

Franche News

Week Ending: 28th February 2020



Respect is one of our key Franche values and is a very important part of our school culture and ethos. In keeping with this, we have been working with the children to try and encourage them to respect and follow the school's uniform policy and to take a pride in their own appearance.

We would like to ask parents to support us with this by ensuring the following:

- All children in years 3-6 **must** be wearing a tie.
- Early Years and Key Stage 1 children must be wearing a red polo shirt.
- All children should be wearing black school shoes and not trainers. (Black trainers do not count as school shoes!)
- Children should not be wearing necklaces/neck chains, bracelets or rings and should only have one pair of small stud earrings.
- Only school jumpers/sweatshirts or cardigans should be worn to school these should be navy. (Hooded jumpers are not school uniform.)
- Appropriate school PE kit should be worn for all PE lessons- Navy t-shirt with school logo or plain Navy t-shirt, navy shorts, trainers & black pumps, white socks, navy/black Tracksuit (Autumn/Spring term).



We want the children to feel a sense of pride in the school and themselves. How they present at school is a really important step towards this.

Thank you for your support, Mrs Dixon and the Senior Leadership Team

Attendance

Attendance school target: 96.0%
 Actual School Attendance: 94.9%
 Best Year Band: Year 6 with 97.8%

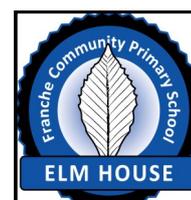
Best Classes of the Week:
 Rec/Year 1: 1D with 96.7%
 Years 2-4: 3H with 99.3%
 Year 5-6: 6M with 99.3%

These classes had 100% punctuality:
 RLB, 1C, 2SH, 2H, 3H, 5P, 5T, 6H

Lates last week = 40 - 588 minutes of learning time was lost due to late arrivals in school.

Gates open @ 08.30, lessons start @

Caught Being Good



Year Band News

Tots

Tiny & Little Tots this week have been exploring Tuff Trays based around a nursery rhyme theme. We have had farmyard play, 5 little ducks in water, and block building with foam for humpty dumpty.

Our forest school session this week was held in the pouring rain! We had so much fun finding muddy puddles to jump in.

Big Tots this week have been learning how to make pancake mix, which was then cooked for them to enjoy for tea. We used different maths tools to measure the ingredients and discussed which pots had more or less.

Top tips for talking

When you are introducing a maths concept, be consistent with the vocabulary you use.

LITTLE



SMALLER

SHORT

LARGE

MORE

LONG

Don't introduce a new word for the same concept until you are sure the child has a secure understanding.

When you do introduce a new word, then make sure you tell them it means the same thing!

SMALL

BIG

BIGGER

TALL



#sitworkstip



LESS



Year Band News

Nursery:

This week, children have had a fabulous first week back after half term. They especially enjoyed learning about Shrove Tuesday and then mixing batter before making pancakes to eat for snack. They were able to choose from a variety of toppings such as chocolate sauce, golden syrup, jam and lemon juice and really enjoyed watching the grown ups toss the pancakes with the occasional mishap! To finish off the week, children were treated to a super session of playing the 'spoons' with Jo May, a professional Musician, who came in to visit.



Reception

Wow what a super start to the second half of the Spring Term. This week in Reception we received a special video from a paleontologist Dr Hunter. He has given the children a Discovery Challenge booklet with some challenges to complete this term. As you can imagine, the children are very excited about this and I am sure they will tell you all about. It was fantastic to see so many parents and guardians at the Phonics workshops, thank you to all those that were able to make it.



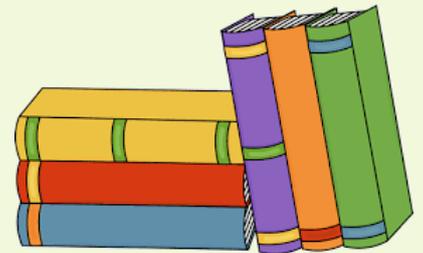
Finally, well done to those children who read and recorded their R.E.D. in their Reading diaries and enjoyed their rewards on Friday. Let's see if we can get the whole of Reception recording their reading next week!



