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# FRIMLEY TIMES



Well that's the end of the first half-term of this year and it's already proving to be a very busy one! There has been so much going on across the school so huge thanks to all the staff for planning such exciting opportunities and to all the children for embracing the opportunities and making real progress with their learning and their attitudes etc. Our school vision of "love your neighbour as you love yourself" can be seen in action all around the school every day and makes it such a lovely place to work and learn.

We finish for half-term today as tomorrow is an INSET day when all the staff are having training on safeguarding and computing. Monday 30<sup>th</sup> is also an INSET day. On that day, staff are having training on curriculum updates as well as workshops at the Sixth Form college in the afternoon on their own well-being and mental health alongside all the staff from the other 2 Academies across the Trust.

World Mental Health Day: Last week saw us all wearing yellow in support of Young Minds, a charity that helps people with their mental health so they have the resilience to overcome any challenges that they might face. Thank you to everyone who donated to our Just Giving page that Mrs Conway kindly set up for us. We also had some donations in school so our final total raise for Young Minds is £275.

School charity: Last week we had 2 workshops in school which all our children attended to raised awareness of the importance of keeping safe online. Mrs Reehal, who is our Computing Leader, organized for the Breck Foundation to come in to school to lead these sessions and we also had the evening information session on Teams for parents last week too. This was very well presented and a real eye opener of the stark reality in which our children are actively involved through various online sites and gaming and social media etc. I hope the parents who attended this session found it as useful as I did. The Breck Foundation is our chosen charity for this academic year and each year group will be organizing events throughout the year to support this charity. Please do take a look at their website as they have a host of resources and ideas etc to help you keep your child safe online at home: [Online Safety | Breck Foundation](#)

SEND (Special Educational Needs) Review: As part of our ongoing Quality Assurance, we had a whole day SEND review a few weeks ago. This was led by David Bartram OBE. The day consisted of: meeting with Mrs Williams (who is our SENDco/Pastoral Deputy Head); observing some lessons; reviewing our paperwork, systems and record keeping procedures; meeting with our SEND AQC representative; speaking with children and various staff members and looking at books. The day was really useful and informative and the feedback from David was extremely positive about our SEND provision: *"Frimley is an Inclusive School, the Headteacher and Senior Leaders are ambitious for all pupils, including those with SEND, regardless of starting points and challenges they face. SEND provision is well led, the SENCO is reflective, experienced and knowledgeable. There is a clear commitment to developing a nurturing environment for pupils with SEND. The school places a strong emphasis on pupil well being. Pupils benefit from the calm and purposeful environment in classrooms"*. Another well done to Team Frimley!

I hope you all have a lovely half-term break together and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Clare Wright

## Quality Improvement Plan

We have been working in liaison with the Executive Team from The Prospect Trust to decide on our focus areas for School Improvement for 2023-2025. These priority areas will form the basis of our work in school and staff training etc and are:

1. Every learner is provided with the opportunity to make progress and achieve high success rate through the KS2 curriculum;
2. Every teacher is confident in teaching disadvantaged learners (including the bottom 20%) and delivers a curriculum that enables them to make maximum progress;
3. Reduce the number of incidents of poor behaviour choices beyond the classroom by having high expectations at all times;
4. All children actively participate in all lessons;
5. All members of the school community are provided with timely and appropriate support in order to support their well-being and help them to flourish;
6. The school is visible within, and open to, the local community to promote the school as "school of choice" within the local area;
7. All leaders take accountability and are responsible for school wide improvements;
8. Establish wider and global links in order to develop all members of the school community as global citizens and courageous advocates.

More details can be found in the complete document which is on our website under the school information tab (Quality Improvement Plan)

### Mrs Whiting absence:

Sadly, our lovely Mrs Whiting will not be here for the majority of next half-term as she is going to have an operation. Mrs Whiting does various roles across our school so we will all miss her while she is not here. Please note the following changes in her absence:

The library (LRC) will unfortunately not be open to families after school at all next half-term;

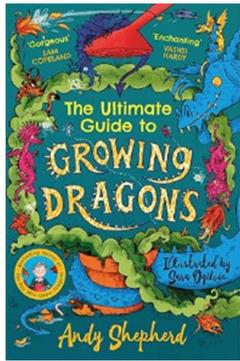
Recorder club: if your child was due to be in recorder club next half-term, this will not be happening so the group will be postponed until January when they will take part for the first half-term of the Spring Term.

