



The Froebelian

ART GALLERY

Some of our latest fantastic artworks...

A selection of artworks from Froebelian pupils.



YOUR FROEBELIAN

digest:

You Did It!



We are delighted to be celebrating our Form IV (Year 6) pupils who all gained a place at their first choice of senior school, with many children receiving multiple offers of places - a total of 43 places to 20 pupils which included eight scholarships and awards.

Hip Hip Hooray!



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THE FROEBELIAN SCHOOL

GIVING A FLYING START TO THE CITIZENS OF TOMORROW

We're Back!

It is wonderful to be back in school with actual events taking place with the sounds of children laughing and music flowing through the corridors once again. There has been such a happy and positive atmosphere in every classroom as the children and staff reconnect and resume learning and playing together.



Blue Peter Badge quintet



One of our Form III (Year 5) pupils has been busy collecting not one, but five Blue Peter badges. Her amazing skills in playing the piano, artwork and poem writing have all been recognised by the iconic children's programme. Her next goal is the Blue Peter Sports Badge.



What an achievement, well done!



Show Reveal... drum roll please...

Form IV (Year 6) children will be sharing 'A Night at the Musicals' (working title!) – a veritable smorgasbord of some of the best-loved songs from musicals which will be woven together with a narrative the children will write themselves. The children and staff are very excited, and it's an absolute pleasure to hear the sound of the rehearsals taking place in school.



School Captains

Our three School Captains for the Spring Term adapted brilliantly to their roles. Thank you for being such brilliant ambassadors for the school.



Road Safety Day with Local Officer Rob



We were delighted to invite back local PCSO Rob to run some workshops with each class on road safety. From learning how to cross the road safely to understanding braking distances for cars, every single child (aged 3-11) enjoyed their sessions enormously.



General Knowledge Experts

A team of our top general knowledge experts from Form IV (Year 6) took part in the heat for a place in the National General Knowledge Quiz Quest Event. From our IT suite via Zoom, the team did incredibly well, despite tough opposition from other schools and came 29th out of 50. **We are so proud of you!**

It's a Dog's Life

Molly, the school dog, has well and truly settled into the routine of school life. She's thoroughly enjoying wearing her uniform, the walks with different staff members and all the tummy rubs. Mrs Stratford is trying to find time to visit all classes so everyone can have an opportunity to spend some time with our furry Froebelian friend. Molly is also helping to keep school and the playground tidier - because she willingly 'hoovers up' anything she finds, the children are being especially careful not to drop anything on the floor!

Keep an eye on our social media streams to keep up to date with her progress. She even has her own Instagram account @mollyatfroebelian



Good Schools Guide

Read the latest independent review of Froebelian in the Good Schools Guide.

What The Good Schools Guide says..

“Teaching is flexible, practical and - halleluiah to this - it lives up to its promise of being imaginative. If kindergarten or reception children show a love of dinosaurs, for example, the teacher will hone in on that and use it as a base for spin off projects.”

Mental Health Champions



We were delighted to welcome Ricky Ashcroft from One Goal to spend the morning with our Form IV (Year 6) pupils encouraging and training them to become Mental Health Champions and to understand their own mental health.



Charity Update

Despite the restrictions, the Froebelian Family is still working hard and being creative in finding ways to help others and to raise money for this year's designated charity - Yorkshire Air Ambulance (YAA).

To date we have donated as massive £4488.04 to the charity and have exciting plans for more fundraising for the rest of the academic year.



Roman Marathon for YAA

Form II (Year 4), whilst observing Government Coronavirus guidelines, ran a collective Roman Marathon to help Emperor Hadrian protect Hadrian's Wall. The challenge was part of their project about The Romans and also raised over £1000 for Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Hike for Yorkshire Air Ambulance

One of our children in Transition (Year 1) is currently in training for a three-day hike of 9-10 miles per day with her dad, to raise money for Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Camping in between, they will start in Leyburn and head to Muker via Aysgarth and Reeth -with stops along the way to learn about wildlife, farming, nature, local interest, local things to do and some history. They also hope to meet as many people as possible along the way.



Children's Mental Health Week and Inside Out Day

This year, we marked Children's Mental Health Week once again to help shine a light on the importance of children's mental health. This week coincided with Inside Out Day when we all wore an item of clothing inside out, to act as a reminder to be kind to everyone because we never know what's going on the inside.

Red Nose Day 2021

We had a fun day on Red Nose Day for Comic Relief dressing as superheroes or everyday heroes - some



costumes were out of this world! AND we raised an amazing £365!



Easter Sponsored Challenge

With more flexibility to get out and about, our Form IV (Year 6) Charity Captain launched The Froebelian Outdoor Family Sponsorship Challenge to raise money for Yorkshire Air Ambulance. One family did 5 days of outdoor challenges; a hopscotch around the Yorkshire Sculpture Park; burpees at the top of Rawdon Billing; a family sheep herding day; an obstacle course; and an outdoor disco with guest star appearances from family (all within rule of 6!). In total £290 was raised. **What a fantastic effort.**

A Window into our Classrooms

Lower Kindergarten

has been doing Easter Maths - 'Put the carrots in the correct order', 'What number carrot has the Easter Bunny eaten?'



