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THE FROEBELIAN SCHOOL
GIVING A FLYING START TO THE CITIZENS OF TOMORROW

A New Look

We were beyond excited to reveal the results of our summer project at our recent Open Day.

The significant investment in our provision in early years has created bespoke-designed classrooms and continuous access to an exceptional outdoor space. This ensures that we are continuing to lay the solid foundations for a lifelong love of learning, to gain knowledge and skills, and develop personal attributes, relevant to every child's future.

Children are at the heart of everything we do, and we are passionate that all children enjoy a positive experience at Froebelian, in a caring, structured and secure environment. The time spent at the beginning of their journey in our Lower Kindergarten (Nursery) and Kindergarten (Reception) classes is crucial.

If you would like to visit the school to see the brand new EYFS facilities, please contact: office@froebelian.co.uk





New Look Website

Following feedback from an extensive research project earlier this year, our new look website has been launched. The new site has improved functions such as easier Parent Portal sign up and forgotten password links and clearer navigation. Updated photography and videography will be added over the next few months.

Do take a look and let us know your feedback and suggestions at marketing@froebelian.co.uk.



New Faces at Froebelian

Ms Borkala and Mrs Smith

We are delighted to have welcomed a new office team this term.

Ms Hannah Borkala, Head's PA and Admissions Officer, came to us having been the Head's PA at Beckfoot Oakbank Academy. Mrs Emma Smith, who was with us in the summer and who you may already be familiar with from First Steps Nursery, is our Office Administrator.

A New Hat for Mr Cockshott

As you are aware, Mr Trafford is retiring at Christmas. We are delighted to have temporarily appointed Mr Cockshott to the role of Caretaker for this academic year. Mr Cockshott has been working in school since the start of term to assist Mr Trafford with outstanding tasks from the summer and he will be shadowing Mr Trafford until Christmas to ensure a smooth transition.

We are sure that you will join us in welcoming Mr Cockshott back to the team at Froebelian!



Bridge Building STEAM Challenge

Our children in Form IV (Year 6) took part in the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Maths) Bridge Building Challenge at the beginning of term with Inventor Ben Ben has a 20-year career in Design Engineering and Innovation, and is the named inventor on several Global Patents and Design Rights. You can see products he has designed on every high street in the UK and all around the world.

Hosted by Bradford Grammar School, teams from schools across the region were challenged to build the strongest, cheapest bridge to span a river that allowed a boat to travel underneath it. There were some amazing creations built from the resources available to 'buy' with 'Ben Money'.





Charity Update

The Froebelian School Raises £1000s for Yorkshire Air Ambulance

Following two years of fundraising we were delighted to present Vickie Bowden and mascot Polly the Paramedic from Yorkshire Air Ambulance with a cheque for £6024.39.

Throughout the lockdowns and challenges over the last two years, the whole school community has come together to carry out some new and imaginative ways of fundraising; from a virtual Roman Marathon to hot chocolate days. One of our younger pupils embarked on a 3-day hike with her Dad across North Yorkshire raising over £1000 alone.

Mrs Dodds said: "I am overwhelmed by how the Froebelian family has embraced the fundraising over the last two years - with individual and group efforts from pupils, staff, parents, friends and the FPTA. It is a tremendous achievement to have raised such an astonishing amount."

Vickie Bowden, West Yorkshire Regional Fundraiser, from Yorkshire Air Ambulance said: "The charity relies on donations to ensure we can continue to save lives across the region and make a difference to someone who needs our help. The money that Froebelian has raised, pays for two helicopters to be deployed to help the people that need them - potentially saving two lives. We are incredibly grateful to everyone at the school for making such a magnificent contribution."



New Charity for 2021/22 – Save The Children



Save the Children



The launch of our designated charity for 2021/22 got off to an almighty start when Form IV (Year 6) conquered the Three Yorkshire Peaks in September.

Not only did they put their hearts and souls into completing the challenge, but they also raised an enormous £1406.00 for Save The Children. Donations from our Harvest Festival celebration raised another £810. What an amazing start to this year's fundraising.

#HelloYellow

The school was awash with colour as we acknowledged #HelloYellow for Young Minds. Raising awareness of positive mental health and teaching the children that 'it's okay not to be okay' has never been more important.



