



# Freddie's Independent

## Winter 2021

### Key Updates for 2022!

Here are a few important updates as we move into the new year:

- School re-opens to all pupils on Wednesday 5th January 2022.
- We strongly advise that all secondary age pupils wherever possible continue to carry out LFT testing twice a week, plus the day before or morning of returning to school.
- We have a few staff leaving this term (see article) along with some staff who will be moving and we also welcome a number of new staff to our team. Updated class team sheets will be sent home in the new year.

### IMPORTANT Physiotherapy Update

If you have recently accompanied your child to an orthotics or physiotherapy appointment in school you will have noticed the location of the clinics has changed.

Due to the current sufficiency crisis in Hull at the moment and there not being enough Special School places for the children and young people who require them, it was decided during the first part of the summer term that the health space facilities would be a suitable space to set up the first free school class. The class will be made up of 9 children who will be on Frederick Holmes School roll to start with then be the first children to move to the Free School once it opens in September 2023.

Work on the health space part of the building is due to complete before Christmas and we will be welcoming the new children and their families in January. Lyn Frankton will be the class teacher and lead for the new class and we are delighted to welcome her and her team of teaching assistants to the school community.

As a result of the health space being used to accommodate the new class, the orthotics clinic has now moved into the main school building and takes place in either the Hall area or the Food Technology room. Both areas are well ventilated, have access to handwashing and sink facilities as well as privacy from blinds and doors which can only be accessed by certain staff members. Staff are fully informed of when the clinics are taking place and do not disturb health professionals during this time. We have a plinth stored in the main school building which is accessible to the Physiotherapy team whenever they require it.

Over the last few years most of the physical management routines and occupational therapy support has taken place either in the classrooms or in rooms/spaces available close to the classroom, simply down to this being more convenient for the staff and pupils to access. Other than the Orthotic clinics changing locations we would like to reassure you that our pupil's access to health professionals has not changed at all.

You can contact the Physiotherapy team directly using this number: 01482 458809

If you do have any concerns regarding the support your child is receiving from health professionals following the change of location please don't hesitate to contact myself on the school number 01482 804766 or via my email: [hmaddison@frederickholmes.het.academy](mailto:hmaddison@frederickholmes.het.academy)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas.

Mrs Maddison

# Congratulations to Helen Maddison

I am really pleased to announce that Helen Maddison will take up the post of Headteacher from January 2022, after 18 months as Head of School. I am leaving the role of Executive Headteacher of Frederick Holmes and Tweendykes to support another special school in the trust that is based in Grimsby.

In the short time I have been at Frederick Holmes School as Executive Headteacher I have been amazed at the pupil's determination, and their love for learning. The staff team are amazing, their care for every pupil shines through. "Freddies" is truly a special place where every child supported to become their very best self.

The last 16 months have certainly been eventful with the pandemic affecting many aspects of school life. However, despite the challenging times we work in, the pupils continue to display courage, resilience and have quickly caught up in their learning.

As parents you have been so supportive to Helen Maddison and the wider team, working with them to ensure our pupils are as safe as they can be.

I will still be working alongside Helen, as I will be planning the Free Special School which as you know will be based on the Inglemire Lane site.

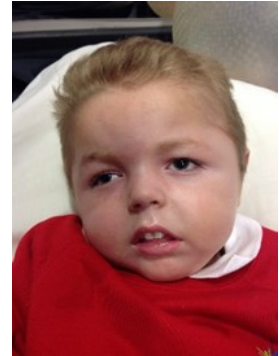
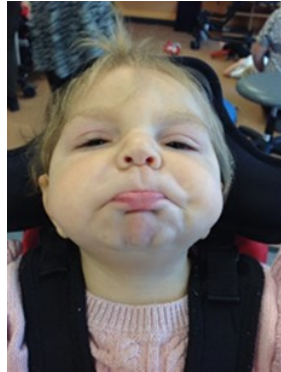
I'd like to wish you all the very best for the future. I know that in Helen you have a truly wonderful Headteacher.

Berni Moorcroft



## CLASS JB

Class JB welcomed four new children in to our Freddie's family this term, say hello to MacCool, Ivy, Toby and Levi.



As you know, our theme this term has been 'Dreams and Imagination' and we've all had great fun packing our bags and travelling through the stars to the moon. We have had made slimy moon slime and paper mâché moons, painted rockets and stars, sang and played musical instruments along to Twinkle, Twinkle and so much more.

Our sensory story saw us getting ready for our trip to the moon, we had to pack so much in our space boxes.



# CLASS KHA



We had lots of fun exploring natural resources relating to Autumn. We especially enjoyed exploring a variety of pumpkins, we even used the seeds to glue and stick with in our Maths lesson.



We have used all our senses to investigate our creative area, getting very messy in the process. Sand and paint are a particular favourite of our class.



We love to play outdoors and have lots of fun using all of our physical skills.

We especially enjoyed our Forest School lesson for Bonfire Night when we joined another class and made a bonfire!



