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## Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

### Attendance and absence matters

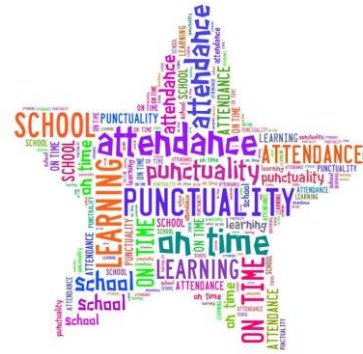
#### This week's attendance

Whole school attendance this week was 90.8%, which is extremely low.

The highest attending classes this week were:

- Rowling – 94.2%
- Dahl – 93.3%
- King-Smith 93%

The top class gets extra playtime!



#### Medical and dental appointments

Parents/carers are expected to make medical or dental appointments outside of school hours wherever possible. Where this is not possible (e.g. hospital appointments), parents/carers are expected to obtain approval for their child's absence to attend such appointments as far in advance as is practicable. Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring their child misses the minimum amount of time necessary to attend the appointment (e.g. attending school before/after the appointment rather than automatically being absent all day).

The school will ask to see evidence of medical/dental appointments as part of the authorisation process, e.g. appointment letter/card, screenshot of text messages confirming the appointment, etc. This is not something we have done very much in the past, but we have been advised by the Education Welfare Officer that we should be seeking evidence of appointments that cause children to be away from school, even if only for a short time. **Please can parents/carers get into the routine of requesting leave of absence approval for medical and dental appointments in advance and providing the evidence, which can be emailed as screenshots to [attendance@frogwell.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@frogwell.wilts.sch.uk) or shown in person at the school office if electronic means are not possible.**

#### Reporting absences

Parents/carers are expected to report all absences to the school using the methods outlined below.

Please do not rely on verbal messages to staff on the door/playground as absence reporting and follow-up is managed via the school's pastoral and admin teams, plus busy duty staff do not have the time to pass messages along.

All absences should be reported by 09:00:

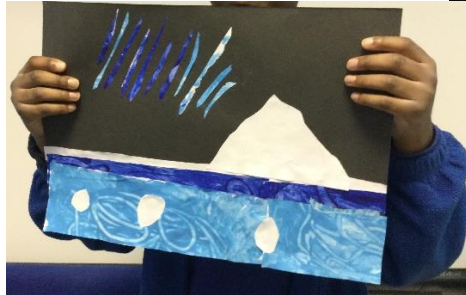
- 1) Via the school website [www.frogwell.co.uk](http://www.frogwell.co.uk). Go to the 'Parents' tab and choose 'REPORT AN ABSENCE'. This will take you directly to a simple online form where you will fill in your child's name, class, the date and give the reason for the absence.
  - 2) Via email to the dedicated email address [attendance@frogwell.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@frogwell.wilts.sch.uk)
- It is essential that a clear and specific reason for the absence is given, not just "my child is ill/sick" (specify what the illness is).
  - Parents/carers need to inform the school if a child's absence is due to a traumatic event which the school needs to deal with sensitively on the child's return.
  - **Phone calls to the office should only be used if the above options have failed for some reason because voice mails are often unclear and hard to understand.**
  - If absence is not explained satisfactorily by parents/carers, it will automatically be recorded as unauthorised.

## Class news

On Monday, Years 1, 3 and 6 took part in 'Walk Safe' workshops. 'Walk Safe' is Wiltshire's road safety education programme which helps children learn how to become safe pedestrians. Next Monday, King-Smith Class (Year 3) will be doing follow up practical sessions where they will practice safety skills on out the real roads around the school. These are such important life skills and we are very pleased to be able to provide this opportunity for our children.

Don't forget – if your child has achievements outside school, they can bring them into school to share and celebrate in Friday assembly. This might be badges from Rainbows/Beavers/Brownies/Cubs/Scouts/Guides, sports or swimming certificates and trophies, club awards or any other special achievements.

**McKee Class** have been looking at the work of the Jamaican artist Errol Allen. They then created their own imagined landscapes by cutting and ripping the paper into different shapes, resulting in individual and creative collages linked to their polar habitats topic.



**Rowling Class** have been very busy with their art this term, focusing on 'How do artists use different media to create land and cityscapes?'. They have looked at works by a range of classic and more contemporary artists including LS Lowry, Paul Cezanne, Vanessa Gardiner and Saoirse Morgan, before creating their own watercolour landscapes of the school.

**Lewis Class** have been continuing to explore the work of both traditional and contemporary still life artists. The children created their own compositions, considering the use of appropriate subjects for each style, as well as the use of colour, proportion, and perspective. iPads were used to photograph our compositions, helping to develop the children's use of technology. I think you will agree that they have created some fantastic work!



## Bath Rugby School Partnership Programme

We are pleased to let you know that for the second year, Frogwell is a Bath Rugby Partner School. This is an exciting programme working with an elite sports club to promote the sport and providing coaching and club opportunities. This is something we have used some of our Sport Premium funding to buy into. There will be curriculum rugby sessions for King-Smith and Lewis Classes each Tuesday in Term 4, plus an after-school club for Years 5 and 6 (the club is now fully subscribed).

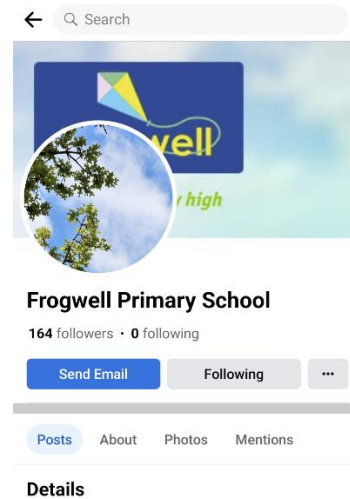


## National Education Union industrial action

Thank you to parents and carers for the support shown to the school about the decision to close the school on 1<sup>st</sup> February when the NEU was on strike nationally. Three further strike days are planned on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March. We do not yet know what impact these may have on our school. Union members are not required to give any advance notice of their intention to strike, so we are unlikely to know the impact until much nearer the time. I will, of course, keep you as informed as I can about the situation as it develops.

## School Facebook page

Have you seen our Facebook page for parents and carers? Make sure you find the **official** school page, which looks like this.



## Diary dates for 2022-23

<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023</b>	Evening – Town Dance Festival at Neeld Hall (Fox Class plus specific Y6 comperes)
<b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023</b>	Last day of Term 3 for children
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023</b>	TD day – no school for children
<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023</b>	Half term
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023</b>	Start of Term 4
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Morpurgo Class to Hardenhuish (all day)
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>	Last day of Term 4
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	Easter holidays
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	TD day – no school for children
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	Start of Term 5
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>	Extra Bank Holiday for the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>	Year 6 SATs week
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>	Last day of Term 5
<b>29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023</b>	Half term
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>	Start of Term 6
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023</b>	TD day – no school for children
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>	Last day of Term 6



UP & UNDER SPORTS

## FEBRUARY HALF TERM - MULTI SPORTS COURSE HARDENHUISH SCHOOL

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023



@ Hardenhuish School, Chippenham SN14 6RJ | 9am - 4pm

Open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 - 13

Learn new sports, improve your skills and have fun with your friends!

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