It's official: Franche Primary PTA is awesome!

Because of their brilliant fundraising efforts, each class has been given £25 to spend on their book corners.

Thank you to all those who volunteer to help organise and run events and to all parents who support the lovely events for our children!



Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have had an exciting ignitor to our new topic "Brilliant Botanists". We discovered some rubbish in the hall and within it appeared a beautiful tin rose. We have been discussing the importance of recycling but also thinking about how we can reuse the rubbish and turn it in to something new and amazing!

In Maths we have been learning our left and right and thinking about how different things move in different directions.



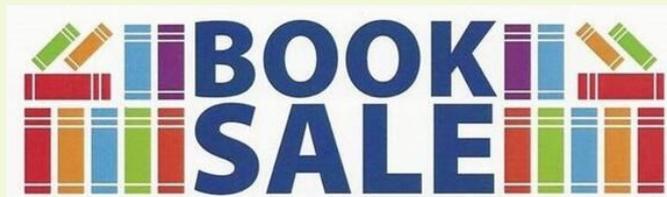


You should have received an email via ParentMail which sought your input into the process of Headteacher recruitment. We feel strongly about giving an opportunity to our key stakeholders to be a part of that process. We have consulted with the staff; we will be inviting some of the children to be a part of the interview process and are now giving you the parents/carers your chance to input into the process.

During our two-day interview process there will be an opportunity for a small number of parents/carers to take part in a Parent Panel Interview of the candidates. Additionally, we are seeking input from the wider school community in helping shape the structure of the interview questions that will be asked by that panel.

We really would appreciate your response to our Parent Survey and look forward to receiving your replies.

Thank you.



Planning a spring clear out? We will be holding a pre-loved book sale after school on World Book Day (Thursday 5th March) and would be grateful for any donations. Please send these in with your children and they will be collected and sorted into age groups before the big day.

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness	2 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful	3 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today	4 Start today by appreciating that you're alive and have a body	5 Every hour simply take three calm breaths in and out	6 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture & smell of your food	7 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else
8 No plans day. Slow down and let spontaneity take over	9 When someone is speaking, take a full breath before you reply	10 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee	11 Notice how you speak to yourself. Try to use kind words	12 Feel the cool of a breeze or warmth of the sun on your face	13 Stop, breathe and just notice. Repeat regularly during the day	14 Enjoy doing any chores or tasks more mindfully today
15 Stop to just watch the sky or clouds for ten minutes today	16 Do something creative that absorbs your attention	17 Look around and spot 3 things you find unusual or pleasant	18 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down	19 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying	20 Happy International Day of Happiness! dayofhappiness.net	21 Notice the joy to be found in the simple things of life
22 Have a device-free day and enjoy the space it offers	23 Take an unusual route and notice what looks different	24 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible	25 Make a list of amazing things that you take for granted	26 Tune in to your feelings, without judging or trying to change	27 Stop work earlier and use the time to be still and relax	28 Bring to mind all the people you love and care about
29 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do	30 Mentally scan down your body and notice what it is feeling	31 Go nature spotting today. Even in a city, life is all around	<p>"Mindfulness means being awake. It means knowing what you are doing" - Jon Kabat-Zinn</p> 			

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



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live well



Save the date!

Friday 13th March 2020



Here are some suggestions for how you could do just that.

Challenges:

- **W/C 2nd March** - Devise your own dinner menu and cook it as a family.
- **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.



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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.



Year 2

Earlier this week, Year 2 had the opportunity to learn some basic first aid skills with one of our experts, Mrs Banner. The children were taught how to create a sling to support and keep still an injured part of the body. The children used this opportunity to write a safety guide with clear instructions to help Tom and his dad before they set off on their next adventure. In maths, the children have been developing their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes. Working with their Learning Partners, the children created riddles for their friends to try and guess the correct shape.