We have worked very hard in our phonics lessons, building our attention and being able to transfer it throughout the different stages of our lesson. We particularly enjoy our sound identification colouring in and water-drip letter reveal sections as they are very fun!





## KHA New Pupils

We have welcomed many new pupils this term and we are delighted that they have joined Miss Harrison's Class.



This is Jacob, he loves all types of mark making and you can guarantee he will go home with a rainbow of colour in his hair!



This is Ronnie, he loves small world and group time. Ronnie particularly enjoys his phonics lessons!



This is Athena, she loves all things that spin and make lots of noise, her favourite toy is the jingly bell spinner!



This is Parker, he loves all things shiny. You will most likely find him with a mirror in hand! He has built good relationships with staff at Freddie's and is able to make his needs known really well!

## CLASS SD



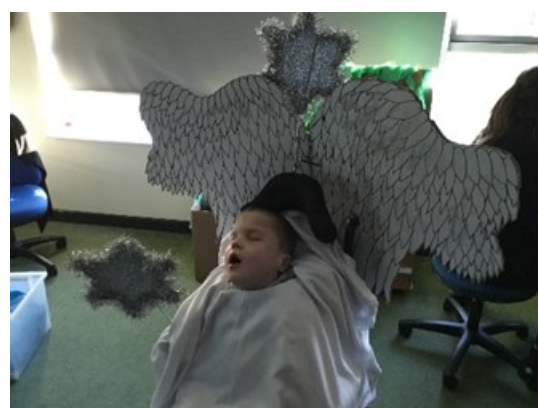
Wow! What a busy term it's been for Class SD. We've been super busy exploring Space as part of our topic, decorating our own planets and astronauts and even having aliens steal our underpants!

For Halloween we enjoyed some spooky sensory trays and getting dressed up. We've been busy cooking up a storm with some Halloween themed baking, comic relief, and even for White Ribbon Day, we'll all be auditioning for Bake Off soon.



As we quickly approach Christmas time we've got into the spirit by making up our own version of the 12 Days of Christmas, making lots of noise with our instruments. We've even starred in our Christmas play making our own Malawian instruments as well as Malawian inspired tie-die shirts to match, but the star of our show was our sleepy angel Josh!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas or Jabulela Ukhisimusi, and we can't wait to see what 2022 brings!



# COMMUNICATION GROUP

In our story, Peter Pan, Captain Hook gives Peter a poisonous potion. As we had been studying capacity in Maths, the children enjoyed making their own potions, choosing their ingredients and what they would use to measure out each ingredient as well as deciding which containers would hold the most or least. They also chose what effect the potion would have on someone.



## CLASS BL

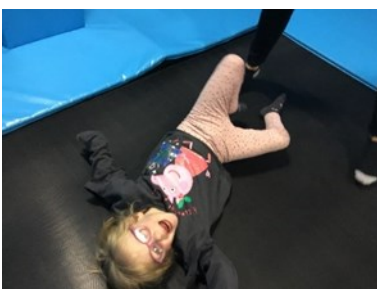
Class BL have had a fantastic term!

We started the term reading Traction Man and had lots of fun acting out his adventures – the foot spa was the star of the show, especially with all the bubbles!

We had lots of fun at Halloween with a spooky story about a haunted house and lots of opportunity for messy play. We all enjoyed tasting the pumpkins – who knew they came in so many different colours and sizes!

We had our own sparklers on Bonfire Night and learned all about fire safety and keeping ourselves safe around fireworks.

We've had lots of fun learning scarf dances and we've been very lucky to have access to the rebound room where we have lots of fun singing songs and bouncing around!



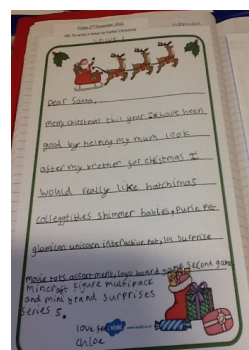
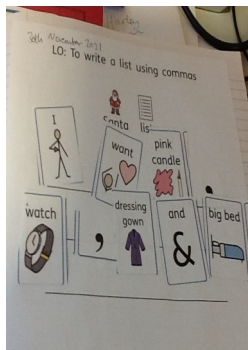
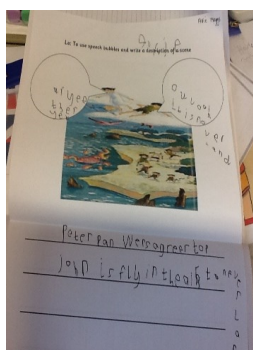


# CLASS HJ

In HJ this term we have been working so hard and having such fun with our learning!

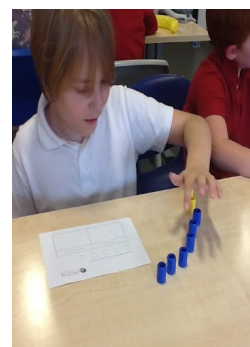
**English**

In English our main topic has been Peter Pan. We have written speech bubbles imagining what the characters might say, we have made wanted posters and drawn comic strips of our story. Towards the end of the term, we have written winter poems and enjoy a sensory tray exploring ice and snow, written Christmas lists and then a letter to Santa.



