



MARTIN FROBISHER INFANT SCHOOL

Newsletter 24 Friday 22nd March

As we come to the end of this term, I have been headteacher of Martin Frobisher Infants for 10 years. It has not been the easiest this academic year but it has been amazing to see the staff team pull together for the best interests of the children and ensure they continue to have access to a wide range of experiences to enhance their education whilst they are with us. The children are amazing and their enthusiasm for learning and thirst for knowing more inspires both myself and the staff team in school every day. On behalf of everyone at Martin Frobisher Infants I wish you a very Happy Easter and look forward to an exciting summer term. (And hopefully better weather!)

Easter Events

The week started with the children showing off their egg creations. There were some very imaginative ideas. We ended the week with our Easter Bonnet Parade today. The sun was shining and the children looked amazing in their Easter Bonnets. Thank you to everyone for all your support with these events. I hope everyone who won a chocolate hamper prize enjoys their winnings.

Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 currently receive a school meal that is paid for by the school but if you are claiming certain benefits your child could be entitled to Pupil Premium. This additional money comes into schools to support the children and ensure they are not disadvantaged in any way. At Martin Frobisher Infants we use this money to support children with a range of interventions, pay for an after school club if there is a charge, provide free milk, support with costs of school uniform and pay towards any visits which may take place during the school year. As children move on to junior school they will then remain entitled to a free school meal.

Information about claiming free School Meals can be found on our school website or at <https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/free-school-meals/>

Reading Awards

Today we handed out 8 bronze reading awards, 20 silver reading awards, 5 gold reading awards, 6 emerald awards and 7 ruby reading rewards. Well done to all these children who have read 3 times a week for the whole half term.

please speak to your child's class teacher. It would be great if we could continue with this throughout the year.

Easter Holidays Events.

Barnsley Museums have an exciting programme of family activities during the Easter holidays, many of which are free. Our five museums (Cannon Hall Museum, Elsecar Heritage Centre, Experience Barnsley, Worsbrough Mill and the Cooper Gallery) are all free to enter.

Have a Hoppy Easter @ BARNSELY MUSEUMS

Thumbelina
Tuesday 26 March
CANNON HALL
Brought to life through dance, live music and song, Thumbelina is a gentle and playful performance with the beauty of the natural world at its heart. Children are invited to take part in Thumbelina's journey, build a shelter from sticks and escape with her from the hungry toad.
11.30am BSL-interpreted performance | 2pm relaxed performance | Ages 3-8 | £5pp
Running time 1hr including interactive play.
Booking essential: www.cannon-hall.com/whats-on
All are welcome to attend either session.

Mini Magical Worlds
Tuesday 2 April
Create your own model of your favourite part of Middle-Earth whether it be the door to Moria or a cosy hobbit house.
10am-12 noon & 1pm-3pm
£5 per child. Suitable for children aged 7+. Booking essential: barnsley-museums.arttickets.org.uk

Wonderland Trail
Saturday 23 March - Sunday 7 April
Get whisked away to Wonderland this Easter in our forbidden forest. Discover the Cheshire Cat, have a Mad Hatter's tea party and come and play croquet.
Free, drop-in, start the trail behind the deer shelter.

Wentworth Castle Gardens
Join us for an Easter Adventures trail (£3)
Thursday 28 March to Tuesday 2 April.
During the rest of the holidays why not 'Spring into Sound' and explore nature's soundscape by making music together on big new garden instruments or grabbing a 'chatterbox' activity?

Think Ink!
Tuesday 2 April
COOPER
Learn some new, funky techniques for drawing with ink inspired by the artworks in the gallery.
10am-12 noon & 1pm-3pm. Free, places are limited so booking is essential. Tickets available via Eventrite: <https://bit.ly/31yQvnb>. Suitable for children aged 7+.

Elsecar Easter Egg-stravaganza Trail
Saturday 23 March - Sunday 7 April
ELSECAR
Have a cracking time this Easter. Find the bunnies and solve the puzzle.
Free, drop-in event. Start the trail at the Visitor Centre.

