

E V E N T N E W S

Autumn 2021 Edition 1



Wow, this term has gone extremely fast! It does not seem five minutes ago since the children were walking up the path on the first day of the new school year with their new shiny shoes on. We have enjoyed trying to get back to some normality with teaching by reintroducing assemblies, school trips, extra-curricular clubs and even a visit from Elsa! We are determined to continue to give the children MAGICAL experiences to help enrich their learning experiences at school. The teachers have many exciting activities planned for their first day back after Christmas to launch their new topics. Look at their class page to see what exciting topics your child is learning next term. We are really hoping to reintroduce face-to-face performances, starting with the Easter performance for year 1. We know how much they mean to you and how much the children enjoy performing for you. Our fingers and toes are crossed for this, but we cannot promise anything at the moment. We will need to see what the Government guidance is at the time, as we have now entered the government's 'Plan B' with COVID restrictions as a country due to the fast spreading Omicron variant.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support and understanding during these difficult times. We really do appreciate it as things are still extremely challenging in terms of managing COVID, but we continue to follow the government guidance and will update our risk assessments to ensure everyone is as safe as we possibly can.

*Principal's End of Term
Message*



I am delighted to be able to announce that Esprit MAT - the Multi-Academy Trust that runs Grove, Hamilton and Northwood Broom Academies - has entered into a long-term agreement with Frank Field Education Trust (FFET). Frank Field Education Trust is a Trust of two secondary schools; a primary and SEND school and 3 associate primary schools based across the North West and West Midlands. They are the Trust that support and run Birches Head Academy and they were a natural partner to work with, because of our shared values and because so many of our children go on to Birches Head. Frank Field Education Trust's vision is for Social Justice through Excellence in Education and they are committed to delivering this educational excellence in our area of Stoke.

Following the departure of our much-loved CEO, Steph Moran, Frank Field Education Trust will be supporting our three schools as we continue to improve the quality of education for your children. They will also be providing support with our premises and with finance.

Mark Unwin, Deputy CEO of FFET and an outstanding Primary and Special Needs Headteacher, will be acting as Executive Principal and supporting Mrs Carrigan and myself to continue the ongoing improvements at all three of our schools: Grove, Hamilton and Northwood Broom. The CEO of Frank Field Education Trust, Mr. Tom Quinn, and the central team led by Stephen Gauller will be supporting Esprit with the refurbishment of premises: Governance, HR and Finance.

Esprit and FFET share a commitment to make all three schools into outstanding places for your children's education and over the coming months, we look forward to offering many exciting opportunities for the children as result of this partnership.

Finally, I hope that you have a MAGICal Christmas with your family, stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all on the 5th January 2022.

Yours sincerely,

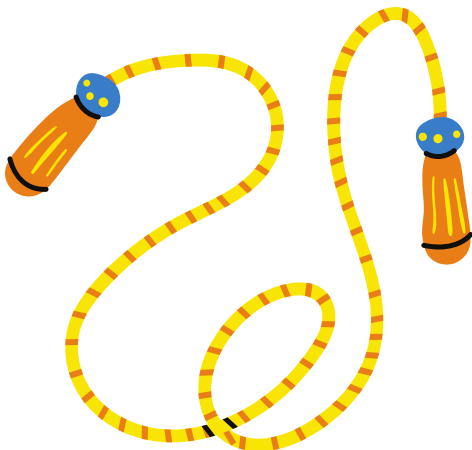
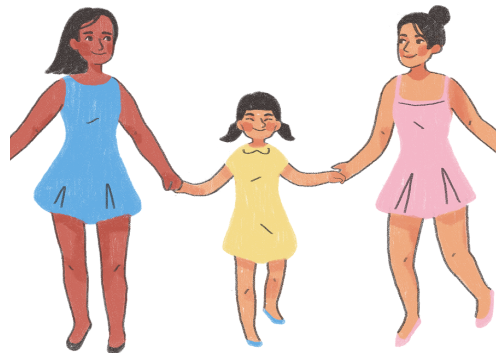
Mrs Glaister
Academy Principal



*It's the perfect time to look
back at our most memorable
moments....*

Dan the skipping Man pays a visit..

