

# Freeman's Endowed Church of England Junior Academy Newsletter

'Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.' 1 John 3:18

## St. Patrick's Day Prayer

May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us. May thy Salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and for evermore. Amen.

## Science Week

This week, we celebrated British Science Week. The theme for this year is growth. There is a poster competition where children have been invited to create a poster around the topic of growth. Entrants for the competition need to be handed to your child's class teacher by Friday 1st April.



In Year 3 and 4, children have investigated the impact of using different shapes and sizes of wands to make bubbles. We have also investigated the density of different liquids and how oil and water react together. We did this through making a lava lamp.

In Year 5 and 6, the children have investigated the viscosity and density of liquids and assessed if there is a relationship between them. They completed two investigations. Firstly, they observed the resistance different liquids had when running down a smooth angled surface and then they layered liquids to see if they could get the less dense liquids to sit on top of the more dense liquids.



## ECO Club

It has been wonderful to see so many of our children enjoying **ECO Club** - some of the children have been busy planting flowers and plants, helping to make our school grounds a lovely place, while others have been busy collecting litter!



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**Our Values Champions this week are:**

Year 3: Noah

Year 4: Charlie

Year 5: Morgan

Year 6: Muftah

Well done to all of our Values Champions!



**Stars of the Week:**

Year 3: **Dahl Class:** Lacie

**Donaldson Class:** Anthony

Year 4: **Kerr Class:** Shariya

**Zephaniah Class:** Nathaniel

Year 5: **Rowling Class:** Ayush

**Horowitz Class:** Sofia

Year 6: **Pullman Class:** Charlie

**Morpurgo Class:** Noemi

Well done to all of our Stars of the Week for showing outstanding behaviour and excellent effort in their work.

**Presentation Awards**

Year 3: **Dahl Class:** Gracie

**Donaldson Class:** Lois

Year 4: **Kerr Class:** Alexandra

**Zephaniah Class:** Talaya

Year 5: **Rowling Class:** Lily-Rae

**Horowitz Class:** Tanya

Year 6: **Pulman Class:** Isabelle

**Morpurgo Class:** Ellie

**Dojo Champions of the Week**



Our Class of the Week with the highest number of Dojo points is Kerr Class!  
Our House of the Week with the highest number of Dojo points is the Cobblers house!

**100% Attendance Award:** Rayhan - Horowitz Class Year 5

**Out of school awards:** Laila (Year 6) - Music award for her Violin assessment

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## Red Nose Day

Thank you for all of your donations for Red Nose Day, which will go to good causes to help children and families in need. 'Gunge the Teacher' was a great success - Miss Ellwood received the most votes, followed by Mrs Sadler in second place and Mrs Holder in third... they all really enjoyed the gunging!!!!The children and staff had a great time too! Altogether from the 'Gunge the Teacher;' and Mufti



donations the school has raised **£418.00** which will all go to help children

and families in need. **Thank you very much to our Freeman's community!**

## Mufti Day for The Red Cross/Unicef appeal

On Thursday 31st March we will be holding a 'wear yellow Mufti day' to raise funds for refugees and families affected by war and conflict. If your child could make a 50p donation for wearing mufti, this will then be gratefully added to our fundraising total.

## Sponsored Read

The sponsored read finishes today (Friday 18th March 2022). Please ensure any sponsor money is brought into school by Friday 25th March. We are really looking forward to sharing the results!

## Social Media - Freeman's Twitter account

Have you started following the school's twitter account yet?

You can follow us at @FE\_Year3 <https://www.freemansendowed.org/index.php/twitter/year-3-updates> @FE\_Year4

<https://www.freemansendowed.org/index.php/twitter/year-4-updates> @FE\_Year5 <https://www.freemansendowed.org/index.php/twitter/year-5-updates> @FE\_Year6

<https://www.freemansendowed.org/index.php/twitter/year-6-updates> @Head\_Freemans (whole school information) for class

and whole school updates and news!

