



# YOUR FROEBELIAN digest:

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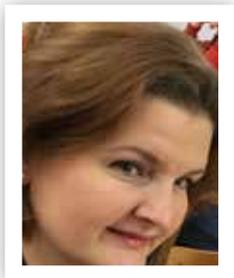
THE FROEBELIAN SCHOOL  
GIVING A FLYING START TO THE CITIZENS OF TOMORROW

# Form IV Flies High

*Form IV (Year 6) pupils are celebrating after having secured their preferred place at the school they have chosen for the next chapter in their educational journey.*

The class of 24 children worked with incredible focus and determination to achieve excellence in the 11+ Entrance Exams for a selection of the top schools in the UK.

With a 100% pass rate, a total of 41 independent school places were offered, including six scholarships and two Headmaster's Awards, at: The Grammar School at Leeds, Bradford Grammar School, Woodhouse Grove School, Ashville College, Wakefield Girls' High School and Hutcheson's Grammar School in Glasgow. Places were also secured at Horsforth School, Lawnswood School and Abbey Grange Academy.



***Headteacher, Mrs Dodds, said: "From the age of three, every pupil at Froebelian benefits from a bespoke and dynamic learning environment where we support them to develop a life-long love of learning and equip them with solid foundations for their future lives. The whole school community is tremendously proud of all our Year 6 pupils and we are confident that each and every one has received a genuine 'flying start' which had provided them with the perfect springboard for their chosen senior school".***

## Tie Presentation

With tissues at the ready, the Froebelian Family gathered to see Form IV presented with their bespoke leavers' ties. Parents listened as each child spoke eloquently in a whole school assembly about what they are looking forward to at their respective senior schools in September and reflected on special memories and what they have enjoyed since joining Froebelian at the age of three. With the traditional tie throw afterwards, this presentation marked the start of lots of celebratory events for Form IV as they conclude their time at Froebelian.



***One of my favourite things at Froebelian is the delicious chocolate brownie!***



# Charity Update

## Ukrainian Appeal

The generosity of The Froebelian Family shone once again in an appeal for supplies to send to the Ukraine. Donations came in thick and fast meaning we can send four huge suitcases full of toys, toiletries, underwear and socks to people that urgently need them. **Thank you once again.**



One pupil in Form I (Year 3) has single-handedly raised over £1400 for the Ukraine Crisis Appeal run by The British Red Cross Society, by committing to running 20 miles in March.



## The Froebelian School, Horsforth, Raises £1000s for Local, National and International Charities.

**'We have smashed our fundraising targets for the year raising over £4000.'**

This year, we have been supporting Save The Children as our designated charity for the year as well as supporting Ukraine Crisis charities, Jeans for Genes, Children in Need, Comic Relief, #HelloYellow and The Royal British Legion.

Mrs Dodds said: "I am unbelievably proud of how the whole Froebelian community has come together and embraced the fundraising this year. It has been a tremendous effort from individual pupils to group efforts from pupils, staff, parents, friends and the FPTA. It is an astounding achievement to have raised such a huge amount."

**In addition, this year so far, Froebelian has also collected 100s of food items for The Horsforth Live at Home Scheme.**

Mrs Dodds added: "We believe that all children benefit from a close involvement with charity, whether it be individually, in their classes, houses or as a whole school. It helps them to understand the value of supporting others and the importance of citizenship both locally and across the world; all of which sits well with the ethos of the school, particularly our original school motto of "Serve and Endeavour". We also ensure that the children develop organisational skills through fundraising, complementing the growth of their social awareness and an appreciation of the value of money, and the effort that goes into earning it."



Save the Children



# Residential Round-Up

## Residentials are back!

Although many children at Froebelian demonstrate great resilience and independence at home and at school, some children do find unusual situations, particularly being away from home and family, challenging to manage. By encouraging the children to work together in groups, we create a sense of belonging and solidarity whilst enjoying shared experiences which help to build up children's resilience and their belief that they can enjoy independent success. Introvert or extrovert, adventurous or cautious, confident or reserved; every child has a range of skills or qualities which they can bring to a group dynamic and it is important that everyone's contributions are welcomed, valued and respected.



### ***Bewerley Park***

Form II kicked off the residentials' season and enjoyed a fantastic trip to Bewerley Park. Form II parents were kept up to date with regular photos of lots of happy, smiling faces. It was amazing to see all the children taking risks and pushing themselves to overcome their fears with some really challenging experiences.

### ***Cliffe House***

The children in Remove were beyond excited as they headed off to Cliffe House in Shepley, Huddersfield for their first school residential. A new venue for Froebelian, Cliffe House and their staff team were fantastic and the children had a wonderful time.



