



Frogwell Primary School & Complex Needs Resource Base

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Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

3rd November 2023

Attendance

This week's whole-school attendance was **98% -this is fantastic!**
The top classes were:

1. Potter Class 100%
2. King-Smith Class / Rowling Class 99%
3. Halls Class 98.8%

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 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.

Be an attendance **HERO!**



Here
Every day
Ready
On time

Can **you** help your class win the weekly attendance award?
Remember.... EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Remembrance

Poppies will be available in school next week for donations to the Royal British Legion. We suggest a minimum donation of 50p where possible but please donate what you can afford for this important charity and to mark this important national event. We will only have straightforward poppies available this year, no 'merchandise'.



Children In Need 17th November

Children In Need is taking place on Friday 17th November. We want children to wear their normal school uniform on this day but Parent Pond will be helping us organise 'Pennies for Pudsey', where coins will be used to create a big Pudsey on the floor. Please send in coins on the day that we can use; we suggest copper coins but we will use anything you send so silver is fine too! All money donated will go to BBC Children In Need.

Non-uniform day 1st December

On Friday 1st December we are having a non-uniform day in exchange for items for the Christmas Fair tombola instead of money. Potter, EYFS and KS1 classes need to bring **chocolate items**. KS2 classes and McKee need to bring **bottle items** (alcohol is permitted but must handed in by an adult to the front office for secure storage - things like bubble bath can be collected in classes). Please make sure that children's chosen non-uniform outfits are still suitable for school, i.e. safe for active play and obviously nothing inappropriate.

Job vacancy

We have a vacancy for a fixed-term MDSA/Lunchtime Playworker. This job is for 12.00-13.30 every day in term time (38 weeks per year). All the details about the job and how to apply can be found on our school website at <https://frogwell-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/vacancies/>

The closing date is 4pm on Wed 15th November. Frogwell Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a full Disclosure and Barring Service check.

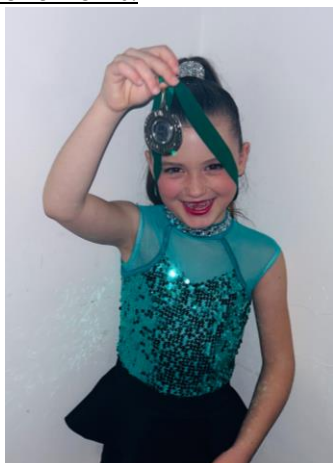
Children's news

Year 6 residential

Rowling Class have had a fantastic week away at The Beacon. They have enjoyed lots of adventurous activities - conquering the zipwire, climbing to the top of the climbing wall or hitting the target in archery. They had a walk along the coast to Lynmouth and the children were amazed at the spectacular views of the sea and the train ride to the top of the cliff was much appreciated. All the children have shown resilience and their independence and communication skills have increased. The staff at the Beacon have been really impressed with our children, who have shown excellent teamwork and engaged politely and positively with all the adult instructors. This has been such a valuable experience and the children have made lots of special memories that will undoubtedly last a lifetime. Due to a technical issue I cannot put any photos in today, but you can see some on our school Facebook page and we will add more in next week's newsletter.

I would like to give a huge thank you to the staff who gave up their week to be on duty 24 hours a day; trips like this can only take place with the dedication of staff who are willing to contribute such an enormous amount of their personal and family time so thank you very much to Mrs Cooper, Mrs Andrews, Mrs Martinson and Mrs Gosal.

Out of school achievements!



Ivy B came second in her tap-dancing competition.



Delilah K has achieved Level 1 in core skills at gymnastics and was awarded a medal and certificate.

Aaditya A and **Prayag A** have both competed in final rounds of the SMA Abacus International Olympiad 2023 and been awarded the rank of Champion – well done to you both for your mental maths skills!