Here is one for you: What shape am I? I have a curved surface but no edges.



cylinder



sphere

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have become engineers in DT by designing and creating their own pulley puppets. The children have carefully selected their materials in order to create their interesting designs. The children have shown a great Growth Mindset to achieve this. In Computing, we have used our developing knowledge of algorithms to help program a game on Scratch. In Maths, we have looked at collecting data and presenting this as a tally and a bar chart.



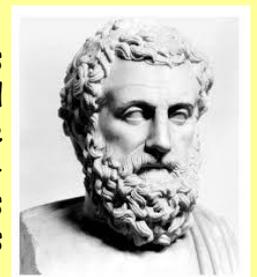
Year 4

This week, the Year 4 children found puzzle pieces around school. They put the pieces together and discovered it was the Iron Man, which has introduced our new topic. In Science, the children have started to learn about sound and how it is made to see if they can help the Iron Man hear again. In Maths, we have been looking at equivalent fractions and improper fractions. In music, the children have been learning to play music with spoons.



Year 5

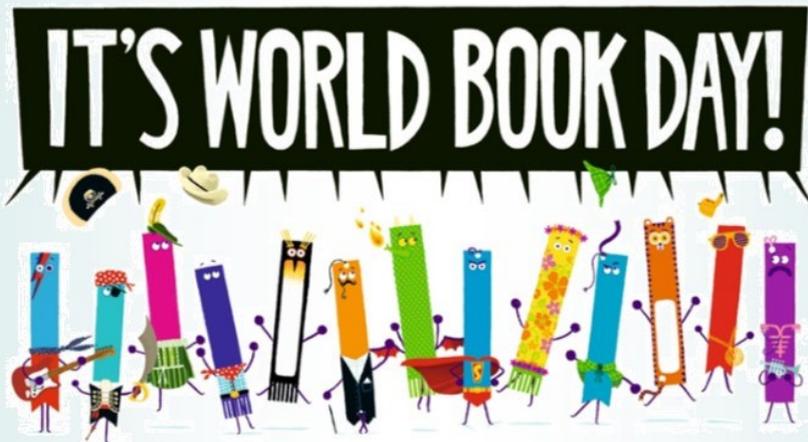
This week we have been debating whether Space Commander Bob Lucas should go on a mission to Mars. We have researched the reasons for and against the mission and are now preparing persuasive arguments to convince Bob of our points of view. In Maths we have been learning to add and subtract fractions as well as mixed numbers. Our times table knowledge has been very useful! Our Scientific learning was around using the observations of Aristotle to draw suitable and trustworthy conclusions.



Year 6

This week in Year 6, the children are continuing with Kensuke's Kingdom and have sadly discovered the huge negative impact that plastic is having on our world, especially marine life such as turtles that Michael makes his mission to save in the story. They have also been learning about the disadvantages of plastic on the environment and human health with alarming statistics to support. As part of their English, the children have been gathering emotive language to communicate their feelings on this global issue and learning some of the key technical language such as degrade and decompose. In Maths, the children have been finding percentages of amounts and learning about metric measures and how to convert between them.





World Book Day is nearly upon us and we would like to celebrate in style. Pupils are asked to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, with prizes for the best costume in each year band. Throughout the day, pupils will take part in a number of book themed activities, such as a story safari and special assemblies, all celebrating our love of books and reading.

We would like the day to end with a pre-loved book sale and would be grateful for any donations of unwanted children's books you may have. We would ask that any donations are sent into school with your child the week beginning 24th February. *It might be a great excuse for a Spring clean!*





Congratulations to all our wonderful Stars of the Week!