## Maths

In Maths we have learnt about greater than and less than, how to sequence numbers including counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, 2D and 3D shapes, number bonds to 5 and 10 and one more and one less.



We also welcomed some new pupils this term Macie, Alfie & Chloe.





## Topic

During our topic lessons we explored which materials would make a good boat for Captain Hook before making him a boat, we learnt about the four seasons, explored magnets to identify which items are magnets and which are not, we explored why we celebrate Remembrance Day, we enjoyed learning all about Children in need, found out about foods all around the world and made our own lamingtons from Australia (the children loved these).



## PSHE

This term in PSHE we have been exploring how to be a good friend. We enjoyed making a good friend wreath together and came up with lots of ideas of what we do as a class to be good friends.



## Art

This term in Art we have made mosaic Tinker Bell, Captain Hook and Peter Pan, created a boat for Captain Hook and painted scenes from our story Peter Pan.



## CLASS FH

This term, Class FH has been exploring the topic, 'Starry, Starry Night.' We have been sharing a sensory story, 'A Journey Through the Night Sky' all about exploring the planets through sensory experiences such as putting hands into foam for Venus' clouds and feeling ice packs for the surface of Neptune.

We have all been doing lots of work in the dark tents and colour tents to develop our vision skills by looking towards and tracking lights.

After half term, we learned all about festivals that light up the night sky. We took part in a Bonfire Night Dance, made sparklers and used different sensory balls covered in paint to create a firework picture. We also enjoyed a Christmas massage story, made ginger bread playdough and made lots of decorations for our Indian stall at the Christmas market.





# SCERTS/ CLASS HC

In the SCERTS class this term we have worked very hard and enjoyed our lessons.

During English, we have been reading the story Peter Pan and learning about the characters and the imaginary setting of Neverland. We have been practising our alphabet and letter sounds to help us write CVC words and sentences. We have completed questions for our comprehension lesson, as well as sequencing the story of Peter Pan.



For Maths we have been using Numicon to help us to count, add and take away. We have been learning about more and less using objects and numbers. We have investigated different 2D shapes and compared them to everyday objects around the classroom. We have sorted simple shapes into categories and used these to make pictures and patterns. We also looked at 3D shapes and compared these to objects that we found familiar. We have even made 3D shapes from nets, such as Santa, angels and Christmas Gifts.

During Science we have been learning about different materials. We had a treasure hunt finding different textured materials, which were then sorted and put into groups. We learned about which materials floated and which sunk in water. As well as finding out which material would be best used to make a pirate ship.

For our PSHE lessons, we have been learning about understanding differences between others in the classroom. We have learned about how important it is to show respect to others.



Within our cooking lessons we have made some wonderful recipes, such as fruit kebabs, Rice cake faces, strawberry smoothies, rainbow pasta, hotdogs, pizzas shaped like candy canes and we even used a microwave to make porridge.

For P.E. we have been exercising using a sensory circuit and have had swimming lessons every week.

This term we have attended a Halloween Disco, whereby we dressed up as different Halloween characters. We also took part in Children in need and helped raise money for this event. We recently attended a Christingle assembly, which we enjoyed very much.





# CLASS HH

## The Star-ship Holmes

A Sensory Adventure

College Sensory Class



We are amazing astronauts  
We race about the place.  
We see the stars and life on Mars  
As we travel into space!!  
We'll introduce you to the crew  
Who search the starry night!  
If your lucky you might see,  
Their Rocket taking flight!!



Annie-May dreams of the lights in space  
And lots of sparkly bling.  
She bravely ventures into the dark  
And onto the rockets wing,  
To catch the little alien sprite  
Who's making all the noise!  
Trying to get on board the ship  
And steal all Tyler's toys.



Chloe loves the tinkling of the  
rocket  
As it echoes in the night  
You will hear her sing her happy  
tunes  
To the stars so bright  
She shares her lovely music  
With her spaceship crew  
Before you know what's hap-  
pening  
They're all singing too!



Ellie-May is the space ship chef  
She doesn't fool around  
Shouting there and pointing here  
She knows how to move around....  
She's heard at the centre of the  
sun,  
Is the world largest chocolate bun  
She just wants to have a bite  
while flying in the space sunlight.

Finley loves the lights of space  
Shining Brightly in the dark  
He loves to watch them closely  
Whether near or far.  
Finley loves the sounds of space,  
That echo in the dark  
A musical toot, a big bass drum  
The sound of a strumming guitar!



Alfie is the space ship Captain,  
Who goes 'that extra mile'  
Looking here and reaching there.  
He has such a lovely smile.  
He loves to race into outer space  
Out into the night  
To lead his crew to places new  
Where they can see the light.



