

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

Preparation and Waiting...



This year, more than ever, there is a tangible sense of excitement as we enter Advent time. As we look around the local neighbourhood there are many festive lights and displays already being put up in houses and gardens, and our children are regularly heard talking excitedly about the arrival of the Christmas period. As a school we ensure that children understand that Advent is an important part of the Christian calendar. Advent means 'coming' and is the period before Christmas which celebrates the birth of Jesus. Advent is all about preparing for Christmas Day. This year, Advent will start on Sunday November 29th, and will finish on December 24th. In school the children will have an Advent candle in each class, which helps the children to understand the idea of 'counting down to Christmas', while reminding them that the celebration of Christmas is about the celebration of the arrival of Jesus, the light of the world. The staff at Freeman's have made lots of plans for the children to celebrate the Christmas period in school, which we will be sharing with parents over the coming weeks. We are really sorry not to be able to share our usual celebrations with you in person, but are sure that you will enjoy the outcome of the children and staff's hard work!

Leaders

At Freeman's we are encouraging our children to become leaders. The photographed children are our house and play leaders for each year group. They will be responsible for running house competitions and encouraging their year group to be more involved in physical activity.

The first competition has been to run as many daily miles as possible and the children have done a fantastic job of encouraging and recording the results.

We will announce the winning house in Worship after each competition.



Our Values Champions this week are...

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| Year 3: | Dahl Class: Teddy | Donaldson Class: Edie |
| Year 4: | Kerr Class: Zachary | Zephaniah Class: Theo |
| Year 5: | Rowling Class: Ellie | Horowitz Class: Dejaune |
| Year 6: | Pulman Class: Akeem | Morpurgo Class: Kaylan |

Well done to all of our Values Champions!



Stars of the Week:

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| Year 3: | Dahl Class: Sophie-Leigh | Donaldson Class: Shariyah |
| Year 4: | Kerr Class: Mark | Zephaniah Class: Angel |
| Year 5: | Rowling Class: Charlie | Horowitz Class: Stella |
| Year 6: | Pulman Class: Connor | Morpurgo Class: Zara |

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

Dojo Champions of the Week



Our Class of the Week with the highest number of Dojo points is....

DAHL CLASS with 366 Dojo points!

HOUSE AWARD WINNERS - Cobblers

100% Attendance Award - Lydia - Zephaniah Class

Lunchtime Awards

Year 6: Caleb and Matilda

Year 5: Tina and Charlotte

Year 4: Elliott and Caiden

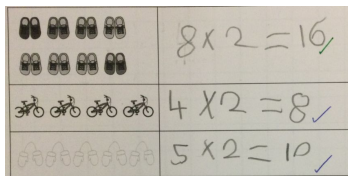
Year 3 Charlie and Alexandra

This Week's Great Work!

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been focusing on multiplication and division. We have recapped the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and learnt different ways to calculate a multiplication and division number sentence. We have used cubes, drawings and counting in multiples to help us. We are now beginning to learn the 3 times tables. To

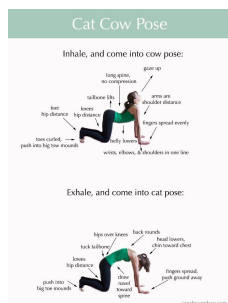
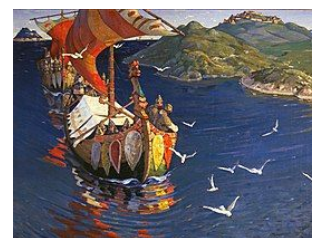
support this, we ask that children are practicing their times tables at home and login to their Times Tables Rockstars. Here are some great examples by Isaac and Lacey.



| Explain it | Draw it | Addition | Multiplication |
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| There are 3 equal groups of 4. | | $4 + 4 + 4 = 12$ | $3 \times 4 = 12$ |
| Explain it | Draw it | Addition | Multiplication |
| There are 2 equal groups of 5. | | $5 + 5 = 10$ | $2 \times 5 = 10$ |

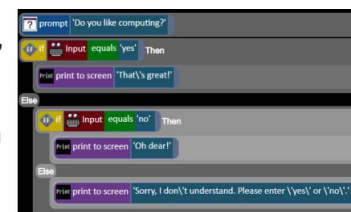
Year 4

In P.E this term we are following a dance unit based on the Vikings. Children are working hard to create a short motif based on the Vikings as invaders. They have had to choreograph 4 different movements each with a count of 8. They are practicing ready for a performance to the rest of their class.



