



Freddie's  
Independent  
Spring/  
Summer Term 2023

# Letter from the Headteacher

Once again, we have come to the end of another fantastic school year and I find myself writing the final letter of the year. A particular highlight for the senior leadership team and myself this year was the successful Ofsted visit and follow up report in the Spring term, that highlighted just how many wonderful opportunities the children and young people get to access, as well as high-quality learning each day. I hope that you have had the time to read the report, but it is available on the school website if not. I would like to take this final opportunity to thank each and every member of staff, parent, carer, child and young person, without whom we would not have received such an amazing report!



In the last month, we have had a Leavers' Prom and Leavers' Assembly to celebrate our young people and their achievements during their time at Freddie's. This has involved a special lunch together and sharing fun memories and photographs. We have also held a Celebration Assembly to celebrate the amazing achievements of our young people throughout the school year. We wish all our leavers and staff who are moving on to pastures new, the very best in their chosen paths.

As always, the summer term has been a busy one – we celebrated the King's Coronation back in May with an Afternoon Tea and British themed games afternoon with parents and carers. Everyone turned up in their finery and there were certainly a few 'Kings' and 'Queens' amongst us! Sports Day saw another 'Black and White' Hull FC takeover day and a range of sporting activities, inspired by the Special Olympics. We have worked with Hull FC over several years now and have enjoyed the opportunities they bring, however, for the 2023-24 academic year you might want to keep your eyes peeled for some Robins instead...

Friends of Freddie's was another fantastic success and, despite the weather, we saw many familiar faces come through the doors! We welcomed several stalls and organisations in, though it must be said that the Rustic Rover Pizza Company and Ice Cream van were amongst the most popular. Once again we must thank Chloe, Ellie and our wonderful PTFA for all the time and effort they put into making the event a success and the final figure raised for our children and young people was an incredible £1507.02!!

Our final week in school has been a 'Transition Week' with all pupils and staff in their new classes for the next academic year – this has included many of the new children and young people who will be starting with us in September and we can't wait to welcome them properly into our Freddie's family.

We look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact reception, the school will be open from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September for staff training.

Enjoy the holidays!



# Ducklings Class- Miss Harrison



This term's core stories for the Ducklings have been Handa's Surprise by Eileen Brown and Beautiful Bananas by Elizabeth Laird. The Ducklings had a great time smelling, feeling and tasting the different fruits from the stories.

In Maths the Ducklings have investigated different 2D shapes and compared them to everyday objects around the classroom. They have

sorted simple shapes into categories and used these to make pictures and patterns.

During their science lessons, the Ducklings have been studying plants. They planted their own seeds and watered them daily, watching them develop into healthy plants.



In Geography and History, The Ducklings have been looking at different types of vehicles from the past and present. They have conducted a traffic survey to find out the most popular transport travelling on the road. They found out how far away Africa is and that you need to travel by aeroplane to get there. They then made their own model aeroplane from recycled packaging.



In their music lessons, the Ducklings have been learning about the different genres of music, including rock, pop, classical and traditional African music. They have played drums and keyboards alongside a song and know when to stop and start their instruments.

Within their Art lessons, the Ducklings have made a class collage of a scene from the book Handa's Surprise as well as making Papier Mache fruit. They have also made paintings in the style of the famous surrealist artist Salvador Dali.



# Cygnets Class- Mrs Baines

What a wonderful time the Cygnets have had experiencing all four seasons in one go this term, from Spring to Winter in a few months.



We've thrown snowballs and experienced the power of the wind, using switches to turn on the fans and hairdryers to move objects such as windmills, blossom confetti, snowballs, voiles and autumn leaves.

In PE we have been using the different parts of our bodies to make balls move, what a giggle. We've used our arms and hands, legs and feet and even our heads.



We've baked and painted, used foam, bubbles, flour, colour, ice cubes and much, much more and had the best time, finishing off the term with our grand finale, Friends of Freddie's.



The Cygnet's team wish you all a happy, safe and fun summer holiday and we look forward to seeing each and every one of you back in September.



