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Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

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Attendance

The top attending classes this week were:

1. **King-Smith Class 99.3%** 2. **Potter Class 96.7%** 3. **Lewis Class 94.3%**

The highest attending class (or classes!) each week wins extra playtime or another activity chosen by the class. We also have a bigger class prize/reward at the end of each term for the class that has the highest attendance overall for that term, and one for the whole year! The winning class at the end of Term 2 was Zephaniah Class. Please remember to report all absences via email at attendance@frogwell.wilts.sch.uk or using the online form embedded into the school website at www.frogwell.co.uk.

Reminders

- Please remember that there should be absolutely **no sweets or lollipops** being brought into school. Any that are found will be confiscated immediately.
- **Long hair should be properly tied back** for school due to the risk of headlice spreading more easily and for safety in PE/Forest Schools.
- **No hoop earrings** or any other jewellery at school please – a single pair of small stud earrings and a basic (non-smart) watch are all that is allowed, again for safety reasons and risk of loss/damage.
- There should be **no Pokemon cards, football cards** or similar at school. Cards that are brought will be confiscated until the end of the day.

Open Classrooms

Our next Open Classrooms sessions will be on **Monday 20th January** and **Wednesday 19th March**, from the end of school **until 15.40**. Parents and Carers need to be leaving the classrooms at 15.40 as the teachers have other meetings and commitments to get to straight after these sessions. We will ring the hand bell down the corridors to signal the end of the session! If you have children in multiple classes, please can we ask that you are mindful not to arrive in the last child's class too late because the teachers cannot extend the time after 15.40 – you may need to go to the different classes on different days over time rather than visiting several on the same day.

Parent Pond news

The Parent Pond has been nominated for the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme!

This means from January 13th until the end of March, you can vote for us using the blue tokens in several stores across Chippenham:

- ♀ Frogwell Tesco Express
- ♀ Pewsham Tesco Express
- ♀ Foundry Lane Tesco Express
- ♀ Lyneham Tesco Express
- ♀ Chippenham Central Tesco store

The project with the highest number of votes across our region could receive up to £1500 from the scheme – so please show your support for Frogwell Primary School by grabbing those tokens every time you shop!

See more here: <https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk/>



Stronger **TESCO**
Starts. Every little helps.

PINS Project - Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools

As you may be aware from letters sent out last summer, Frogwell Primary School has chosen to be part of the Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools project (PINS). PINS is a national initiative which 20 schools in Wiltshire are involved in. The aims are to develop multi-agency collaboration and strengthening of parent carer and school partnerships in mainstream education settings, working with HCRG and Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (WPCC).

PINS training and learning for staff and parents

School staff are engaging in various training opportunities covering areas such as awareness of neurodivergence and mental health and neurodiversity. There will also be a suite of training/learning opportunities and resources available for parents that we will advertise to you as they become available from NGRG. These will include areas such as sleep, transitions to secondary school, supporting neurodivergent children with puberty, after-school behaviour outbursts, dental health for children with sensory difficulties etc.

Two additional sessions are coming up for parents that are being run by WPCC online via Teams and specific letters about each of these are attached with the email that sent you this newsletter. Booking information is included in each letter. The courses are:

1) **Bowel and bladder**

Thursday 23rd January 2025 from 10.00am to 11.30am, focusing on **toilet training**

Thursday 27th February 2025 from 10.00am to 11.30am, focusing on **constipation**

2) **The new neurodevelopmental referral pathway**

Wednesday 29th January 2025 from 10.00am to 12:00, focusing on the new Needs Led Approach and Profile for the neurodevelopmental referral pathway, what it entails and how parents will be supported with the process

PINS parent coffee mornings

WPCC held an introductory coffee morning at school before the summer holidays. There are three more coffee mornings coming up at school with WPCC (please see poster below for dates, times and more details); these are open to Frogwell parents of children with SEND (your child does not need any formal diagnosis and you do not have to be registered with WPCC). No need to book, just turn up!



Calling Parents and Carers

Are you a parent or carer of a child with SEND?

