



Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'
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We are an Oracy Centre of Excellence

(one of only 55 schools in England and only 2 in Sefton!)

This week we received the fabulous news that we have been awarded an Oracy Centre of Excellence!

Led by Miss Sykes and supported by Miss Chew, our whole staff team have been striving to achieve this accolade for our children and FRIS for the last 3 years in conjunction with Voice 21. Following our research into Oracy, and understanding the importance of children 'Learning to Talk' and 'Learning Through Talk' throughout their educational journey, we wanted to continue the work of the Early Years Foundation Stage into our Key Stage One Curriculum and create a whole school curriculum built on Oracy and as a result transforming our children's learning and life chances.

"Farnborough Road Infant School has a strong foundation for Oracy, with an ambitious vision which emphasises empowering children to confidently use their voices."

"The vision for Oracy at Farnborough Road Infant School encapsulates key drivers for adopting an Oracy-rich approach to teaching and learning. Oracy is seen as a pedagogical tool that is used to develop pupils both academically and socially, preparing them for life beyond school."

"Farnborough Road Infant School prioritises Oracyby linking talk to real-life contexts and authentic audiences, learning becomes purposeful."

"Farnborough Road Infant School places Oracy at the heart of their curriculum, and excel in embedding both common and subject-specific approaches to talk through collaborative planning."

"Oracy is central to learning at Farnborough Road Infant School, fostering critical thinking, empathy, and deeper engagement. Reduced reliance on writing allows students to express understanding through discussion to show what they know, and learn from one another. A deep understanding of the Talk Tactics ensures that discussion moves learning forward."

A VERY PROUD HEADTEACHER!

This is a testament to the innovative and inspirational teaching by FRIS staff. This is already having significant impacts on our children's learning, and will be of huge benefit to them as they progress throughout their education and their employment opportunities. FRIS Leading the Way in Oracy Education!

This year's theme for Children's Mental Health Week is...



It is so important we understand what makes us tick, our likes and dislikes, strengths, fears, hopes and dreams.

Our emotions play a key role in telling us just that, and being aware of how to listen to and express ourselves is a major part of building self-awareness. It is through knowing ourselves and speaking with others, that we can build resilience, grow and develop.

Our Oracy curriculum has a huge impact on our children to be able to express their thoughts, feelings and views and knowing that their voice is valued and heard.

Children will be taking part in a number of activities throughout the week including 'Move and Groove' dance sessions, 'Forest School' sessions, fun games, buddy swaps, and a musical mash up playtime. Children will also choose the stars of the week next week!



Instagram

farnboroughroadinfants

We have revitalised our school Instagram account.

Please follow our account

Our school values are:

COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE HONESTY RESPECT and LOVE AND KINDNESS

Meet Fearghal



Fearghal (Irish name translating as 'man of valour') is a 18 month old Golden Retriever who belongs to Miss Lea (one of our Teaching Assistants in Reception.) Since Archie's retirement Fearghal has been in Pets as Therapy training!

Fearghal is now a registered PAT (Pets as Therapy) dog and has completed his rigorous assessment and training to pass the charity's strict criteria. In order to be a PAT dog Fearghal must have a very calm temperament, love being stroked and will always be supervised by Miss Lea's daughter, Sammie who has also undertaken the training.

Fearghal is now authorised to visit schools, nurseries, nursing homes, hospitals and hospices and will begin his visits to our school this week exploring the environment before meeting small groups of children.

Over the rest of this year Fearghal will be involved in Read to Succeed Reading Challenge with children being chosen to come and read with Fearghal in the school library for showing commitment to 5 reads a week and for excellent effort, determination and progress in reading.

We are looking forward to Fearghal becoming a regular visitor to Farnborough Road Infant School and becoming a member of our Farnborough family.

To learn more about Pets as Therapy as a charity please click on the link: <https://petsastherapy.org/>



Our school is part of the Southport Learning Partnership where we work together with other schools on joint projects. Love My Community is a special day in the school year where we join with other local schools to raise money for a charity chosen by the children of Southport.

This year the schools have chosen to support:



This is a great cause that touches many people's hearts. The North West Air Ambulance receives no government or NHS funding and must raise over £18 million to keep them operational. It's only thanks to the generosity of people that they can continue flying to save lives.

On Friday 14th February we are asking each child pays a donation of £1 to join in with the day, with all funds raised being donated to the charity. In return, they can wear 'non uniform' for the day. Please donate through your ParentPay account.

Many thanks for your help with this appeal and we hope together we can all make a huge demonstration that



School Shoes



PLEASE NOTE

Black school shoes should be worn
Fastenings should be simple eg Velcro fastenings. Laced shoes should ONLY be worn if children can do their own laces.



ARE YOU GOOD AT SEWING? Our Christmas concert costumes need revitalising!

Would you be interested in creating some simple Nativity costumes for us ready for December as part of a team? Materials supplied. Please contact me on head.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Our class weekly attendance is shared in Friday's 'Star of the Week' Assembly and the children are keen for their class to win the Attendance Bear for the week.

Best Class Attendance Week Beginning 20th January was Room 3 & Room 14

Best Class Attendance Week Beginning 27th January is Room 1 & Room 8

Whole school attendance for the year to date is 94.5%.



The Government target for whole school attendance is 97%.

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WORLD
BOOK
DAY

FRIS will be celebrating
World Book Day on Thursday
6th March 2025

FRIS PTFA need your
donations of

WORLD BOOK DAY COSTUMES

World Book Day comes around every
year, but children grow out of
costumes so quickly and they can be
expensive.

Please donate your World Book Day
costumes that are in good condition
and are no longer needed.

These will be cleaned and then on
Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th
February we will have tables out in the
Hall before school for parents to rent
a costume for just £2 ahead of WBD
2025.

Please pass any donations to your
child's class teacher.

FRIS PTFA PRESENTS

WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION

To celebrate World Book Day 2025, we would
like you to design your own front cover for
your favourite book!

You could be in with a chance of winning one of the following
prizes, kindly donated to FRIS PTFA:

- 2 tickets to Gullivers World
- A family ticket to Playtown
- £15 Entertainer voucher

and the best artwork from Nursery will receive:
£25 JJ's Jungle voucher

To enter this FREE competition, fill in your details on the
template provided in your bookbag and let your imagination
run wild to create your own front cover.

Return your artwork to your
teacher by Monday 3 March.
The best designs will be
chosen on
6th March 2025.




SILVER SMARTIES CHALLENGE 2025



FRIS PTFA have given you a treat,
these yummy Smarties for you to eat.

Keep the tube, don't throw it away,
do tasks and good deeds, fill it with your pay.



So come on FRIS pupils, be supercool,
and help us raise money for our school!



Eat your Smarties, but keep the tube.

01



Use your helping hands, do good deeds or
chores at home..

02



in exchange for coins...

03



to fill your Smarties tube!

04



Return your Smarties tube to class by
Wednesday 26 February 2025.

05

On Friday 14th February
when we break up for half
term. each child will
receive a packet of
Smarties to enjoy from our
PTFA.



As part of their fundraising we ask that
you don't throw away the packet but
return it to school on the first day back
with any spare change.

The idea is that during the half term
break you can get your children to help
you around the house to earn some
pennies for this tube.

All the money raised will go towards the
PTFA project of developing a child
friendly open plan kitchen space in the
Nursery as well as using the staff
suggestions box.

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