adventuring all over school on a story safari discovering new books from teachers across the school.

Our lower school 'Battle of the Books' reached an exciting climax when "Oi Frog" was crowned this year's winner. Thank you to all those who voted via our Facebook page; all stories are still available to enjoy on our YouTube channel's Battle of the Books playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5q8ltv4sB5RQjO4G8VF74RXyRiqVK4fL>

If you haven't already, please check out our World Book Day video to see just how much our teachers love reading! <https://youtu.be/6f8aYtQkCyI>



We hope all enjoy curling up with a good book this weekend!
Mrs Dixon and the Senior Leadership Team

Attendance

Attendance school target: 96.0%
Actual School Attendance: 95.6%

Best Year Band: Year 2 with 97.1%

Best Classes of the Week:

Rec/Year 1: 1C with 98%
Years 2-4: 2W, 3P and 4M with 98.6%
Year 5-6: 5T with 99.3%

These classes had 100% punctuality: RLB, RCL, 1A, 2W, 2SH, 2CH, 3C, 3H, 5E, 6R, 6M. Well done!

On World Book Day the attendance was amazing at 98.5%

Lates last week = 33 - 597 minutes of learning time was lost due to late arrivals in school.

Caught Being Good



152



136



220



143

Year Band News

Tots

Little Tots this week have been using the "That's not my.." story collection to inspire our Tuff Tray experiences. They explored different textures, materials and objects to guess the character.

Our Favourite story this week has been "The very hungry Caterpillar".

Big Tots this week have been off on a 'Reading Safari'.

They searched the school high and low to see which books they could discover.

They then took a rest in the school library to listen to their found story.



Top tips for talking

We all want children to enjoy reading and to love books but to do this they need to **UNDERSTAND** what they read.



READ

It's never too early to start asking children questions about the text. Chatting about the story is a fantastic way of boosting both their reading confidence and skill!

MEANING

UNDERSTAND



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Year Band News

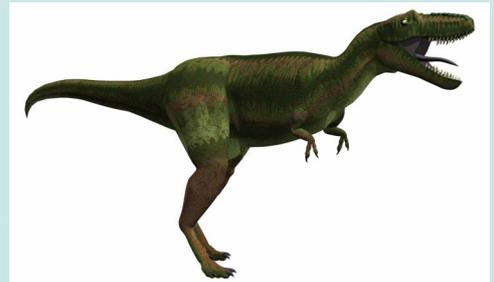
Nursery:

This week, children have had another fabulous week. We have been especially lucky this week as we have been able to purchase some new toys that the children have really enjoyed playing with. These have included things like our fairytale and snowy arctic scenes as well as a new basket ball and hoop set for the garden. Children have also been enjoying the opportunity to free-paint on the art table and came into Nursery looking stunning on World Book Day as we joined with the rest of the school in dressing up as our favourite book characters.



Reception

This week in our topic Dinosaur Discovery, the children have looked in Geography at where Dinosaurs have been found in our world! In Maths the children have been looking at addition by grouping and counting dinosaur spikes and in literacy the children have written some super sentences about Dinosaurs.



Sport Relief is back on Friday 13th March! Children will be able to come to school in sports kit and participate in lots of different physical activities. We will also be inviting parents/carers to join us before and after school. Details to follow via ParentMail.

Will you Rise to the Challenge?

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been halving shapes in Maths, we used biscuits to explore this concept further! We enjoyed our day on Thursday for World Book Day and were excited to receive a special gift on our story safari: The Tin Forest book! We are looking forward to reading this book together. As part of our Brilliant Botanist topic we have planted our own beans, we will be observing them over the next 4 weeks and recording the changes in our own bean dia-

Year 2

In Science, pupils helped Tom investigate materials for different purposes. The children had to sort materials that were absorbent and non-absorbent. The children set up their own experiments and carried out various tasks to



suggest their top three materials that would be good for making waterproof clothing before Tom's next great adventure. What other absorbent materials can you find at school or at home?

This **Mindful March** Action Calendar has daily suggested actions to do throughout **March 2020** to help you be more mindful and live in the present moment.



ACTION CALENDAR: MINDFUL MARCH 2020



SUNDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

8 No plans day. Slow down and let spontaneity take over

15 Stop to just watch the sky or clouds for ten minutes today

22 Have a device-free day and enjoy the space it offers

29 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

MONDAY

2 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

9 When someone is speaking, take a full breath before you reply

16 Do something creative that absorbs your attention

23 Take an unusual route and notice what looks different

30 Mentally scan down your body and notice what it is feeling

TUESDAY

3 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

10 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

17 Look around and spot 3 things you find unusual or pleasant

24 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

31 Go nature spotting today. Even in a city, life is all around

WEDNESDAY

4 Start today by appreciating that you're alive and have a body

11 Notice how you speak to yourself. Try to use kind words

18 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

25 Make a list of amazing things that you take for granted

THURSDAY

5 Every hour simply take three calm breaths in and out

12 Feel the cool of a breeze or warmth of the sun on your face

19 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

26 Tune in to your feelings, without judging or trying to change

FRIDAY

6 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture & smell of your food

13 Stop, breathe and just notice. Repeat regularly during the day

20 Happy International Day of Happiness! dayofhappiness.net

27 Stop work earlier and use the time to be still and relax

SATURDAY

7 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

14 Enjoy doing any chores or tasks more mindfully today

21 Notice the joy to be found in the simple things of life

28 Bring to mind all the people you love and care about

"Mindfulness means being awake. It means knowing what you are doing" - Jon Kabat-Zinn