Tyler is a bold young chap  
He studies all the stars  
He stretches high as he floats on by  
Trying to reach Mars.  
He has heard the engines running  
And the beeping of the horns  
The sound of wheels turning  
Of those big old shiny cars.

Zuzanna is the cheeky one.  
She loves exploring space.  
A planet here an alien there,  
Puts a smile on her face.  
She's in search of the musical planet  
That's made of wood and string  
She's heard you can see the aliens.  
dancing as they sing!!



We hope you have enjoyed our space adventure!  
The staff and student of the College Sensory Class are sending you  
sincere Christmas wishes and blessings for a wonderful New Year.

Helen Hambly



# CLASS LM

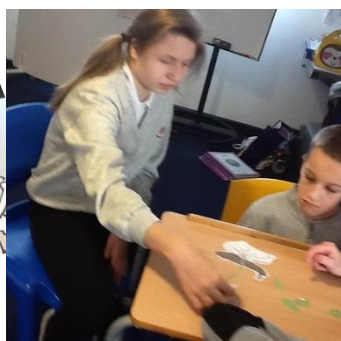
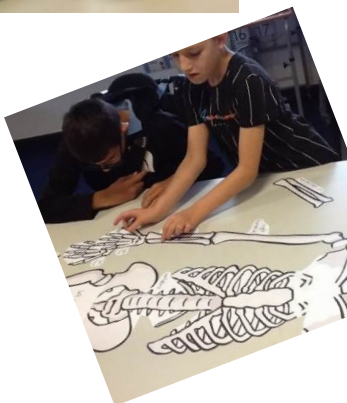
## Chocolate!

Class LM's topic this term has been chocolate, experiencing different types of chocolate and learning where it comes from!

We have used chocolate in our cooking recipes, tasted different types of chocolate and flavourings then made our own chocolate! We also made packaging to go with the chocolate bar!

We have looked at what happens to chocolate when we eat it, putting together a skeleton and giving them a digestive system to see where food travels in our bodies! We have also researched where chocolate comes from and looked at the importance of fair trade.

Here are some pictures of our hard work!



# CLASS SL

The theme of chocolate has been a winner this term, we have had the chance to taste lots of different types and flavours of chocolate before eventually designing and creating



In science we have explored how our digestive system works recreating it with digestive biscuit, orange juice and a pair of tights!



The students have researched Fair Trade; how it started, what it means for farmers worldwide and how it links to the production of cocoa beans and chocolate bars. Alongside many other classes in school we are taking part in the bulb project over the year and got to plant our bulbs ready for spring.



We have had adventures down in forest school for bonfire night and recently we were lucky enough to go and see the Railway Children at Hull Truck Theatre, I can't wait to see what adventures the spring term brings!

Mrs L

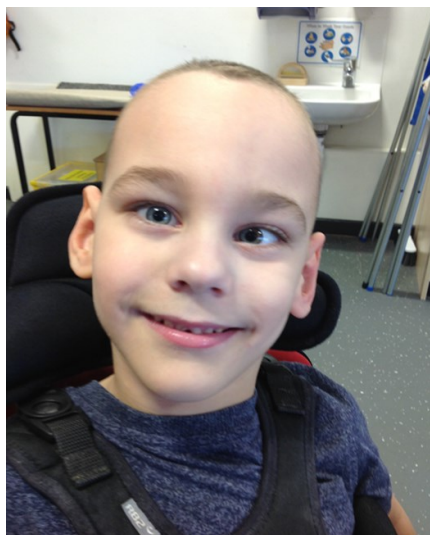
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## Freddie's Angels', loved and remembered always



On the 14<sup>th</sup> October heaven gained another angel. Sophie Johnson, who had attended Frederick Holmes School from being two years old. An amazing young lady with a wonderful sense of humour. Sophie kept everyone on their toes, especially her class team. Sophie definitely had her favourites and she knew exactly how to wrap them around her little finger. Despite Sean's (Class T.A) hatred of all things sparkly, you could always rely on Sophie to make sure he would end up covered in sparkle from head to toe. Sophie particularly loved Christmas and when we visited her in the hospice back in October, we celebrated Christmas with her family and she was delighted to hear we had made Sean dress as a Christmas tree! Sophie's smile, courage and sense of humour will remain in our hearts forever. Our love and thoughts are with her family at Christmas



Andrei Vasiliauskas passed away suddenly on 30.11.21 after a short illness. Andrei started at Frederick Holmes in January 2019. Although, only attending school for 2 years, these last few months we had really started to see Andrei's personality shine through.

Andrei loved cuddles and his class team always knew when he was a bit upset that a cuddle would do the trick! This last year Andrei had become one of the oldest and more experienced members of Mrs Baines' class and his confidence had definitely started to grow as a result of this. In a recent swimming lesson, Andrei appeared annoyed that everyone was taking so long to get ready and organised. He then continued to be a cheeky chap in the pool, deliberately tricking the staff with his movements and making them laugh. We send lots of love to Andrei's family at this very sad time. Fly high little angel love all your Freddie's Family.