# FLAMINGOS- Mrs Jordan

We have had such a busy summer term. Our school theme has been 'fantastic places'. Our class core texts have been Amy Wu, the Patchwork Dragon, and The Wheels on the Tuk Tuk. As a class, we love a good story and enjoy joining in with phrases during a read-aloud. We have become superstar mathematicians and learnt a lot about money, shapes, and numbers. A highlight from our summer term has been when we were working on money, we had an ice cream shop in our classroom and got to buy our own personalised ice creams. We have enjoyed exploring lots of topics during our theme lessons. As artists, we have been little Picasso's creating abstract self-portraits. As musicians, we have explored different instruments and genres. As a collective, we decided our favourite class songs are Fireworks by Katy Perry and It's Friday, Saturday Sunday (What!) by Dubskie. Class Flamingo can always be found having daily dance parties! As scientists, we have explored parts of trees and flowers and their functions. We have enjoyed celebrating Ramadan, Eid, and The Coronation this summer term. During our PE sessions, we have enjoyed our swimming sessions and Hull FC rugby sessions. During this heat we have had many a water fight with our water sprays and enjoyed a fun term.



# Magpies- Miss Lucas / Mrs Frankton-Booth

As you know Miss Lucas went on maternity leave just before Easter and she had a beautiful baby boy called Barnaby. Miss Lucas recently brought him in to school so all the children could meet him.



Lyn Frankton-Booth took over as the class teacher and has had the most amazing term with all of the children.

We have all learnt about fantastic places and made lots of progress on our own personal targets. We have also been lucky enough to have time in the swimming pool this term.

Some of our highlights this term are:

- Celebrating the Kings Coronation – we teamed up with Willowfield class and some of our families came in to help us celebrate and we had a fantastic time



- Black and white sports day take over – we had a great time on sports day practising some rugby skills and generally having a good time.



## Puffins Class



This term, Puffins class has had lots of fun learning about the Four Seasons. We have been in our outdoor area using our five senses to explore the world around us and encountering the natural world. In our sensory story, we have been using switches to create weather from across the seasons – the snow machine was a big hit and made everyone laugh when it covered the classroom in snow!



In art, we have been making birds linked to the different seasons to go on our classroom tree display. We have used fingers, brushes, sponges and ball rolling to mark make and created parrots, chicks, penguins and bats.



We have enjoyed lots of music this term. We have listened to Vivaldi's Four Seasons and explored musical instruments linked to the sounds while enjoying massage. We also have been joining together with our friends from across the sensory phase to take part in Soundabout sessions where we have played games and activities to different songs.



# Nightingales Class- Amanda & Sue

The Nightingales class have been very busy this term in the rebound room.

Using our communication to choose activities that brings us fun, in:

Rebound we can choose to 'Rumble' or 'Bounce' and from the Feely Bag we can choose '5 little monkey's or 'Disco Ball Music of Choice'

Or Massage we can choose Hands or Feet!





# Summer term in Penguins!



What an amazing summer term we have had! It's been very busy with lots of amazing opportunities.

We started with some incredible maths work and all the students did an amazing job with addition. We have covered so many topics in maths, weight and capacity, time and shape to name just a few!

In English we explored other cultures and even wrote our own books all about the lives we live! In History we explored transport and really enjoyed our class trip to the street life museum. We always enjoy the weekly swimming lessons and the classes' confidence in the water has improved greatly. Penguins wore purple and had a great day raising awareness during epilepsy awareness day. We have celebrated the Kings Coronation with a wonderful picnic and some fun games. Class penguin's favourite activity to help keep them cool during the hot weather was a water fight – which always ended with the staff team drenched. Sports day was another highlight with the Hull FC team. And to round off the term Class penguins had a wonderful morning during the celebration assemblies, with Katy and Siri both winning awards! Well done team Penguins – It has been an absolute pleasure spending my first year at Freddie's with this amazing class of students and as always, our wonderful TA's!

Have a fantastic summer – Emily.



# Kingfisher Class- Miss Miller

This term Kingfishers class have explored journeys from using different cultural stories in our English work to travelling to the Amazon rainforest and what different transports we would use to get there!



We compared old and new modes of transport, then went on a trip to the Streetlife museum to see the different transports in real life!

We found out about the Amazon rainforest including the weather, animals and what the rainforest looks like and then to show off our knowledge we built our own mini rainforest! We also chose rainforest animals to make our own animal puppet!

We found out there are lots of plants in the rainforest and decided to grow our own. We have taken care of pea and radish plants throughout the term in the hopes we could harvest and eat them soon.

