

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

It has been a REALLY busy week this week at Freeman's and we have so much to be thankful for! Our children have continued to make us very proud with their hard work, enthusiasm and behaviour.

Wellingborough Mandir Visit

Last Friday the Year 4 children visited the Mandir and the staff were impressed and incredibly proud of the way the children conducted themselves - well done Year 4!

Year 6 SATs

Well done to all of our Year 6 children who worked so hard this week during SATs week. We are very proud of your hard work and commitment.

Year 4 Hockey Team



Some of our Year 4 children represented the school at the Quicksticks hockey tournament yesterday at Wrenn School - they came second overall and played brilliantly to qualify for the next round! Even better than that was the fact that they played with great sportsmanship and other schools commented about how well they conducted themselves on and off of the pitch!

Well done team!

New Climbing Wall



Our new Climbing Wall is amazing! The children have really enjoyed using the new climbing wall at playtimes and lunchtimes this week - apparently it is 'brilliant fun' and 'really tiring'! It is great to see the children challenging themselves and having great fun!

Our Values Champions this week are:

Year 3: Daijah

Year 4: Finley

Year 5: Edie

Year 6: Nicole

Well done to all of our Values Champions!



Stars of the Week:

Year 3: **Dahl Class:** Jack

Donaldson Class: Arron

Year 4: **Kerr Class:** Julia

Zephaniah Class: Brogan

Year 5: **Rowling Class:** Dougie

Horowitz Class: Cameron

Year 6: **Pullman Class:** Ilkim-Su

Morpurgo Class: Temitayo

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:** Jayden

Donaldson Class: Alazne

Year 4: **Kerr Class:** Edie

Zephaniah Class: Harry B

Year 5: **Rowling Class:** Isabella

Horowitz Class: Lexi

Year 6: **Pulman Class:** Isabelle

Morpurgo Class: Ayla

Dojo Champions of the Week



Our Class of the Week with the highest number of Dojo points is Morpurgo Class!
Our House of the Week with the highest number of Dojo points is the Saints house!

Out of School Awards

Scarlett C - Year 6: Swimathon medal - Scarlett swam 1.6k for charity! Brilliant!

Emmy - Year 4: Stage 10 Swimming Award; Gymnastics medal - well done!

Hattie - Year 3: :Gold Swimming Award; Gymnastics medal - fantastic!

Jamelia- Year 4: -Blue Belt for Kickboxing- well done!

Wellbeing

The next top tips from the children at the Family Justice Young Peoples board are below. We hope that these are proving helpful to some of our families but please remember that we are also here to support you as well as your child in school so give the wellbeing team a call if there is anything we can do to support your family.

- Try not to feel hurt if I choose to spend time with my friends instead of seeing you. I am growing up!
- Remember that important dates (birthdays, celebrations, parents evening, sports day etc) are special to you, me and my other parent. I may want to share my time on those dates with each of you.
- Work out between you and my other parent who is responsible for the extra things I need, such as new school shoes and uniform, school trips, dinner money and the cost of my hobbies or after school activities. **I don't want to be involved in this.**
- Remember that I don't expect you or my other parent to be perfect, so I don't want you to expect my other parent to be perfect either. Accept mistakes and move on.
- Make sure I am not left out of key family events. Please compromise with my other parent so I can join in.
- Please don't stop me having contact with extended family members who are important to me. Ask me how I feel about them. Don't assume my feelings are the same as yours.

Warmer Wellingborough Projects

If you have Gas and Electric price increase worry, you are not alone. 'Come along to the workshop at the Victoria Centre on Tuesday 24th May from 18:00 – 19:00. We all need to be aware and more fuel efficient.' Please contact the Victoria Centre for more information and to let them know you will attend so that they can get a hot or cold drink waiting for you. Email info@victoriacentre.org.uk or call 01933 277 400.

County Lines - Parent information webinars

Free County Lines and Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) awareness events are being made available to parents and carers living in Northamptonshire during May, July and October this year – the next online session is planned for Tuesday 17 May. The events are hosted by PACE (Parents Against Child Exploitation) and feature speakers from Northamptonshire Police, Barnardo's and PACE.

The webinars, funded by the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, are an opportunity for parents and carers to learn from a panel of experts what criminal exploitation is, how to spot signs it may be happening to their child and how to seek help.

- Learn what county lines is
- Understand what is happening in your local area
- Understand the signs that your child might be at risk
- Learn how offenders groom and exploit children

<http://northantparentwebinar.eventbrite.com/>

Local events

Hello Africa -

Celebrate Africa Day Saturday 28th May from 2.00pm onwards at WACA, Rock Street Wellingborough, NN8 4LW. A free creative event for the whole family including creative art, story telling, drumming, children's

activities and refreshments. Even some special guests will be turning up on the day! No need to book, just turn up for an afternoon of family fun.

Earth Heroes-

FREE Craft Day Sunday 29th May at the Hemmingwell Community and Skills Centre, 10.00am-3.00pm. Free to attend. Drop in at any time (no booking necessary) and Join the Wild Tribe. We will help you to make Hanging Plant Pots with Soil and Seeds, Masks and Capes, Recycled Robots.

Mental Health Days

We are aware that this week is mental health awareness week in the UK. As a school we have decided to create our own mental health awareness days across the school year and link them to our school values. The mental health dates are below:

24th June 2022- Value 'Love' Activities: Lotus Sound Therapy visit, Somethinglessboring Art company

9th September 2022- Activities: Animal Edge Farm visit

10th February 2023- Northamptonshire's mental health awareness

23rd June 2023- TBC

Wellbeing and SEN Coffee Mornings: 9-10:30am

From September we are pleased to be opening the doors to parents and welcoming them in to spend some time with Clare Medcalfe, Family Support Worker and Joanne Taylor, SENDCO. We will also be inviting other outside agencies in on these days for informal chats with parents.

20th September 2022

6th December 2022

17th January 2023

14th March 2023

9th May 2023

11th July 2023



Vacancy

PDET have a vacancy for a Site Supervisor - please use the link to see more details:

<https://www.teachnorthamptonshire.com/job/central-site-supervisor-2/>

Jubilee

On Friday 27th May, we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - the children will celebrate by wearing red white and blue to school, having a 'Street Party' picnic lunch in the playground, and learning songs and dances to share.

We would like to invite parents to join us to watch the children singing and dancing from 2.15pm followed by Cream Teas! (We will be asking parents to sign up for the event so that we have an idea of numbers.)

The children will also be painting portraits of the Queen which will be framed and available for parents to purchase as a memento of the Jubilee!



NMPAT County Auditions 2022

Are you a young person interested in music and performing arts? Would you like to rehearse and perform with other, like-minded individuals? Why not audition for a County Group?!

NMPAT offers a wide range of performing arts activities including bands, choirs, orchestras, chamber and jazz ensembles and Young Actors Company.

County Group auditions and rehearsals take place at NMPAT, 125 Kettering Road, Northampton, NN1 4AZ. Each group rehearses weekly and performs in concerts and festivals throughout the year at venues including Northampton's Derngate.

Auditions are FREE! Once accepted, membership is subject to a subscription.

For more information and to apply online please go to www.nmpat.co.uk/auditions

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction – which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

Meet Our Expert

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