You are in our thoughts at Christmas time and always. Loved and Remembered always x

# Staff Leavers



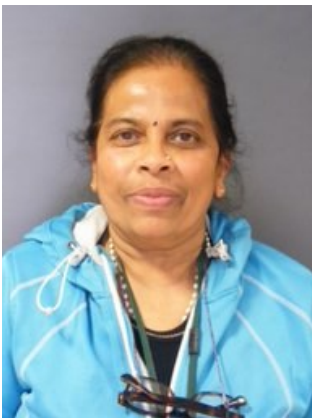
Dawn is known as many different things in class HJ such as Rainbow Dawn, Princess Dawn and Dinosaur Dawn. Dawn can always be found playing games with the children, reading stories and supporting our students with their learning.

"Dawn was lovely to me as a Teaching Assistant helping me settle in when I was new to the school in September." Chloe

"I will miss Dawn because she is kind and I will miss playing Connect Four with her." Alfie

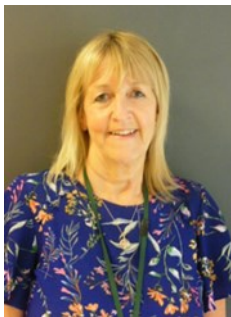


After 20+ years in school we are saying goodbye to Nana Sandra. Sandra started in the pool as a volunteer and then moved over to support the children at lunchtime. I am sure the staff and pupils have lots of great memories with Sandra and we wish her all the health and happiness!



We are also saying farewell to Indira. Indira has been part of Freddie's for around 18 years and has always been very helpful in supporting the pupils at lunchtime. We wish you all the best Indira!





Sandra has worked at Frederick Holmes School for over 22 years. She has worked in the college centre for most of this time, and has done amazing things to support our young adults. Sandra has made a positive impact on the lives of both the staff and students, she has worked with, and we will all really miss her. We wish Sandra lots of luck in her future and we hope to see her back at Freddie's very soon! Here are some of the things our staff and students had to say about her:

Princess Sandra!

Sandra Short Straw

Loves her mini cheddars



Sausage roll Sandra

McDonalds Tuesdays

She laughs at Bradley when he is winding people up.



Andrea has worked at Frederick Holmes for 16 years. She has worked in all areas of the school and has done wonderful things to support both the students and her colleagues. Although Andrea has only worked in the college centre for a short period of time she has brought so much to class and we are all going to really miss her. We wish Andrea all the luck and hope she come back to see us very soon! Here are some things our staff and students said about her:

Helps everyone and is very kind

She is very artistic and creative

Has a good heart



Very lovely

We are going to miss her!





# Horse Riding with SCERTS

At the beginning of the Autumn term, the SCERTS class had the chance to go horse riding. The children were taught to get on and off a horse safely, as well as riding their horses around a special paddock supported by a professional team. For those children that were unable to ride, they were shown how to groom and take care of the horses. The children had great fun and looked forward to their riding lessons every week. Riding lessons will commence again at the beginning of Spring.



## HeadStart Mark of Excellence

Frederick Holmes School has been awarded the HeadStart Mark of Excellence and we are very proud of this award. The principles of this accolade focus around wellbeing, safety and positive mental health of both staff and pupils across the school.

The HeadStart Hull Co-production Team were impressed with the amazing facilities Frederick Holmes has for the students and how accommodating they are for their needs. They interviewed some of the students and, during the evaluation, the Co-production Team observed the strong rapport between students and staff, where the young people felt safe at



## Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October the school held its annual Harvest Festival. We sang lots of great Harvest themed songs, listened to a story from the Bible and said some prayers giving thanks for all the good things we have. Thanks must be expressed to the generosity of so many parents for their contributions of tins and dried foods which have been donated to the St Alban's Food Bank. This will support people living in the local community who are struggling financially.





## Children in Need 2021

This year for Children in Need, pupils were invited to come to school in Pudsey clothing or spots and we had a 'Friday Feast Day.'

There was lots of lovely baking done by classes all around the school and pupils did a fantastic job of selling this in the bake sale. There was also some really fun Pudsey themed activities going on in classes including Pudsey dance massage, spotty sensory trays and Pudsey storytelling.

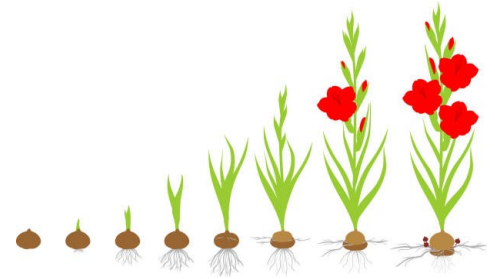
In total we raised £110.15! Well done everyone!





# Bulb Project

This year classes LM, KH, JB, AH, BL, LS, SL, FH, HH and HJ have taken part in the Bulb Project! Each class planted some daffodil and crocus bulbs in October and will look after them throughout the year. All the pupils had lots of fun planting their bulbs, enjoying exploring the soil and water and learning about what plants need to grow.



