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Summary

This report details what has happened in the Junior School at Freeman's since the the November report. It lists staff news, pupil activity and achievement.

Main Report

Staff News

1. Our KS2 DT/FT co-ordinator expressed her desire to retire at the end of the Easter term. We go out for her replacement mid-January.
2. A Head of Year in L4 currently on maternity leave brought in her baby to show her off at the start of the new term. She expects to back towards the end of the summer term.

Academic

3. We welcomed to the school a former pupil (OFA 1957-1963) for an assembly in the final week of the Christmas term. He asked to be interviewed by MWR so as to ensure a good pace and a child friendly experience. The children asked some excellent questions. We were extremely grateful to him for his time.
4. The new entrance procedures took place last term and in the weekend of the 12th January. The Junior school staff maintained their high standards of care for the visiting youngsters and attention to detail within the manual marking. Interviews for 9+ and 11+ took place on the 12th, and over 80 7+ interviews were spread over two days (17th and 18th).
5. Our Assessment Co-ordinator in the Junior School continues to develop the JS assessment strategies with the Senior School Assessment Co-ordinator and under the supervision of the Director of Teaching, Learning and

Innovation. Staff and parents are appreciative of the information about the children and its assistance in planning lessons.

Trips

6. In December, some of our L3 and U3 students headed to Woodland Trust First World War Centenary Wood in Langley Vale, to take part in a symbolic tree-planting to honour former Freeman's pupils who served their country; a truly remarkable opportunity.
7. In December Head of Form 1 took her colleagues and the whole of the year group to Walton Heath Old People's Home to help the residents celebrate Christmas with an old-fashioned sing-a-long. The children were impeccably behaved, sang like cherubim and we have already been invited back for next year.
8. On January 22nd, Head of Upper 2 and her colleagues took the whole of the year group to the Gunnersbury Victorian Museum as part of their History curriculum. We were complimented on the children's behaviour.

Charity

9. The three JS carol services and the Form 1 "At Home" concert raised over £850 to be shared between our two charities for the year: Canine Partners and Born Free.
10. We have been very generously treated by the FSA once again. They have agreed to pay for our contribution to the Shakespeare Schools' Festival and will subsidise games for inside and outside. In total they are providing £2500 for the JS.

Arts

11. In November at the Kingston Festival two of our L3 boys fared extremely well. One won the Set Song for girls and boys aged 10 and under, and the other came 1st in the Folk Song 12 and under.
12. The Autumn term music grades are in. This term the JS children achieved 14 Grade 1s, 6 Grade 2s and a pupil of U2 achieved her third Grade 3. She is one to watch ... or listen to!
An Upper 3 pupil picked up a grade 4.
13. The Junior school staff surprised the children in the two end of term assemblies with a Christmas Flash mob. I'd recommend Governors to take a look on the JS Twitter feed for further filmed information!

Sport

14. The latest achievements of a Lower 3 boy include gold in 'Sparring', gold in 'Staff Spinning', silver in 'Techniques' and bronze in 'Forms' at the Kuk Sool Won UK Championships in November. If that weren't enough, he was also awarded gold in the '9 to 11 Creative Weapons' category and gained the title of World Champion at the Unity World Games in Nottingham.

15. A new Form Tutor, who joined us this year, has done wonders with JS running. Six JS children qualified for the Central Surrey team on Saturday 19th January having performed impressively at the December District Cross Country competition. Results had not been published at the time of writing.
16. The Director of Sport and his colleagues have further developed their new approach to F1 and L2 children trying all sports irrespective of gender due extra squad sessions. Presently netball is the no 1 choice ... by far.
17. Two Upper 2 girls attended a day with Dame Laura Davies hosted for the Surrey Girls' Golf Squad in late December.
18. Our fencers continue to progress: Two Lower 4b pupils have been invited into the England Fencing team to take part in the Challenge International Youth Fencing competition in Wroclaw, Poland, from 21st March 2019 to 25th March 2019.

Conclusion

19. Although it has not been long since the last Governors' report, you can see that we have continued to be busy.

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