We have also talked about how we travel to school and road safety. Then made our own class video to show other people how to cross a road!



## Owls Class- Mrs Linstead



What a term the Owls class have had. We've created our own electric circuits, designed and made our own aprons, conducted a scientific enquiry, had both relay and hurdle races as well as jetting into space with Neil Armstrong. Everyone has tried their hardest and this term has been filled with much laughter and learning!



# Cuckoos having Fun in the Sun

Helen Hambly

As a group of story adventurers the Cuckoo Sensory College class were inspired to explore the beauty of the natural environment as part of our Four Seasons theme. We decided to take one of our sensory stories on the road! We have all had lots of fun at East Park every week engaging in our outdoor 'Nature Trail' story by Benjamin Zephaniah. We have been very lucky to enjoy the beautiful weather and calming surroundings of East Park during our story adventure. We hope you enjoy sharing it with us.

At the bottom of my garden there's a hedgehog and a frog  
There's a baby daddy long legs and an easy-going snail  
And a family of woodlice along my nature trail.



There are caterpillars waiting for their time to fly  
There are worms turning the earth over  
As ladybirds fly by



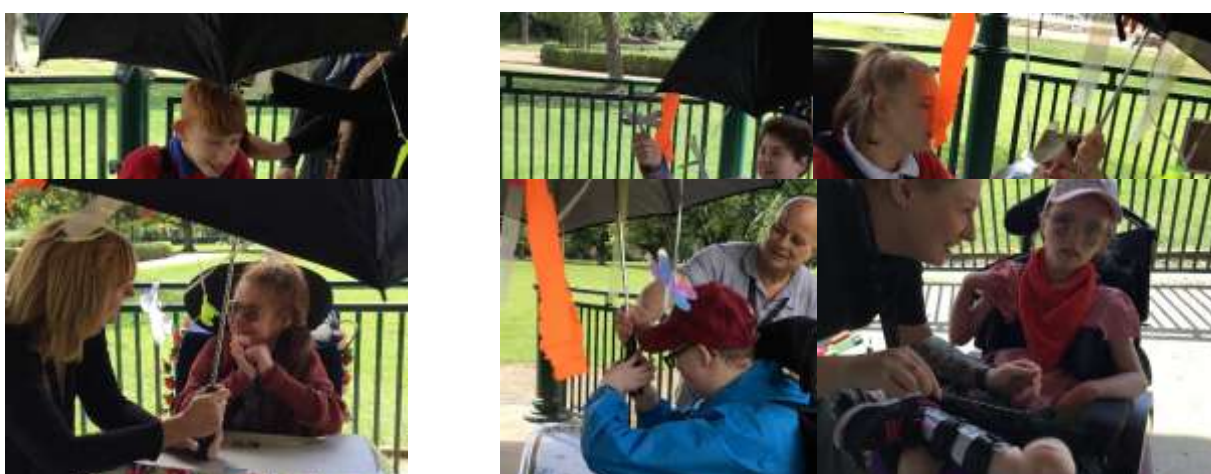
Birds will visit, Cats will visit.  
But they always choose their time  
And I've even seen a fox visit this  
wild garden of mine.



Squirrels come to nick my nuts  
 And busy bees come buzzing!



And when the night time comes, dragonflies come humming.  
 My garden mice are very shy and I've seen bats that growl  
 And in my garden, I have seen a very wise old owl.



My garden is a lively place, there is always something happening  
There's constant search for food and all that flowering.



The world outside is full of wonder,  
Why not step outside and take a closer look  
When you have a garden, you'll never be alone  
And I believe we all deserve a garden of our own.



# Willowfield Class

We have had so much fun in Willowfield and we have all learned so much. We are super sad that it has come to an end but, we are excited about the fun we are going to have in our new classes. We celebrated our year together (and winning class of the year) with a trip to Little Monkeys.



## The Ducklings at the shops

This term the Ducklings have learnt about money by visiting the shops near school. They chose some snacks, found the tills and counted and handed over their money. They heard lots of different sounds, including the humming of the fridges and the beep of the scanner.



Back at school, the Ducklings opened their own tuck shop and sold what they had bought. They were great at asking for money in exchange for snacks!