Tots

Tiny Tots: Diana C
 Little Tots: Logan N
 Big Tots: Sam Y

Nursery

Yellow: William C-A
 Red: Lauren W
 Blue: Fenton D

Reception

RCL - Bella-Mia LB
 RLB - Scarlett M
 RBF - Hugo S
 RSL - Daniel W

Year 1

1A- Joshua B
 1C- Henry L
 1D- Riley-Lee B
 1J- Isobel P

Year 2

2CH: Lyla-Rose H
 2W: Noah V
 2SH: Oscar Do
 2L: Lily-Rose H

Year 3

3C: Cole P
 3H: Faith B
 3P: Shannon W
 3SB: Thomas H

Year 4

4S: Imogen S
 4B: Noah H
 4EP: Isabella C
 4M: Ava B

Year 5

5P: Logan S
 5T: Ethan B
 5E: William G
 5W: Lydia T

Year 6

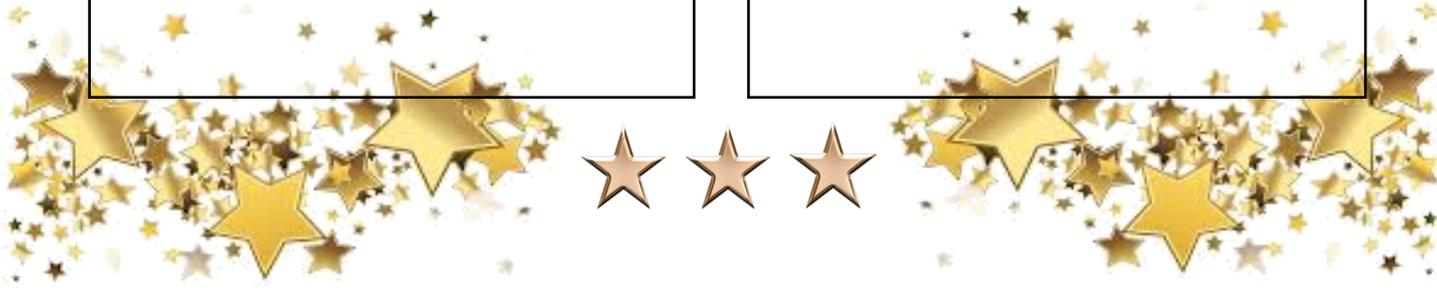
6G: Mckenzie M
 6H: Alfie D
 6M: Henley D
 6R: Maddy A



Headteacher's Award

Nursery: Lockie O
 Reception: Kayla S
 Year 1: Archie B
 Year 2: Oscar Da

Year 3: Rose H
 Year 4: Ollie G
 Year 5: Amelia A
 Year 6: Sam F



***Congratulations to the following children for
completing their Bronze passports:***

Year 1

Felyzitee S
Annaya U
Freddie D
Jake S
Isobel P
Eva-Rae C
Lexi-Rae H

Year 2

Oscar N-M
Isabella M
Oscar D
Sasha C

Year 3

Maja G
Charlie L

Year 4

Rubi-Constance B
Imogen S

Year 6

Imogen C
Noah W-A
Navraj D
Elissa J
Gracie L
Liam P
Natasha M
Charlie E
Harry B
Jia Jun L
Harrison R



Spelling Shed

A colorful illustration for a spelling award. The title 'Spelling Shed' is written in large, bubbly yellow letters with a grey outline. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds. On the left, a yellow and black striped bee flies. In the bottom left, a yellow beehive sits on a green hill. A white picket fence runs across the middle ground. On the right, a wooden shed with a grey roof and a chimney stands on the hill. Another bee is on the roof, and a third is near a white daisy flower on the grass.

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

Top class was 5P!