## Parents Evenings

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who replied to our email regarding the organisation of parents evenings - you should receive an email today about how to book your preferred slot. Face to face appointments will be held on Monday 28th March and telephone and video call appointments will take place on Wednesday 30th April. There is a guide to booking the appointments online included with your email - please consult this if you have any trouble booking. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any further questions or concerns regarding the appointments.

## Easter Egg Raffle



Our chocolate raffles are really popular!

Please could children bring in an Easter Egg or chocolate donation  
to help to make a year group Easter Egg hamper...  
raffle tickets will be on sale for £100 per ticket

Tickets will be on sale from Friday the 25th March and the  
winning tickets will be drawn on the last day of term!

**Book Fairs**

Your pop-up  
school book shop!

We are really thrilled that we have the Book Fair in school  
at the moment!

We will be opening the Book Fair in the **playground** at the  
end of the day from next **Tuesday, 22nd  
March.**

Do come along and have a look at the fantastic books that will be  
available to buy. The book fair will operate a cashless service and  
so all purchases can be made online at

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1171749> or via your phone  
using this QR code...



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## Wellbeing

We have been busy sorting out new groupings for our wellbeing interventions for Summer term. If your child is taking part in a 1:1 Thrive or Drawing and Talking intervention permission slips will be out shortly.

Thank you to everyone that donated money on our last Mental Health Awareness Day. Each member of staff has now got a **'you can talk to me about mental health'** badge to wear on their lanyards, each class now has a **mindfulness activity flashcard set** for use in the classroom and an **'I am, I can' affirmations and creative activities set of cards** for use the classroom. We have also purchased a pupil friendly book about **emotions and the brain**. The last of the money has been used to purchase resources for our new **Lunchtime Hub Club**, which has been set up for pupils who may find playtimes challenging for different reasons.

## SEND

If you have a child who is on the SEND register, your child's IEP (individual education plan) targets are being reviewed by their class teacher and will be available to view on their provision map. If you need a logon for Provision Map please let me know.

We have been in touch with the new Neurodiversity Networks hub that has been set up in the town centre and we are looking forward to inviting them to our first parent coffee morning - watch this space!

Follow them: at [www.neurodiversitynetworks.com](http://www.neurodiversitynetworks.com)

Facebook- Neurodiversity Networks

Twitter- Neurodiversity8

## Key Dates

- Week beginning 28th March - Easter Activities
- Friday 1st April - Easter Service  
9.30 am Year 3 and Year 6  
10.45am Year 4 and Year 5

Parents/Carers are welcome to come to the Service (2 people per pupil)

- Tuesday 22nd March - Bookfair will be open in the playground.
- **Parents' Evenings:**

28th March: Face to face appointments

30th March - Telephone and Video Call appointments.

Next week we will also be selling pre-loved uniform in the playground - from Easter children will be welcome to wear Summer uniform (summer dresses/polo shirts/shorts).

**12 - 2PM**  
ACTIVITIES FOR  
**8-12 YRS**  
FREE ENTRY

# Spring Art Festival

**SATURDAY 2ND APRIL 2022**  
**Wellingborough Library**  
PEBBLE LANE / WELLINGBOROUGH / NORTHANTS / NN8 1AS

Activities include  
Mask Making // Easter Egg Decoration // Basket Making  
Colouring // Drawing Skills // Badge Making // Stickers // Flag Making

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**DISCOVER YOURSELF**  
DISCOVER WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE  
YOUR SKILLS, STRENGTHS & OPPORTUNITIES

LOOK OUT FOR OUR SUMMER DATES

**Open Day**

**Saturday 26th March**  
**10:00am to 2:00pm**

**Come along and see 4 of our provisions for yourself!**

Opening up our centres will allow for parents and carers to ask all those important questions, view our facilities and speak to the support staff and management team. A fun filled day, giving you an insight into what The Cube Disability is all about and further detail about the services we provide.

