



FRITTENDEN NEWSLETTER



Welcome



Welcome to the first (of hopefully many) newsletters, written by the children at Frittenden. Children from Wells and Shakespeare Class have been given the responsibility to get involved and help give you some information about the learning / goings on in classes.

Potter

Potter Class spend much of their time, when not in a teacher directed activity, in free flow play. This means that they have access to the inside and outside area. The teachers, Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Farr, create activities that help the children with their learning. The children do these activities independently by challenging themselves.

Last week the children painted daffodils and made flowers from crepe paper. They investigated the number 9 and 10: they practiced making amounts during 'Toast Tuesday.' They made a palace using blocks and they were reading and writing sentences. Potter Class acted out stories linked to books by Julia Donaldson, which they had read in class. Outside, they wrote recipes in the mud kitchen and investigated capacity by creating potions.

What a creative bunch of little learning explorers they are!

Other news

Thanks to all those who supported the book fair. We have almost £200 to spend on new books for the library. Well done to the children who completed their sponsored silence – not all monies are in yet, but over £400 has been counted so far!

Dates

Easter Service: this Friday at St. Mary's 2.30pm all welcome

Beginning of Term 5: Tuesday 22nd April.

Reminders



As we go into Summer Term, a reminder that summer uniform can be worn after the holiday, note girls can wear shorts under dresses if they wish. Additionally please remember sun hats, sun glasses and sun cream.

- Children should bring in a water bottle everyday. Whilst they can have squash, to encourage hydration, water is preferred.
- Earrings – please wait for the summer holidays for piercings. Earrings should be removed on days children have PE
- Snack – fruit or a healthy alternative for break time please (not crisps or chocolate biscuits)
- If your child has hay fever, please bring in a supply of antihistamine for administration.

Responsibilities

We have asked the children to sign up to a variety of jobs around the school and they have leapt at it. We now have librarians, play leaders, lunch helpers and morning door greeters!





Dahl Disco

Having collected all their attendance letters by getting to school on time, Dahl class had a dance party as a treat.

Dahl class had come to school on time, with great regularity, gaining attendance letters. Once they had spelled out the whole word, they chose a prize. The peculiar prize was (on Friday the 28th of March) that they came to school in their own clothes and had a dance party in their classroom.

Although the door was shut, the sound of a herd of elephants could not be contained inside Dahl's classroom. All children got to hear their favourite songs and 'scream their heart out with delight'.

Some of the children were dancing around with friends, others independently. Most of Dahl were spinning in circles, having the time of their lives; however, a few children were colouring.

This fun-frenzy took place in the afternoon, so they could get some work done in the morning.

Shakespeare

In Shakespeare class they have been learning about series circuits, parallel circuits and how electricity travels. In 1 lesson they used laptops to create different types of circuits and how electrons move; then, they did an experiment where they added components [light bulb, buzzer etc.] to see if the product of the circuit was weaker than the original circuit output. Harlow explained that: "Science this term really developed my understanding of electricity and the vocabulary that it provides." Another quote from YR5/6 was from George Terry: "Doing this topic was great fun and it really helped me understand all this stuff." Personally, I found that, "The only thing that was good was the circuit making on the computers." Also, Shakespeare have been writing texts about how the experiment took place in the class. They put their results in their science book as-well as their method.

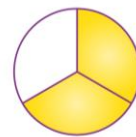


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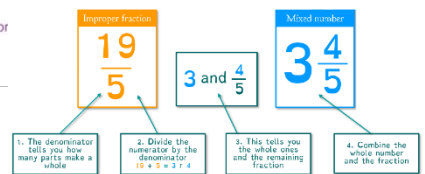


In English we are looking at the BFG (Big Friendly Giant) by Roald Dahl. We have been hunting for synonyms for the funny words that the author uses for the BFG, for example jumpsquiffing ears means big and magical ears (that can hear and understand dreams).

In maths we have been adding and subtracting fractions, for example $1 \frac{5}{8} + \frac{2}{8} = 1 \frac{7}{8}$ or $\frac{5}{7} - \frac{2}{7} = \frac{3}{7}$. We have also learned that if the top number (the numerator) is larger than the number below the line (the denominator) then this is called an improper fraction and that if there is a whole number and a fraction, this is called a mixed fraction.



Numerator
(Number of parts we have)
2
Denominator
(Total parts in whole)
3



Additionally, Shakespeare class been crafting some shadow puppets. The puppets were made out of black dense paper as to not have the characters flopping around. The puppet making was laser focussed; however, there was some abstract joy by singing, "California girls" where mostly everyone joined in bringing laughter ripples. Although not all stories will have yet been planned yet, the stories will undoubtedly have excitement in the plots.

The class found the lessons enjoyable but difficult; when Matilde was asked if she enjoyed the events she explained: "It was fun but a bit annoying because of cutting the intricate pieces on the inside of the puppets." Some may have had hurdles to jump over or mud to pull through but it seems as though, people enjoyed the process via being able to bring their characters to life and create a story that viewers would enjoy to watch.

The stage is set, the lights are ready, let's get ready to be amazed by the outcome of the blood sweat and tears and enjoy the scenes created by wonderful Shakespeare class.





Hockey!



On Tuesday 1st April, children from Frittenden School were invited to a hockey festival to compete in fun matches. There was me, Stanley, Noah, Arthur, Roseanna, Axel and Betsy. Our first game we were beaten 2-0 by Goudhurst but then we beat Benenden 5 – 3. I scored 4 and Axel scored 1. Our final game was against Colliers Green, who we beat 3-0. Betsy scored 2 and Arthur 1. We were slow to start but in the end we improved with each game and we all enjoyed the afternoon. I was awarded most valuable player and Arthur was awarded most improved. Thanks to our parents who helped transport us and to Miss Manktelow.



Thank you to all the children who contributed to the news letter including: **Amelie, Oliver, Erin, Lola, Penny, Georgina and Jack.**





Easter



The children had a lovely time hunting for Easter eggs yesterday afternoon – special thanks to the Abbie and the PTA for organising this for the children.

Today, we had our Easter hats and garden parade in the hall – there were so many wonderful creations! Special mentions to Delilah, Bertie, Sam, Vivi, Luna, Jemimah, Lola and Sofia.