### ***Robinwood***

Form I headed off to Robinwood in Todmorden, which due to Covid, was also their first foray into a residential experience. The children demonstrated really positive attitudes towards the various challenges and it was lovely to see them being so supportive of each other.

### ***London***

Form IV embarked on a four-night Arts Tour of London. Highlights included a city river cruise, a visit to the Design Museum, a theatre trip to see 'Back to the Future', a Pineapple Studios workshop and Dinner at Bubba Gump!



### ***Towerwood***

Form III enjoyed their residential trip to Tower Wood in the Lake District. The children had a fantastic time and showed brilliant courage and determination; tackling a range of outdoor pursuits on land and water with enthusiasm.



# Amazing Assemblies!



## Transition Looks After The Environment

Transition wowed the whole school with their assembly on a double theme of listening and looking after the environment. This was Transition's first ever class assembly and the children rose to the challenge of performing in front of a large audience. The children delivered their lines with encouraging confidence and even had to work around absent classmates which is always tricky. The costumes and props all added to the occasion.



## Form II – A Viking Assembly

FII showcased their talents with a fantastic Viking assembly. As they marched into the Hall, the Viking warriors arrived in style looking rather fierce but fortunately they proved to be friendly (in the main) and taught us a huge amount about the Viking times. The assembly was packed full of information with every child speaking confidently. The array of Viking costumes was very impressive indeed and grateful thanks go to parents for their support with this. The finale song, Viking Rock, certainly sent us all off with a clear message that Vikings are not to be messed with!

## Kindergarten Reach For The Stars

There was much excitement for Kindergarten's first ever class assembly. The children shared with us how they can be anything they want to be when they grow up and that we can all have big dreams and reach for the stars! They had clearly spent a lot of time learning their words and actions and we were all very proud of them.



## A Right Royal Remove

Remove kicked off our Jubilee celebrations with a Right Royal Assembly. The children and 'members of the Royal Family' showcased their acting, singing and music skills amazingly well and entertained us with interesting facts about the Queen. Another bumper audience of parents, friends and family added to the exciting atmosphere! Hip, hip, hooray Remove - you were brilliant!

## York Chocolate Story

Children in Form I (Year 3) enhanced their chocolate project with a visit to the delicious York Chocolate Story. With tasty treats and interesting historical facts from the onset, all the children had the chance to learn about the history of chocolate, make chocolate bars, watch a chocolatier in action and even pitch their own chocolate idea to the professionals!



## FIV Law Workshop

As part of their FIVE Steps Life-skills Challenge, pupils in Form IV participated in a Law Workshop. The children conducted a mock trial of 'Goldilocks' and learnt all about the different roles in a courtroom. The law students from BPP Law University who were running the session were extremely impressed by the children and their probing and thoughtful questions.



## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The whole school enjoyed celebrating seventy years of service of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. The whole Froebelian Family not only 'met the queen' but also enjoyed Mrs Dodds' Singalong through the decades, a delicious 'Big Jubilee Picnic Lunch', Royal Games, and a Right Royal Ice-Cream!







## Bikeability

**Children in Form III have been developing their cycling skills by completing Bikeability training.**

The children were taught cycling safety skills in the playground by Simon and Teresa from Cycle North ([www.cyclenorth.co.uk](http://www.cyclenorth.co.uk)) and then they headed out into the local area to put their cycling skills to the test. Feedback from the trainers was really positive and the children had listened carefully to their instructions and advice and made great progress. **Well done, Form III!**



## Spring Has Sprung!

The first week in May wouldn't be complete without some traditional Maypole Dancing in Pre-Prep. The children really enjoyed dancing round the maypole and children accompanied the music on various percussion instruments. The British May Day tradition of dancing around a maypole is around 600 years old but it is believed to have started in Roman Britain around 2,000 years ago, when soldiers celebrated the arrival of spring by dancing around decorated trees thanking their goddess, Flora.

## Come Dine With Me

It has been a bumper term for Come Dine With Me and such a delight to welcome parents into school where Mr Schofield and the team have been busy preparing delicious lunches such as tagine or polenta with crème caramel for dessert. We hope everyone enjoyed their lunch as much as we enjoyed hosting you!

## School Captains

Applicants for our School Captaincy roles have once again been through a recruitment process for their roles of responsibility. The Form IV positions allow the children an opportunity to 'serve' their school and demonstrate their citizenship in our school community. Once again, the children wrote strong letters of application and those who expressed an interest in becoming School Captain were long-listed and then short listed via a staff vote for interview. This exposure to an application and interview process is an excellent training ground for the children and their futures; well done to all of Form IV for their mature and thoughtful approach to the 'recruitment' drive.