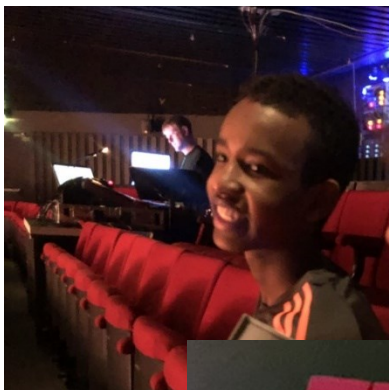
Each day the classes are recording the temperature and rain fall then putting the data onto the bulb project website. The pupils can see what other schools are doing for the bulb project too across England and Wales.

Hopefully in the Spring and Summer Term we will start to see the daffodil and crocus bulbs grow into flowering plants!



# Railway Children

Students in classes LM, SL and LS went to see the Christmas Show at Hull Truck Theatre this year 'The Railway Children'! The pupils enjoyed listening to the different actors and their songs. Everybody watched when the railway track moved around the stage to see what would come out and the train that came onto the centre of the stage! The pupils all followed the story line well and enjoyed the different sounds especially the puff of smoke for the train leaving with the whistle sound effect.





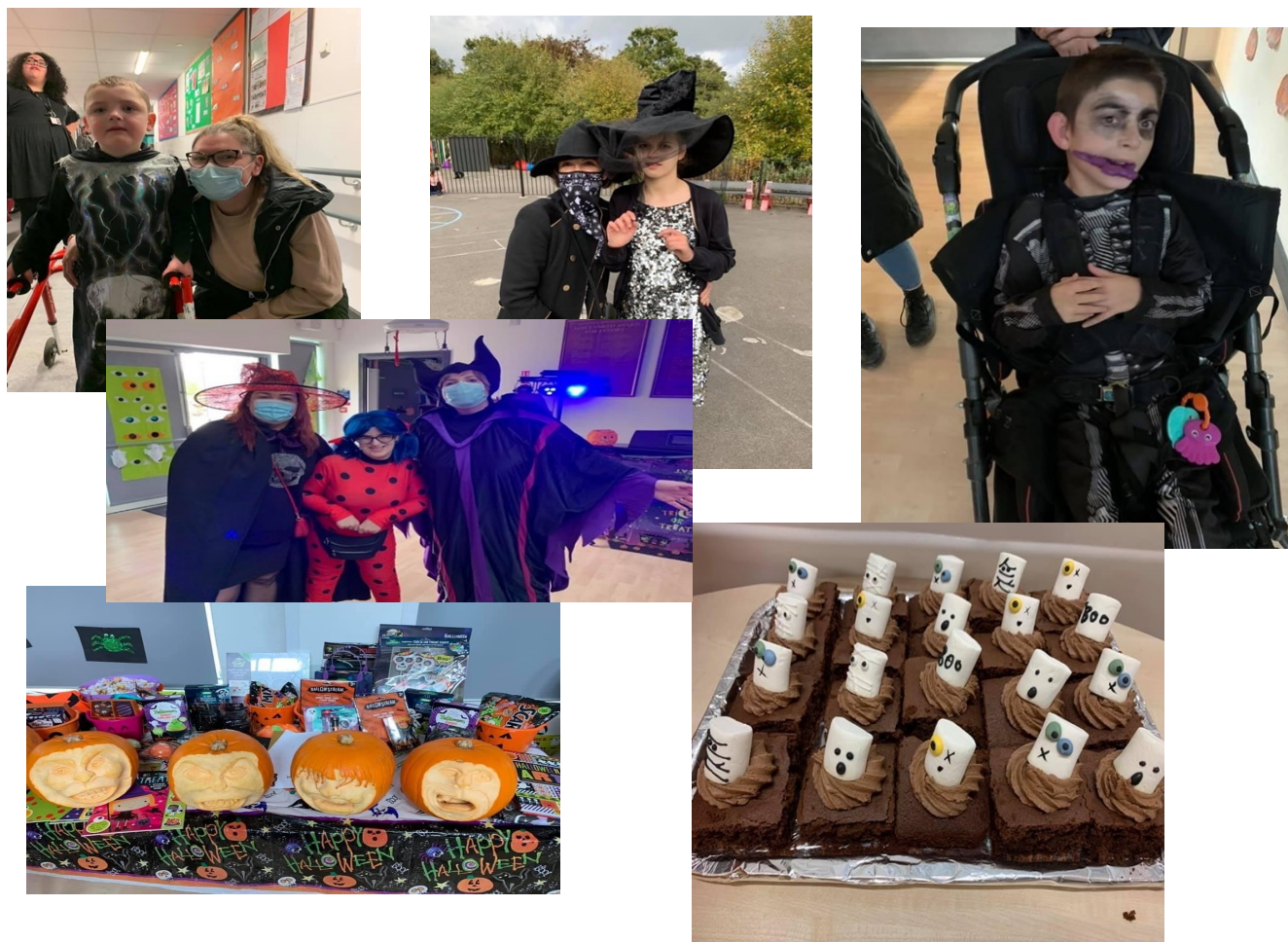
# Spooky Disco Fun!

