



24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

# Newsletter

## Friends of Friezland Round-up

Halloween Disco: This year's Halloween disco was once again a spooky and spectacular success. Not only did the children have a fantastic time dancing, singing and playing together, but you all raised an incredible £1045 which will all go towards visits, visitors and resources for the children this year!



The Big Christmas Raffle: This year, we are running a BIG Christmas Raffle! There is an amazing collection of prizes to be won, including: restaurant vouchers, hair and beauty treats, gym passes, £50 Amazon voucher and Latics prizes.

Tickets cost **£2.50** and can be paid for on **School Spider** from 4<sup>th</sup> Nov at 9am – 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at 12pm... OR bought **directly from the Friends of Friezland team**. The draw will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas Pantomime Trip



We're all going to the Panto! Oh not we aren't... OH YES WE ARE! On **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**, we have organised a whole school trip to watch ***Sleeping Beauty*** at Middleton Arena. Friends of Friezland Fundraising has covered the cost of the coach transport, so we are asking for a **£10 contribution**, per pupil, to cover the cost of the ticket. In recent years, we have invited a visiting theatre company to perform a Christmas show to the children, which has been a big success. However, we want to make sure we provide all pupils with the experience of watching a full-scale performance in a theatre. **Please pay for your child(ren)'s ticket and give your permission for them to attend, on School Spider by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November.**

## Autumn Parent's Evening



On **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** and **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**, you are invited to book a 10-minute Parent's Evening slot to talk to your child's class teachers. Your children's books will be set out in their classroom and we welcome you to come early, or stay after your meeting, to have a look through their learning so far. Slots will be available between 3.30 and 6.00pm and booking will be via School Spider. **Booking information will be sent to you on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.** Due to the extremely busy diary schedules of our teachers, we are unable to offer meetings on alternative dates, unless under *exceptional* circumstances, so please ensure that, if you want a meeting, you book and make a reminder on your calendars. If you have recently had a meeting with the class teacher, and feel that you don't need another one, you can still come in to look at their work and we would warmly welcome this.

## Poppies

Our School Councillors will be selling poppies and other items at breaktimes in the first week back to raise money for the Royal British Legion. Children can bring their Remembrance money in their bag at the start of the day and get it at breaktime.

**Poppies = 20p or more donation / Other items = £1 donation** (Snap wristbands must be taken home and worn outside school for safety reasons.)



## Update from Governors

Please see the update below from our Chair of Governors, Mrs Goodwin, at the end of our first half term of the year.

## Bikeability

This week, a group of our Year 5 pupils completed the Level 2 Cycling training. This is free training, and teaches the children to cycle safely on local roads, knowing how to deal with hazards, negotiate junctions and indicate safely. The children who took part all enjoyed it and are now feeling better prepared for road cycling.

## Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service

On Wednesday, our Key Stage 2 children were visited by members of the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service for a safety talk. We invite a range of services and charities into school throughout the year, as part of our PHSE curriculum, to teach the children how to keep themselves safe. Our next visit will be from the Canal and River Trust on 18<sup>th</sup> November to talk about water safety.



## Survey Responses

At the end of the last school year, we carried out our annual parent survey. The responses were analysed by leaders and Governors, and were part of the information that fed into our plans for this year. Please scroll down to see what actions have put in place as a result of your feedback.



## DLP Super Council

Last week our Class 4 School Councillors travelled to Knowsley Junior School to meet up with their counterparts in the DLP Super Council. Mollie, Lola, Toby and Leo worked with children from other schools to deepen their understanding of British Values, and returned to school with ideas to pass on to the rest of the school in an upcoming assembly.



## Dates for the Diary

### November

- 4<sup>th</sup> Healthy Me Week: DAAT
- 8<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Viking Visitor (letter sent out)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Open Morning for prospective Parents 9.30-10.30
- 14<sup>th</sup> Parent's Evening 1 (3.30 – 6.00)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Children in Need – details to follow
- 16<sup>th</sup> Choir sing at Tesco 10am (Letter sent out)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Parent's Evening 2 (3.30 – 6.00) **No chess club**
- 28<sup>th</sup> Open Evening for prospective Parents 5.00 – 6.00pm





## Update from the Governing Board

24.10.24

The new Governing Board met for the first time on Wednesday 9th October; it was lovely to welcome the new Parent Governor, Helene Betts and Foundation Governor, Charlotte Oles. At the end of the last academic year, two longstanding Governors, Phineas Winterbottom and Victoria Fitzpatrick resigned. Our Foundation Governors on the Dovestone Learning Partnership board are now Sarah Southern and Charlotte Oles and Scott Swaby has been appointed Vice Chair of the Governing Board.

We try to spend as much time as possible in school, with opportunities for us to see teaching and learning in action. We have two main committees: the first is a Standards Committee which analyses the school's performance data and sets ambitious targets leading to the School Development Plan. We are kept well informed about the school curriculum, with different members of staff attending full Governing Board meetings to let us know about developments in their subject areas. We monitor and evaluate the evidence we see, and use it to hold the school leadership to account and support them as much as we can. The second Committee, Resources and Environment, has a wide brief, evaluating financial management and ensuring the premises are safe and meet the needs of the school.

As Governors, we are always very happy to speak to parents about their concerns, and many of us can be seen in the school playground before and after school, if you want to talk to us about anything.

Jane Goodwin

**As a result of Parent Survey feedback in July 2024:**

- Celebration Assembly power points will be shared on both Google Classroom and Tapestry so that all families can see who has received weekly awards.
- We will continue to promote good behaviour, discipline and teamwork between pupils – sharing with families the ways this is done and celebrating pupil's achievements.
- This year, in place of the visiting theatre, the children will go to the theatre to watch a Pantomime at Christmas, subsidised by Friends of Friezland.
- We will reach out to families across the year to find out what expertise or time can be offered for the benefit of pupils.
- This year, our meet-the-teacher meetings and parent's evenings will all revert back to face-to-face to provide opportunities for families to be in school, and see to the learning that your children have done in person.
- Frosties will continue to ensure their offer of activities is regularly updated with suggestions from the older pupils taken into consideration.
- We will continue to share Governing Board termly updates, and features in the weekly newsletter, to keep families informed of the work that they do.
- We will continue to reflect on our extra-curricular offer to ensure that we offer a range of sporting and non-sporting clubs and opportunities for children to represent Friezland in matches, concerts, festivals and competitions.



9:00am - 3:30pm  
 Ages  
**6 - 11**  
 Years  
 £16 Per Day

Half Term  
**SPORTS CAMP**  
 Failsworth Sports Centre

**This October Half Term, check out our fantastic Sports Camp at Failsworth Sports Centre!**

Our fun-filled sports camp sessions are led by our qualified Oldham Active sports team.

The sports camp costs £16 per day, per child and is open to children aged 6-11.

**Location:** Failsworth Sports Centre, Brierley Avenue M35 9HA  
**Dates:** Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November  
**Time:** 9:00am - 3:30pm (Excluding weekends)

**Contact and bookings**  
 For more information about our sports camp, please email the following address: [sport@ocl.co.uk](mailto:sport@ocl.co.uk)

To book, scan the QR code or use the web link below:  
[oclactive.co.uk/activities/half-term-sports-camp](http://oclactive.co.uk/activities/half-term-sports-camp)



*Back to Netball*

**TUESDAY 7PM-8PM**

**SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL**

Lots of fun & great exercise!  
 Drills, skills and match play  
 No need to have played before

£5 per session  
 contact Sheila to book on  
 07985 625104

**LADIES OF ALL  
 LEVELS WELCOME!**



*Ready. Net. Go!*