

# Froebelian School Juniors' Weekly Newsletter Form III 15th March 2024

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week of learning at our school, as well as a lot of practice for the House Choirs. We are excited to share with you some highlights from each subject area.

### **English**

In English this week, our focus has been on the features of a newspaper. The children have been learning about the different sections, headlines, and writing styles commonly found in newspapers. They have also had the opportunity to plan and draft their own newspaper articles. Additionally, we have completed a couple of comprehension exercises and practiced various SPAG (spelling, punctuation, and grammar) skills, including using commas and parenthetic commas, as well as inverted commas for dialogue.

### Maths

In Maths, the children have continued to hone their protractor skills. They have also engaged in retrieval practice to reinforce their understanding of concepts such as area, perimeter, shape, and decimals. This practice has been invaluable in consolidating their mathematical knowledge.

### Science

Our Science topic this term is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. This week the class has started exploring the fascinating world of amphibians. They have been comparing the life cycles of different amphibians and discussing the unique adaptations that enable them to thrive in their habitats.

### **Global Studies**

In History, the children have been delving into the life and legacy of Edward I, also known as 'Longshanks' and 'The Hammer of the Scots'. They have learnt about his reign and the significant impact he had on English history. The children have engaged in discussions and activities that have deepened their understanding of this historical figure and his contributions.

# **Recommended Book of the Week**

We highly recommend 'The Extremely Inconvenient Adventures of Bronte Mettlestone', by Jaclyn Moriarty. This captivating tale follows the adventures of Bronte, a ten-year-old girl, whose parents were tragically killed by pirates. Tasked with delivering gifts to her ten aunts, Bronte embarks on a journey that reveals unexpected surprises and extraordinary events. This book is full of mystery, adventure, and heart-warming moments that will capture young readers' imaginations.

## FIII and FIV Swimming Gala – Tuesday 19 March 10.45am-12.00noon

The children should come dressed in their **school** swimming kit with their tracksuits over the top. Please ensure to pack underwear for after the gala. Each child should bring two towels; one of which will be used on the poolside and one for getting dry after swimming. Please note all children taking part in the swimming gala must wear a swimming cap.

Parents are welcome to attend the event and there is a spectator area. Please note that mobile phones should not be in use at all during the event and no photography is permitted. This is a stipulation of the swimming pool for safeguarding reasons. If you need to take a phone call or check messages, you should move away from the spectator area.

# **Spring Festival – Singing Competition**

There have been several entries for the Spring Festival solo and duet singing competition. Therefore, preliminary heats will take place during singing and music lessons next week and finalists will be announced when all heats have taken place. Please could children who have entered prepare their solo or duet for next week.

We hope you and your family have a lovely weekend ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Hazell and Valentina Kalaj

March	
Tue 19	FIII & FIV Swimming Gala 10.45am – 12.00noon (Aireborough)
Fri 22	Open Doors Morning 9.30 - 11.00am
	Spring Festival - Drama 1.30pm
Sat 23	FPTA Parent Social