Nature Pinch Pots
Friday 5 April
WORSBROUGH MILL
In this delightful workshop, children will create a clay pot decorated with beautiful leaves and flowers to take home.
10am-12 noon & 1pm-3pm £3 per child.
Booking essential: barnsley-museums.arttickets.org.uk

The World of Brian Wildsmith: a new exhibition of art and illustrations that will enchant children and parents alike.
World-renowned children's book author and illustrator Brian Wildsmith will be celebrated through a season of exhibitions at Experience Barnsley Museum and the Cooper Gallery. Free entry.

Coming soon: Opening Saturday, 20 April

For more details on activities visit www.barnsley-museums.com or check out our social media @Barnsley Museums

FOMFIS (Friends of Martin Frobisher Infant School)

FOMFIS funded an outdoor learning experience for children in Key Stage 1 last week linked to their history theme of The Great Fire of London. The children had a fabulous time and added to their understanding of events. We have also had some plans through from This Green Moon for developments to the Foundation Stage outdoor area which we are very excited about. FOMFIS are making a donation towards this. Thank you to everyone who contribute to our fundraising efforts as it is through these that FOMFIS are able to fund these extra opportunities for children.

FOMFIS have planned a Spring Disco at the Brig for Monday 15th April. 5 – 7pm Tickets will be £2 each and will be available to purchase after the Easter break. Adults and children attending will require tickets.

FOMFIS have a fantastic Facebook page where they share all the events they plan and school updates. Search for FOMFIS on Facebook and take a look.

You can support FOMFIS in raising funds is by shopping online via easyfundraising.com. Just follow this link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofmartinfrobisherinfantschool/>

Attendance

Overall attendance this week has been 94.9%

Well done to all our attendance heroes this week who were Here Everyday Ready and On time. 87% of children in main school have had 100% attendance.

A reminder that holidays taken during term time will not be authorised and the Local Authority will issue a penalty notice. This is currently £60 per parent per child.

Notifications from the Family Hubs and other agencies

FREE EMOTIONAL WELLBEING WORKSHOPS

TURNING POINT TALKING THERAPIES

Delivered by qualified therapists and co-produced by experts by experience, our informal workshop sessions have been designed to provide you with useful techniques and coping strategies to help improve your mental health and wellbeing.

As well as providing you with useful information about common mental health symptoms.



TURNING POINT
Inspired by possibility

To access you need to be aged 16+ and be registered with a Wakefield or Five Towns GP.

For more information and to book your place onto any workshop, scan the QR code, or contact us on the below:

- talking.turning-point.co.uk/workshops
- 01924 234 860
- wakefield.talking@turning-point.co.uk

COMBATTING LOW MOOD
Fri 1st Mar: 13:00pm - 14:30pm
Sun 24th Mar: 11:30am - 13:00pm

SOCIAL MEDIA PRESSURES
Sun 3rd Mar: 11:30am - 13:00pm

OVERCOMING PANIC ATTACKS
Sun 3rd Mar: 13:00pm - 14:30pm

MENOPAUSE AND ME
Fri 8th Mar: 11:30am - 13:00pm

HEALTH ANXIETY
Sun 10th Mar: 11:30am - 13:00pm

POSITIVE BODY IMAGE
Sun 10th Mar: 13:00pm - 14:30pm

IMPROVING YOUR SLEEP
Sun 17th Mar: 11:30am - 13:00pm

HOW TO BE KIND TO YOURSELF
Sun 17th Mar: 13:00pm - 14:30pm

KEEP MOVING FORWARD
Mon 18th Mar: 13:30pm - 15:00pm

SOCIAL MEDIA PRESSURES (Socialicious Recovery Hub - WF1 1PN)
Thurs 21st Mar: 13:30pm - 14:30pm

MINDFUL PREGNANCY - COPING WITH STRESS & POSITIVE BIRTH
Fri 22nd Mar: 10:00am - 12:00pm

GRIEF AND DEPRESSION
Sun 24th Mar: 13:00pm - 14:30pm

SUPPORTING NEW DADS
Thur 28th Mar: 17:30pm - 19:00pm

*All are delivered via TEAMS, unless otherwise stated.

