

Dear parents and carers

### **What has been happening this week?**

**Nursery** have been reading *Monkey Puzzle* by Julia Donaldson and have used it as an opportunity to learn about animals and their babies: how some look like their babies and some do not! The whole class has also been putting a lot of effort into their scissor skills. The children cut out a spiral snake and collaged some butterfly wings with beautiful results. On the Embankment, we went on a winter walk with a “What do we see in winter?” checklist. Thursday was a perfect day for this, as there were frozen puddles and ice to look at and investigate. Cooking this week was a coconut shortcake biscuit, cut using a square cutter, as our focus is squares for the next two weeks.

The **Reception** children enjoyed the fleeting snow this week and some snow-themed activities. We have continued reading our series of season-themed books, and this week we enjoyed *The Snow Thief*, which is all about how the season changes from winter to spring.

Both **Year 6** classes enjoyed trips to the Brent Citizenship Scheme, where they learnt about some of the challenges they might encounter when they transition to secondary school, alongside how to keep themselves safe in and around the local area, on the streets and on public transport.

Our Year 6 tour guides were busy this week showing potential new parents around the school. The parents were very impressed with the children's confidence, sense of responsibility, and clear love of their school.

### **Head Girl and Head Boy Report**

In Thursday's clergy assembly, we started to talk about Advent and the countdown to Christmas. In geography, our new topic is globalisation, and we have been learning about iPhones: where the parts come from and where they are made. In RE, we have been learning about the Nativity and how there are different versions of the story. We went to the Brent Hub on Wednesday and were learning how to be safe on public transport and on the streets. We also learnt how to have a healthy diet and that cigarettes and alcohol are bad for you.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Jess and Vishan

## **OPAL**

If you're having a Christmas clear out, we'd love to give your old artificial trees or tree decorations a new home! Our children will enjoy decorating them at lunchtimes. Please drop any donations off at the school office.

### **Booking Your Parent Meeting**

Parent meetings for this term will take place during the week commencing Monday 1st December and 8th December. There are two evening sessions on Wednesday 3rd December and Tuesday 9th December and a morning session for each class.

The details for booking your appointment are shared below.

<https://princessfrederica.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

We encourage all parents to attend, as these meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and explore how we can continue to support their learning together. Children in Years 5 and 6 are also invited to accompany their parents. We believe that when children are part of the conversation, they become more responsible for their progress. It helps them understand what they are doing well and what they may need to focus on next.

## **Sports at Princess Frederica**

To be added when Gary gets back from competition

## **Music at Princess Frederica**

**28th November, 2:30pm — Cello Concert**

### **Thursday 4th December**

Boys' Singing Club and Girls' Choir performances at Westfield Shopping Centre, at 1pm and 2pm respectively.

### **Friday 5th December — FS singing and drumming performances**

Foundation Stage classes will be performing several carols and showcasing a short drumming sequence. This will take place in the Nursery playground (or the downstairs hall if the weather doesn't permit).

- 9:20 — Nursery
- 9:50 — Reception Dandelion
- 10:20 — Reception Buttercup

### **Thursday 11th December at 10:00am — Nativity featuring 2H lead roles**

(Year 1 to sing a song as a class)

### **Friday 12th December at 10:00am — Nativity featuring 2T lead roles**

(Year 1 to sing a song as a class)

### **Wednesday 17th December — Concerts**

- 1:30pm — Year 4 Steel Pans and Recorder Group (please note the change of time for Year 4)
- 3:00pm — Year 5 & 6 Steel Pans, Recorder and Class Bands

### **Carols @ St Clement Church, Sirdar Road, W11 4EQ**

On Monday 15th December at 6pm, there will be a Carol Service for all the schools in the LifeFull Federation at St Clement Church, Notting Hill. This is a beautiful service which brings our school communities together to worship and enjoy some wonderful Christmas music.

The Peregrine Orchestra will be performing Handel's Messiah. Kids go free. Please see the flier for more details.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/peregrine-orchestra/t-aqepgd>

### **PSA News**

**The Pre-Loved Christmas Jumper and PJ Sale is back!**

No need to buy new for the Kid's Christmas Disco you can replace outgrown Christmas Jumpers, party outfits and PJs at a bargain on **Friday 28th after school in the Main Playground**. We'd love your donations of outgrown/ no longer needed Christmas jumpers, PJs and especially sparkly party outfits - get into those wardrobes and bring them to the office any time next week.

### **Fred's Christmas Trees:**

If you would like to get your tree or wreath by 29th November, orders will be accepted until 26th November (this coming Wednesday). For collection on the 6th, you have until 3rd December to get your order in. Get a great tree or wreath and support the school - available now on Gateway.

### **We still need your help:**

We don't have enough volunteers from **Nursery and Reception and Years 4 - 6 to help** with the disco; **decorating on Sunday 30th** or either of the **Tree Collection dates 29th or 6th** (Dad's especially needed for trees). Can you help? <https://forms.gle/FjYoXCrAmdQSUaUKA>

### **Safeguarding - Online Safety**

Behind video-sharing platforms (like YouTube) and streaming TV shows and movies, gaming is the third most popular online activity for children in the UK. In fact, according to recent data from Ofcom, an overwhelming 89% of children aged 3 to 17 play video games. Of those, more than one in five (22%) talk to other players online who they don't know outside the game.

The risk of contact from strangers is just one of the reasons that many parents are concerned about their child's gaming: increased screen time, inappropriate content and in-game spending also figure among the most frequent fears. Agreeing on some rules around your child's gaming activities can certainly help, and the attached guide has some useful tips for establishing these boundaries. [Attach pdf](#)

### **Dates for your diary**

Friday 28th November at 2:30pm Cello Concert

Tuesday 9th December - Year 5 trip to the National Army Museum

Thursday 11th December at 10am - Nativity featuring 2 Honeysuckle  
Friday 12th December at 10am - Nativity featuring 2 Thistle  
Monday 15th December at 6pm - Lifefull Schools Carol Service at St Clement Church  
Wednesday 17th December - Christmas lunch  
Wednesday 17th December at 1:30pm - Year 4 Steel pans Concert  
Wednesday 17th December at 3pm - Year 5 and 6 Steel pans concert  
Friday 19th December at 10:00am Christmas Church Service at St Martin's  
Friday 19th December at 1:30pm - End of Term

**Class assemblies at 10:00am in the main hall**

Friday 28th November - 5 Birch  
Friday 16th January - 4 Cherry  
Friday 23rd January - 3 Bramble  
Friday 30th January - 4 Apple  
Friday 6th February - 3 Hawthorn  
Friday 13th February - 2 Thistle  
Friday 27th February - 1 Sage  
Friday 13th March - 2 Honeysuckle  
Friday 24th April - 1 Thyme  
Friday 1st May - Reception Buttercup  
Friday 15th May - Reception Dandelion  
Friday 12th June - Nursery

**PSA cake sale dates:**

11th and 12th December - Year 1  
22nd and 23rd January - Year 2  
26th and 27th February - Year 3  
19th and 26th March - Year 6  
23rd and 24th April - Year 4  
14th and 15th May - Year 5

Have lovely weekend  
With kind regards

Nicola Christopher