### Dance success

Well done to Brooke in 5S who has been selected by her dance school- Classical Ballet Centre Surrey - to join them in Prague next year for the Dance World Cup competitions!!

What a fantastic achievement and we can't wait to hear how she gets on!

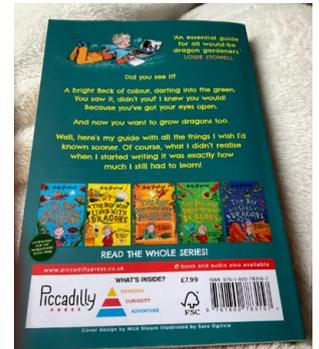
## Year 3/4 recommendation The Ultimate Guide to Growing Dragons



Miss Howard recommends The Ultimate Guide to Growing Dragons.

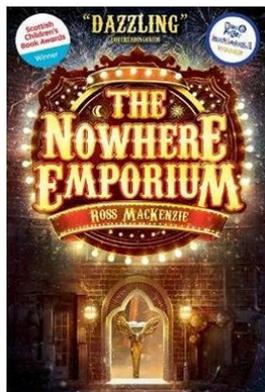
I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book with one of my previous classes. It is funny and informative (especially if you want to know how to train a dragon!) The main character is Tomas who is officially the Grand High Dragon Master. He knows all the tricks for training dragons, nurturing dragonfruit seedlings and defusing dragon poo!

The only question is... can Tomas and his friends work together to figure out and create the most brilliant ULTIMATE GUIDE ever?!



## Year 5/6 recommendation: The Nowhere Emporium

Mr Phillips recommends The Nowhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie.



I loved reading this book: it is full of mystery and intrigue as well as wonderful description and imagery and the plot is truly gripping. Daniel, the central character, is welcomed by Mr Silver into the secrets of his emporium and for the first time in his life, he finds true purpose. However, trouble is never too far away, especially when Mr Silver disappears. Can Daniel save his mentor, his new home and his friends before it's too late?

This book will take you on a rollercoaster of emotions – joy and laughter, hope and happiness and sorrow and despair. So, why not step into the Nowhere Emporium .... Just make sure you bring your imagination!



## Fundraising message from a group of Year 6

We are a group of Year 6. On the 10th November at breaktime, we'll be running a stall. If your child is interested in buying some of the things below, we hope you will bring in some money to help the school, thank you:

Paper squishies £1

Keyrings 50p

Clay bracelets £2.20

Nanotape £1

Monkey noodles 60p

Loom bands £1.50

Pencils £1

We are using our own resources and all money raised will go to the school and The Breck Foundation

## Garden Harvest

Garden club harvested the squashes in their lunchtime. They are now drying out ready for the November Big Soup!



## 2023 Christmas Card competition

### Let's Get Creative!

We have been invited to participate in a 2023 Christmas Card competition. The competition is open to all primary schools in Rt Hon. Michael Gove MP's Surrey Heath constituency. A prize will be awarded to the group winner.

Group 2 is for pupils from Year 3 - Year 6.

It would be great if our school could take part and a shortlist of three entries, featuring pupils' finest Christmas card artwork will be selected to be sent.

I will need to submit our Frimley School entries by a deadline so need any entries in before 14<sup>th</sup> November. Please hand your entries to Mrs Chappelow.

A judge will then view all entries and choose a winner from each group, and their schools will be notified thereafter. Winning pupils will be presented with their prizes at their schools in December, and Rt Hon. Michael Gove MP will have their winning designs printed for his Christmas cards.

I very much hope that we are able to take part in this year's competition, and please ask Mrs Chappelow if you have any questions.

I shall look forward to receiving all the entries!



## Missing Scooter

Chloe's scooter has gone missing from the bike shed. It was not there yesterday after ball games and she brought it in that morning. This is the second time this has happened, it happened last week but a post was put on the Facebook page and it was returned the following morning. We are sure it is just someone taking it by accident but it's less than a month old and she bought it with her birthday money so has been a bit upset about it. Picture attached.

## Dates For Your Diary

Date 2023	Event
October 20th	Inset Day
October 23rd to 27th	Half Term
October 30th	Inset Day
October 31st	School open 8.40am

## Food Donation Huge Thank You

We would like to say a massive thank you for your generosity and kindness. The Besom in Camberley really appreciate all of the food items donated during Harvest.