Year 5

This week, the children have been learning to code using 'if' and 'if/else' on Purple Mash. They have managed to create a code that can ask a question and reply with a number of responses. Year 5 have also been really testing their bodies this week with a variety of yoga positions in our PE lessons. The cat/cow pose is very popular.



Year 6

In DT this week, children have been creating their own cars; they have created their chassis using wood, glue and lots of hard work! The children really enjoyed the task and showed a lot of maturity when using the tools. Jonathon and Akeem made a fantastic team and produced an excellent chassis!

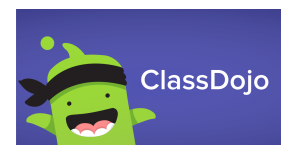


Information for Parents

Our Behaviour Policy

We have had a very positive reaction from our children about our new behaviour policy and system that has been running since September. Here is a brief synopsis for our parents about our behaviour policy.

- Our approach is centred around reinforcing and rewarding positive behaviour choices through a behaviour rainbow, verbal praise and ClassDojo.
- Around school, children are given regular, specific praise for positive behaviour. The reward system is designed to celebrate and encourage the skills and traits that are needed for children to develop a positive attitude towards their learning and development and to support them to become responsible members of the school community.
- Every child has a named peg and they start on 'Ready to Learn' (green) at the start of each day.
- Children who are rewarded for positive behaviour receive verbal praise and are moved up (clipped up) the behaviour rainbow.
- The aim is to get to 'Outstanding' which is when the child 'clips off' and clips their peg onto their collar or tie. This is to show the rest of the school community that they have displayed outstanding behaviour throughout the day. When this happens, the child earns 5 points on the ClassDojo.
- Children can also earn additional points on the ClassDojo for showing our school values.
- Please visit the 'School Policies' section of the school website to find out more information about the school's behaviour policy.



Parent Questionnaire

On Wednesday, I sent a letter out to parents regarding a parent questionnaire. We are always looking for ways to improve at Freeman's and it is really important for us to know your thoughts about the school. Your views and opinions provide us with a lot of very valuable information regarding what we do well and areas to improve or consider. Please take the time to fill out the questionnaire. If you have more than one child at the school, please fill out a questionnaire for each child you have at the school. Thank you for your continued support. Mr Healy

Christmas preparations!

Chocolate raffle

We are organising a christmas raffle for the children. Each year group will have individual raffles so they can be organised in our COVID safe bubbles. We would like donations of any chocolates, so that we can create hampers with them. The children can then buy a raffle entry for £1 during the week beginning 14th December. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 16th December in year groups.



Please can all **donations** of chocolate be handed to year group teams by **Friday 11th December**. This will give us the opportunity to 'quarantine' the chocolate before adding it to the hamper...!

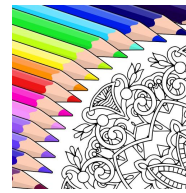
Nativity Scene Project



We will be sending out information next week about our Nativity Scene Project. We would like children to create a scene from the Nativity Story in a small box, which will hopefully then be displayed at school or in St Barnabas Church. We would love as many children as possible to take part in this project, so please look out for details on Monday.

Shoe box appeal

In conjunction with the Daylight Centre, we would like to make a collection of gifts for disadvantaged children from the local area. We are asking for any donations to be brought into school by **Monday 7th December**. We would like to ask for donations of empty shoe boxes and wrapping paper to cover them (or pre covered shoe boxes would be fabulous.)



We will be collating the items to create gift boxes.

Suggested items (new please): Fluffy socks, pyjamas, books, colouring activity, small games, notebooks etc