



Frodsham Primary Academy

Newsletter 18

19th January 2024

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

This week, the early years team from within Cheshire West and Chester came to complete an audit on our Early Years Nursery provision. They spent the morning observing teaching and learning and observing play and interactions between staff and children. As usual, our nursery was a hive of activity and the team were impressed with our learning environment. After summarising their findings, their final outcome was a 'solid good'. We are delighted that the quality of our provision is recognised and confirms our own evaluation that children are getting off to a great start on their educational journey.

Our school council met Cllr Hayes this week in school. It was so lovely to hear all about her job and her role as a local councillor. She inspired our children to think beyond our school and discussed ways they could be involved in a possible youth council in Frodsham. Cllr Hayes also presented a beautiful plaque that commemorates the life of Queen Elizabeth II. We look forward to being involved further with the work Cllr Hayes is doing.

A huge well done to a group of our Y6 children who attended Helsby High School this week and took part in the Big Maths event. They represented our school very well.

A little uniform reminder, please can all children ensure they have their school tie on each day. Also, can I also remind parents and carers about appropriate clothing for PE day on Friday. Children should be in navy blue, grey or black shorts or jogging bottoms with a white T shirt. We are seeing different types of sportswear creeping in with logos. I am sorry, but these are not school uniform. Hooded tops or jumpers may be worn, but no logos please. Please can we ensure children are in full PE kits each week.

Please be careful on Monday morning, we are due very strong winds so look out for unsafe and falling trees. Please leave in plenty of time and stay safe.

Have a great weekend,



KCR

COACHING

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I have confirmed the booking with KCR coaching who will deliver a football camp for two days during the February half term. We finish school on Friday 9th February.

The camp will run on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February. KCR charge £12 per child but as a school, we are subsidising this cost. The cost for your child to attend will be £7 per day. Club will run from 9.00-2.00pm.

I will add the cost of this onto Parent Pay this week. Children will need to come dressed in sports clothing and trainers (football boots if you have them). Children should bring a packed lunch with them.

We have 20 children who expressed an interest so this enables the club to go ahead. If any more children wish to add on, please come and speak with me and I will add you onto Parent Pay.

CLICKVIEW

With money raised from the last Bingo night we have purchased the online app ClickView.

ClickView has a bank of educational videos, TV documentaries, Newsround and also allows continued access to the Disney Channel. Children can explore ClickView independently as all clips on there will be age appropriate and are curated to only allow children to watch things within their age limit. Videos link to all areas of the National Curriculum but also allows children time to watch things of interest to them personally. Videos such as Beauty and the Beast, Nemo and Home Alone are all available on ClickView. Educationally, children can also consolidate their learning on adjectives, verbs, nouns and mathematical concepts. Children can watch clips about their favourite history topic or learn about the wider world through geography linked clips. If there is something you find your child struggles with at home, type into the search bar and try and find a linked video for children to watch. Many of the clips are interactive with questions for the children to answer as they go through.

This week, teachers have set homework on ClickView for each child. You should see this in your child's dashboard when they log in.

Children should all have come home with their log in details so that they can access this from home. We hope you enjoy!

If you have any problems accessing from home, please call into school and a teacher will demonstrate how to set it up.

▶ ClickView Parent Info Guide



How can ClickView support your child's learning?

ClickView provides teachers and students access to thousands of interactive videos and related resources to support learning and teaching. All ClickView produced content is developed with subject experts, ensuring it's age appropriate and aligned to the Australian Curriculum.



High-quality resources for learning

ClickView provides a library of video content explicitly aligned to the curriculum. Students and teachers can confidently access high-quality video resources that have been purpose-made in Melbourne, or educationally curated from a selection of pay-TV or free-to-air programs.



Engaging and interactive

Teachers can find, edit and share relevant educational videos with students, including interactive learning tasks, through which teachers can monitor each student's understanding. Students can upload and share their work with teachers and other students to demonstrate their learning.



Access videos anytime, anywhere

Teaching staff can share clips with students to view at home so they can use class time for quality discussions, higher-order thinking and problem-solving.



Safe and age-appropriate

ClickView resources feature Australian content classifications to help ensure students are accessing age-appropriate materials.

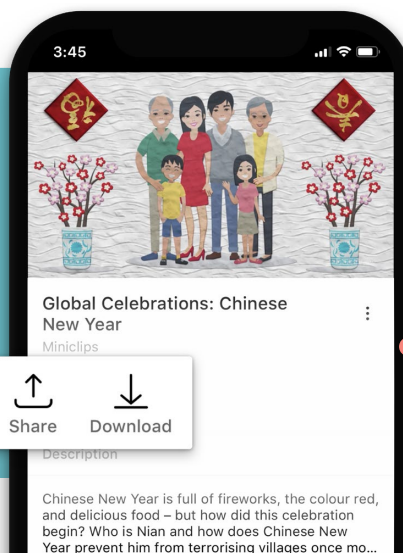
Get started with ClickView at home

1. Go to online.clickview.com.au on any browser or download the ClickView app.



2. Sign in using your child's school login details.

3. Browse over thousands of educational videos.



Stars of the week



Dojo Champions

Reception: Harley
Year 1: Arlo
Year 2: Nancy
Year 3: Charlie
Year 4: Jeff-James
Year 5: Charlotte
Year 6: Daisy
RP: Milo



Evie-May (7) Mason (9)

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

Learning this week...

