



## Franklin Times

28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear Parents

Another busy week has passed with much use being made of our wonderful new outdoor classroom.

We are very proud of Jamie Tancock in year two who went to a special awards ceremony at City Hall yesterday to collect his prize in the Mayor of London's Fourth Plinth competition; this year over 4000 children entered. Jamie created a sculpture called "Sky Scrapper" and received the award for best in Brent.



Jamie with the artist David Shrigley

We will be welcoming a new outdoor learning lead to Franklin in two weeks' time, Dr Ben Palmer Fry will join the teaching staff, along with his four-legged assistant, Otto, a dog.

The benefits of a canine member of staff are well-researched, they offer the unique combination of calming, but also stimulating children (and adults); promote social interaction; provide unconditional love and affection; while also affording the opportunity to take the responsibility to care for something other than oneself.

In the light of this new addition to the team, can you please inform the school office if your child is allergic to dogs, we will then take precautions as we do with all allergies.

**Nursery drop off...**this week we started opening nursery earlier at 8.50am and requested that all parents use the KS1 gate on Harvist Road to drop off at the beginning of the day and collect at the end of day. Please continue to do this and we will ensure that the gate to the street on Harvist Road is open for you to exit, I apologise that this was not so today.



Warwick class have been busy in the garden

**Parent Governor elections...**we would like to invite any parent interested in becoming a parent governor to collect the role information document from the school office and then inform me by close of play on the 19<sup>th</sup> May if you would like to run for the role. If more than one candidate applies, then an extraordinary meeting of the PTA will be held at 7.00pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> June in the dining room, during which candidates will be invited to present to parents on why they would be the best candidate, then a vote will ensue.

**PTA Bake sale...**after school on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May.



The Foot to Foot Fun Run will return on the morning of Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June in Queen's Park, online registration and sponsorship forms will go out before half term.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend. And don't forget that it's Bank Holiday Monday, so we will see you all on Tuesday at 8.30am.

Warmest regards  
Janine Ryan  
Headteacher

### Headteacher's thought for the week

The key to life is accepting challenges.

### Current Club spaces...

Day	Year Groups	Club
Monday	KS2	Girls Football
	KS1	Gymnastics
Tuesday	KS1 +Years 3+4	Mandarin
	KS1	Multi Sports
Thursday	Year 2+3	Yoga
Friday	KS2	Dance Club
	Year 5/6	Football

All offers for nursery and reception places for September 2017 went out last week. Please remember you must accept or decline the place offered to your child by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May; we had many more applications than spaces and have waitlists.

### Key Dates

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank holiday school closed
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May until Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half term holiday school closed
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Fun Run in Queen's Park
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Staff training school closed
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	R/Y1/Y2 Summer Concerts
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4/5/6 Summer Concerts at St John's
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leaver's Assembly
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Summer holidays school ends at 2.00pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Children return to school