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Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

1st December 2023

Attendance

This week's whole-school attendance was 95.5%, a good improvement from the last two weeks. The top classes were:

1. Dahl Class 98.2%
2. King-Smith Class 97.8%
3. Rowling Class 97.6%

The highest attending class (or classes!) each week wins extra playtime or another activity chosen by the class. *We have also introduced a bigger class prize/reward at the end of each term for the class that has the highest attendance overall for that term – last term it was Halls Class who chose some lovely new train set toys for their class as their prize. Who will it be this term?* Please remember that the school is required to refer children who have 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence to the Education Welfare Officer, and that each school day has two sessions. Our full Attendance Policy can be found on the school website.

Cold weather

There is a cold weather alert in place for the next few days – if you are concerned about low temperatures, we recommend that children wear layers to school such as a vest / base layer underneath school uniforms. *All children should be wearing a suitable coat to school and should expect to be told to wear it at outdoor playtimes. Sweatshirt / jumpers / hoodies are not the same as a proper coat.* Financial assistance is available for cold weather uniform items; please contact the school office if you wish to find out more about this.

Christmas cards

In school we have a system for giving out Christmas cards that makes it manageable (I am sure you can imagine the potential for chaos with close to 200 people trying to give and receive cards!)

- Cards must not start coming into school until Tues 12th December
- All cards must be put in the Christmas postbox for sorting and distribution to classes by our festive helpers – not given out directly by children
- All cards must be labelled with the recipient child's name and class / year group (bearing in mind that there might be more than one child with the same name in the same class!)

Children's Christmas crafts

All the children will have made a handmade craft item that will be available for parents / carers to purchase at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 9th December – the idea is that parents buy their own child's item.

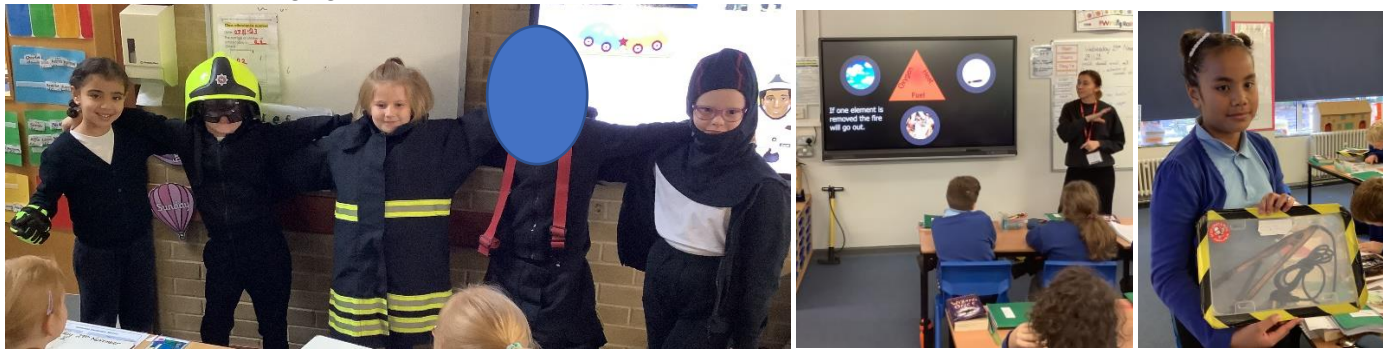
Open Classrooms

It was great to see so many families at this term's Open Classrooms on Wednesday. We have now been holding these sessions once per term for a few months, so it would be great to hear any feedback from parents and carers about whether you find them worthwhile. The attendance has been very high in some classes so it seems parents and carers do value the opportunity to look at children's work and classroom displays, but if you have any comments please do speak to your child's teacher or a member of the senior team, or drop school an email.

Children's news

Fire safety talks

On Wednesday Davina Sparks, the Fire Education Officer for Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service, visited Dahl, Lewis and Rowling Classes to support our PSHE curriculum. The children were really engaged with their sessions and learnt important messages to help to keep them safe at home and at school. Davina was very impressed with the engagement of our children and said that it had been a pleasure to visit the school.



