

The Froebelian Digest Lockdown 3.0 Edition February 2021 #Froebelianhomelearning #Froebelianspirit #Froebelianfamily



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GIVING A FLYING START TO THE CITIZENS OF TOMORROW

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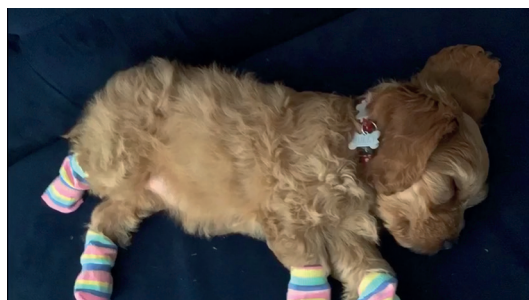
Our apricot Cockapoo, Molly, was born on Sunday 16 October in York and will live with Mrs Stratford and her family when she's not in school.

Cockapoos are a breed of dog known for their loving and loyal nature which gives them the right temperament to be a School dog. The puppy will be coming into School for short sessions initially and Mrs Stratford will be her handler whilst she is in School and will be training her to become a School dog so she will, in time, become an integral part of our School family.

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Evidence indicates that the well-being benefits of having a School dog include:

- **Cognitive** – companionship with a dog stimulates memory, problem-solving and game-playing.
- **Social** – a dog provides a positive mutual topic for discussion, encourages responsibility, well-being and focused interaction with others.
- **Emotional** – a School dog improves self-esteem, acceptance from others and lifts mood, often provoking laughter and fun. Dogs can also teach compassion and respect for other living things as well as relieving anxiety.
- **Physical** – interaction with a furry friend reduces blood pressure, provides tactile stimulation, assists with pain management, gives motivation to move, walk and stimulates the senses.
- **Environmental** – a dog in a School increases the sense of a family environment, with all of the above benefits continuing long after the School day is over.
- **Reading** – reading to dogs has been proven to help children develop literacy skills and build confidence, through both the calming effect the dog's presence has on children as well as the fact that a dog will listen to children read without being judgemental or critical. This comforting environment helps to nurture children's enthusiasm for reading and provides them with the confidence to read aloud.



Keep an eye on our social media streams to keep up to date with her progress.

She even has her own Instagram account [**@mollyatfroebelian**](#)



Home Learning

We were once again filled with pride at how the whole Froebelian Family came together to ensure that the last-minute Lockdown and closure of schools announcement hasn't dampened our Froebelian spirit. Pupils, parents and staff quickly adapted to the new routines, whether it be home learning or in school for children of critical worker families.

Form IV Entrance Exams



Our Form IV (Year 6) pupils have once again shown focus, determination and flexibility in their approach and attitudes towards the entrance exams for senior schools - 2021 style! New systems and approaches for the exams, due to the pandemic restrictions, have meant that each and every pupil has had to adjust and adapt to online exams, virtual interviews and independent assessments sat at home. It has been an incredibly steep learning curve for everyone involved in the process and we are so proud of the way that their true Froebelian Spirit has shone through. We have no doubt that you've all achieved tremendous outcomes.

Well done everyone!

Snow Days ❄️

'Down those iPads and pick up your sledges!' said Mrs Dodds.



The recent snow days didn't stop our learning: from writing times tables in the snow to making shapes and sculptures linked to our topics, from number bond snow balls to building snowmen and snowwomen.



We can learn anywhere!



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A Bright Froebelian Future

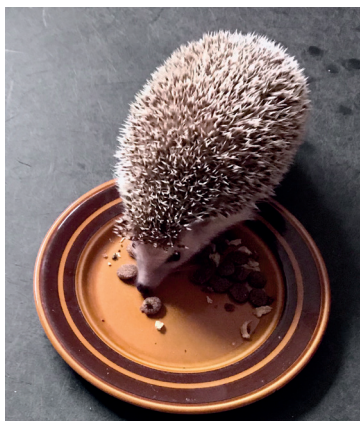
It's an exciting time for The Froebelian School, Horsforth, as we begin to reveal our future investment and development plans for our Early Years Foundation Stage, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths); and Sport, as well as 51 weeks a year provision for all children from the age of three. Keep checking www.froebelian.com and our social media accounts for updates.