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



www.actionforhappiness.org

BE ACTIVE...
live well



Franche Family Challenges:

- **W/C 9th March** - Play and/or make a family board game together.
- **W/C 16th March** - Try something new for breakfast.
- **W/C 23rd March** - Devise your own exercise routine.
- **W/C 30th March** - Litter pick in your local park.



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NEARLY NEW SALE PTA SCHOOL EVENT

SATURDAY 28th March 2020

Lower School Hall

10am – 12Noon

Admission £1.00 per adult

(Children FREE)

Stalls available £10 each.

Book online at: www.pta-events.co.uk/franchepta/

Come along and pick up a few bargains from a range of gently used items from other mums, dads and grandparents.



Lunchtimes

A new and exciting initiative started in the upper school hall at lunchtimes this week. Each lunchtime, children in years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have a number on their table. If their number is drawn from a pot, they will have the chance to enter a special raffle, on the condition that their table is tidy and the adults in the room see good table manners. If they win the raffle, then they receive VIP treatment on the Friday. These lucky children will receive juice, cupcakes and full table service from the teachers! Who will be chosen next week?



Year 3

This week, our Year 3 magicians proudly performed to their Year 2 buddies. We impressed them with our coin disappearing illusions, wonderful card tricks and even used our knowledge of magnets to make something appear to float! To begin our next topic of Superheroes, children were greeted by their superhero teachers who shared their dilemmas - the supervillain, Gribble, has been stealing the superheroes' powers! Year 3 have been challenged to learn about the body in Science in order to help defeat Gribble. In Maths, we have been using our rulers accurately to help with our measuring skills. What can you find to measure at home?



Year 4

This week, the children have been retelling the first chapter of the Iron Man in the form of an acrostic poem. They have used a variety of sentence types to engage the reader. In mathematics, they have been adding and subtracting fractions. We are continuing to learn about sound in science, recognising that it has to travel through a solid, liquid or gas to be heard. It was lovely to see the children dressed up on Thursday for World Book Day. They enjoyed the different books read to them during the story safari.



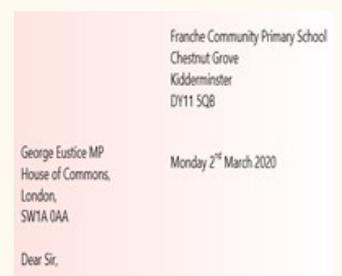
Year 5

Blast off! This week the four space agencies have been in direct competition to create the most successful rocket launch. We have been applying our learning of gravity and air resistance alongside our learning from this week about reversible and irreversible changes. In English, we have completed our persuasive arguments for Space Commander Bob Lucas about whether he should venture to Mars or not. Our Maths learning has been around adding and subtracting mixed numbers.



Year 6

This week, the children have begun writing their formal letters to George Eustice, MP the Secretary of State for the Environment. They started by choosing relevant facts and statistics related to plastic pollution and grouping them accordingly to plan the structure of their letter. They then wrote the introduction focusing on using the subjunctive form (If I were...) and relative clauses. In Maths, some children have been finding percentages of amounts; others have begun learning about algebra and how letters can substitute unknown values. In Science, the children have been learning about micro-organisms and whether they are helpful or not.





SEND PARENT COFFEE MORNING

Date: Tuesday 17th March

Time: 9:00 - 10:15am

Location: Lower School Hall

Being a parent of a child with a Special Educational Need or Disability can be challenging at times, but you are not alone and support is always available. We would like to establish regular coffee mornings to enable parents to meet in a safe, friendly environment where they can share ideas, tips, strategies and have a chat to others who can relate and understand.

Each coffee morning will be themed around a particular area of SEND, starting with 'Reading & Spelling Difficulties'.

As part of this we have invited Educational Psychologist, Laura Jellicoe, who will be doing a short talk around this area.

This will be followed by time to enjoy a drink, cake and chat with other parents.

Please call 01562 751788 (Ext 230) to register your interest in attending.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Miss Cross (SENDCO)



Congratulations to all our wonderful Stars of the Week!



