



Well it's crazy to think that we're half-way through this half-term already! There has, as always, been lots going on in school so please make sure you keep up to date by following us on our various social media sites. On Wednesday, a group of staff accompanied 76 children to take part in this year's Young Voices concert at the O2 in London. Last year, we took 56 children so it's great to see how popular this trip has become over the past few years, I was very sad that I couldn't go with them this year! As you can imagine, organising an event of this scale takes a lot of time so huge thanks to Miss Cronin and Miss Howard for organising this fantastic opportunity for the children and for giving up so much of their time to rehearse with the choir. Also, thanks must go to the staff who accompanied the trip – it was a long day!

Enrichment Day: Our next Enrichment Day, where all children come off timetable to focus on a themed day, will be on Friday 2nd February. All children are asked to wear a coloured T-shirt that matches their House on that day instead of their normal school shirt, tie, jumper etc. They should wear the rest of their uniform as normal (ie trousers/skirt, school shoes). If you are unsure of your child's House colour, just look at the stripe on their school tie! The focus of our second Enrichment Day of this academic year will be EDIJ (Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Justice). Look out for the House newsletters following this day for an insight into the kind of themes and topics that will have been covered.

Swimming Pool update: Everyone at Frimley and The Prospect Trust remains committed to finding the best solution for the school's swimming pool and is currently exploring different options to address the issues it currently has with the pumping system and the plant room. However, it is unlikely that these will be addressed in the short term, and therefore the pool will not re-open for swimming classes during the 2023/24 academic year. While this decision is disappointing, it does not compromise the school's ability to comply with the National Curriculum on swimming and, although we will not be providing any children with swimming lessons this academic year, every child - current and future - will receive access to a swimming pool and swimming classes during their time at Frimley Junior School.

Uniform: As we all know it has been incredibly cold recently but we ask for your support in ensuring your child continues to wear the correct uniform, including school shoes and not trainers. We are also seeing an increasing number of children wearing "skins" under their grey school shorts and white school shirt instead of trousers and a jumper/cardigan. If your child is still cold when wearing grey school trousers and school jumper etc then of course it's fine to wear "skins" underneath but these should not be worn as a replacement ie if it's too cold to wear grey shorts and a short sleeved white school shirt, then a jumper/cardigan and trousers should be worn instead. "Skins" are fine to wear under PE shorts on their PE day as an alternative to tracksuit bottoms.

Clare Wright

Thank You

I would like to say a huge thank you to Graeme Stoker, a parent volunteer, who gave his time to come in over the Christmas holidays to assist me with some works around the school grounds.

We managed to clear some areas that had needed a second pair of hands and he uprooted and re planted some trees for us near the year 6 block. Back breaking work and very much appreciated.

Thank you so much for your assistance and commitment to the school.

Richard Young
Caretaker

PTA support needed

I attended the PTA meeting on Monday evening with 7 other parents and was, as I always am, incredibly thankful for the time and effort these parents put in to planning events for our children and our community and for the support they continue to show to Frimley.

As per the last PTA newsletter, many of these parents will be finishing with us in July as their children are moving onto Secondary School. In order to plan future events for the children and raise funds for our school, please do consider getting involved!

We need your help and support please!

Panto success

Huge well done to Aston (Y6) who performed as Michael in the Woking panto of Peter Pan this year.

This was a huge achievement on a huge stage and myself and a group of staff were very impressed when we went to see him perform recently.

A star of the future!!



Year 5 Space VR Workshop

Year 5 became astronauts for the morning and blasted off into space to discover asteroids, stars, moons, and planets. This interactive and immersive workshop was both educational and fun for the children. Virtual Reality (VR) allowed the children to be transported into space for a voyage of discovery, which brought their learning to life. [Virtual Reality Space workshop \(educationgroup.co.uk\)](http://educationgroup.co.uk)



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Dates For Your Diary

Spring 2024	Event
February 2nd	Enrichment Day
February 6th	Parent Forum 8.50am
February 8th	Art Exhibition 2.00-4.30pm
February 12th—16th	Half Term



Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 6th February. This year's theme is all about 'Inspiring change, making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. Each year thousands of schools take part to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of technology in school and at home. This year we are asking children to wear something yellow to school on Safer Internet Day (Tuesday 6th February) for £1 to show our support for this. All proceeds will go to our school charity The Breck Foundation.

Reading

At school, we have been monitoring levels of engagement with Boom Reader. It is disappointing that in some classes, it appears that as few as 3 children are reading regularly at home. We do ask children to read at least 3 times per week, ideally every day. Please do encourage and support your child with this as there are so many benefits of reading. Please make sure each session is recorded.