# The Ducklings visited East Park

As part of their geography and English work, some of the Ducklings visited East Park earlier in the term. They were so excited to see the animals, especially the stinky guinea pigs and the noisy geese.

Before Easter, their core story was 'Shark in the Park' and after some initial bad weather, the Ducklings finally managed to get to East Park to see if they could really find a shark in the park.

They didn't find any sharks but they did find lots of other things and had a fabulous time! They found the music area particularly entertaining.



# Penguins trip to the Street Life museum

Back in summer term 1, class penguins went on a trip to the Street Life museum. As part of History this term we have learnt all about the Victorians, focusing on transport and how it has changed over time. We have looked at how transport is powered, made and what it is used for. We have sorted transport into a range of categories.

The Street Life museum gave the pupils a fantastic opportunity to see a range of transport in person. We even got to have a ride on a Victorian bus! We explored trams, trains, cars and buses. When we got to the museum we were greeted by Dotty who had lost her bus, so we helped her to find it so she could go to work. We had so much fun helping Dotty find her bus and looking at all the different transport in the museum.



# Kingfishers' Class

## Trip to Streetlife Museum

As part of our history topic Kingfishers class had a trip to the Streetlife museum to look at old and new transport. We went on a hunt to find a missing bus and found many modes of transport on the way including a tram and an ice-cream van. We explored old lamps, tyres, ticket collectors and got our own tickets to get on the bus!

We all spent some time exploring the different modes of transport. Some of us had a ride on a horse and carriage and some of us went to the cinema to watch a film!

We all had a wonderful time and we took lots of pictures; here are some of them!



# JANET SMITH TROPHY

When Nell first came to Freddie's, she was very nervous around the poolside, and would only enter the water from the steps, with her eyes closed. When it came to Nell joining in with the lesson, and practicing her water skills, it took a lot of persuasion to get her to open her eyes. Trying to get Nell to follow instructions wasn't easy at first, so we had to do a lot of modelling for her to see what we needed her to do. But still, a lot of these water skills were done, holding onto her nose!

Nell started to settle into the pool surroundings, which can be very noisy and bright, and she finally started to relax and enjoy her time in the water. Over time, everything started to fall into place. Finally, she was able to put all her water skills together, which then enabled Nell to start swimming across the pool, without holding her nose! Nell is now swimming on average 20 lengths during her session, both on her front and back, and she is heading for her first mile certificate on the Swim Fit Programme. She has grown in confidence, achieving a few certificates, including the Yellow Halliwick Badge, and can also enter the water from a sit-down dive.

## **WINNER OF THE JANET SMITH TROPHY**

**SPRING TERM 2023**

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## Lunchtime tutor group

Every Wednesday and Thursday, covid catch-up tutor groups have been occurring throughout the school year. The two groups have focused on communication and maths.

During maths sessions, we have looked at fundamental number skills and 1:1 correspondence. The children enjoyed number exploration, number songs and fun games.

During the communication sessions, we have been working on social skills including turn-taking, eye contact, greetings and goodbyes.

Both groups' main focus is to enforce and consolidate learning that has taken place in the classroom and ensure skills are transferable.



# Afterschool Club

In our weekly Afterschool club, we focus on creating opportunities for children and young people to socialise with other students they may not get to during the school day. We support children and young people to develop their communication, social and independence skills. A firm favourite activity of the group is soft play. The group also enjoys cooking. We have made a range of tasty recipes throughout the past few months including buns, cakes, pasta, and pizza. We like to have a lot of fun soft play sessions, playing games, colouring, drawing and painting. We strive to support the development of life skills and have fun!



If your child or young person would like to join the fun of afterschool club, then keep an eye out for a letter during the new school year to join all the fun. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Afterschool Club Leader Sarah Whitney-Stead on 01482 804766.

# FREDERICK HOLMES

## PROM 2023

"I liked prom because I danced with friends"  
Logan



"Good, brilliant, funny, drink, eat, dancing"  
Aaron



"I enjoyed dancing, singing and having photos with my friends"  
Patrick

"It was absolutely amazing"  
Morgan



"I enjoyed spending time with my friends"  
Harry



"I was so happy I was voted Prom Queen and I enjoyed spending time with the Prom King, Morgan"  
Rebecca



"I loved the decorations and the whole celebration was wonderful"  
Summer

"I enjoyed being able to be crazy, outside of college, with my friends"  
Aleisha

"I had lots of fun and enjoyed dancing"  
Noah



"I enjoyed dancing with Chloe"  
Andrew

# College Work Experience Days

This year college have had the opportunity to be involved in a few work experience days.