TIMES TABLES

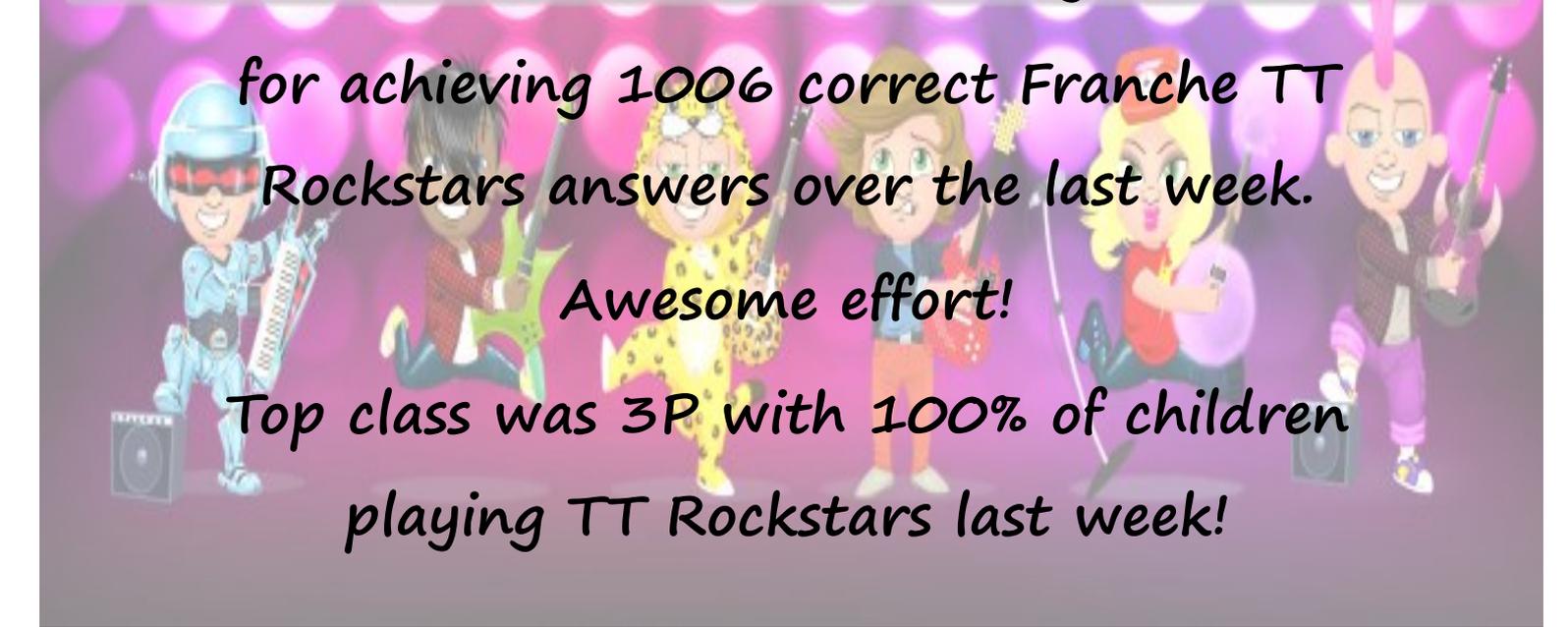
ROCK STARS

Well done to in George K

for achieving 1006 correct Franche TT
Rockstars answers over the last week.

Awesome effort!

Top class was 3P with 100% of children
playing TT Rockstars last week!

A group of six cartoon rockstars performing on a stage. From left to right: a blue robot-like character with a guitar, a boy with a green guitar, a girl in a yellow leopard-print outfit with a guitar, a boy with a red guitar, a girl with a purple guitar, and a boy with a purple guitar. There are speakers on the stage.

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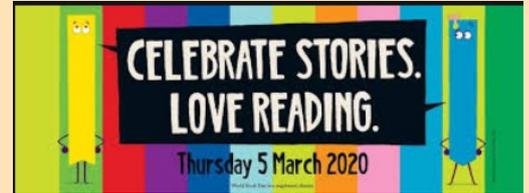
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Dates for your Diary:



- **World Book Day: Thursday 5th March:** please come to school dressed as your favourite book character!
- **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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