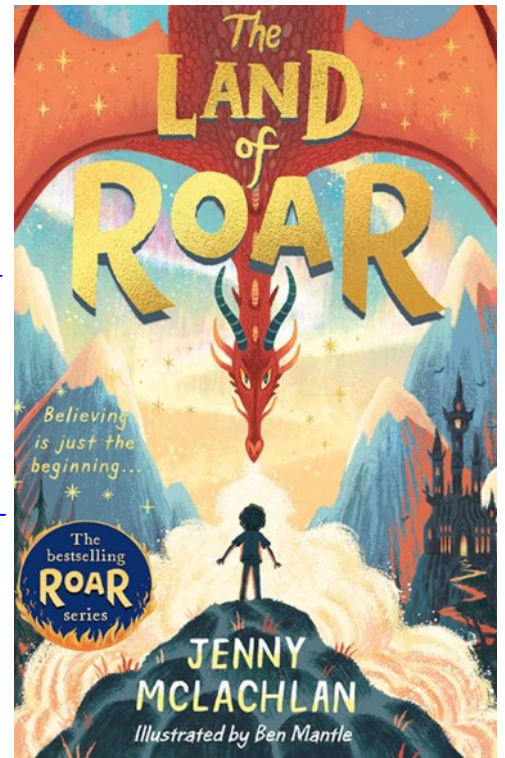
Miss Mills Recommends:

Book choice: The Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan

I really enjoyed reading this book because it was full of imagination and adventure. Everything I read was brought to life in my head and I didn't want to put it down - a must read for everyone!

Blurb: When twins Arthur and Rose were little they were heroes in the Land of Roar, the imaginary world they created. Roar was filled with the things they loved - dragons, mermaids, ninja wizards and moonlight stallions - as well as the things that scared them the most.

Now the twins are eleven, Roar is almost forgotten. But when strange things start happening, Arthur begins to wonder if maybe, just maybe... ROAR IS REAL.

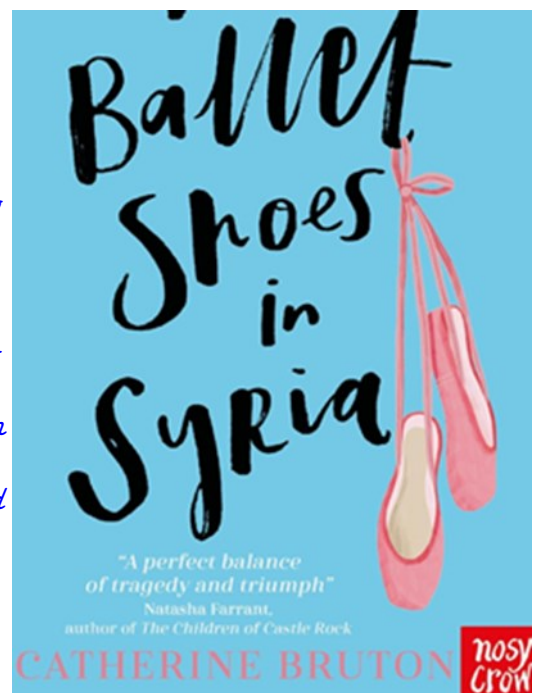


Mrs. Stroud Recommends:

Book choice: No Ballet Shoes in Syria

I have recently read 'No Ballet Shoes in Syria'. This beautifully moving story follows the dancing journey of Aya, an eleven-year-old girl, who has just arrived in Britain with her mum and baby brother. The family have had to leave their home country and their father is missing. They have nothing but the kindness of a ballet teacher, who helps Aya fulfil her dancing dreams.

Blurb: Aya is eleven years old and has just arrived in Britain with her mum and baby brother, seeking asylum from war in Syria. When Aya stumbles across a local ballet class, the formidable dance teacher spots her exceptional talent and believes that Aya has the potential to earn a prestigious ballet scholarship. But at the same time, Aya and her family must fight to be allowed to remain in the country, to make a home for themselves and to find Aya's father - separated from the rest of the family during the journey from Syria. With beautiful, captivating writing, wonderfully authentic ballet detail, and an important message championing the rights of refugees, this is classic storytelling - filled with warmth, hope and humanity.



Year 3's Trip to Butser Farm!

Last week, Year 3 went on a trip to Butser Farm. This was related to our topic of Prehistory. The children completed different activities to widen their knowledge of prehistoric life. The children enjoyed making their own jewellery, excavating artefacts, trying on clothes made from animal skins and carving chalk with flint to create their own patterns. We also had the opportunity to look at what houses would have looked like during this time and the tools used to build them. We were very lucky with the weather and the children were beautifully behaved. We will be using our experiences to support our learning for the rest of this term.