In April we had a work experience visit to the NHS. After a tour of the clinical skills department they were able to go onto the simulated ward where they were able to be involved with "sim man". They were able to interact with the sim patient and take blood pressure and listen to heartbeats. Afterwards they had a tour of the theatre and got involved with some practical tasks, including cleaning out wounds and treating their cuts. They practised their laparoscopy skills by stacking and balancing sugar cubes behind a screen. They also had great fun bandaging each other (and staff).



We have also enjoyed a work experience visit to the Deep. During the visit they were taught about all the different roles in the attraction, from cleaners and kitchen staff behind the scenes to the aquarists and guides that you see when you are walking around. The students created a list of questions that they wanted to ask staff, then were able to go around the attraction and stop to talk to various staff members on the way around.

During the visit the students were asked if they would like to take control of The Deep's social media on July 7<sup>th</sup> as part of the National Museum's takeover day. Obviously, they jumped at the chance and had great fun making videos for the Deep to post on their social media pages. Check out their Facebook page for the Frederick Holmes Takeover!





# Sports Day



Our yearly sports day was inspired by the special Olympics this year as well as having our wonderful Hull FC coaches in to run some activities with us. Across the school there was boccia, rhythmic gymnastics, swimming, football and more. It was great to see so many of our parents, carers, friends and governors join us for the event.



## Freddie's Carnival of Colour

What an amazing afternoon we had on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July. It was our annual summer fair and this time around the theme was 'Carnival of Colour'. We had a wonderful turnout from parents/ carers despite having to hold the fair indoors due to the rain. We had a pizza van, ice cream van, face painting, hoopla, a huge raffle and tombola, Professor Fiddlesticks and much more!

The final amount raised from the fair was a whopping **£1507.00!**

Thank you to everyone for organising, supporting & attending, we wouldn't have been able to raise this amount without you.



# Coronation Picnic

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May we all came together to celebrate King Charles III Coronation in true Freddie's style. The original plan had been to host a picnic, however once again the weather was unfortunately not on our side. This didn't stop us though!

Everyone dressed in their finest attire and we decorated the school from top to bottom to bring the picnic inside, instead of outside. It was lovely to see everyone make such an effort and great to welcome so many parents and carers to celebrate this historic event.

We crowned two members of staff, two pupils and even a parent with the title of Coronation King/Queen for the day and they went home with some very large balloons and some British themed prizes.

The PTFA did an amazing job as ever of running the café and serving some traditional British refreshments for everyone to enjoy. The Senior Sensory space became a red, white and blue fun zone and many of the children, young people and their families joined in a variety of activities after their picnic, we even managed to get outside to throw sponges at Miss Barnett, Mrs Linstead and some of the team from upstairs.

We even managed to finish the afternoon with the slowest version ever of the national anthem thanks to Mr Weller, we certainly do these celebrations in style!



# London Trip

A small group of pupils were invited to head to London to celebrate Jigsaw's 10th Birthday. We were all super excited to head down to the Lyceum Theatre on the train and take our taxi through London. Once there we all had lots of fun singing and designing our own Jigsaw buddy cuddly toy. We were then super lucky enough to win an award for 'Respecting and Celebrating Difference'. We were all invited up on to stage where our pupils collected our trophy and Mrs Maddison had to give a speech! A massive thank you to everyone in school for all their hard work, it is most defiantly a #teamfreddies award!



# Sensory Summer Sizzler

Helen Hambly

The Super Sensory Phase held a Summer showcase of Sea, Sand and all things Summer to show off their amazing talents and welcome parents and carers into the immersive and wonderful sights beneath the ocean.

The Cuckoos and Nightingales shared a calming and visually stunning seascape to the beautiful piece of music, Carnival of the Animals 'The Aquarium' by Camille Saint-Saens. The audience were wowed by beautiful floating fish, the ocean blue, colourful jellyfish and luminescent creatures of the deep.