Dan the Skipping Man visited us to teach us some basic skipping skills. We have been skip, skip, skipping throughout break time and lunch time, having fun and keeping active with our skipping ropes ever since!



Remembrance Day

We marked Remembrance Day in school on Thursday 11th November.

The children learned about why Remembrance Day is held and showed their respect by holding a 2 minute silence and creating work around Remembrance Day. Year 2 performed a Remembrance Assembly.



We raised a fantastic £297.94 for The Royal British Legion. Thank you for your support!

Anti-Bullying Week

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Week commencing 15th November 2021 was Anti-Bullying Week.

The key theme for 2021 was 'One Kind Word'. Children were invited to come into school wearing their odd socks on Monday, 15th November, to show how we are all the same, but different. Children looked fantastic on the day! Throughout the week, children learned about kind words and random acts of kindness.



What a week it was!

Dave and Kate Visit

Dave & Kate's visit.

Week commencing 15th November 2021 brought us two very special visitors - Dave and his guide dog, Kate

The children had a chance to meet Kate, whilst Dave explained what a wonderful job she did of supporting him in everyday tasks.

Thank you, Dave for sharing your story with us. What a hardworking companion Kate is!



Well done, Kate!

Children in Need



We raised a
fantastic
£163.10 for
Children in
Need.
Thank you for
your support!

19th November 2021 was Children in Need day. Children were invited to come into school wearing something yellow or something spotty.

Lots of fun activities took place throughout the day, all to raise awareness of this worthy charity and to raise as much money as we could. Thank you for your support in our efforts!



Steelite Plate Workshop



Painters from Steelite International visited our Key Stage 1 children and worked with them to design and create a Christmas plate. The plates were taken back to the factory to be glazed and fired. Children then sold their ware as part of our enterprise project.

Stoke City Penalty Shoot Out!



Our children worked so hard to get their sponsors, then really performed on the big day. Potamus put in a guest appearance to cheer the children along. Lots of fun was had by all, whilst raising money for the school. Thank you, once again for your support!

Well done super strikers!





Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper day



**Roast Turkey with Stuffing & Sauce
or
Vegetarian Roast (v)**

served with
**Baton Carrots, Sprouts or Peas
Washed Potato, Roast Potatoes & Gravy**

**Ice Cream Pot
with a Christmas Biscuit
or
Christmas Pudding
served with Custard
Selection of Drinks**

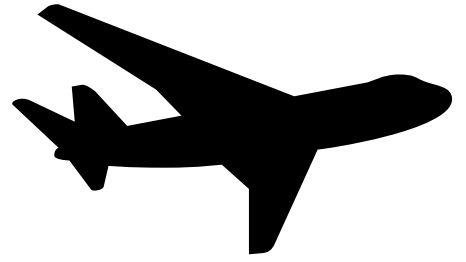
Served on
Wednesday 8th December 2021



Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day took place on Wednesday, 8th December. Children were asked to come to school in their favourite Christmas jumper or winter top. A delicious Christmas lunch was on offer to all children, which they enjoyed with their friends.



Trip to Manchester Airport Runway Experience



On the 9th & 14th December, our KS1 children visited the Runway Visitor Park at Manchester Airport. Children took part in a tour of an aeroplane and had fun with role play on the aeroplanes. The children watched aeroplanes take off, and also explored the history of aeroplanes.

Up, up & away...

Whole School Christmas Production



It was another busy year at school and we had a lot of fun. We made new friends and loved every second of our time together.

We rounded off our busy autumn term with our whole school Christmas production. The children were amazing when practising for the Christmas production and worked so hard on learning the songs. Well done!