# SPORT



## Junior Swimming Gala

### Winning Windsor

The Juniors performed fantastically well this term at our Junior Swimming Gala - especially considering that only Form IV children have participated in the House Swimming Gala once before when they were in Form I due to COVID! Thank you to all families who were able to come along to support the children and a massive thank you to Mr Heseltine for organising the event which ran extremely smoothly. The staff supporting the event all performed their roles brilliantly and the children's behaviour at poolside was fantastic. The overall winners were...



### Windsor! Congratulations!



### Brownlee Triathlon

All our Form III and Form IV pupils participated in the 2022 Brownlee Triathlon. Racing against children from all over the city, Team Froebelian displayed some incredible skill, determination and sportsmanship.



### U9 Cricket Festival

We took part in the U9 cricket at a festival hosted by Gateways School at St George's CC, Harewood. Froebelian sent two teams who played friendly matches against teams from Highfield Prep, Moorlands, Westville House and Brackenfield. The Froebelian teams impressed with plenty of hard hitting batting, accurate bowling and enthusiastic fielding skills on display.

**Well done to all those involved!**

### Rounders at Richmond House

Following the Form IV trip to London, the very next day they showed true determination at the Rounders fixture at Richmond House School. As one pupil said: "Despite the fact that we had just returned from a hectic London trip - we were determined to give our all to this event and had great fun!"



# Drama News

From Mrs Taylor - Parker

**Lunchtime Drama Club has been great fun performing some photo-shoot scenes from Bugsy Malone and Peter Pan.**

The whole of Form I took examinations in Spoken English this term with everyone achieving Distinction (the highest mark awarded). The choral speaking group achieved a whopping 94 marks!

Form IV Drama Club received an amazing 96 marks for their final Grade 4 Acting examination. Well done!



## ***Ballet Dreams Come True***

Following two rigorous auditions, two of our Form III (Year 5) pupils have both secured places on Northern Ballet's CAT scheme (Centre for Advanced Training).

This will involve several classes each week focusing on strengthening their ballet skills, and they may get the chance to be in performances such as The Nutcracker.

***We are so proud of your hard work and dedication!***

## ***New Faces at Froebelian***

We also have some new Teaching Assistants who have joined us this term. Mrs Ruth Greenhough is working alongside Mrs Giles and Miss McCaig with our children aged three and four in Lower Kindergarten and Mrs Valentina Kalaj is working with the teams in Form II and Form III.



## ***Baby News!***

Two babies have been welcomed to the Froebelian Family recently which has brought about much cooing in the staffroom! Mrs Garston, our supply teacher, safely delivered a baby boy named Quinn and Mr Cockshott is now a proud daddy to Maisie.

***We send them our warmest congratulations!***

# The Froebelian Parents' Association



## *The FPTA Ball*

We enjoyed a wonderful night at the FPTA Ball at the Royal Armouries. It was a relaxed evening, with plenty of dancing and fun at the casino tables. Thank you to everyone who came along – we hope you enjoyed the event and that you will encourage other parents to attend next year!

The Ball is a tremendous undertaking and our thanks go to the FPTA and the Ball Committee for organising such a splendid event.

***We raised around £700 for the FPTA!***



## ***New Bikes!***

The children in Pre-Prep were excited to receive new bikes this term thanks to the FPTA.

## ***Join The Fun!***

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 make sure 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.

To join the team of willing volunteer, helpers and members whether as a committee member or as a volunteer for events, please contact the FPTA directly at [froebelianpta@hotmail.com](mailto:froebelianpta@hotmail.com)

## ***Alumni News***

Former pupil Henry Derbyshire, Froebelian class of 2015, joined GSAL in Year 7 and has been awarded full school colours in recognition for his participation in school life and in particular his significant contribution to rugby. It's always a delight to hear Alumni news. If you would like to share your story, contact [r.swinney@froebelian.co.uk](mailto:r.swinney@froebelian.co.uk)

## ***We'd love to show you around our school***

We are always delighted to welcome anyone interested in meeting pupils and staff and experiencing what life is like at Froebelian. To arrange a personal tour with our Headteacher contact us on 0113 2583047 or email the Headteacher's PA, Mrs Borkala at [h.borkala@froebelian.co.uk](mailto:h.borkala@froebelian.co.uk)



Save The Date  
**The Froebelian School Open Day**  
**Saturday 24 September 2022**

Register your interest at [openday@froebelian.co.uk](mailto:openday@froebelian.co.uk)

# The Froebelian



Thanks to the hard work and generosity of the whole Froebelian Family, our much-anticipated **Happiness Hut** is finally ready for its grand opening.

The pandemic has done its best to get in the way, but we have been determined not to let it beat us!

As you can see it is now transformed into the tranquil, peaceful setting that we envisioned two years ago when the project began. A huge thanks goes to parent Mr Tolson for donating and installing the building and to the FPTA for fundraising for the glazing and interiors.