The Puffins Class shared a spectacular musical routine to the much loved 'Beautiful Briny Sea' from Bed-knobs and Broomsticks. The dance routine was amazing, the floating jelly fish where stunning and mesmerised the audience and one of our amazingly talented pupils, Macie, performed a thrilling drum solo. There were dancing fish, lobsters and crabs, it was truly magnificent to behold.



The wonderfully cheeky and talented Cygnets class took us on a magical underwater journey to the Little Mermaids 'Under The Sea', the floating seaweed, amazing costumes and beautiful smiles captivated the hearts of everyone in the audience. Finally, to end our spectacular show, we shared some Summer time favourites, Cliff Richard's Summer Holiday and Yellow Submarine! We want to say a massive thankyou to our amazing audience who shared excitement, love and real appreciation to all our amazing Freddie's students. Take care everyone, we all hope you have a fantastic Summer Holiday.



# Celebration Assembly 2023

After another wonderful year it was a joy to hold our annual celebration assembly to congratulate all the pupils for their efforts and progress. It is always a very difficult job determining who should win the trophies for each of the categories and we do liaise with all staff to ensure the right decisions are made. Here are the winners for the academic year 2022-23:

Foundation Stage Award – Logan J

KS1 Achievement Award – Maddison C

KS2 Achievement Award – Siri P

KS3 Achievement Award – Katerina H

KS4 Achievement Award – Violet J

KS5 Achievement Award – George T

Primary Communication Award – Toby Y

Senior Communication Award – Aaron S and Anaya N

Citizenship Award – James D

Basic Skills Award – Lewis W

Work Related Learning Award – Rebecca B

Independence Award – Chloe S

Sports Award – Casey B

A big “Well Done” to all our winners. We are very proud of you. Indeed, we are very proud of all our pupils at Freddie’s for showing their resilience and determination over the last year. Thanks also go to all parents and carers for your continued support.





## Staff Leavers

### Lucy

We say good bye to Lucy after 18 years. Lucy has worked at Freddie's across all phases of the school from primary to sensory and more recently in the senior classes. She started off as a member of lunch time staff and worked her way up to working in the pool then becoming a teaching assistant. Lucy has always been the first to volunteer to go in the pool and is always ready to help out a class. She has built great relationships with all pupils she has worked with and friendships with many staff members. We will miss her as she starts her next adventure!



### Janine

We say goodbye to Janine after 4 years. Janine first joined the Freddie's family in the SCERTS class and has more recently been in a senior class. Janine is always ready to sing especially if it is a rap and encourages all the pupils to join in, usually with laughter! Janine has made lots of friends at Freddie's and we will miss her as she starts her next adventure!



### Laura-Rae

Laura-Rae leaves us after a short stint here at Freddie's. She has been based up in a secondary class and has supported the communication group showing a real flair for supporting our pupils with extra communication needs. We wish Laura-Rae all the best of luck with her new job as a HLTA.



### Osmara

Osmara leaves us after five fantastic years at Freddie's. She has worked across the school in primary classes, the communication class and more recently secondary. Over her time here Osmara has formed many wonderful relationships with both staff and pupils and I know she will certainly miss her Freddie's family as she moves on to her exciting new chapter as a social worker.



## Dave

Dave has been here for almost 16 years and in this time, he has worked in most areas of the school and loves to get involved in anything that is asked of him. The students have always taken to Dave. He is very kind, caring and considerate, he will go above and beyond to ensure that the students feel happy and content.

The last few years Dave has worked with key stage 4 and above students, he is a huge part of his current college class and will be very much missed by all.

He has always very much enjoyed our horticulture sessions, working closely with Paul at the garden centre, especially when he sees a plant he likes and gets a cutting for his own garden (Paul allows this of course).

It is very sad that you are leaving this school but the moments and the memories we made will always be remembered and cherished. On behalf of everyone at Freddie's we wish you the best of luck at your new job and we are sure you are going to be successful at your new workplace





## Pupil Leavers

As another school year draws to a close we will be saying goodbye to our year 14 students. We are going to miss you very much and we hope you enjoy every minute of adulthood!

### The Annie-May



Annie-May, lovingly known as 'The Annie-May' has been part of the Freddie's family for the past 17 years. During this time, she has touched the hearts and minds of so many people.

These are some of the wonderful messages and comments shared for Annie to celebrate her achievements and mark her departure from Freddie's.