**We look forward to welcoming those who may be considering The Cube Disability as a transition option.**

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# HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

Northamptonshire **sport**  
The Voice For Sport

**Access fun, creative, and active holiday camps for FREE!**

**Week 1: 4th - 8th April | 9am - 3:30pm**  
**Week 2: 11th - 14th April | 9am - 3:30pm**

**OAKWAY ACADEMY**  
**109 Oakway, Wellingborough NN8 4SD**

**For children who are 'Free School Meals' eligible!**  
**(Will receive a FREE lunch)**

**Activities Include:**  
Physical Activity (Indoor & Outdoor)  
Outdoor Learning & Art  
PSHE & Well-being  
Easter Crafts  
Teambuilding

Contact: jamie.worrall@ntfc.co.uk  
for more info

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



# YUBO



Yubo is a social networking platform where users can chat and livestream with up to 10 friends at once. People can connect with others based on location, with a Tinder-style 'swiping' mechanism to accept or reject someone based on their profile pictures. The app has approximately 50 million users worldwide – but despite its popularity, Yubo has not been free from controversy. While the app claims to monitor inappropriate content, a newspaper investigation in early 2022 found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism, bullying and conversations with adult themes.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### FLimsy AGE GATES

Yubo states it is only for over 13s, but there is no credible age-gate to prevent an even younger child joining the platform. An undercover journalist investigating dangerous content reported spending 10 days posing as a 15-year-old on the app without any age verification. This flaw, and the fact that it's impossible to verify a user's true identity on Yubo, raises serious concerns over potential grooming.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Yubo has experienced problems with inappropriate content being displayed to children and teens. Although the app's developers claim to monitor profiles and messages for adult-themed or unsuitable material, a *Sunday Times* investigation found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism and bullying, with many chats referencing self-harm, suicide and drug use.

### LIVESTREAM RISKS

Due to Yubo's lax age verification, children are able to launch live video streams which strangers can then view and interact with via real-time text chat. Not only is the thought of strangers watching children's livestreams extremely worrying (they could also use these as a means to establish the child's location) but text chats might result in a young person disclosing personal information.

## ON AIR

### BULLYING POTENTIAL

Yubo users 'swipe' to accept or decline the chance to talk with each other. These decisions are entirely based on someone's profile picture, raising the potential for children to be left with low self-esteem if declined repeatedly. Negative feedback about their appearance can seriously damage a child's emotional wellbeing, causing a loss of confidence in how they look or how interesting they are.

### EXTENSIVE ACCESS

Users of Yubo, no matter what their age, are required to grant access to their device's microphone and GPS. This means they are potentially revealing highly sensitive information, including their exact location. In addition, new users of the app are asked to provide personal details such as their name, date of birth and phone number, which – in the case of young people – represents a clear risk.

### 'GATEWAY' EFFECT

Yubo's swiping system (right for 'yes', left for 'no') works much like Tinder and various other dating apps. This could lead to children exploring similarly designed apps that aren't intended for a young audience. Users can also link their Yubo account to social media such as Snapchat and Instagram, making it easier for a stranger to track them down on various platforms.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### DISCOURAGE USE

We don't often advise totally avoiding an app, but due to the concerns that Yubo has generated of late (the February 2022 *Sunday Times* exposé and a recent abduction case in which the alleged perpetrator met a teenage girl through the app) and the fact that inappropriate content has been proved to be circulating on the platform, you may decide that the safest option is to dissuade your child from downloading it altogether.

### DISCUSS IN ADVANCE

If your child is absolutely determined to join Yubo (perhaps their friends all use the platform, for instance), then it's essential to talk to them about the dangers of this type of app *before* they install it. It's vital they understand not to disclose personal information to people they don't know, for example, and that they're warned about the type of mature content they may be exposed to on the app.

### STAY AWARE

It's important to stay attuned to how your child is using social media. If they only access Yubo in private, for example, you might reasonably question what they're potentially using it for. It's also important to watch for warning signs that they may be over-using the app; prioritising it over everyday routines like meals and homework, for instance, or showing signs of irritability and a lack of concentration.

### ALTER THE SETTINGS

After the recent high-profile controversies surrounding the app, Yubo's developers have increased its security controls. Users can now choose to block profiles, screen out nudity in live streams and keep their location private. There's also an option to report inappropriate content, so make sure your child knows that they can now flag up anything they find disturbing via the app's Safety Centre.

## Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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