Early help is the most effective way to tackle mental health issues. If you are concerned about your child's mental health, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

You can also explore the Young Minds website (<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>) for help and advice.

Harvest Festival

We have been overwhelmed once again by the generosity of the Froebelian Family. The number of donations that we have received for the Horsforth Live at Home scheme this year is a record high.



Thank you so much to everyone that has supported this charity once again.

A Window into

Lower Kindergarten

have been reading 'Dear Zoo' and making lion faces out of different shapes.



Kindergarten

went on an adventure into the Rainforest discovering a number of animals and then had a Zoolab workshop where they held a variety of exciting creatures, including a tarantula.



Transition

threw themselves into their Dinosaur topic with a 'ROAR!' They even found dinosaur footprints, a tooth and a dinosaur egg!



Remove

have been busy with all things Pirate in their 'Land Ahoy' topic; from walking the plank and performing pirate poems to floating pirate ships and singing sea shanties!



our Classrooms

Form I

have been in the Froebelian Science Laboratory learning about the organs in the body, making brains, measuring out blood and using recyclable materials to make intestines and lungs.



Form II

have been learning all about COP26. They have been learning about the effects of fossil fuels, deforestation as well as the negative impact of humans on the world's oceans. The children have then thought about solutions to these problems.

Form III

have been drawing family crests all about themselves. They then created a medieval castle to display them.



Form IV

have created portraits using quotes from some of the great civil rights leaders in history.



Alumni News

Froebelian Alumni Success at World Triathlon Leeds

Last summer, Froebelian Alumni, Ben Hill, now a pupil at Bradford Grammar School (BGS) and hoping to follow in the footsteps of former students and Olympic triathletes, Jonny and Alistair Brownlee, took part in the World Triathlon Leeds competition at Roundhay Park, where he came fourth in the U19 category.

It was the fifth time World Triathlon Leeds has taken place and this year saw thousands of athletes competing, from amateurs to elites. Ben had to swim 200m in Waterloo Lake, cycle 9.5km and then run 2.5km.

Ben said: "I enjoy all three sports and the competition was really good. There's a mass start in the water normally but because of Covid we went in two at a time, a couple of seconds apart. It was very busy at the bike to run transition, but I was happy with my overall result considering it was my first race."

Ben is in the Yorkshire talent squad which supports young athletes who have ambitions to join the Yorkshire Triathlon Academy, part of the triathlon talent pathway in Great Britain.



GSAL Student Leadership Team

We were delighted to hear that four Froebelian Alumni have been selected out of 200 applicants to be Student Leaders at The Grammar School at Leeds.

Daniel Smallbone will be head of school/head boy, Tom Kelly and Sophia Papagiannopoulos will be heads of house and James Unsworth has been appointed as prefect.

The roles include a wide range of responsibilities which are pivotal to the smooth running of the school, including; assisting with parents' evening, open mornings and other key events as well as providing leadership for the school community.

Principal at GSAL, Sue Woodroffe, said: "Whilst these students have developed over the years they have been with us, I fully recognise the importance of primary education; indeed it's the foundation on which learning is built. We know from our own data and experience that primary education is crucial in determining not just a child's educational outcomes but their attitude to learning, to one another and to school life generally."

Drama News

The Froebelian Drama Club has hit the ground running this term with four children already receiving their Gold Awards and Forms II, III and IV busy preparing for their Drama Examinations which are held in school on Wednesday 1 December.

The children will be examined in Acting, Group Drama, Prose and Verse Speaking, Interview Technique and Spoken English.

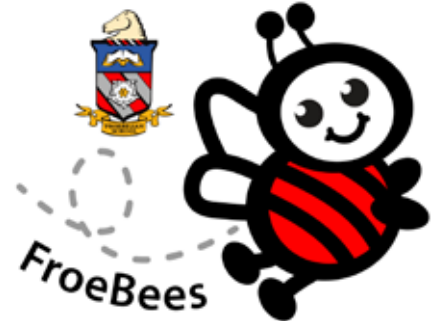
Froebelian children in the past have excelled in these topics and Mrs Taylor-Parker has no doubt that this year will be no exception.

Drama Club is now running as normal both during lunchtime and after school.

