



Newsletter

8th March 2024

World Down Syndrome Day

LOTS OF SOCKS!



What is World Down Syndrome Day?

World Down Syndrome Day, on 21st March, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. The date for WDS Day being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.

How will we mark it at Friezland?

At Friezland, we will be following this year's WDS Day theme of 'End The Stereotypes' by helping our pupils to recognise what stereotypes are and how they are harmful. We're inviting the children to wear some **socks** that are going to get noticed! They might be mismatched socks or your craziest and most colourful socks. We will use them to talk about uniqueness and differences in school. Maybe after school, they will start a conversation, so when people ask you about your socks you can tell them, "I'm wearing them to raise awareness of Down syndrome". And then you can tell them everything you want them to know about Down syndrome.

Where can I find out more?

If families would like to find out more, or start a conversation with children, here is the [link](#).

DLP Gymnastics Event



On Wednesday, Friezland hosted the latest DLP sporting event – a Year 1 and 2 gymnastics festival! We welcomed children from all our partner schools to try a carousel of gymnastic activities, supported by some of our Year 6 pupils. Well done to April, Ralph, Jamie and Monty who represented Friezland beautifully and our thanks to Charlie, Maylin, Molly, Cameron, Martha and Connor for their expert support.

Accident Forms

If your child has an accident whilst at school, they will bring an accident form home to alert you and allow you to monitor your child, should it be required. In the case of a head bump, you will also receive a text. Please rest assured that if we are at all concerned with any injury, we will contact you directly.



Do we have your up-to-date contact details?

Storyteller Visit for World Book Day

We've had a wonderful day of stories, books and poems thanks to the visit from Alec Williams. Reception children kicked off the day with a workshop which their parents attended too. They were all spotted joining in with stories, rhymes and actions! Ks1 and Ks2 children all enjoyed joining in and listening to stories and have worked on their performance poetry. Class 2 and 3 shared a short performance with the rest of the school at the end of the day, and Class 4 are working on a treat for families on Tuesday in church! We will share some photos from today on Google Classroom.



Although the theme for our Tuesday celebration at church is 'Mother's Day'... that doesn't mean that Dads, Grandads, Stepdads etc aren't invited!

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Reminders

- Book your parent's evening slots via the email sent out.
- No Chess Club on 19th March due to Parent's Evening.

Mrs Cookson's MARATHON task!



On 14th April, Mrs Cookson will be stepping out to run the Manchester Marathon! She is raising funds for the Tameside & Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust and has been hard at training for months – you may have even seen her whizz past your house on her non-Friezland days! The Friezland team are all really proud of Mrs Cookson for taking up the challenge and excited for the big day. If you would like to sponsor her, the link is [here](#).

DATES FOR THE DIARY

March

12th Spring Celebration at Friezland Church 9.30 – 10.30

13th Full Governing Board Meeting

14th Parent's Evening 1

16th Saturday Friezland play @ Latics half time

18th Guitar and Keyboard Assessment Day

19th Parent's Evening 2

22nd Easter Bingo 7.00pm Friezland Church Hall

28th Thursday Outdoor Learning Day / Last Day of Spring 2 Term

April

15th First Day of Summer 1 Term

19th Class Photos

25th Friends of Friezland Clothesline Collection