Emily Smith (Primary Teacher)

The Annie-May. I cannot believe it is time for you to spread your beautiful wings and say goodbye to Freddie's. What lovely, happy memories I have from teaching you all those wonderful years ago. Your courage, strength, bravery and determination inspired me every single day and I can't thank you enough for that. You are the strongest and bravest girl I have ever met. I think your smile was by far the most

contagious smile I have ever witnessed. Keep smiling and being you, Annie-May. I wish you the best of luck on your new adventures.

Sue Pullen (Moving and Handling Lead)

Annie-May, from being very tiny, knows her own mind and will sit there looking like butter wouldn't melt in her mouth and then present her feelings to put you in your place, within the blink of an eye; from removing your hands from her tray, to placing her face in yours, pulling your hair and staring you out.

Annie-May has always loved her own space. Being out of her chair and swimming are two of her favourite things that I have had the pleasure of being involved in.

I have never had to write so many risk assessments for one pupil but Annie owns that in her own right, many changing from morning to afternoon, because she's shown us another issue she's pulled out of her bag of attitude!

What will I remember about Annie.....her tray of stickers, the many cup holders, the making of her first shuffle board which went on and on when she outgrew them. Her vocal noises to tell you "I'm here", the many battles that life has thrown at her and her remarkable strength.

All in all, I will miss you for being you Annie-May you are a remarkable young lady who will go on, to place your mark, in whatever you do.

Thanks for being in my life.

The Annie-May; we will miss watching you speed about on your whizzy chair around the school, hearing your voice on the way into the classroom, watching you grab and launch balls everywhere during our sensology sessions! Gazing at the sensory lights, enjoying a lovely massage, watching you watching Finley's wheels of fire and following him about the classroom, the way you sit quietly, watching the world go by and twirling your beautiful long hair. The way you Annie-May give Sean grief, nipping and grabbing his arm, sometimes trying to pull them out of the sockets then gazing happily into his eyes. The long conversations, watching you going to sit with your friends, your beautiful face, your stubbornness and sheer determination.

Lots of love, Pam, Sandra, Kelly, Sean, Julie, Elisa, Hannah and Helen.

A if for Accomplished, Assertive and totally Amazing,

N is for Noble Hearted; Annie-May is kind, unselfish and generous of spirit.

N is for noticeable with her flaming red flowing locks, nerves of steel and amazing fashion sense.

I is for Inspirational, inclusive, Independent and always determined to do her own thing, in her very own way.

E is for Exciting, enigmatic, enchanting and the most beautiful eyes that stare deep into your soul.

M is for magical, mysterious and mindfulness, calmly watching the world go by.

A is for Attitude, The Annie-May has bagsful!!

Y, is from Yours truly The Annie-May!!

I am sure that Annie-May shares her love, appreciation and grateful thanks to all the amazing people who have supported her, cared for her, enabled her to dream, believe and achieve so many amazing accomplishments during her time at Freddie's.

Annie-May you have captured the hearts and minds of everyone who has ever had the pleasure of spending time with you, supporting you and watching you grow. You will always be a part of the Freddie's family.

I am sure that you will all join me in sending Annie-May our love and warmest wishes as she embarks on her next adventure into adulthood.

# GEORGE



George joined us in 2019 and came to us from Andrew Marvel and we're so glad he did. When he first joined us, he was understandably anxious and his barriers were up, though not for too long. Not long had passed and he began to show who he was really, which was a lad full of wit, sarcasm and banter!

George has many talents and skills and here are a few; He is a great Artist, a musician (the DJ sets will be greatly missed!), and a natural comedian which is appreciated by all.

George has many talents but one in particular and a real, stand out gift, is his ability to talk to people! This can be students, staff, transport staff or people in Tesco on our visits, professionals and parents. George will speak to anyone. Truly fantastic and it's a great skill to have.

George is incredibly thoughtful and kind. He is resilient and courageous and has a huge heart and demonstrates this in countless aspects of both his life we see here and his personal life. He is thoughtful and caring and shows a lot of empathy towards others and pays attention to how they may be feeling, sharing his own relatable experiences.

George works so hard and he is committed to achieving his goals. George has an extraordinary outlook on life, which is admirable. His enthusiasm and commitment are as strong as ever and his commitment to being authentically 'him' is amazing.

