



Froebelian School
Form IV's Weekly Newsletter
2 February 2024

Next week's ethos theme will be:

We know how to keep calm and deal with difficult situations.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many congratulations to those children who have received offers for senior schools over the past week. We are so proud of the children, and it shows that the hard work has paid off! We are delighted that four of the children have been awarded Scholarships for their academic performance. Some places have yet to be confirmed, including those waiting to hear from local schools.

For some, the decision of where to send your child has already been made. For others who are not yet certain, Mrs Soutar, Mr Rawson and I are happy to have a chat – either in person or over the phone or Zoom – about your different choices, and the school that we think would best suit your child. Please feel free to email and make an appointment to speak to one of us for some time next week.

It would be very helpful if you can let us know if your child will be absent for any of the upcoming taster days, and the dates and timings of the ones they are attending.

This Week:

We enjoyed our trip to see 'The Addams Family' on Tuesday. The children have completed their Calligrams for a display, they have worked on upscaling their writing and have continued reading, 'Journey to Jo'burg'. They have enjoyed more maths investigations and consolidation of problem-solving skills. In science, they have been working on an iMovie or Keynote about adaptation of animals and we have also looked at plant adaptation; including watching a clip of a Venus flytrap. In French, the children have shared their research, and they have brought home another child's word-search to complete for homework. The second ICT group have been coding and some of them have made videos of what they have done. The second music group had a recorder lesson and learned some new notes. The children are looking forward to representing the school in the sport tournaments today.

Spring Festival:

The children were excited to find out which House Choir song they are singing for the Festival. Words and music will be on Seesaw for them to practise over Half Term.

In Drama, Mrs Taylor-Parker has given out the poems for the Festival. Each child is required to choose one of the poems to start learning. After half-term, on Monday 19th February, everyone will perform their chosen poem individually for the class. We will select the 6 children who perform the best, and they will perform for

Mrs Taylor-Parker, who will select the final 3 from each of the Junior classes. She will then work with these finalists, until the competition during the Spring Festival. The children will be judged by an external adjudicator when they finally perform with the other finalists. It would be a good idea to start working on the chosen poem over the weekend, so the children don't have too much to learn over half-term. If your child wants to enter for the Prose Reading or Public Speaking, they will need to have the piece ready for Friday 23rd February, so they can perform for Mrs Taylor-Parker and she can choose the finalists for those classes. There is no 'first round' for the Acting Class. All Form IVs who want to be in that class have been given their individual or group piece to learn.

Tests and Folders:

The test folder has been sent home, and should be returned by Tuesday. There are the usual spelling and mental maths tests to correct.

A Reminder about Planners:

Every Junior pupil has a Pupil Planner which should be in school every day. Planners will be checked on a Monday and up to four Dojos will be awarded for the Planners. One each for Homework, Reading Record, Parent signature and Daily Reflection. Thank you to those of you who are encouraging your child to take responsibility for this; it's an easy four Dojos for them to earn and for the House they are in. It is good practice for Senior School, where they will be expected to have their planner with them and present it at every lesson.

French Enterprise Challenge:

The children will be working in groups on an Enterprise Challenge to raise their spending money for the French Trip. They will be allocated their groups next week and we will be working on it in maths lessons, to create a 'Business Plan'. More details about this will be sent next week.

If you have any worries or concerns about anything to do with your child, Mr Rawson and I are both available before and after school, so please feel free to come and see either of us immediately, or contact me on n.smith@froebelian.co.uk, or write a note in the Pupil Planner.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Nicky Smith and Joshua Rawson

Calendar Dates

- W/c 5 February - Children's Mental Health Week
- Thursday 8 February - Form IV - Taster Day at Woodhouse Grove
- Friday 9 February - School Closes for Half Term – Drama and HAC as normal