Every Wednesday the whole Froebelian Family is reminded to stop and think about how they're feeling. The well-being of the whole school community has never been more important, and Well-Being Wednesdays allow all of us to take a moment to check in on ourselves. Each week Mrs Stratford sets an activity for every member of the school to participate in and a video to provide time to reflect on our well-being.



Sherlock the Hedgehog Visits Lower Kindergarten



Our very youngest children aged three and four were delighted when a prickly visitor arrived at Lower Kindergarten. Sherlock the hedgehog, owned by Mrs Giles and her family, behaved impeccably well on his last outing before he goes off to hibernate for the winter.



Sunday Times Number 1 in the Region



Froebelian has appeared consistently in league tables for a number of years – this year ranking number one in the region. Next year the criteria for the rankings will undergo a much-needed update and will no longer be solely based on results from Year 6 SATS tests.



Miss Hoe

We marked the anniversary of The Froebelian School Founder Miss Hoe's death once again this year, with a bouquet of red roses. In ordinary circumstances our School Captains would attend, but this year Mrs Dodds visited the grave to mark the occasion.

Froebelian was founded in 1913 with the distinctive name adopted by the founder Miss L. Hoe, in honour of the then influential German educationalist, Friedrich Froebel. Froebel pioneered early years' learning and the school still follows this tradition, educating children from the age of three years.



Miss Hoe remained as Head until 1949.

Next year, we have decided we will commemorate the birth of Miss Hoe which is in June instead.



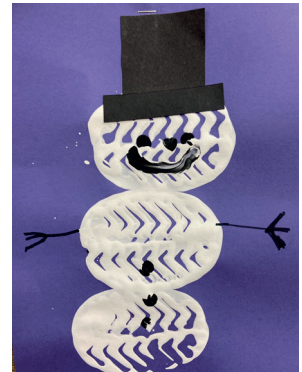
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A Window into

Lower Kindergarten

has been creating snowmen out of different shapes.



Kindergarten

has been learning all about Winter.



Transition

has been writing sentences and turning themselves into their favourite animals, using their ICT skills in cameras, Google and Pic Collage.



PIC-COLLAGES



We doing Bruno Mars count on me

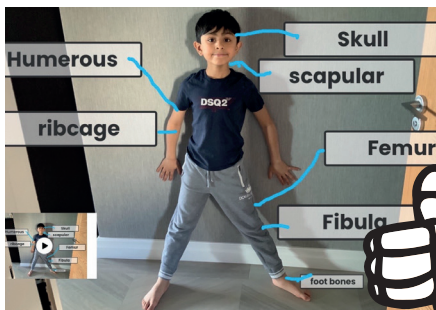
Remove

our resident Sign-Sing experts, have been entertaining us again, this time with Bruno Mars' Count on Me.

our Classrooms

Form I

has been learning all about bodies.



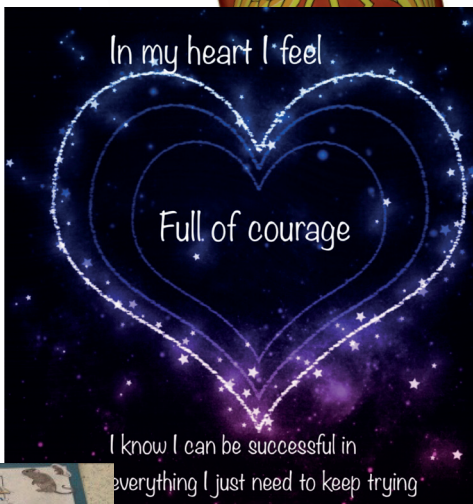
Form II

has been making Roman shields and drawing amazing soldiers.



