



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the first Froebel House Newsletter of the year!

As I was collating the various pieces of information for our latest newsletter, it gave me cause to reflect upon the children's respective trips over the last year, from Dearne Valley to the New Theatre and Hull Truck, chocolate factories, guided tours, Go Ape, guided tours around the old town, Let Loose and Rock Up as well as our first Winter festival for just over three years. 2022 was a great year for the children, and that carried a real feeling of getting back to normal!

As I have previously discussed, we believe students learn best when they can see, hear, and experience things first-hand. Multi-sensory learning is an integral part of school life, and school trips indeed call upon all the five senses and play their part in providing a diverse, yet important component of the curriculum.

Our continued academic success across the age ranges is built upon time-served mandates that maximise the opportunity for academic success. One major factor in any child's success is the ability to concentrate for sustained periods of time without being distracted, as well as to be able to learn in an environment without distraction as well as being part of a small class size which in turn, allows academic learning to take centre stage and for class teachers to meet

each child's differentiated learning needs and subsequent outcomes.

As I stated at our Winter Festival, a first-class education arrives as a direct result of small class sizes, excellent teachers and a firm, yet nurturing approach to learning that allows students to carry out and complete tasks daily and, in doing so, construct information and build knowledge through self-discipline and an awareness of their role within their learning community.

As the Headteacher of a small school, I feel fortunate to be part of a community that places values, kindness, discipline, and compassion at the heart of everything we do and, in doing so, helps the school maximise the opportunity for academic success for our children. Our values are everything, and ensuring we put them at the forefront of everything we do ensures our future global citizens will carry the message and behaviours forward, to hopefully contribute to making this world a better place to which we all belong.

Best Wishes,

Mr Roberts
Headteacher



2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Worthy of Praise

What is Worthy of Praise?

Worthy of Praise is an opportunity for the school to recognise students who have made a noteworthy contribution to the school, each week, during our Monday morning assembly. Each teacher, when discussing the class and their merit cards, selects a student whom they believe deserves to be recognised school-wide for their efforts.

A 'Worthy of Praise' candidate has met one or more of the following criteria:

- Demonstrating a genuine caring and responsible attitude towards others
- Demonstrating and practising an improved positive attitude to learning throughout the week
- Working independently to improve their academic performance through effort and perseverance, having struggled to do so in the past
- Modelling the behavioural expectations of the school throughout the school
- Demonstrating good manners, polite behaviour and genuine acts of kindness towards other members of the class and school community

I would like to congratulate the following students for being singled out for 'Worthy of Praise' from September - December 2022:

Reception: Ophelia Murphy x 2, Bairavi Sivanis-Waran, Gigi Maiolo-Skelly, Meka Onuchukwu, Sara Akhtar, Ayaan Pommurugan, Malachi Loades, Ayodeji Williams, Micah Onyia, Dulce Newton

Year 1: Thales Rodrigues-Hobkirk, Tinashe Gumbo, Demi Abiola, Isabelle Newton x 2, David Hart, Francesca Murphy, Nehemiah Mathew, Simeon Opere-Sakyi, Brody Brindley, Ryan Duffill, Juanita Ofosu, Umini Richardson

Year 2: Simone Masamha x 2, Jordan Kutu, Sabreen Solaiman, George Yang, Somtochukwu Elosiuba x 2, Aten Morgan-Douthwaite x 2, Xaoni Richardson, Asiya Akhtar x 2, Iy Falana, Mason Chen, Grace Murphy, Isaac Michaels

Year 3: Adanna Onuchukwu x 2, Albert Watson x 2, Ava Andrews, Ali Elhomaidy, Maro Arab, Rayan Swaray, Denzel Nwakunor, Malachi Opere-Sakyi, Asher Sibanda x 2, Annette Igbinovia, Naa Ayeley-Thompson x 2, Tamuda Gumbo, Ayobami Williams, Rayan Swaray x 2, Ismail Ahmad, Abigail Nkomo

Year 4: Ezekiel Cherian, Shravan Jeyaseelan, Zuriel Thompson, Eddie Castillo, Damian Alabi, William Docker, Margaret Hart x 2, Michael Jose, William Docker, Zuriel Thompson, Oakley Hewitson, Jayden Ofosu

Year 5: Theodore Baxter, Erica Robins, Eden Michaels, Dubem Onuchukwu, Felix Zhen, Nyasha Duri, Ethan Maiolo-Skelly, Amy Roberts, Ameera Bhamji, Yaqoob Bhamji, Izabela Zawalich, Mia Matongore

Year 6: Mitchell Igbinovia, Scarlett Lane x 2, Ivanna Mathew x 2, Skye Farrow x 2, Dara Makinde, Angel Sibanda, Ayyoob Bhamji, Anashe Nenzou, Maya Hatfield, Harry Ede, Boeima Swaray, Chloe Willis x 3, Francesca Anderson

House Cups for Merit Card and Good Work Stamps...

