



# Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> December 23

## Christmas with the Aliens

What a performance from Class 1 and 2!



This week, our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils shone like the stars that they are in their Christmas show. They wowed their school mates in a dress rehearsal on Monday followed by performances to families on Tuesday and Wednesday: it's fair to say they went down a storm! Congratulations to all the children involved; thank you to our Friends of Friezland volunteers who provided a cafe for the evening show; and thank you to all the staff who either put the show together or supported on the day.

## Friezland Poets!



Hugo, Evie and Leo recently attended a Poetry Workshop at Hulme Grammar School. They worked with pupils from different schools to write a selection of poems throughout the day. They were highly praised by Hulme staff who told Miss Hill that they engaged brilliantly throughout the day and all gave confident performances of the poems they had produced in a recital for parents at the end of the day. Leo and Hugo even received special mentions from Hulme's judging team which comprised of the Head of the Senior School, the Head of English and the Head Student. They were all fantastic ambassadors for Friezland and we are very proud of them. Their poems have been published in a small book which has been shared with their classmates. Scroll down to read a sample of their super writing!

## Friezland Musical Performances

Over the past few weeks, our oldest guitar and keyboard players have been performing for audiences outside school during Christmas festivities, as well as at our Christmas Concert last Friday. Connor, Linus, Hugo, Calum, Harry, Charlie and Theo have played for the Salvation Army and the Afternoon Tea at Friezland Church. Guitar teacher, Hazel, has explained that both events were fundraising for Maggie's Charity and in total have raised over £900. We are proud of our musicians' contribution to the fundraising and how they bring joy to others with their musical talents!

## Governor Update



As part of our commitment to sharing the work of the Governing Board with you all, our Chair of Governors, Mrs Goodwin, has prepared an update which is attached below. Please have a read, and if you'd like to find out more, feel free to take a look at the Governor's page on our school website [HERE](#)

## After-School Clubs: Spring

This week we have emailed and handed out letters about our after-school clubs for next term. They will be as follows:

**Monday 3.15 – 4.15 Years 1,2 & 3 ARCHERY**

**Tuesday 3.15 – 4.20 Years 2-6 CHESS**

**Thursday 3.15 – 4.15 Years 3,4 & 5 FOOTBALL**



**Guitar and ukelele** tuition continues on Wednesday afternoons:

Lessons will start on the **FIRST WEEK BACK**.

**Keyboard** tuition continues on Monday afternoons:

Lessons will start on the **SECOND WEEK BACK**.

Mrs Wilson will continue to run our Key Stage 2 **Choir** on Tuesday mornings and Mr Haslam will continue to teach our Year 5 & 6 **Brass** group on Friday afternoons.

## Frosties

We are very fortunate to run our own Before and After School Club; it means that the staff know all the children well and we can transition in and out of the school day smoothly. The staff work hard to provide enjoyable activities for the children and we do all possible to keep the prices low for our families. It is really important for us to know – as closely as possible – the number of children booked, so that we can ensure we have catered for breakfasts and snacks, planned the right activities and have the staffing levels we need. Due to specific circumstances, Frosties will continue to close at **5.15pm on Fridays in January**.

Thank you to all our families who book ahead and who contact us in advance to let us know if bookings need to be amended. We know that circumstances change and families may need to book or cancel at short notice, but it is very challenging for us when we are handling high levels of last minute bookings and cancellations and non-cancellations. As you can appreciate, Mrs Balk is our only Administrator and does her best to answer last minute calls at the end of the day, but this is not always possible at such a busy time.

Please help us by booking in advance and giving us as much notice as you can for cancellations. There is a non-cancellation fee of £2.50 for children who are regularly booked into Frosties but then do not attend. There is a £2.50 fee for children placed in Frosties who haven't been booked in, in advance. (Where this happens, staff will try to contact a parent/carer.) More information can be found on our school website [HERE](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support, to make Frosties work as best as possible for our families.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### December

19<sup>th</sup> Visiting Theatre Show (& KS1 party afternoon)

20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumpers & Christmas Lunch

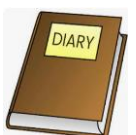
21<sup>st</sup> **Last day of term:** Friends of Friezland Tuck Shop 3.15pm-shelter

### January

8<sup>th</sup> **First day of term**

12<sup>th</sup> Y6 Kingswood payment due

16<sup>th</sup> Governors Learning in Action visit





## Update from the Governing Board

15.12.23

Happy Christmas from the Governing Board

Just to let you all know about some of the many things we have been busy with this term. The Board met to discuss a very full agenda and committees have met several times to examine provision and outcomes, as well as planning and monitoring the use of resources. The Governors had the opportunity to come into school in October to watch the curriculum in action, it was a very enjoyable and informative afternoon, lovely to see all the children working so hard with their learning and the excellent teaching that is going on. We have also accompanied the children on class visits; it is always interesting to see the impact of first-hand experience in supporting their learning.

The Resources and Environment Committee has met to consider the management of resources to improve the school environment, and over the Christmas holidays the boys' toilets will have a much-needed refurbishment. We have undertaken a Health and Safety walk of the school, and a mid-financial year review of the budget. We have been involved in the recruitment of our new teaching assistant, Miss Harrison, who is a very welcome addition to the staff team. We have also been involved in Miss Hill's appraisal, working with the School Improvement Partner to set objectives in line with the School Development Plan for her coming year.

On behalf of all the Governors, I would like to thank all involved with the school for their hard work this term: the staff, children, parents and Friends of Friezland. It just remains for me to wish everyone a happy and restful Christmas holiday.

Jane Goodwin

Chair of Governors

### I am the dreadful gunshots

I am the dreadful gunshots,  
the sound of paining animals,  
and the footsteps running in the hunting season.  
I am the millimeteres of rain,  
the muddy swamps,  
and the soaking fur in the winter.  
I am the sound of purple birds tweeting,  
the sound of vines snapping ferociously,  
and the sound of monkeys communicating.

I am the koala climbing up to the top of the bamboo,  
the birds flying away,  
and the sounds of animals yelping.  
I am the blood coming out the animals mouth,  
the sound of gunshots firing,  
and the dogs barking.  
I am the scary sounds,  
the sounds of humans sprinting,  
and the sound of humans and the animals fighting.  
I am the sloth.

By Leo Dean



### Bees go buzz

They fly all day  
With their kids that play,  
Everyday.

When the honey is oozie  
That means it's juicy  
And is fruity.

Nectar is yummy,  
in their tummy.

They hear the screams of a passer,  
It jumps up frightened,  
As the person flinched,  
the bee flew away.

By Evie Squibbs



### The Liger

A male lion and a female tiger  
Makes a very angry looking liger.  
With claws of a lion that sharpen everyday,  
And teeth of a tiger to hunt its prey.

Stop and make a difference today,  
So this magnificent creature will stay.

The features of this creature are amazing,  
But otherwise, it will be blazing.  
It is now hiding in anger and fear,  
Not even wanting to hunt a deer.  
Going for a drink in the shining lake,  
Comes up a challenge to appreciate.

Out of the blue comes a terrifying hunter,  
Now our liger has become a grunter.  
Bullets flying through the air,  
The liger runs as it can scare.  
Hunters posting videos on the internet as a trend,  
Then comes the liger's life to an end.

By Hugo Dunkerley

