

Dear parents and carers

What has been happening this week?

Nursery has been reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears this week and on Thursday we went to the embankment and sat inside the big wooden classroom and cooked and ate porridge. The children have been learning about real bears and what they like to eat. After that they could choose whether to have berries or honey on their porridge just like real bears.

This week in **Reception** learning has been a delightful blend of creativity and storytelling! We had a fantastic time making leaf mobiles and adorable squirrels, which added a touch of nature to our environment. Inspired by Lois Ehlert's "The Leaf Man," we created and worked hard to share our own imaginative versions of the story. Our artistic skills shone as we used stencils to paint beautiful leaf artworks, bringing vibrant colours to life. Additionally, we focused on phonics, learning the sounds e, u, and r.

This morning **5 Ash** entertained us with their brilliant class assembly. We learnt about the Early Islamic Civilization and even what foods they ate with an episode of Masterchef! The children also shared their learning of grid references in geography and sorting materials in science. They showed us their lino printing in art and sang a great version of Counting Stars by One Republic.

PE at Princess Frederica

On Thursday this week, 14 of our year 6 runners competed in a cross-country event held at Kingsbury High School, along with 25 other schools in Brent.

The children ran in a year 6 boys' and a year 6 girls' race. Each race consisted of over 50 children taking part and all our children finished in the top 15 places. Shaylah finished 2nd in the girls' race and picked up a silver medal for her hard work and effort.

The boys' and girls' finishing positions in their races were added together to give an overall score for both events. The lower the combined score, the higher placing for our school.

Year 6 boys were in 4th place and year 6 girls were in 2nd place.

All the children should be really proud of their efforts, determination and the way they represented our school both on and off the course.

Mr Chantler

Music at Princess Frederica

We have a music concert coming up on Wednesday 23rd October at 2:45pm. It will include steel pans, choirs and the stage band. Please see attached programme

[☰ Music Concert 23rd October 2024](#)

Head Boy and Head Girl

Hi everyone, Cora and Frederick here! We hope that you have had a good week and we are looking forward to telling you all about this week. On Monday we had an assembly where we talked about generosity.

We also talked about the focus pupil routine this week:

Stop at a Signal

1. Stop what you are doing when you hear the signal.
2. *Respond to the signal (e.g. clap back or show hands).*
3. Turn and look at the leader.
4. Body calm, hands still.

In our world of friends assembly, the news story was about how Keir Starmer has accepted gifts and whether he was right to do so or not. He received tickets to an Arsenal match because he is an Arsenal supporter.

The tour guides received their training this week so that they can show new parents around our wonderful school. The house group captains and deputies had a meeting to get ready for a house group competition next Friday.

We hope you have a fantastic weekend.

Cora and Frederick.

Fidget toys

We have noticed an increasing number of children are bringing in their own fidget toys from home. These must only be used by a child in the classroom if they have been supplied by the class teacher or Miss Skilton, our SENCO. Children should keep their own fidget toys at home.

SEN

October is ADHD awareness month and you may be interested in the website below which includes some helpful information. · <https://www.adhdawarenessmonth.org/>

Phonics Workshop for Parents

If your child is in Reception, year 1 or year 2 or has just started at the school and has no experience of being taught phonics, we warmly welcome you to our annual phonics workshop on Tuesday 22nd October at 9am. The purpose of the workshop is to inform parents about how phonics is taught in school and enable you to support your child's reading and writing at home. Whether your child has just started in Reception, or you have attended a workshop before and would like to refresh your memory, all are welcome.

OPAL Play

We are excited to announce that the new wellington storage shed is now set up in the playground for our Year 3 and Year 4 students. Please make sure that all wellies are clearly labelled. In other news, we've also installed a beautiful pergola in the Peace Garden, where we'll soon be planting jasmine to climb and bloom. On Wednesday, we had a visit from our Play Governor, Leandros, who was highly impressed with the way OPAL play has been implemented and developed at our school.

Donations urgently required:

- rope
- sheets
- suitcases
- anything with wheels

Also does anyone have a contact at a garage which is willing to donate more tyres?

After School Clubs

Please settle, or make a payment towards, any debts owing for clubs before the half term, otherwise your child may not be able to continue in November. Many thanks.

Safeguarding

Ofcom's latest Media Use and Attitudes Report states that most children can watch streamed films on a mobile device both in and out of the home, with 80% of UK children watching films on phones, tablets or laptops. That's a lot of youngsters who might be using their own gadgets to watch something suitably spooky this Halloween season or perhaps, something a little too frightening.

With older children in particular, it can be difficult knowing how to manage their increasing interest in more mature content – including horror films, in many cases – let alone knowing how best to safeguard them from inappropriate material. The guide this week offers expert advice not only on the risks of exposure to horror films and other potentially upsetting content, but also on preventing young viewers from seeing this material or protecting them from being too deeply affected by it if they do.

[Attach pdf](#)

Half Term dates

Some parents have asked about Princess Frederica having a different half term holiday this term. The decision to have a different half term to other Brent schools was not taken lightly and the aim was to align with the other schools in our partnership who are in Kensington and

Chelsea and other secondary schools in other boroughs. It seems that Brent is out of step with most other boroughs in London.

We apologise for the inconvenience that this will cause to some families and of course any requests for absences will be authorised.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 22nd October at 9:00am Phonics Workshop for parents

Tuesday 22nd October - year 3 trip to Gunnersbury Museum

Tuesday 22nd October -year 6 trip to Horniman Museum

Wednesday 23rd October at 2:45pm - Music concert

Friday 25th October - end of half term

Friday 8th November - Headship team briefing

Class assemblies at 10:00am in the main hall

Friday 15th November - 6 Chestnut

Friday 22nd November - 5 Birch

Friday 17th January - 4 Apple

Friday 24th January - 3 Hawthorn

Friday 31st January - 4 Cherry

Friday 7th February - 3 Bramble

Friday 14th March - 2 Thistle

Friday 21st March - 1 Thyme

Friday 28th March - 2 Honeysuckle

Friday 2nd May - 1 Sage

Friday 16th May - Reception Buttercup

Friday 23rd May - Reception Dandelion

Friday 20th June - Nursery

Term Dates

INSET DAY: Monday 25th November

Autumn Term 1: Wednesday 4th September to Friday 25th October 2024

Autumn Term 2: Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December 2024 at 1:30pm

Spring term 1: Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February 2025

Spring Term 2: Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April 2025 at 1:30pm

Summer term 1: Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May 2025

Summer term 2: Monday 2nd June to Friday 18th July 2025 at 1:30pm

Start of academic year 2025/26

Autumn Term 1 starts on Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Have a lovely weekend
With kind regards

Nicola Christopher