The House Cups are presented at the end of each term; we have one cup for the house with the highest Merit Card sticker amount and another cup for the highest number of "good work" stamps received over the term.

The Results were as follows:



Total Merits

Red	331
Blue	330
Green	335
Yellow	379

Champions: Yellow House

Total "Good Work" stamps:

Red	3355
Blue	3032
Green	3197
Yellow	3150

Champions: Red House

Year 5 and Reception Reading Buddies...

Our 'reading buddy' pilot has proved massively popular with Year 5 students and the Reception Class; the children love it!

Reading buddy programs are an excellent way to foster a kind and nurturing approach to the learning needs of both younger and older children whilst, at the same time, improving their reading and fluency skills as well as encouraging the younger children to develop positive relationships with the older children. I have to

say, the Year 5's have been brilliant with their reading partners, listening to them read, being very nurturing and supportive when they find some words difficult and taking a keen interest in the books the children are reading. Thank you to Ms. Ramsar and Mrs. Langley for organizing.







The Vulcan Centre Donations and Save the Children Appeal

A massive thank you to the Froebel Community for your Christmas donations to both the Vulcan centre (food parcels) and for the Save the Children Christmas jumper appeal.

The food donations have helped hugely as the Vulcan Centre has seen a massive growth for their food parcels over the last few months due to the current cost of living challenges.

Thank you again to all our community members for making our collective donation such a generous one and helping Sebastian and his team's job a little easier and in particular, Mr Michaels for helping take the food in his car to the centre.

Again, the community dug deep and we raised over £450 to support this worthwhile initiative, with the children really enjoying the non-uniform day. Thank you.



Autumn Silhouettes

by Year 1



We mixed red and yellow paint to create orange

We cut out woodland animal shapes to create a silhouette against our sunset skies.





Autumn Silhouettes continued...



Art by: David (top left), Brody (top middle), Isabelle (top right), Tinashe (bottom left), Umini (middle left), Juanita (bottom right)

THE VIRGINIA TIMES

Year 6 have gone back in time to the 1960's to report for a local newspaper. Here are their reports regarding the achievements of a group of women and how they were mistreated by society.

Super Space Engineers

Reported by Boeima Swaray

Last week, three amazing women from West Virginia helped us win the space race against the USSR (Soviet Union). Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson and Katherine Johnson are three amazing African-American women, although they are being discriminated against.

The three women are space engineers at NACA. They are hired as computers doing the maths to help us win the space race: Mary Jackson helped develop supersonic flight; Dorothy Vaughan is the first black supervisor and Katherine Johnson is a dreamer and independent thinker – she isn't afraid to consider what others think of as impossible.

Late last night, we spoke to the ladies and people who know these successful ladies. Mary Jackson threw away the signs:

"I knew it was a huge risk but I did it".

Lily and Tilly Vaughan, Dorothy's little cousins did extra maths classes with her:

"Dorothy was incredibly good at maths; she loved helping us solve problems".

However, there are downsides to their lives. Lila Middles, Katherine's best friend who has known her for years said:

"It's ridiculous, I can't walk home with my best friend; we've been friends since childhood".

Emerald and John Jackson, Mary Jackson's parents said, "She did everything for her country but it did nothing for her".

It's unfair how these ladies were treated after everything they have done. They shouldn't be treated like this. We'll try and bring you updates.



NACA Superstars

Reported by Anashe Nenzou

Late last night, there were three African-American ladies: Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson and Dorothy Vaughan who pioneered scientific advancements to win the space race against the Soviet Union.

Although all these ladies are great, I am focusing on one – Katherine Johnson. She calculated the trajectory for the Mercury and Apollo mission. She is a dreamer and an independent thinker. She is the reason our men are still alive and got home safely. In the future, we hope she does more extraordinary things.

