



YOUR FROEBELIAN **digest:**



“The Froebelian School environment really is the best place for our children to receive the education that we want for them!” – A Parent

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

The Froebelian Family 2023

The Froebelian Family has leapt into 2023 with a bang, from sporting fixtures, to alien landings and we are looking forward to a whole host of upcoming events and activities, including our Spring Festival in March - celebrating music and drama; residential trips to France and North Yorkshire as well as numerous House events, Charity days and FPTA extravaganzas.

Safer Internet Day – Free Online Training and Information for Parents www.saferinternet.org

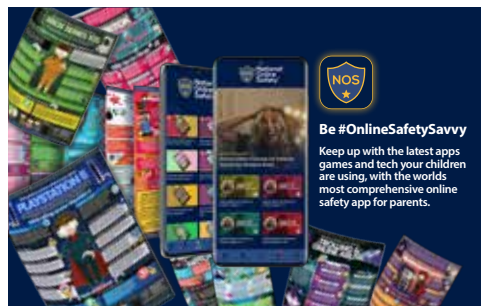
Safer Internet Day took place on the 7 February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'.

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, it promotes the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. From cyberbullying to social networking to digital identity, each year Safer Internet Day aims to raise awareness of emerging online issues and current concerns.

Parents can benefit by signing up for free, expert advice and training on how to keep your child and yourself, safe online via the National Online Safety app on Apple and Google Play. To create your account, please follow The Froebelian School and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store.

The resources include Parents & Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics.



On the National Online Safety app you'll find:

- ✔ Hundreds of online safety guides on the topics you need to know about - from screen addiction, fake news and trolling to hacking, social media influencers and sexting;
- ✔ An online safety training course for parents - developed by our experts and delivered by online safety ambassador Myleene Klass;
- ✔ A user-friendly interface with increased functionality - find exactly what you need, when you need it;
- ✔ The option to get notifications to your phone as soon as new content becomes available - so you can stay up-to-date with the latest online

Download the free app today



'A Night To Remember.'

One of our talented Form 1 (Year 3) pupils performed at the huge opening ceremony of The Leeds 2023 Year of Culture in January.



As a member of the band, The Solar Jets, he performed at the free 90-minute show celebrating the creativity and talent in Leeds, with thousands in the crowd having won their tickets after submitting drawings, photos, videos and all kinds of creations into a special ballot.

In an interview with the Yorkshire Post our Froebelian Band Member told the Yorkshire Post: "We're stadium rockers now. I didn't feel at all nervous playing in front of so many people, I just felt super excited. I can't wait to play Glastonbury and Wembley now."

The Solar Jets shared the stage with hundreds of local performers with the likes of Grammy Award winner Corinne Bailey Rae, Poet Laureate Simon Armitage and LYR, Chumbawamba's Dunstan Bruce, rapper Graft and The Orchestra and Chorus of Opera North.

There were inspiring words from CBeebies presenter George Webster, fresh from his appearance on the Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special, while Testament and Denmarc Creary performed a spoken word piece brimming with pride and love for the city.

What an incredible experience!

Visit <https://leeds2023.co.uk/whats-on> to find out what's happening throughout the year.

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CHARITY

Update

WORK HUMANIT GIVING LIFE FRIENDSHIP RELIEF DIVERSITY MONEY LOVE SUPPORT COMMUNITY SOCIAL LIFE HOPE UNITY LIFE



Our chosen charity for 2022/23 is Shelter. Shelter exists to defend the right to a safe, stable home. More than one million people a year go to them for advice and support via their website, helplines and national network of services.

Fundraising began with our Form IV (Year 6) children conquering The Yorkshire Three Peaks – raising over £1000, making our total for the first term alone, well over £2000.

In addition to this throughout the year the school supports a number of other charities:

Children In Need

The whole school community was seeing spots for Children in Need when everyone wore something spotty to support the Charity, raising a whopping £249.20.



Shoebboxes for the Homeless

The Froebelian family came together in December to create shoebboxes full of essential items for people in Leeds that needed help this winter. Sixty boxes were filled and distributed by North Church in Leeds.



Odd Socks Day

Antibullying week was 'kicked off' with odd socks day to celebrate that everyone is unique.