Form III

created beautiful writing and artworks using the story 'In my Heart' as their inspiration.



Form IV

has been creating Maths-based board games.



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A Froebelian Christmas 2020 Round Up

Despite the restrictions, the whole Froebelian family came together to create a truly festive atmosphere in school. From pantomimes to the great Santa Dash, Nativities, parties and of course Mr Schofield's legendary Christmas Dinner.



HAPPINESS HUT

The Happiness Hut at Froebelian

Formerly known as The Well-Being Pod, the newly named Happiness Hut is coming together. Despite the challenges of delayed deliveries due to the pandemic, the team behind the project is continuing to forge ahead to ensure we can welcome the whole Froebelian Community to use this new space as safely and as soon as possible.

Follow the progress
@thehappineshutatfroebelian on
Instagram.





Halloween Competition

The winner of the FPTA Halloween pumpkin sculptures were revealed. Inundated with entries from children aged 3-11, the judges had a really difficult time whittling item down to the final three. Congratulations to our spooky winners.



Pupils Get Snap Happy

We discovered some budding photographers last term. Pupils entered a photography competition, with the winners having their pictures included in The Froebelian 2021 Calendar. It's a true work of art. It's not too late to order a copy from the FPTA contact froebelianpta@hotmail.com



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#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Beginning the week with the whole school wearing odd socks, Anti-Bullying Week reminded us all to encourage each other to celebrate our individuality and what makes us all unique.



Mental Health First Aider

Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Stratford, has recently completed her training in becoming a Mental Health First Aider. MHFA England is an organisation that has trained over 3 million people worldwide to help create a society where everyone's mental health matters.



Adieu Mrs Dawson

*"How lucky we are to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."
Winnie the Pooh*

After nearly three decades at Froebelian, Mrs Dawson has finally hung up her Froebelian angel wings as she ventures into the world of retirement. Knowing Mrs Dawson, we are sure she will be as busy as ever.

Thank you Mrs Dawson for everything.



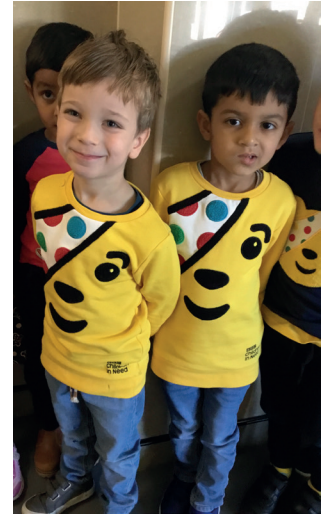
Charity Update

Despite the restrictions the Froebelian Family is still working hard and finding ways to help others.



BBC Children in Need

The whole Froebelian Family once again embraced a fun Children In Need day raising an incredible £300.



Armistice Day

Armistice Day was commemorated with a moving service led by our eldest children in Form IV and poignant solo performance of The Last Post. All the children marked the two-minutes' silence and talked in an age-appropriate way about the importance of remembrance. All the classes in school also contributed a unique display of artworked poppies.



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

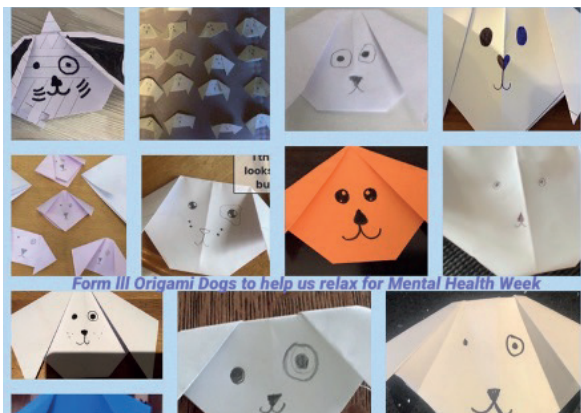
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The Froebelian **ART GALLERY**

Some of our latest fantastic artworks...

A selection of artworks from Froebelian pupils.



Form III Origami Dogs to help us relax for Mental Health Week