Late last night, we interviewed some of her close friends to hear their opinions. Ivy Anderson, Katherine Johnson's proud manager, has worked side by side with Katherine and has recognised her extraordinary intelligence:

"I constantly see Katherine around NACA; it's her home away from home".

Chloe Anderson, Katherine's head astronaut, has observed over the years how she was being treated:

"It's absurd, I can't even sit with my friends because of their race". It has not been made very official how many amazing ladies like these are being treated unfairly. Some people might find this very surprising but until further notice, we don't think it's getting better. In the future, it needs to improve.



Women that Should Always be Remembered

Reported by Angel Sibanda

Early this morning, an amazing African-American woman, Katherine Johnson lead our country to victory in the city of White Sulpher Springs in West Virginia.

Katherine Johnson, age 42, born in New York is a really smart mathematician. She is thought to be an independent thinker.

She is leading our country to victory by working out the really hard maths for NACA for the men to come back safely.

Katherine Johnson's childhood friend, Dorothy Vaughan, went to maths clubs with her and instead of playing with toys, they did maths problems:

"I'm so proud of her – I always knew she would be successful" and her other friend, Mary Jackson went to chess clubs with her:

"I can't believe what she has achieved".

We have been informed by a colleague that they haven't been treating her well. She said they would separate the black women from the white women, so she would place the sign somewhere else. And that is why these women should be celebrated.

An excerpt from

Children Learn What They Live

by Dorothy Law Nolte (1924 - 2005)

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.
If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.
If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.
If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.
If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.
If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.
If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.
If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.
If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.
If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.
If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.
If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.
If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.
If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.
If children live with fairness, they learn justice.
If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.
If children live with security, they learn to have faith
in themselves and in those about them.
If children live with friendliness, they learn the world
is a nice place in which to live.

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The poem "Children Learn What They Live"
Dorothy Law Nolte



Winter Festival



Thank you to all the parents who helped and attended the Winter Festival at Tickton Grange. It was a fantastic afternoon from start to finish and a brilliant way to end the term.

Having not had a community event for so long it was so nice to see everybody out in force and enjoying the efforts of Mrs Johnson and the Froebel pupils.

Fun Week...

Rock up

During the last week of school, the Year 3's and 4's went to Rock up, and we were fortunate enough to have the place entirely to ourselves. The Children had an absolute blast!



Hull Truck Theatre

The Year 1's and 2's went to Hull Truck to see 'Jack, Mum and the Beanstalk'. It was perfect for the children, and it was commented, not for the first time, how well-behaved the Froebel children were. It was a huge success, with the children having a brilliant time.

Fun Week continued...



The Year 5 and 6 both watched 'A Christmas Carol' and the feedback was extremely positive.



The Chocolate Factory

The Year 5's went to York and learnt about the origins of chocolate as well as the many different types of chocolate and its benefits! A good time was had by all, especially when it came to tasting the samples!

Fun Week continued...



And Congratulations goes to...



Ethan Skelley – Year ?
Man of the Match and scoring the winning goal for Hedon Rangers



Ruba Akoud – Year ?
For her level 8 gymnastics award..



Henry Osgerby – Year ?
For coming first in his archery competition.



Amy Roberts – Year ?
For coming third twice at her gymnastics competition.



Verity Hatley – Year ?
For success at her gymnastics club and facing her fears!



Shravan Jeyaseelan – Year ?
For his continued success at the Hull Tamil Academy.



Zuriel Thompson – Year ?
For coming second in the Hymers Chess competition.



Henry and Fraser Osgerby
For both coming first in the Archery competition junior sections at Burton Constable Hall.

Some General Reminders...

I have listed some general reminders below for your perusal. The reminders are designed to reduce the incidents of us having to call parents to bring in swimming bags when forgotten and to help repatriate clothing items quickly because they have been clearly labelled!

Swimming & P.E.

Please check your child's swimming and P.E. days to reduce the incidents of children forgetting their swimming bags or not coming into school in the correct attire.

Please send swimming bags and P.E. bags into school on the day they are needed.