Diary dates for 2023-24

Friday 17th November	Children In Need day – Pennies for Pudsey
Wednesday 29th November	Open Classrooms 15.15-15.40
Friday 1st December	Non-uniform day for tombola donations
Saturday 9th December	Parent Pond Christmas Fair
Friday 15th December	Wear a Christmas Jumper to school day
Tuesday 19th December	Parent Pond Children's Discos
Wed 20th December	Last day of Term 2

Dates for school Christmas events will be shared soon!

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

News from the Parent Pond
(our Parent-School-Friends Association)



- This week's Spooky Bake Sale raised £87.15 for the school so thank you to all who donated and purchased.



- Tickets for our Santa's Grotto and Christmas Disco will be available from Monday 6th November. If you would like to book a slot for Santa's Grotto (9th Dec) or our Christmas Disco (19th Dec) please download the Classlist app via Google Play or App Store. Payments for all upcoming events will be available on the app. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the event we can only provide you with a Grotto slot if you pre-purchase through Classlist.
- Don't forget the Parent Pond has its own Facebook page (separate to the school page)!

THE PARENT POND
Families supporting
Frogwell School

Christmas Fair

December 9th 2023
11am - 2pm

Frogwell Primary School
Food, drink and lots of vendor stalls
Raffle with some great prizes!
And Santa's Grotto!!
More details to come

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Christmas Disco

The Parent Pond presents
Frogwell Primary School's 2023 Christmas Disco!

December 19th
KS1 - 3:30pm - 4:30pm
KS2 - 5pm - 6pm

£2.50 Per Ticket
includes drink & snack
More information will be available on Classlist.

Please can KS2 children bring no more than £1 for Tuc shop

Absolutely no mobile phones!
Any phones will be held by staff until the end of the disco

Safety information for fireworks, sparklers and bonfires

We hope everyone has lots of fun with Bonfire Night and Diwali coming up but here are some safety points from RoSPA to bear in mind. **Have fun, be safe!**



Firework code

Only adults should deal with setting up firework displays, the lighting of fireworks and the safe disposal of fireworks once they have been used (and remember, alcohol and fireworks don't mix!). Children and young people should be supervised and watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance. Follow these top 10 tips for a safer fireworks party:

- Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable, and check the time you can legally set off fireworks
- In England, Scotland and Wales only buy fireworks which carry a CE marking or the UKCA mark. In the case of Northern Ireland look either the CE mark or for the UKNI symbol. You may also see the UKNI mark along with the UKCA or CE symbol. Keep your fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time. CE, UKCA and UKNI markings on fireworks demonstrate that the product has been tested to the required essential safety standard.
- Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary
- Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back
- Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit
- Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them
- Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire
- Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving

Sparkler safety

Sparklers are often viewed as being harmless but they burn at fierce temperatures, equivalent to a welding torch. Follow these top tips for sparkler safety:

- It is recommended that sparklers are not given to under-5s
- Make sure everyone handling sparklers wears gloves
- Hold sparklers at arm's length while being lit and light them one at a time
- Don't wave sparklers about close to other people
- Never hold a baby in your arms while you are holding a sparkler
- When the sparkler has finished put it in a bucket of cold water

Bonfire safety

- One person should be responsible for the bonfire and children should be supervised
- Choose a site away from wooden fences, sheds and where children will be playing
- Never pour petrol, paraffin or meths on to a fire - it's safer to use fire lighters to prevent flare-ups
- Keep a bucket of water handy in case of an accident
- Avoid loose clothing and tie back long hair
- After the party, pour water on the fire, rather than leaving it to burn o



FOOTBALL FOR GIRLS!

FC CHIPPENHAM YOUTH

We are excited to announce that we will be running girls only football for girls in **school years 2 & 3 & 4**

Run by qualified FA licenced coaches, we are looking to develop future footballers while having a lot of fun! Our younger girls play in local football festivals, older teams in Wiltshire Womens and Girls Football League.

- First session - 8:30am Saturday 6th May
- Every Saturday Morning 8:30am-9:30am
- Stanley Park 3G Artificial Pitch in Chippenham
- Only £2 per session

If your daughter is interested then please contact aidcatmurp@btinternet.com to book a place.



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