



Many Minds, One Mission.



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Dear Parents,

Another half term whizzes by and what a success it has been! I hope that Parent's Evening was useful for you all and you were able to celebrate the children's achievements as well as identify how to help moving forward. If you were not able to make your appointment, we are always happy to arrange one at a time that suits you – ask your class teacher or speak to the office.

Update on strike action: I will write separately in the first week back with further details but we are hoping to keep the school open on the March 2nd strike day. It may be that the curriculum is adjusted in order to best cope with teacher shortages but I aim to keep your disruption to a minimum, alongside supporting the right of staff to take this action that they clearly feel is much needed in these challenging financial times.

I am very sad to inform you of a staff member leaving: **Mrs Alli** will be leaving us soon after half term. Mrs Alli has been a co-teacher at this school for a number of years and is currently working in year 5. She has been a fantastic support to the children and staff here and will be greatly missed by the children. She brings a great sense of calm and compassion to all of her interactions with children and is a hugely popular member of the team. She is moving on to work elsewhere in London but I know many of you will want to say thank-you and goodbye to her.

Parent survey: thanks to all of you who have completed it. Children will have come home today with a QR code to remind any of you who are yet to complete to take a few minutes over half term to give us the feedback. As always, if you have any concerns, please never hesitate to speak to me or any other senior leader to discuss them.

Following some discussion with the School Council, we have made a decision to re-home

our **rabbits**. They have brought a great deal of joy to the children so it is a sad decision, but the reality of school being closed for weekends and holidays makes it hard for us to say that we are giving them a loving home all of the time. Children and staff have looked after them very well but we have decided to pass them on to a rabbit re-homing centre.

Plans for building our new **Art Room** are now firmly in place for the Easter holiday. I know that the money for this project came directly from parents and the delay has been frustrating for us all. I am confident that in the summer term, and beyond, we will have a great facility for children to practise their skills and develop their creativity.

A reminder that today is the last day before half term, we are looking forward to seeing all the children back to school on Tuesday 21st February.

Have a lovely half term.

Pete Watkins
Headteacher

ARK FRANKLIN COMMUNITY FOOD INITIATIVE

Please note that this initiative will continue for the foreseeable future so don't forget to bring in your food bank donations on Mondays. To sign up to receive donations, click this link: -

www.bit.ly/Arkfoodgifts

Thanks to you all for your support in fundraising today. We will get a final total to you when we return but I was blown away by the generosity of the community today. Thank-you so much and know that our thoughts are with those affected, including families here at Franklin.



Attendance



Class	Percentage
Nursery Middlesex 2022	93.19
Rec Athens 2022	90.67
Rec Kingston 2022	98.28
Rec NTU 2022	99.31
1 Brighton 2022	91.79
1 Liverpool 2022	99
1 RAD 2022	95.86
2 Goldsmith 2022	97.33
2 Bath 2022	94.33
2 Winchester 2022	90
3 Nottingham 2022	98.52
3 LCM 2022	95.19
3 Sussex 2022	97.93
4 Durham 2022	97.2
4 Queen Mary 2022	88.15
4 Newcastle 2022	94.8
5 MIT 2022	94.48
5 Canterbury 2022	92.76
5 Cambridge 2022	95.52
6 Limerick 2022	93.57
6 GSA 2022	93.2
6 Sheffield 2022	96.67
Whole School	94.86

This week at Franklin

What an amazing day in Reception this week as they launched themselves to the moon and back as part of their 'Space Day'



Upcoming dates

Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February	Half term holiday
Monday 20 th February	School closed – training
Tuesday 21 st February	Pupils return to school
Friday 31 st March	Final day of term
Tuesday 18 th April	First day of summer term

Adventure Days will be for year 5 and Reception next term, watch this space for dates.



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PSHCE and a science experiment in Nottingham class this week





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SAFER STREETS

This is a reminder that the Safer Streets initiative is still in operation and only those exempt can drive or park in Kempe Road at the start and end of the day. Cameras have been installed and anyone driving in at those times risks a fine from Brent. This is in place for the safety of all children from road traffic and pollution, so please avoid bringing cars into Kempe Road at pickup or drop-off. Thank-you.