We are all going to miss you George! Continue being the amazing young man you are, good luck and stay in touch!

# MORGAN



Morgan started Frederick Holmes in 2016 and has been a big part of Freddie's, since the day he started. Everyone knows Morgan, even if they have never worked in his class. Morgan has such a kind, caring and loving nature and always makes people feel welcome. Morgan also has an amazing sense of humour which we all appreciate very much.

Morgan is a little charmer and always knows the right things to say to cheer everyone up and brighten up their day. He is a very sociable young man and has got a lot of friends, who he likes to take care of, always checking in on them and supporting them if they are feeling down. If you take Morgan anywhere in the school he knows everyone by name. He always gives everyone a hello, how you doing, and makes everyone smile, because of how friendly and lovely he is.

It has been a pleasure for everyone to watch Morgan grow into the lovely and independent young man he has turned into. He is so determined to be as independent as he can be, and he has shown this by making the decisions he has, for his future.

He is about to start a new chapter in his life, moving out of his family home, changing city's and colleges to go to a residential college, to develop his independence. Although he is very nervous and is sad to leave Freddie's, he is also very excited. Our loss is their gain and we all know he will absolutely love it there and do well.

We are all so proud of you Morgan and we wish you all the best for your new adventure. Stay in touch and enjoy every minute!

# SUMMER



Summer has been at Freddie's a long, long time and started in the nursery, in the old Frederick Holmes School building. Everyone knows Summer and I think at some point, most members of staff have had the pleasure to work or chat with her, and I am sure you all have your own memories with her.

Since Summer started in the College Centre she has turned into a mature and independent young lady who has shown her abilities to do many things.

Summer has an amazing sense of humour and she can be very mischievous. She loves to have a joke and a bit of banter and enjoys playing practical jokes on others.

Summer is a lovely, kind and caring young lady and we are all really going to miss her very much. Summer has decided to continue with her learning when she leaves Freddie's and we are so proud of her. Although we are really going to miss her, we know she is going to have an amazing time at her new provision and will certainly achieve her future goals.

We wish you all the luck for the future Summer and keep being the strong, amazing and lovely young lady you are. Take care and make sure you keep in touch!

# Pupil Attendance at FHS

At Frederick Holmes School we are committed to ensuring that all children and young people are able to reach their full potential. Being in school regularly is a vital part of this. Whilst we understand that there are occasions when our children and young people are unwell or need to attend medical appointments, mainly due to their disability, we do expect all pupils to be in school whenever possible. Should you have any issues around attendance which you wish to discuss please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team who will be happy to help.

**Attendance for academic year 2022 – 2023**

**81.7%**



**Attendance Target for academic year 2023 – 2024**

**88%**

## **Notifying school of absences**

Please ensure that you have informed school of your child's first day of absence by 8:40am. You can do this by calling the school on 01482 804766 and speaking to a member of staff or leaving a voicemail. Please continue to inform us of daily absences longer than a single day. It is school policy to contact parents/ carers if we are unaware of reasons for absence. For medical appointments please provide the school office with a copy of the letter.

## **Sickness/ Diarrhoea**

We ask that children who have had sickness or diarrhoea do not return to school until 48 hours after the last symptoms.

## **95% Attendance**

If a child has 95% attendance over the year, they will have missed 10 days of schooling or 2 weeks of learning.

## **COVID 19**

Although this is not a key reason for absence at present, please still consider testing your child if they are exhibiting any symptoms and continue with the effective processes of hand washing etc to ensure we all keep each other safe.

## **Holidays**

Holidays during term time will only be authorised in **exceptional** circumstances. If you wish to take your child out of school during term time, please complete an absence request form which can be found at the school office. Your request will be considered by the Head Teacher. Any unauthorised absence may result in a Penalty Notice Fine.



# School Term Dates 23/24

## Autumn Term 2023

- Training Days– Monday 4<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September
- School re-opens to pupils—Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September
- School closes– Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October
- School Re-opens to pupils– Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November
- School closes– Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

## Spring Term 2024

- Training Day– Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January
- School re-opens to pupils– Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January
- School closes– Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February
- School re-opens to pupils– Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February
- School closes– Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

## Summer Term 2024

- Training Day– Mon 8<sup>th</sup> April
- School re-opens to pupils– Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April
- School closes– Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May
- School re-opens to pupils– Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- School closes– Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