 
TURNING POINT TALKING THERAPIES

 
@TurningPointTalkingTherapies
@wakefieldtalkingtherapies

SEND Parents Groups

Castle Family Hub & The Federation Of Crigglestone And Castle Nursery Schools Nursery Invite You:

SEND GROUP:

Parents Only Group

Every Monday 9am to 11:00am

Location: The Castle Nursery School
Annexe. 255A Barnsley Road,
Wakefield WF1 5NU

We look forward to seeing you.



WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

- SIGNPOSTING
- PEER SUPPORT
- ADVICE AND GUIDANCE
- SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS SUPPORT
- PROFESSIONALS ATTENDING THE GROUP
- REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

CHILDREN 0-5 YEARS,
CAN ATTEND IF
UNABLE TO ACCESS
CHILDCARE.

OUR VALUES

- BE HAPPY
- BE HEALTHY
- BE SAFE
- BE HOPEFUL FOR THE FUTURE
- BE INDEPENDENT AND RESILIENT

USEFUL CONTACTS

THE CASTLE FAMILY HUB

✉ WFTCASTLEFAMILYHUB@WAKEFIELD.GOV.UK

☎ 01924 303376

WAKEFIELD AWARENESS SUPPORT PROJECT (WASP)

✉ ENQUIRIES.YORKSHIRE@KIDS.ORG.UK

☎ 01924 683890

WAKEFIELD WESAIL SENDIAS

✉ WESAIL@FAMILY-ACTION.ORG.UK

☎ 01924 965588

FIND OUT MORE SERVICES WE HAVE ON OFFER FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

PLEASE SCAN ME!



www.wakefieldfamiliesstogether.co.uk

KidsDisabled children
say we can

Kids WASP Parent Carer Workshop

Hosted by
Wakefield Family Hubs

Kids WASP Parent carer workshop is a bespoke workshop that looks at Autism, ADHD, DA and Behaviour that challenges.

Each workshop is 2 hours long and will cover information and strategies to help support your family.

After the workshop we will be holding an informal drop in session for parents to offer help, support and guidance around the above.

Alongside this there will be opportunities to access 45 minute information sessions around Sleep, Sensory information and the benefits of Lego therapy.



If you would like to attend
any of the workshops,
please scan the QR code
to fill out a referral form

March dates:

Tuesday 5th

Cedars Family Hub
9.30-1.30pm

Wednesday 6th

Butterflies family hub
9.30-1pm

Tuesday 12th

Havercroft Family Hub
9.30-1.30pm

Wednesday 13th

Pomfret family Hub
9.30-11.30am

Tuesday 19th

Featherstone Town Hall
9.30-1pm

Wednesday 20th

Kendall Drive Family Hub
9.30-11.30am

Dates – Further details will follow nearer to specific dates

08 04 24 – School opens

16 05 24 - Jellyfish Class Assembly 9.15am

20 05 24 - Reading Café for parents of children in Year 1. Phonics screening check focus. – 2.15pm

24 05 24 – School closes

03 06 23 – School opens

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10 06 24 – Reading Café for parents of children in Reception. – 2.15pm

12 06 24– Reading Café for parents of children in Year 2. – 2.15pm

27 06 24 – Rainbowfish Class Assembly 9.15am

04 07 24 – Curriculum Exhibition for Parents

18 07 24 – Leavers Assembly 2pm Followed by Leavers Festival until 5.30pm

19 07 24 – School closes

22 07 24 – INSET – school closed to children

Inset Days

We have already taken 4 of our 5 Inset days for the year. The remaining date is **Monday 22nd July**

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs L Carter.

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs R Adams, Mrs K Broadhead, Miss G Moxon Miss L Wilson

If you are worried a child is at risk of harm please contact either of the above or: Social Care Direct on 0345 8503503