Kindergarten

is celebrating Spring with their own version of a Cherry Blossom tree.



Transition

has been thinking about their short and long term dreams and goals. Here are some of them climbing the ladder and reaching for the moon. - "Reach for the moon. Even if you miss you'll land among the stars."



Remove

visited our Outdoor Learning Zone to discover different habitats.

Form I

has been studying all things Ancient Greek. In lockdown they made their own hoplite shields and practiced the Phalanx formation together as a unit !!



Form II

has been learning about the Vikings. The children built their own Viking longboats and tested them to see if they would float in the school paddling pool.

Form III

has been exploring sustainability in Curitiba Brazil, including an interview with former resident, Anahi Ravagnani via Zoom.



Form IV

created some incredible portmanteau creatures. This one is a 'Mermix'.



Alumni News

Moh Ritson Makes His GT Cup debut



We are always delighted to hear from past Froebelian pupils and 2013 leaver, Moh Ritson, was in touch recently.

Moh started competitive racing during his GCSEs and continues to pursue his GT racing career whilst on his year out before heading to University in September. He kicked off this season in April in the "GT Cup Championship" at Donington Park, racing a McLaren 570 GT4 with Paddock Motorsport headed up by Martin Plowman (Le Mans winner) and Kelvin Fletcher (speedy racer and winner of Strictly Come Dancing 2019). Along with his teammate, Tom Rawlings, Moh made a big impression, bringing home silverware with two class podiums between them.

An incredible achievement - we can't wait for you to come back to Froebelian to tell us all about it!



Adieu Mrs Horrocks

Last term, we said a fond farewell to Mrs Horrocks, one of our longest-standing members of staff. Being part of the Froebelian Family since March 1999, she has clocked up just shy of 22 years of unstinting service. Her contributions to school life have been many and varied: Maths Leader, Special Needs Co-ordinator, FIV Form Teacher, Gymnastics and Swimming Coach and Three Peaks Mountaineer to name a few.

Highly-regarded and well-respected by staff and parents, what is special (and infectious) about Mrs Horrocks is the energy and positivity she brings to her classroom every single day. She has a kind, patient and encouraging approach but also sets high expectations for her class to develop their independence and personal organisation, contributing hugely to the school's success rate in passing the senior school entrance exams and achieving awards and scholarships. She coaches the children so thoroughly and the level of preparation means the children can tackle their Maths papers with confidence.

Mrs Horrocks sees Froebelian as her second home and second family so we know she won't be a stranger! We look forward to welcoming her back in the future.



And Farewell Miss Johnson

This term we also said a fond farewell to Miss Johnson.

For a decade, Miss Johnson has always been highly-regarded and well-respected by parents and staff, during her outstanding service.

She is a conscientious and diligent teacher and all the children who have been through FIII have benefited from her excellent levels of pastoral care. In her role as FIII teacher, Miss Johnson lays the strong foundations in English and Maths which support the children's Entrance Exam preparations as they move into FIV. She sets high expectations for academic work and behaviour and is very astute in her analysis of both. The children always rise to the rigour expected of them and they are always keen to do their best for her. Miss Johnson has many talents and passions which she brings to her classroom and shares with the children. She is incredibly creative and her input as Props and Stage Manager for our Speech Night shows over many years has been invaluable. Miss Johnson's dedication, energy and commitment will be greatly missed and we wish her all the best for the future.





Cross-Country Success!

Richmond House School organised a remote cross-country event and invited children to participate in a run at home and submit their time and distance. Thank you to all the children who took part in the competition. One of our Form II pupils came fourth in the Year 4 age group - **fantastic effort - well done!**



We have launched our programme of post-lockdown lunchtime and after school clubs and we couldn't be more thrilled. The children can now enjoy everything from origami, netball and basketball to coding club, photography and yoga!

A New Froebelian Face

We are delighted to welcome Miss Gemma Zincke to the Froebelian Family as our new Form IV (Year 6) Teacher and Director of Studies. Miss Zincke joins us after spending seven years at Fulneck School as Director for Teaching & Learning and Year 6 Form Teacher.

With a teaching career spanning 19 years, she has wide experience across the primary age range, including some teaching in Years 7 and 8 as well as working abroad in international schools. Miss Zincke is well-versed in designing and implementing curriculum initiatives; most recently writing and delivering an enquiry-led, topic-based curriculum for pre-school through to Year 6 at Fulneck. She has also expanded the more able and talented programme; organising seminars for talented writers and mathematicians hosting schools from across Yorkshire. She took a strategic role in designing a new Digital Literacy programme which involved leading teachers and children to develop confidence in blogging to provide an international audience for the children's work. We are excited that Miss Zincke is joining the team and bringing this wealth of experience with her to benefit the children's learning at Froebelian.



Easter Egg Hunt

Our very youngest children in Lower Kindergarten, aged three and four, enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt all around our Outdoor Learning Zone.



The Happiness Hut at Froebelian

Our haven of peace and quiet is coming on leaps and bounds thanks to the hard work and perseverance of the FPTA and parent, Mr Tolson - **we're almost there!**