The children swim on the following days:

- Monday – Year 3
- Tuesday – Year 2
- Wednesday – Year 1
- Thursday – Years 4, 5 & 6 on alternate weeks
- Friday – Reception

The children will do PE is on the following days:

- Monday – Reception, Year 1
- Tuesday – Years 4
- Wednesday – Year 2 and Year 3
- Friday – Year 5 and 6

Lunch Boxes

Children need a plate and a paper or cloth napkin in their lunch boxes. A plastic or paper plate is acceptable. Please keep the lunch box as small as possible.

Stationery

The following items are essential so please ensure that your child has them in his/her pencil case:-

Years 4, 5 and 6

Scissors, large glue stick, coloured pencils, pen, compass, 30 cm ruler, white rubber and canister pencil sharpener.

Years 2 and 3

Scissors, glue stick, felt tips, coloured pencils, 30 cm ruler, white rubber and canister pencil sharpener.

Year 1

Coloured pencils, glue stick, white rubber and canister pencil sharpener.

Reception

Pencil crayons, pencil case, large glue stick and a rubber.

NB. Tippex is not allowed in school.

Uniform

Please name all clothing, as we have no other way of identifying lost clothing. If we find unnamed clothing, we donate it to the school uniform shop. Iron on name labels are very easy to purchase and use. Swimming bags need to be labelled on the outside.

Children need **two pairs of named plimsolls**. One pair is for P.E. and one pair for indoor shoes.

Please label the P.E. shoes and always keep them in the P.E. bag.

Children wear white socks for P.E. without exception.

Waterproof Jackets

The green waterproof jacket should be in school at all times. If children wear the jacket home, please return it the next day.

The Secondhand Uniform Shop

If you are looking for a uniform item or have school uniform items surplus to requirements, then please don't hesitate to let Mrs. Chen know, as we are always looking for new stock to support our community! Mrs Chen's contact number is 07789912221

Folders

All children have a named folder. This is sent home when there is a letter inside for parents to read. Please return the folders the next day with signed slips if requested.

Hair

Please keep boys' hair a sensible length – not too long, not too short and definitely not shaved. Girls' hair must be tied back neatly with a green bobble, and if necessary, a green slide and ribbon. There should be no decoration in the hair. Braiding should be simple, kept to the minimum and tied back neatly.

Fees

Please may I remind parents that fees are due on or before the first day of term.

Notice

A terms notice must be given, in writing on or before the first day of a term. If notice is received any later, a term's fees will be payable in lieu.

Term dates 2023-2024

Spring Term 2023

Starts	Wednesday, 5 January 2023
Ends	Friday, 31 March 2023 @ 12 noon

Half term is inclusive of the dates above. Return to school on Monday, 28 February 2023.

Summer Term 2023

Starts	Monday, 17 April 2023
Ends	Friday, 7 July 2023 @ 12 noon

Half term is inclusive of the dates above. Return to school on Monday, 6 June 2023.

Note: Bank holiday: Monday, 5 May 2023.

Autumn Term 2023

Starts	Wednesday, 6 September 2023
Ends	Wednesday, 20 December 2023 @ 12 noon

Half term is inclusive of the dates above. Return to school on Tuesday, 7 November 2023.

Spring Term 2024

Starts	Tuesday, 9 January 2024
Ends	Friday, 22 March 2024 @ 12 noon

Half term is inclusive of the dates above. Return to school on Monday, 19 February 2024.

Summer Term 2024

Starts	Tuesday, 9 April 2024
Ends	Friday, 5 July 2024 @ 12 noon

Half term is inclusive of the dates above. Return to school on Monday, 3 June 2024.

Note: Bank holiday: Monday, 6 May 2024.

Half Term

Starts	Monday, 13 February 2023
Ends	Friday, 17 February 2023

Half Term

Starts	Monday, 29 May 2023
Ends	Friday, 2 June 2023

Half Term

Starts	Thursday, 26 October 2023
Ends	Monday, 6 November 2023

Half Term

Starts	Monday, 12 February 2024
Ends	Friday, 16 February 2024

Half Term

Starts	Monday, 27 May 2024
Ends	Friday, 31 May 2024

Christmas Raffle Winners:

First Prize: Mr and Mrs Opare-Sakyi

Second Prize: Mr and Mrs Robins

Third Prize: Mrs Fadzai Mandivenga

Be an example...

Show kindness to unkind people.

Forgive people who don't deserve it.

Love unconditionally.

Your actions always reflect who you are.