This week Snowy Owls have been working hard to order our class story and create storyboards. They have also been writing sentences about each part of the story too. In Maths this week Reception have been looking at finding 1 more and 1 less than a number within 10. They have been using lots of different resources to help them and showed how they can record their answers in different ways too. Year 1 have been recapping their number bonds to and within 10 but thinking about the subtraction facts related to each number bond. They did really well at remembering how to work systematically. In History we have been recapping our learning on changes that have happened in schools, homes and transport over time. In PE the children have been developing their balances and making different sequences in their partners. Our PE specialist has been really impressed with the outcomes of these. Well done everyone!

Miss Sands

This week in Hawk Owls, we have planned our 'Invention Narratives' ready to write them next week. The children have paragraphed their ideas, thought of fronted adverbials and varied their pronouns that they will include. In Maths we have started to look at multiplying and dividing by 100 and scaling multiplication questions up or down to known facts to help us solve them. The children thoroughly enjoyed their Art lesson this week, creating their own 'grotesque' sculptures out of clay. They took inspiration from gargoyles and used various techniques to attach the clay. In Science, we have looked at properties of materials and why certain materials are chosen to make certain objects. In History we have focused on the Stone Age, finding out all about how they made their tools, what they used to make houses and how they started to settle near rivers. In PSHE, Mrs Callaghan showed the children how much sugar was in types of food, the children were amazed at how much sugar was in a muffin!

Miss Curtis

This week in Desert Owls, we have started our booster sessions for Year 6 and the children who attended have enjoyed the early morning maths session as well as the additional session afterschool. We have continued our work on

fractions this week and have been using fraction walls to support the children's understanding. Despite earlier reservations about fractions we have had comments such as 'oh this is easy' and a few lightbulb moments which has been lovely to see. In English, we have started to write our flashback narratives and the children have all been using some amazing vocabulary. We can't wait to finish them next week and then write them up for display. In Science, we have been testing different substances solubility. We tried to ensure that we could make it a fair test and we tested a number of different substances.

We had 4 of our Year 6 pupils visit Helsby High School to represent our school at a Big Maths competition against other local primary schools. The children did incredibly well and worked well as a team.

Don't forget next week we have our SATs information session for our Year 6 parents on **Tuesday 23rd January at 3:30pm**. In this session a lot of information will be shared with regards to sitting the SATs papers as well as how you can further support your child at home.

Mrs Price

This week Tawny Owls have been busy with their weekly regular sessions of cricket and swimming. On top of this, children have begun their geography topic of 'the UK'. They learnt about what the UK is, what countries make up the UK and seas surrounding it. They have also been planning in English ready to write their final pieces up next week. Children have taken part in their sensory circuit session and have worked on fine motor control.

Miss Pemberton

Diary of events for Autumn Term

Wednesday 3 rd January	Start back to school
Monday 8 th January	Forest school starts for Reception
Monday 8 th January 2.30pm	Reception and Y1 curriculum information session for parents
Tuesday 9 th January 2.30pm	Year 2,3,4 curriculum information session for parents
Wednesday 10 th January 2.30pm	Year 5 and Year 6 curriculum information session for parents. Helsby High Head teacher will be attending this session too.
Tuesday 11 th January	Swimming sessions begin for Year 3 and Year 4
Friday 19 th January	Y6 Helsby Big Maths
Tuesday 23 rd January 3.30pm	SATS information session for Y6 parents
Wednesday 24 th January	Tree planting event for Y2/Y3/Y4
Thursday 8 th February	Book look for all classes 3.30-4.00pm
Friday 9 th February	School closes for half term at 3.20pm
Monday 19 th February	Children return to school

**Please take a note of term dates
These are also on the school website**



Frodsham Primary Academy
School Term Dates 2023-2024



Autumn Term 2023

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 6 th September	Friday 20 th October	Monday 6 th November	Wednesday 20 th December
33 days		33 days	

Spring Term 2024

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 3 rd January	Friday 9 th February	Monday 19 th February	Thursday 28 th March
28 days		29 days	

Summer term 2024

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Monday 8 th April	Friday 24 th May May	Monday 3 rd June	Thursday 18 th July
34 days		33 days	

TEACHER TRAINING DAYS: SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Monday 4th September 2023 Tuesday
5th September 2023
Tuesday 28th June 2024
Friday 19th July 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024



School Term Dates for Frodsham Primary Academy September 2024 - July 2025

	School Opens	School Closes
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 4 th September	Friday 18 th October
October Half Term	<i>Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November</i>	
Autumn Term 2	Monday 4 th November	Friday 20 th December
Christmas Break	<i>Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January</i>	
Spring Term 1	Monday 6 th January	Friday 14 th February
February Half Term	<i>Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February</i>	
Spring Term 2	Monday 24 th February	Friday 11 th April
Easter Break	<i>Monday 14th April – Monday 21st April</i>	
Summer Term 1	Tuesday 22 nd April	Friday 23 rd May
Whit Holiday	<i>Monday 26th – Friday 30th May</i>	
Summer Term 2	Monday 2 nd June	Friday 18 th July

INSET TRAINING DAYS (staff only – children are not in school)

- Monday 2nd September
- Tuesday 3rd September
- Friday 27th June
- Monday 21st July
- Tuesday 22nd July

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