Brake Road Safety

It was a pleasure to welcome Officer Rob back into school to remind the children of how to make sure they and their families are safe on the roads. Thank you Officer Rob – it was great to see you.



Pupil Council Winter Woolly Exchange

The Froebelian Pupil Council ran a woolly jumper stall in December, giving old jumpers a chance to find a new owner and families the opportunity to snap up a bargain! It was a brilliant way to raise money which was split between the FPTA and Shelter along with recycling unwanted clothing.

The 'jumper shop' raised a magnificent £47 to share between the two charities.



Form FIVE Steps Challenge Update

Over the course of the year pupils in Form IV (Year 6) undertake their FIVE Steps Challenge which aims to support the children's personal development across a range of key disciplines:

- The Physical Challenge
- The Mental Challenge
- The Citizenship Challenge
- The Creative Challenge
- The Life Skills Challenge

Froebelian provides an opportunity to pass a set challenge in each discipline. The children have already completed Yorkshire Three Peaks, raising over £1000 for our charity this year, Shelter, and often have their own ideas for personal challenges they would like to complete. The challenge culminates with the presentation of a Gold, Silver or Bronze Award on Speech Night, which this year is on Friday 7 July.



Form IV Looks Within.

It has been a pleasure to welcome former parent Mr Cuthbertson into Form IV this term as part of their FIVE Steps Challenge.



As part of the FIVE steps challenge, Form IV have started learning about their mental wellbeing and how they can understand and build mental resilience, no matter what the circumstances or challenges facing them. The children are following the iHeart mental resilience framework, across a 10 week course. We're really pleased to welcome back a previous parent, Mr Cuthbertson, who alongside Mrs Stratford is teaching the iHeart course.

Mrs Stratford said "As part of their FIVE Steps challenge, the iHeart framework allows us to help the children form the building blocks to help them to take care of their own mental health, when facing the individual changes and challenges of starting high school"

"It has been brilliant to see how each and every pupil has embraced the sessions so far!"

Mr Cuthbertson

iHeart, which stands for Innate Health Education and Resilience Training, is a registered UK charity. Their vision is a paradigm shift in mental health education and youth work, so that young people can access their innate wellbeing and potential to become resilient, contributing members of society, uncover their innate resilience and overcome their personal challenges.

Mrs Stratford and Mr Cuthbertson will be working with Form IV each week – look out for updates on their activities!

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EXTRA

New in 2023 - Lego Club

Introducing Lego Club for Transition to Form IV! A place in which to design, test and build using LEGO bricks. We will use LEGO bricks to develop the children's knowledge and skills in areas such as science, technology and engineering through play. Building with LEGO bricks encourages the development of many skills: creativity, problem solving, 3D thinking, teamwork, critical and lateral thinking, understanding of concepts such as size, shape, order and pattern, improved concentration.



Froelibobs – The New Froebelian Holiday Club Itinerary of Activities

This half term saw a host of new activities in our holiday club including a Robot Workshop with local artist Mr John Giles, Yoga with specialist teacher Rebecca Heap as well as a 'Woodland Adventure' and an afternoon of 'It's A Knockout' challenges. All this alongside a multitude of sporting, baking and crafting activities. For more information about our holiday clubs visit www.froebelian.com.

'Pupils speak enthusiastically about the particularly good range of extra-curricular activities, educational visits, sports fixtures and annual residential trips!' - The Independent Schools' Inspectorate

Froebelian offers over 50 extra-curricular activities both during and after school, which are run by members of staff and specialist coaches and teachers, either in school or at purpose-built local sporting venues. We know that children benefit enormously from these opportunities to widen their experience and develop new talents.



The Froebelian girls' football team played at the Premier League Primary Stars Year 5/6 Football competition organised by Leeds United Foundation this term. With a fantastic effort they qualified for the knockout stages after winning their first three matches by scores of 5-0, 2-1 and 2-1 to finish top of their group followed by a 0-0 draw in their quarter final. The girls can be very proud of the effort, enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship they showed throughout the day. Well done team!!

