



STEPHEN FREEMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Everybody; Every Moment; Every Idea Counts"

Newsletter 10

1st April 2019

Empowering Learners Programme (ELP)



This term has seen the launch of our new ELP Programme in School. Children in Key Stages 1 & 2 have been given different areas of responsibility. Ask your child if they applied for any of these roles: School Council, Eco-council, Learning Ambassadors, Classroom Monitors, Librarians, Tech Team, Playground Buddies, Hall Monitors and House Captains.

Our **Eco-council** have already been on their first eco-mission. Have you wondered where your child's empty crisp packets have gone? Some of the children in our eco-council made a recycling box for all our empty crisp packets. Once full, the box is then taken to the 'crisp packet recycling centre' at Cornerstones Theatre.



Goodbyes...

This Friday 5th April our Midday Lunchtime Supervisor, **Val Couchman**, will be hanging up her high-vis jacket and whistle after her last lunchtime with us. Val has been part of our Stephen Freeman Lunchtime Team for over twenty years! **We would like to say a massive THANK YOU for all of the hard work, support and care that Val has provided to all the children past and present.** We will all miss her very much and wish her the very best for the future. The good news is that Val will still be part of our cleaning team so we will still see her around school!

We were also very sad to say **GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK** to two of our Teaching Assistants this term. Through her Nurturing Supportive role, **Tricia Hickton-Collins** touched the lives of so many of our children and families. Also, **Laura Craig**, through her work in the classroom and on the playground, provided positive support for our children. We will miss them very much and wish them both the best in their new ventures.

Comic Relief Total—total raised £325! Thank you all!

Thank You to our PTA for all of the wonderful and fun activities organised this term. You have worked so hard and we all appreciate it.

Sports News

The football and netball teams have had sporting success this term. The netball team made it through to the quarter finals of a local competition and lost 1-0 after nail-biting extra time. Our newly-formed girls' football team played brilliantly against All-Saints despite losing 0—4. They are showing great potential. Our boys' football team won an impressive 9—0 against Chilton and were also runners-up in a tournament at The Oratory School

(See attached football reports.)

Do you have any old, clean clothes that Reception could have for spares? Particularly boys, 5-7, — our supplies are running low.

Thanks!

SaturDads (and mums!)

Thank you to all the families that came along to 'Saturdads' - a group aimed at Services families. The next date is Saturday 4th May, 10am—12pm.

Mrs Angel-Murray

Secret Reader

We love having secret readers in our Reception classes. Sometimes a parent, grandparent, aunty or uncle will come and surprise us by sharing a story with us as a secret reader.

This term we have been very lucky to have some special guest secret readers! The Mayor of Didcot came to share a counting book with us and answered all of our questions about what it is like to be Mayor. Jack Cummings shared Room on the Broom with us and told us all about being an Invictus Games swimming champion! PCSO Chris Wyatt and the librarians from Didcot Library have also visited as Secret Readers. Here's what the librarians said: *I just wanted to say 'Thank you' to all the Staff, volunteers and of course the children in the Reception classes for our visit to your school yesterday. Myself and my colleague Nikki were very impressed with the behaviour of all the children and their enthusiasm to hear all about Didcot library. We had a wonderful morning - it definitely did not feel like work!*



There are more special guest secret readers to come next term so keep a look out!

Dates for your Diary

*****THIS WEEK*****

Monday 1st April: *PTA Decorate an Egg competition*

Wednesday 3rd April: *Year 3 Greek Day*
Reception Tapestry Meeting and Teddy Bears' Picnic

Thursday 4th April: *Year 2 'Poetry Please' Afternoon, 2.40pm*
PTA Easter Egg Hunt after school

Friday 5th April: *PTA Non-uniform. End of Spring Term 2, 1pm finish*

NEXT TERM

Tuesday 23rd April: **Return to school, 8.45am**

Saturday 4th May: **Saturdads, 10am—12pm**

Monday 6th May: **Bank Holiday**

Monday 13th—17th May: **Year 6 SATS week**

Wednesday 15th May: **Poland Class Assembly, 2.45pm**

Wednesday 22nd May: **UK Class Assembly, 2.45pm**

Friday 24th May: **End of Summer Term 1, 3.15pm**

HAPPY EASTER



EVERYONE!

Stephen Freeman School VS Chilton School

Football Match

On Wednesday 6th of March, Stephen Freeman School played at home against Chilton School. It was a very rainy day and the pitch was starting to get muddy, but we were still going to play our best. The game started off at 3.30 and we were playing some good football. In the first five minutes we were already 1-0 up from a goal by Yamin, our confidence was high.

By half time we were already 3-0 up with 2 goals from Yamin and a cracking half volley goal from Reuben. In the second half Chilton had some great chances but Sam [Goalkeeper] kept them out. Ten minutes in the second half we were already 6-0 up with another by Reuben; 1 more by Yamin and Bailey scores to make 6. Lonnie was doing some amazing play by assisting, great passes and staying strong.

Chilton had a couple more of great chances but Harley and Scott MW kept them out. By the end of the game Stephen Freeman won 9-0, another from Bailey; one from George and a stunning top corner goal by Harley. Chilton put up a good fight; everybody was smiling at the end.

Congratulations to Yamin and Bailey for scoring on their first game for the school. Special mention to Chilton for still trying their best. Thank you for all of the supporters that came from both teams for cheering your team on. Well done for everybody playing on both teams.

By Sam and Reuben.

Football Tournament

On Wednesday 21st of March 2019 Stephen Freeman School took part in the Oratory Prep tournament. There were two different groups, one with three teams in and one with four. Our group consisted of: Ladygrove Park, Wantage Primary School and Dunmore Primary School, it was going to be tough. Our first game was against Dunmore School, we were all excited.

It started off very close but five minutes in Dunmore were 1-0 up, Sam had made a great save to keep our hopes up. It was half time and we needed to discuss what we were going to do. We went back out there but Dunmore stayed strong till the end and they won 1-0. We didn't drop our heads and talked about what our plan was for the next game against Wantage. Sam started in goal with Scott and George in defence, in midfield was Reuben and Lonnie and JJ playing striker which left Archie B and Yamin to come on.

Wantage were always going to be a strong side but in the first half Reuben had already smashed a goal in from a great assist from Lonnie. Scott and George at the back managed to hold it off till the final whistle and the game ended 1-0 to Stephen Freeman.

We had 3 points; Ladygrove had 2; Dunmore had 4 and Wantage had 1. It was down to the final game to see who came first and second. We were playing Ladygrove and we knew it was going to be a difficult match. In the first half we were 1-0 up with a goal in the roof of the net by Reuben. It was the start of the second half and Ladygrove had a free kick from a dangerous area. The shot was taken towards the goal but a stunning save from Sam (goal keeper) kept it out. There was only about five minutes left of the game but we needed another goal to secure the win.

Lonnie took a throw in towards Reuben who flicked it over everyone to George at the back post who guided it towards the goal. It was in the top corner!

We ended up winning 2-0 which means we ended up coming second in the group. Wantage came 4th, Ladygrove came third, Stephen Freeman came 2nd and Dunmore came first. Stephen Freeman got silver medals and Dunmore won gold and a trophy, everyone from all teams was smiling at the end. Thank you to Oratory for organizing a great tournament and thank you for all the supporters from all teams to come and watch. Well done to all of the teams taking part in the tournament

By Sam and Reuben