New iPads!

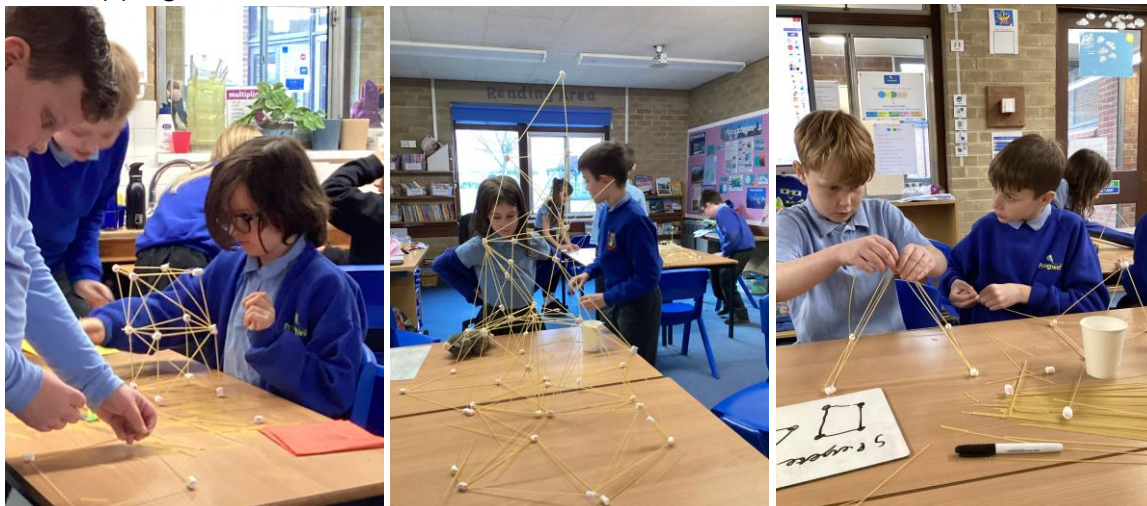
We are very excited to have been able to add 15 brand new iPads to our existing stock. We have some great IT resources and facilities at Frogwell and the extra iPads will enhance this further. Here you can see the new iPads being used as part of a music lesson in Year 6.

Walk Safe sessions

Yet more PSHE and 'life skills' work has been going on this week with our Walk Safe sessions in Years 1, 3 and 6. All the groups had on-site Walk Safe workshops as part of the Wiltshire Healthy Schools initiative. Year 3 also had practical sessions in small groups where they went out of school to practise their road-crossing skills.

Lewis Class team challenge

Year 4 tested their engineering skills by building towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows. The teams took different approaches; some planned before building and some just got stuck straight in, but all the teams displayed great teamwork, communication skills and perseverance. The highest free-standing tower measured a whopping 60 centimetres!



Diary dates for 2023-24

Saturday 9th December	Parent Pond Christmas Fair 11.00-14.00
Tuesday 12th December	EYFS/KS1 nativity (school hall) 14.15
Wednesday 13th December	EYFS/KS1 nativity (school hall) 09.30
Friday 15th December	Wear a Christmas Jumper to school day
Monday 18th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS2 carol concert at Ladyfield Church 14.15 (not whole school this year). There will be refreshments available from 13.45• EYFS/KS1 Christmas parties
Tuesday 19th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children's Christmas lunch• Parent Pond Children's Discos
Wed 20th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS2 Christmas parties• Last day of Term 2

Remaining Teacher Training Day dates for 2023/24

The school will be closed to children on:

- Monday 19th February 2024
- Thursday 28th March 2024
- Friday 5th July 2024



The poster features a festive design with pine branches, red berries, and yellow stars at the top and bottom. In the center, there is a circular logo for 'THE PARENT POND' with the tagline 'Families supporting Froegwell School'. Below the logo, the text reads: 'Christmas Fair', 'December 9th 2023', '11am - 2pm', 'Froegwell Primary School', 'Food, drink and lots of vendor stalls', 'Raffle with some great prizes!', 'And Santa's Grotto!!', and 'More details to come'.

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