

Frieth Governors' News

Developing potential without limitations

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The end of another year...

The summer term is always a busy one, but especially so this year with us celebrating the 150th anniversary of the school. Visiting the pop-up archive it was interesting to see how the school has changed and grown over the years. Today we have a vibrant and successful school, which forms the heart of the village and the valley- I wonder what it will look like in another 150 years?

The week began with a church thanksgiving service and as always the children produced a wonderful presentation with some poignant prayers, amusing readings and some very cleverly scripted verses. The sun then shone down on us at sports day with many parents and children looking resplendent in their Victorian dress. Summer Queen was extra special this year with many past staff, governors and pupils returning to join our celebrations. As always the children were the stars of the afternoon with their lovely country dancing and choirs' beautiful singing.

To finish the celebrations Y5 and Y6 put on a spectacular show of Oliver. From the scenery and props through to the acting and singing it was an amazing production, the quality of the show is a credit to all those who helped to stage it and organize it.

Thank you, thank you

To all of you who have given your time, your professional expertise and your financial support to the PTA, we are hugely grateful. With your generosity we are able to make the school and its facilities the best that they can be to enable the children to reach their full potential. We would particularly like to thank the chair Jenni Sharp.

Goodbye.....

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We would like to thank Mrs France for all of her hard work, enthusiasm and dedication at Frieth School. She has been an extraordinary teacher who has enriched the children's lives through her vibrant teaching. She has been key in organizing the many inspirational trips for choir. Through her organization many of the children can now say that they have sung and performed at the Wycombe Swan, the O2, the LG Arena Birmingham and the Royal Albert Hall!!

We would also like to thank Gail Teague, who is leaving the governing body, for all her hard work over the last 4 years. She has been a great asset to the school and will be missed.

Hello.....

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Goodchild and Mrs Tyzack in September. The governing body has been delighted with their appointment and both teachers bring with them a wealth of experience to their teaching roles and their additional responsibilities.

IT Update.....

Thank you, thank you, and thank you!! Our much needed and wished for laptops, and the first phase of interactive flat panel screens have arrived in school. All of the staff and pupils have been so excited about getting them up and running.

Wi-Fi and laptops in school are making a huge difference on many levels from lessons to staff meetings to lesson planning. Things we take for granted in our working lives are now available to our staff and children. For example doing a search on a subject in a staff meeting rather than having to go away from the meeting without an answer, and the reviewing it a week or two later. The staff now have remote access to school systems from home for lesson planning. **Most importantly though your children are using laptops in all lessons to support learning and to be empowered to do independent research during lessons.**

The interactive whiteboards are having a positive impact on teaching and learning- they can move up and down so they can be at child height as well as at teacher height. They can also be used for group work as they can have 8 hands touching them at a time!

It is already transforming how the children learn and, as we complete the project in the next phases, the new technology will really bring us to the forefront of learning across our curriculum.



More help is still needed though, as we still need to purchase 3 more interactive whiteboards- at a cost of over £4k each. We would also like to purchase more laptops and invest in tablet computers with tailored learning apps on them.

Technology is constantly evolving and we must strive to keep apace with it. Softegg, our provider, are working with us to maintain the most cost effective decision making and to future proof our purchases, whilst also refurbishing any existing hardware we have.

Through your amazing support and donations all of this has been possible. If you already contribute to the School Donation Fund then our heartfelt thanks go out to you, and if you are yet to sign up to the fund we do kindly urge you to please consider signing up today. We feel passionately about giving the children and staff at Frieth School an effective IT platform so that they are empowered to achieve their full potential in an ever-changing technological world. Many thanks and we hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday.

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