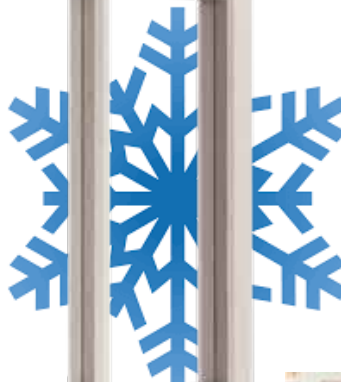


We welcomed teams from Richmond House for some friendly football matches during Form III and IV's Games afternoon at Yarnbury Rugby Club in Horsforth, this term. The matches were all played in great spirit with some Froebelian players even swapping teams to help out the opposition. It is fantastic to have such a great facility for our winter Games lessons with many playing fields unplayable at the moment due to the weather.

A Window into

Lower Kindergarten

Lower Kindergarten - have been following the story of the snowflake.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten - have been celebrating Lunar New Year.



Transition

Transition - pupils investigated a mysterious alien landing to launch their Space topic.



Remove

Remove - have been walking the plank, singing sea shanties and learning about Grace Darling to kick off their Land Ahoy topic.

our Classrooms

Form I

Form I - are writing poems about volcanoes, earthquakes and mountains.

Wednesday 11th January 2023

Volcano erupting

Hot lava running down the massive, rocky volcano like people rushing to work.
 Ash pluggy clouds covering the rocky volcano as slow as a small snail.
 Rocks shooting out of the volcano as fast as a bullet.
 Hot red orange lava rolling down the huge volcano as quick as a cheetah.
 The volcano ground rumbling like a huge crowd of elephants running.
 Lightning in the ash cloud as loud as a tsunami.



Form II

Form II - has been studying the Amazon Rainforest.



Form III

Form III - have been making a calendar wall.



Summer Time

I see flowers growing
 As high as you and me,
 Strawberries growing from
 Lucious green to pretty red.

I hear bees buzzing
 Above the brightest of flowers,
 Humming wings creating
 A high in the sky!

I can't sleep at night
 With the crickets chirping out,
 Because I can't sleep
 So soundly and so me.

I look beautiful
 With up my little buds,
 The best of summer
 Enjoying the sun!

I feel happy and joy
 Warming up my hand,
 Summer is summertime
 Never gets old!

Form IV

Form IV - have been learning how to annotate a poem and then using the techniques they have learned to write their own.



Drama News



From Mrs Taylor-Parker

“Froebelian children never cease to amaze me! They always give 100% both in rehearsals and in performance. It is a privilege to teach them. Below is a roundup of what’s been happening lately.”

Pupils in Transition, Remove and Form I lunchtime Drama Club produced some amazing scenes last term and will now be preparing their pieces for our Spring Festival in March where we celebrate all things drama and music.

The winner of the Public Speaking competition in Transition, entertained the whole class with a talk about his holiday to the Lake District. He recounted very clearly his stay in a shepherd’s hut, his two-hour drive to get there, his four days and five nights holiday, his trip to Kidzone and the fact that he left two pictures he had drawn in the hut! He says he’s hoping to get them next time!!! There was so much detail - he was amazing!



Forms III and IV achieved outstanding results in their Interview Technique Drama examinations in December.

This term, Forms I and II have been working hard towards taking their examinations in Performance and Spoken English both in groups and solo performances and Form IV Drama Club is busy preparing for Acted Scene examinations including excerpts from Tom Sawyer.

Diary Note

This Term’s Drama examinations will take place on Monday 27 March for Forms I, II and IV.



FORM II ROMAN LEGIONARIES AT MURTON PARK.



22 intrepid dirty, uncivilised, Form II (Year 4) recruits left their primitive homes, from all across the Roman Empire, and entered civilisation. They were endeavouring to become fully trained, highly professional and skilled Roman Legionaries. The day was icy cold and the training was tough but by the end of the long exhausting session, 22 new recruits swore an oath to Caesar and became members of the Roman army. So a life in the Roman army meant plenty of food, nice warm clothes, regular baths, foreign travel to warmer climes and a regular wage!

This was the life!!

MUSIC @Froebelian

“In music I have accomplished my goal of improving my singing and I am now able to sing on stage with conviction” – a pupil

Music at Froebelian is part of school life and is taught to all age groups by a specialist teacher. Specialist peripatetic instrumental teachers visit school and pupils are encouraged to learn an instrument.

Our children have recently taken ABRSM exams in Guitar, Piano, Flute, and Trinity Rock and Pop exams in Drums with a 100% pass rate and over 60% achieving a Merit or Distinction One pupil took their first piano exam after just 8 lessons!

“Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without.” Confucius

The Froebelian Parents' Association



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, the FPTA funded the amazing 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

The FPTA Spring Ball 2023!

We cannot wait for our annual FPTA Spring Ball, this year held at the prestigious Queen's Hotel in Leeds at 7pm on Saturday 25 March 2023. Dust off your tuxedos and party frocks for what promises to be a night to remember with a champagne reception, three course dinner and live entertainment, from local band Ticket 415, all while supporting a great cause.

Not only will you be contributing to the betterment of our school, but you will also have the opportunity to connect with other parents and members of our community in a relaxed setting!

We hope you will join us for this special evening and be a part of making a positive impact on our school.

Tickets can be purchased via ClassList for just £56 per person. For more information contact froebelianpta@hotmail.com



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



First Steps

NURSERY AT FROEBELIAN



First Steps Nursery at Froebelian, located on New Road Side in Horsforth, provides nurturing childcare of the highest standard, for all children aged 3 months to 5 years.

As part of The Froebelian Family the nursery building has been lovingly renovated to create an environment, designed by renowned early years specialists, to create a uniquely happy place with an enabling learning environment, for children to flourish.

Awarded the highest accolade from Ofsted of 'Outstanding' across all categories consistently since inception, the nursery follows the Froebelian School's ethos of "giving a flying start to the citizens of tomorrow".

The latest news from Ruth Knowles, First Steps Nursery Manager:

The New Year is all About Teeth at First Steps!

After returning from the Christmas festivities which no doubt consisted of lots of sweet treats, the children throughout First Steps have been learning how important it is to look after their teeth and brush them regularly.

The early years practitioners have each been reinforcing the need for oral hygiene with the babies in the setting through to the preschool children, getting ready to move to school this year.

Not only does this initiative support the revised Early Years Foundation Stage Framework, but it has raised awareness amongst the young people at First Steps as well as reinforcing to parents the need to begin brushing teeth at such a young age.

The children have studied books together, talked about when they should brush their teeth and explored a variety of resources supporting the drive.

We have provided each child with their own toothbrush to use in the setting and this has clearly been the best part of the focus, brushing teeth alongside peers! What fun the children have had singing and looking in the mirrors with their friends whilst each cleaning their teeth! Hopefully, the children will now keep this up at home and all cooperate during those early morning and bedtime routines which can often be a challenge for parents!



We put children at the heart of everything we do.



"The leadership and management are inspirational."

Ofsted

We lay solid foundations for a future relevant lifelong love of learning.

A truly nurturing environment for your child to grow.

“ We knew from our first visit to the school that it was perfect. Every day our instincts are justified, as we watch our little one blossom into a confident, delightful and happy little person. -- **A Parent** ”



Situated in Horsforth and as one of the North's leading independent prep schools, we welcome over 190 pupils between the ages of 3 and 11.

With 51 weeks a year provision for all children, free Early Education Entitlement of 30 hours for eligible families, a brand-new sporting provision, over 50 extracurricular activities and plans for further investment and development in STEM, Froebelian balances both academic and co-curricular spheres of school life to honour our school motto – 'Giving a flying start to the citizens of tomorrow.'

Children are at the heart of everything we do and we are passionate that they enjoy a positive experience, in a caring, structured and secure environment. To ensure we are laying solid foundations for a lifelong love of learning, to gain knowledge and skills, and develop personal attributes, relevant to their futures, we have made significant investment in our early years provision creating bespoke-designed classrooms and continuous access to an exceptional outdoor space.

Our aim is to provide a first class, future focused all-round education with committed and supportive pastoral care enabling us to develop the whole child, enabling our children to secure a place at their first choice of senior school and we enjoy an excellent scholarship success rate.

The most recent Independent Schools Inspectorate report judged the School as 'excellent' (the highest level) for the quality of the pupils' achievements and personal development.

"The children and staff work harmoniously together creating a special place, with a uniquely happy atmosphere."
ISI Inspectorate

Our children adore their school, love learning and there is a true sense of fun - please do come and meet them.

"The pupils' attitudes to learning are exceptional." ISI Inspectorate

Visit www.froebelian.com to find out more.