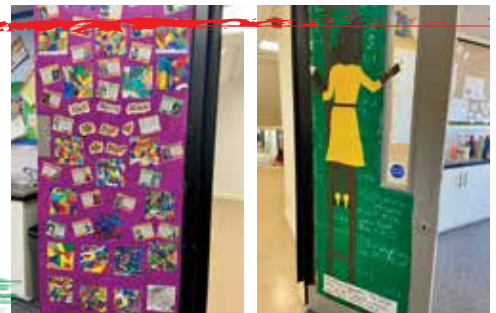


Froebees

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed that we have renamed our afternoon sessions for our very youngest children from Little Acorns to Froeebes! Froeebes is our optional afternoon session for children in Lower Kindergarten and is led by Mrs Mulligan, supported by Miss McCaig.



Black History Month gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture and, throughout October, we marked Black History Month in a variety of ways in school. Each class chose a significant historical figure and adorned their classroom doors with elaborate displays depicting each individual including Rosa Parks, Katherine Johnson and Michael Jordan.



SPORT



Mr Heseltine

We are delighted to welcome Mr Michael Heseltine as our new PE/Games Lead Teacher.

Mr Heseltine worked with a Local Schools Partnership in York to deliver PE/Games to a number of primary schools across the city. He co-ordinated the FA Girls' Football School Partnership and facilitated the implementation of the FA Shooting Stars and FA Game of Our Own programmes in the partnership schools in which he worked. He also worked in partnership with York City Knights to deliver the Rugby League World Cup in schools programme.

Mr Heseltine has wide experience in the independent sector, including time spent working in international schools such as Brighton College Prep in Abu Dhabi, the International School in The Hague and the Sir James Henderson British School of Milan.



Welcome to The Froebelian Family!

Firsts at Wharfedale Meadows Cross Country



Mr Heseltine led a 40-strong Froebelian Team to the KS2 Wharfedale Meadows Cross Country Festival in October. Fourteen schools from across the region ran their socks off and were rewarded for individual and team efforts.

Out of almost 500 children, two of our pupils were placed first in their category, with two pupils in the top five and one in the top ten to boot!

The qualifying teams will go on to run in the Leeds City Finals at Temple Newsam later in the year.

Go Team Froebelian!



We hosted Moorlands this term for an U9 Tag Rugby fixture at YMCA Lawnswood with 18 of our Form II pupils involved. The matches were played in an excellent spirit and there was plenty of exciting attacking and tenacious defending on display from our teams.

Well done to all those involved.



The Froebelian Parents' Association

We have always been incredibly lucky to have an active Parents' Association (FPTA) at Froebelian.

Once you join the school you automatically become part of the Froebelian Family and an honorary FPTA member! It's a great way for families to connect with each other and our events are always well-supported. All funds raised by the FPTA are used to 'add the cherry on the cake' so that the children at Froebelian may have the best possible experiences at school. By way of example, this summer, the FPTA funded the amazing new climbing structure in the Pre-Prep playground and the children absolutely love it!

Following COVID and the associated break in FPTA activities and events, the committee are keen to rebuild their team of willing helpers and members and to plan a range of events for this academic year. As always, every little helps, and if we can involve lots of families in the

work of the FPTA, this will lighten the load for everyone. If you can offer your support, whether as a committee member or as a volunteer for events, ***please contact the FPTA directly via: froebelianpta@hotmail.com***

The Froebelian Dinner Dance is Back!

The FPTA would love to welcome everyone to attend the best evening in the Froebelian calendar!

The Annual Dinner Dance is back! Dust off your ballgowns and tuxedos and join us at The Royal Armouries on Saturday 26 March 2022 for what promises to be a fun-filled evening!

Tickets include: a red-carpet welcome, welcome drinks, a delicious three course meal and of course a disco and dancing.

Tickets are only £60 each – contact the FPTA to find out how to purchase them froebelianpta@hotmail.com

One lucky person will win £250 off school fees on the evening!

The Froebelian Dinner Dance 2022



Defibrillator in School



In an emergency, when someone is in cardiac arrest, a defibrillator needs to be found as quickly as possible. It may be of interest that, as a member of the Horsforth community, we carry a defibrillator in school which is accessible to anyone in the local area that may need it during school hours.



The Froebelian

ART GALLERY

Some of our latest fantastic artworks...

A selection of artworks from Froebelian pupils.