Tea, coffee, cake and chat sessions

Your school is taking part in a national project, supported and funded by the Department for Education (DfE) and NHS England (NHSE). This project is called PINS which stands for Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools. Parent carers are key partners in the delivery of the PINS programme and a key objective is to strengthen partnerships between parent carers and schools.

Collaboration with parents and carers is critical to the success of the PINS programme. The Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (WPCC) has a team of experts by experience who are parent carers themselves; they are the WPCC PINS team.

The representatives of the WPCC PINS team are friendly, approachable and knowledgeable, and are keen to work with parent carers in schools to provide training, support and information sessions, and help parents learn more about what schools are doing to become more inclusive and to support children.

A representative of the WPCC PINS team will be arranging informal sessions for parent carers in your school. Your child does not need a diagnosis and you do not need to be registered with the WPCC; we want to hear from all parents and carers.

Please join us for free tea, coffee, cake and conversation.



Please see below for details of the next parent carer PINS coffee and chat session for your school

Date

Friday 31st January
Friday 28th February
Friday 28th March

Time

All dates start at 09:00

Location

Frogwell Primary School

Children's news

Out of school news

Maisie T has achieved her Stage 1 Learn To Swim award. Well done, Maisie!

In school news



King-Smith Class have had a busy week.

In Art they have been making visual notes as part of their 'Cloth, Thread, Paint' unit looking at the artist Hannah Rae.

In History, where they are learning about the Romans, they looked at Roman buildings and discussed what they thought they tell us about Roman life. They also represented some of the common shapes on Roman architecture using Lego.



Y5/Y6 soft archery club started this week! The children had a lot of fun aiming and firing and their accuracy really improved as the first session went on! This club will be running for Y3/Y4 later in the year.

Donaldson Class have been learning about winter... making snow castles, snow men, writing their names with sticks and mark-making patterns in snow, and reading stories set in the snow. They also discovered toys frozen together in the outside area and used some Science knowledge to find out what happened when they put them in the sunlight to help them melt.



Diary dates for 2024-25

Mon 20th Jan	Open Classrooms 15:15-15:40
Fri 31st Jan	Wiltshire Parent Carer Council coffee morning 9:00 (part of the PINS Project – Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools)
Mon 10th Feb	Extra TD day Resource Base classes only (school closed to McKee and Potter Class children)
Fri 14th Feb 2025	End of Term 3
Mon 24th Feb	Start of Term 4, children back to school
Fri 28th Feb	Wiltshire Parent Carer Council coffee morning 9:00 (part of the PINS Project – Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools)
Wed 19th March	Open Classrooms 15:15-15:40
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Mon 31st March	Spring parents' evening 1 (15.30-17.30)
Wed 2nd April	Spring parents' evening 2 (15:45-18:15)
Fri 4th April	End of Term 4
Tues 22nd April	TD day – school closed to children
Wed 23rd April	Start of Term 5, children back to school
Week of 12th May	Year 6 SATs week – no absences will be authorised this week
Fri 23rd May	End of Term 5
Mon 2nd June	TD day – school closed to children
Tues 3rd June	Start of Term 6, children back to school
Wed 23rd July	End of Term 6
Thurs 24th July	TD day, school closed to children

Remaining Teacher Training Day dates for 2024/25

The school will be closed to children on:

- [Mon 10th Feb](#) (closed for Resource Base only, all mainstream classes at school as normal)
- Tues 22nd April (all children)
- Mon 2nd June (all children)
- Thurs 24th July (all children)



Game On

Making team sports more accessible to children in Chippenham

Enjoy new friendships, grow in confidence, handle the losses and celebrate the wins.



Want your child to keep healthy and active without the worry of costs?

Game On is a new charity dedicated to enabling children grow physically, socially and emotionally through team sport.

We offer:

- Financial support with club membership fees for primary school children
- Provision of sports kit, gear and equipment
- Access to a wide network of local clubs - football, netball, hockey, rugby & cricket

Participating clubs 2024

- Chippenham Town Youth FC
- Chippenham Hockey Club
- Chippenham Netball Youth
- Chippenham Cricket Club
- Chippenham Rugby Club

Want to learn more? Contact the club and ask about "Game On"



www.gameoncharity.com



