

Newsletter

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Friday 3rd December 2021



Dates for Autumn term

New items in red

Monday 6th December—YR and Y6 height and weight measurements

Wednesday 8th December—Y4 to sing at Borough Market (2pm)

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

Monday 13th December—Y6 to work with Southwark Playhouse

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 **TBC**

Friday 17th December—final day of Au2

Children return to school on Thursday 6th January 2022

COVID update:

We wanted to remind parents about the content of the letter sent out on Wednesday this week about Covid. As you know we are all having to take extra care now that the omicron variant is present in the UK. Where there are any positive cases of COVID we are writing to the parents of the class the child or adult is in with guidance and advice. Also whilst we know it will be disappointing for us all, we have to be prepared for the Christmas productions being recorded and put on Google classroom rather than having a live audience. We will communicate our decision about this by Friday 10th December at the latest. **If your child tests positive with a LFT please remember to book in for a PCR test as soon as possible. If you get a positive PCR test result over the weekend, please email the details to confirmecovid@friars.southwark.sch.uk.**

Bridges Federation:

On Monday of this week, the Governors at Friars wrote to you about the leadership arrangements for the school from January. Up until then it's business as usual. As you will know, Miss Wratten will become co head of school, Miss Bridges and Miss Foster will still be our two senior teachers and no other staff members are leaving so there are lots of adults who know the school well to help the transition. **The Governors had intended to have a coffee morning with leaders from the Bridges federation on Thursday 9th December but we have had to cancel this due to precautionary measures around COVID.**

They will, however, host a zoom meeting for all parents in the school to meet with the Governors and the Bridges Federation so you can find out about the plans in more detail. Please look out for an invite via text/email.

Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun Holiday Programme :

As in previous holiday periods, Southwark will be running a Winter of Food and Fun programme from **Monday 20 December to Friday 31 December 2021**. The programme aims to help local families who are in need of additional support during the school holidays to access free, healthy food and fun activities and is particularly targeted at children and young people aged between 4 and 16 years who are eligible for benefits-related FSM. We will be sending out further information as soon as Southwark send it to us.



Thought for the week:

Remember Stickability

and Forget Quitability

Have a lovely weekend!

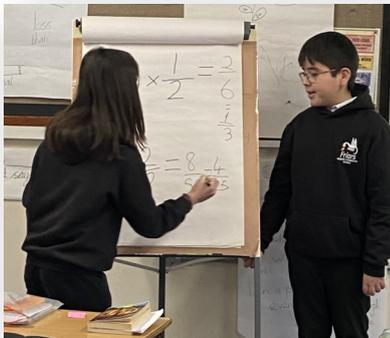
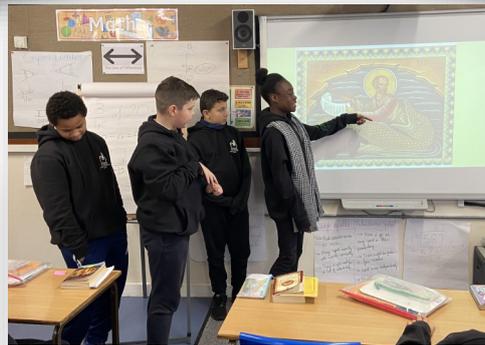
Yours sincerely,

J. Burt, Headteacher:

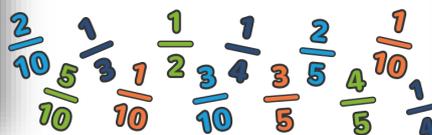
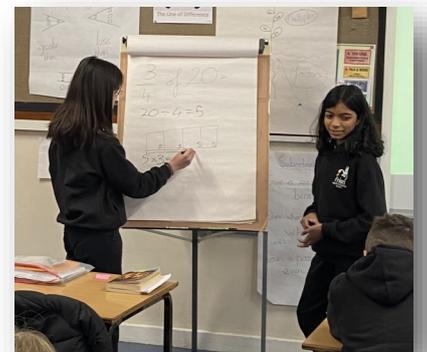
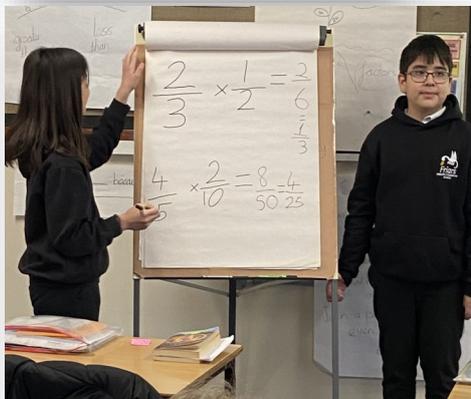
Children's learning at Friars

Due to us taking precautionary measures to keep everyone safe, the Y6 learners as teacher's assembly happened in the classroom yesterday. Mr. Tull recorded it and it will appear on Google classroom. Y6 focused on two areas of learning this week: RE and Maths.

In RE the children have been learning about how art is used to express aspects of faith, particularly in Christianity. They have learned how certain art forms can be used to express feelings, emotions and intentions and their religious context. Yesterday, they showed us that the size of a figure in Christian art shows how important they are. They also showed us that halos are used to show that a figure is holy. In addition they taught us that Jesus is often shown as a baby but looking very serious.



In Maths, the children showed us how to multiply fractions and also how to cancel the answers down by finding common denominators. They also show use how to find fractions of different amounts using the bar model method.



Attendance



Our whole school attendance target is 97%!

| | Class | ATTENDANCE |
|-----|-------|------------|
| 1st | 2 | 96.3% |
| 2nd | 6 | 90.35% |
| 3rd | 5 | 88.57% |
| 4th | R | 86.5% |
| 5th | 1 | 85.92% |
| 6th | 4 | 85.57% |
| 7th | 3 | 85.39% |

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| This week's whole school attendance | below |
| 88.79% | 8.21% |

Punctuality

| | Class | ON TIME |
|-------|-------|---------|
| 1st | 5 | 98.37% |
| 2nd | 4 | 98.01% |
| 3rd | 1 | 97.89% |
| 96.3% | 2 | 96.3% |
| 5th | 6 | 96.05% |
| 6th | R | 92.64% |
| 7th | 3 | 90.87% |



Stars of the week



KS1

Kamaya (Y2) for always being kind and helpful around the classroom

KS2

Aisha (Y5) for great work in maths calculating the perimeter of 2D shapes

Well done!

Values stars

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| Compassion | Elizabeth Y2 |
| Creativity | Sharon Y3 |
| Endeavour | Toto Y4 |
| Resilience | Tawab Y5 |
| Respect | Dina Y6 |
| Responsibility | Freddie 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