On Friday 22nd October the hall here at Frederick Holmes was transformed into a spooky backdrop to host the PTFA Spooky Disco. All pupils were invited to wear a spooky costume for the event, and of course they didn't disappoint. We had vampires, witches, skeletons and monsters to name but a few!

All the pupils came to the hall and enjoyed a variety of activities including monster statues, dancing and the fancy dress competition. We also had a range of fantastic prizes including some amazing hand carved pumpkins, Halloween baking sets, trick or treat sets and many more which the pupils had the opportunity to win in a prize raffle.

The hall looked amazing and everyone had a great afternoon. Our sensory classes transformed the senior activity space to a spooky sensory play session with a carousel of engaging activities for the children to explore. These included the 4D room which transformed into a haunted house, spider spaghetti and other delightful messy fun! The raffle raised almost £400 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting the event and a special thank you to our wonderful PTFA team led by Sue Atkinson for all their help with the fantastic decorations. A great afternoon was had by all!

Here are just a few photographs of the fun!





# Bonfire Night

The pupils in classes LM, SL and LS decided they wanted to hold a bonfire event at school this term. In the morning all the pupils got wrapped up with hats, scarves, gloves and coats in true bonfire night fashion!

They enjoyed a fire in forest school with hotdogs cooked outside and toasted marshmallows! We watched low noise fireworks sparkle in the sky, used sparklers on carrots to make colourful patterns in the air, then finally had a warming hot chocolate.



# Duke of Edinburgh

Duke of Edinburgh has seen the students exploring the different areas of Beverley Westwood this term. We have successfully navigated ourselves through Burton Bushes as well as to the Black Mill which meant tackling our longest walk to date! We all stuck together and showed great determination to reach the Mill for our snack.



Whilst out on our adventures we have identified the many types of trees and plants we have seen these included oak, ash, rowan and ferns. We have created natural artwork using the beautiful autumn leaves inspired by Andy Goldsworthy and got to practise our amazing first aid skills on Mrs L



## Remembrance Day

To mark Remembrance day this year Freddie's joined 32 other schools to help create 2000 The TransPennine Express Poppy wall at Hull Station. Students from across the school decorated poppies and created Remembrance scenes to be displayed at Hull station as part of the display. You can see our fantastic poppies in the photograph below and if you follow the link you can see a video of the full incredible display.

<https://twitter.com/DanielFoxRail/status/1458823879095472135?s=20>





# We Made This... Hull's Latest Craft

Following on from the success of last year's Christmas Tree and Helping Hands Trail, we were excited to once again be a part of this fab community project. Classes from across the school were tasked with creating a range of Christmas cards, festive messages and decorations that could be made into sets to give out some of the most lonely and vulnerable members of our local community. Frederick Holmes School have contributed to over 350 packs that have been handed out across the city in care homes and shelters!

Well done to everyone involved and thank you for sharing your Christmas joy!

"So many fabulous reindeer cards and tree decorations made by children at Frederick Holmes School.

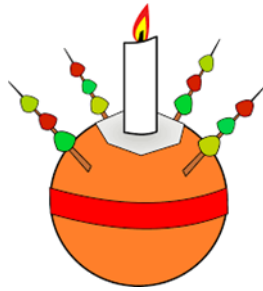
Incidentally, how do you get a reindeer in an envelope? Thanks Freddie's!"

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# Sensory Christingle Service



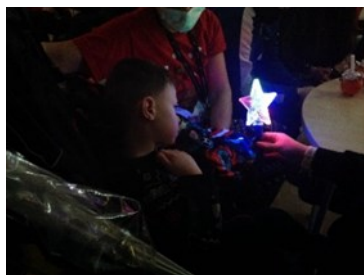
This year the Sensory students of Freddie's shared a joyful Christingle celebration with friends and family; to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of faith, hope and love to all.

## A Christmas Star

A diamond shines no brighter  
Than that Lovely Christmas star.



It shines in all its brightness  
Its seen from near and far.



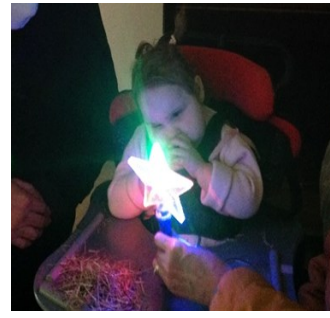
A Symbol of the Christ-child  
As he lay upon the hay.



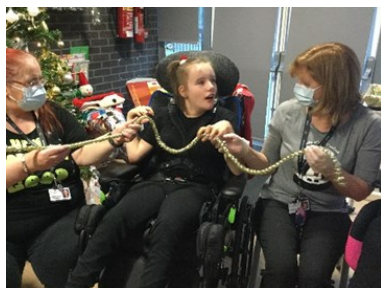
To tell all the waiting world  
A King was born that day.