Tots

Tiny Tots: Jaxon S
 Little Tots: Wilf H
 Big Tots: Chester S

Nursery

Yellow: Scarlett C
 Red: Kitt H
 Blue: Amelia C

Reception

RCL - Flynn B
 RLB - Matilda B
 RBF - Sienna M
 RSL - George L

Year 1

1A- Fergus C
 1C- Erinne S
 1D- William B
 1J- Eva-Rae C

Year 2

2CH: Esme Grace J
 2W: Tamara H
 2SH: Sonny B
 2L: Charlie L

Year 3

3C: Zoe D
 3H: Betsy W-P
 3P: Keira L
 3SB: Amelia T

Year 4

4EP: Keeley D-B
 4S: Isabelle M
 4B: Louie P
 4M: Brianee G

Year 5

5P: Luka B
 5T: Simran B
 5E: Rose P
 5W: Ella T

Year 6

6G: Jessika S
 6H: Louis J
 6M: Liam P
 6R: Logan J



Headteacher's Award

Nursery: Luca S
 Reception: Declan P
 Year 1: Louis B
 Year 2: Natalie H

Year 3: Daisy R
 Year 4: Isaac Y
 Year 5: Millie B
 Year 6: Naomi R



Congratulations to the following children for completing their Bronze passports:

Reception

Ross T
Lucas H
Jack G
Darcie S
Ellah C
Erin R
Bella H
Quinn C
Ivy W
Freddie A
Matilda B
Thomas C
Mason C
Kobe R-W
Ryan S
Sebastian S
Evangeline S

Year 3

Jordan K
Ethan E
Jack T
Nathaniel C

Year 4

Lexi L

Year 5

Bailey M

Year 2

Maddison M
Lily-Rose H
Rosie P

Year 6

Kacey Jo K
Jayden H



Congratulations to the following children for completing their Bronze passports:

Year 3

Jordan K
Ethan E
Jack T
Nathaniel C



Year 4

Allanah P-W

Franché PTA
PRESENTS
Franché's FREE Family Film!
Friday 27th March
6pm-8pm (Doors open from 5.30pm)

Come along and enjoy a free event suitable for the whole family!

Although free to attend, space is limited and tickets must be ordered in advance from—www.pta-events.co.uk/franchepta

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult to attend.

There will be popcorn, nachos, sweets, drinks and hot dogs available to buy on the night!
(hot dogs can be pre ordered, please do if you can)

Location—Upper School Hall

Parentkind
Member Association

Limited tickets. Please book online. For help or more information please email - pta@francheprimary.worcs.sch.uk

All proceeds will go to Franche Primary School Association - Registered Charity 1065516

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Spelling Shed

A colorful illustration for a spelling award. The background is a light blue sky with a white cloud. On the left, a yellow and black striped bee flies. Below it is a yellow beehive. In the center, a white picket fence runs across a green hill. On the right, a wooden shed with a grey roof and a chimney stands. Another bee is on the roof, and a third is on a white daisy flower in the grass.

Well done to Kaidyn P
for being our top Franche speller!

Top class was 5P

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

A vibrant, pink and purple background with a bokeh effect. The title 'TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS' is written in a stylized, glowing font. Below the title, six cartoon characters are shown as a rock band. From left to right: a character in a blue robot suit with a guitar, a character in a red jacket with a green guitar, a character in a yellow leopard-print outfit with a guitar, a character in a blue jacket with a red guitar, a character in a red top with a purple guitar, and a character in a brown jacket with a purple guitar. There are also two black speakers on the ground.

Well done to Freya O in 4S

for achieving 1149 correct Franche TT
Rockstars answers over the last week.

Awesome effort!

Top class was 3P with 82% accuracy when
playing TT Rockstars last week!

I'd love to be on time for school.

If only they would listen when I tell them what to do.

I'd like to know more about what they're doing on the computer.

Does this



When I put them to bed, I'd like them to settle.

sound like you?



We have tried a reward chart I wish it had worked



I would like my child to understand 'No' means 'No'

I wish my stepchildren just would listen to me.

I'd like them to stay in 'Time Out'

Come with your partner/friend

Pick up hints and tips

Swap ideas about how best to manage children's behaviour



Positive Parenting Programme Plus

Take a break and share your experience over a cup of coffee/tea with 10 other Parents/GrandParents/Carers/StepParents

FREE

**At Franche Community Primary School,
Chestnut Grove, Kidderminster, DY11 5QB
Wednesday 6.00 – 8.00pm**

Starts – 29th April 2020

Ends – 24th June 2020

For more information and to book a place call
Wyre Forest & Hagley Project on 01562 851292

The WHP is run locally in Wyre Forest and Hagley through the ContinU Trust.

Dates for your Diary:



• Maths Workshops:

Nursery + Reception	To take place in the summer term (details will follow)		
Year 1	Tuesday 24 th March Tuesday 31 st March	9.00 - 10.00	LSH
Year 2	Friday 6 th March	9.00 - 10.00 10.30 - 11.30	USH
Year 3	Friday 27 th March	9.00 - 10.00 10.30 - 11.30	USH
Year 4	Friday 28 th February Monday 2 nd March	9.00 - 10.00	USH
Year 5	Friday, 20 th March	9.00 - 10.00 10:15 - 11:15	USH
Year 6	Friday 13 th March	9.00 - 10.00 10:30 - 11:30	USH

Year bands will be sending letters (via ParentMail) with further details about these workshops

• Parents' Evenings:

Tuesday 10th March & Wednesday 11th March (please sign up for a slot on Parent Mail)

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