

Newsletter

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Dates for Autumn term

New items in red

New Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

launch event: Our Zoom PTA information event this week was a success. There are a group of parents who are interested in getting a PTA started and are planning a way forward. We will send you more information in due course and are really looking forward to seeing parents more actively involved in the school.

Parent Zone membership:

At Friars we know how important it to keep our children safe online, and the vital role that parents and families play in helping teach our young people the skills and behaviours that they need to safely navigate the digital world. Online harms can affect any young person in any family, and we are committed to doing everything that we can to help our families. Southwark are now able to offer all our families with access to a year of free support through participation in the new *Parent Zone Local* programme.

This programme – which is being funded by Southwark Council – is open to all parents / carers / guardians who either live in the borough or have a child attending a Southwark school. The programme will offer those who sign up, access to:

- A range of online workshops and webinars, covering different aspects of online safety and digital-resilience
- A selection of parent guides and tech tips, which will be updated regularly
- Online surveys, games, quizzes and child-friendly activities
- Access to the Resilient Families online training-course of parents
- Access to a personalised 'help service', where a team of experts will provide you with advice and support on any aspect of digital family-life

To access *Parent Zone Local* programme, and this wide range of free support, please visit their website: pzlocal.org.uk. To learn more about the programme and the support available, please visit the 'Events' tab of the website to book a place on one of the introductory webinars, which are taking place every day from **Tuesday 12th - Saturday 16th October**. A poster with further information is on page 5 of this newsletter.

Monday 11th October—Y6 on local walking tour

Thursday 14th October— open morning for prospective 2022 EYFS parents 9:30

Thursday 22nd October—final day of Au1.

Monday 1st November—first day of Au2

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th November—autumn term parent consultations

Thursday 11th November— open morning for prospective 2022 EYFS parents 9:30

Wednesday 17th November— parent coffee morning 9am

Wednesday 1st December—Y6 to Imperial War Museum

Thursday 2nd December—open morning for prospective 2022 EYFS parents 9:30

Friday 10th December—final Y6 swimming session; *Save the Children Christmas jumper day; Children's Christmas lunch*

Tuesday 14th December—Nursery and Reception Christmas performance 9:30; Y5/6 Christmas performance 2:15pm

Wednesday 15th December—Y1/2 Christmas performance 9:30am; Y3/4 Christmas performance 2:15

Friday 17th December—final day of Au2

Thought for the week:

DETERMINED
UNYIELDING
VERSATILE
INTELLIGENT
PIONEERING
EXCEPTIONAL
BRILLIANT
CREATIVE

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The experts in digital family life

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

J. Burt, Headteacher:

Children's learning at Friars

Our "learners as teachers" assembly yesterday was taken by Year 5 and they packed a great deal of information into a short space of time!



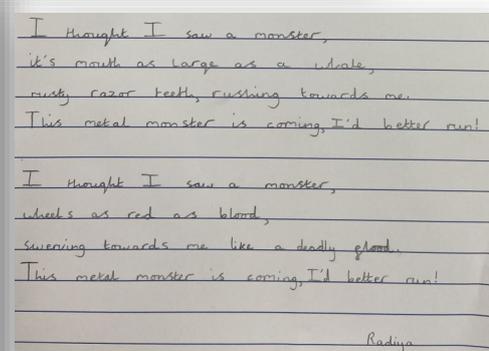
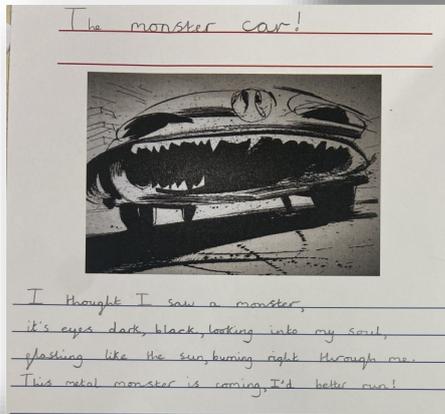
In science they have been learning about how living things reproduce. They taught us that some plants and animals reproduce by cloning themselves? For example, spider plants use little copies of themselves instead of seeds. These little copies are called plantlets. The children have taken a plantlet each to observe its lifecycle in the classroom and they have predicted that they will grow into duplicates of the original plant.

Mr Maragh baked 1, 476 cookies. He put them on a table to cool. When he returned 604 were missing! How many cookies were left?

In maths, Year 5 have been using their knowledge of column subtraction (involving exchanging digits) to help solve important problems like the one Mr Maragh had. Luckily they were able to reassure him that he would still have 872 cookies left to share with the class!



In English, the children have been reading the fantastic Varjak Paw by SF Said. Using metaphor, alliteration and repetition, they wrote their own poems to describe the fear Varjak (an enterprising cat) feels when he sees a car for the first time.



In History they have been learning about Ancient Greece. To tie in with this, in art, the children have developed their 2D and 3D skills by designing, drawing and making their own



Attendance



Our whole school attendance target is 97%!

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| This week's whole school attendance | below |
| 90.93% | 6.07% |

| | Class | ATTENDANCE |
|-----|-------|------------|
| 1st | 4 | 96.84% |
| 2nd | 1 | 96.46% |
| 3rd | 6 | 95.29% |
| 4th | 2 | 92.77% |
| 5th | 3 | 89.47% |
| 6th | 5 | 88.05% |
| 7th | R | 80.98% |

Punctuality

| | Class | ON TIME |
|-----|-------|---------|
| 1st | 2 | 99.15% |
| 2nd | 5 | 99.12% |
| 3rd | 4 | 98.95% |
| 4th | 6 | 97.91% |
| 5th | 1 | 97.64% |
| 6th | R | 96.93% |
| 7th | 3 | 92.54% |



Stars of the week



KS1

Daevon (Year 2) for fantastic writing in Literacy. Well done!

KS2

Anis (Year 6) for always looking out for his peers on the playground

Well done!

Values stars

| | |
|----------------|-------------|
| Compassion | Yacine Y2 |
| Creativity | Amar Y3 |
| Endeavour | Rubi Y4 |
| Resilience | Nusrat Y5 |
| Respect | Santiago Y6 |
| Responsibility | Matilda Y1 |

Well done!

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Commitment to keeping children safe:
Paper copies of our safeguarding policy are available for parents from the school office. It is also posted on the policies section of the website.

Our focus value for this half term:

Compassion

Achieving excellence in a happy, nurturing and safe environment

Compassion, Creativity, Endeavour, Resilience, Respect, Responsibility



Family support for digital when you need it

Parent Zone Local can help you with **everything** related to **digital family life**.

-  Live virtual events
-  Tech guides & games
-  Online parent courses
-  Local support and advice

Explore the [Parent Zone Local website](https://pzlocal.org.uk) today – and contact your local guide, who can help if you have a problem. Whatever your family needs around digital, Parent Zone Local is here for you.

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