Oh Bethlehem star keep shining  
Give us faith and hope and love



Keep our thoughts forever turning  
To the Saviour up above.



The staff and students from Frederick Holmes are sending  
you all the warmest of wishes, for a very merry and blessed  
Christmas.





## Christingle



The curriculum classes enjoyed the Christingle on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Some children walked to the Christingle and some went on the school bus. At the church we enjoyed poems, readings, sang songs and lit our Christingle. In school, classes have learnt about the meaning of Christingle. They learnt about how the orange represents the world, the red ribbon symbolises the love of Christ, the sweets represent all of God's creations and the lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world bringing hope to people living in dark-

## Around The World with Freddie's at Christmas

After a long delay due to the pandemic, we finally held our Friends of Freddie's Fair at Christmas. This event is usually held in the summer term but had to be cancelled at short notice. Our theme was 'Around the World' and each class based their stall on a different country. Thank you to all the parents that attended and thank you to the staff and pupils for making the day the best it could be. The PTFA raised a HUGE £1003.02. Also, a big thank you to Special Stars Foundation who raised £100 on guess the name of the reindeer and gave the funds raised to Freddie's. Overall, it was a fantastic day and we cannot wait to host this event in the summer term.





# Children of the World Christmas Production

Children of the World!

Wow! It's been another unusual year here at Frederick Holmes with COVID ever looming. However, it was really important to us all to go ahead with our Christmas production as I know it's something we've all really missed over the past couple of years. Of course, there were some challenges along the way with not being able to come together for practices, but I think everyone would agree that each class worked really hard and it all came together seamlessly in the end. We've all had a lot of fun learning about the different Christmas traditions around the world, and I hope you all found it educational as well as fun.

I'd like to say a great big thank you to all the staff who have helped to make the Christmas production happen this year, and also to all of you as parents/carers for all the support you give to the school to enable wonderful events like this to happen. Obviously, the biggest 'well done' goes out to all the primary pupils who have worked hard every day on their lines, dances, singing, signing, and costumes – you were all amazing!

A recording of Wednesday's production is available for anyone who was not able to attend – please get in touch with Chloe if you would like access to this.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



## Christmas Lunch

On the 16<sup>th</sup> December the whole school enjoyed an amazing Christmas dinner prepared for us by our fantastic kitchen staff. A great time was had by all as we celebrated together.



## Santa's Visit

Today, 16<sup>th</sup> December, we had a very special visitor to Freddie's. Santa made time during this very busy time of year to come and visit our children and gave everyone a gift. We all hope he gets time to rest in between visits so he is ready for his busy night on Christmas Eve!!

A big thankyou to Vision for Education who donated £500 to the school to buy all the children presents. The children loved their gift of either a Magic Painting book, That's Not My book, Can You Find My Reindeer book or Don't Tickle the Polar Bear book. Merry Christmas!







## New Free School Class

Plans for the new classroom that will be part of the new SLD school are well on their way! The school is to be called Willowfield and Lyn Frankton is going to be the teacher leading the first cohort. This term Lyn has been out on outreach getting to know her new children and they will all start on Thursday 6th January. We have had a parent meeting to show new parents our fantastic school and they are all excited to be part of the Freddie's family. Lyn and the four members of staff: Danielle, Sam, Mary and Emma are looking forward to welcoming the new children into school and being part of the plans for the new school.



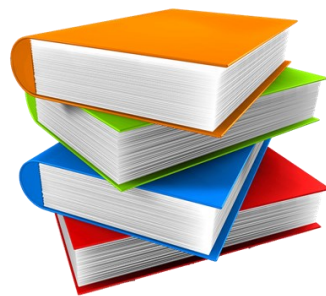
## Phonics Workshop

We will be holding a phonics workshop after the half-term. Parents will receive a letter to attend in January.

Book Talk, Reading and Phonics

Parent/ Carer Workshop

Why is book related talk so important?



What is phonics?

**NEW DATE:** Monday 10th January 2022

Refreshments at 2:15

Workshop 2:30-3:00

# FREDERICK HOLMES HYDROTHERAPY POOL

## CLOTHES BANK

The hydrotherapy pool is always in need of some financial support to replace items constantly used in and around the pool. We now have two clothes banks to help us raise funds. Please bring your unwanted clothes, bedding, bags, shoes and books. These items must be in a small tied bag before you place them in the bank (no toys).

Thank you in anticipation

Karen Brockwell

Swimming Co-ordinator



## Term Dates

Re-open to Pupils—Wednesday 5th January 2022

Close— Friday 18th February 2022

Re-open to pupils— Monday 28th February 2022

Close-Friday 8th April 2022

Re-open to pupils— Tuesday 26th April 2022

Closed Bank Holiday— Monday 2nd May 2022

Close— Friday 27th May 2022

Re-open to pupils— Monday 6th June 2022

Close-Friday 22nd July 2022

We hope you have enjoyed reading Freddie's Independent. Have a great Christmas !