



## **Headteacher's Report October 2021**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the FROGGS team for all of their hard work over the last year. Although we were hoping we could get things back to normal last year, this did not happen and it has been lovely to see the FROGGS team still trying to organise fundraising events and keeping the community together (via zoom) during the past year.

During the Autumn Term, the children enjoyed a non-uniform day, created Christmas cards in class and enjoyed buying gifts in their class "Secret Santa" experience. A Christmas raffle was very successful and lots of children enjoyed the "Hunt the Hat" fundraiser which saw children's decorated hat pictures hidden around the town for people to find. This event in particular took a lot of organisation (and dedication from the team hiding the hats) and was also a lovely way to get Grenville's name out and about in the town. The children also enjoyed a Christmas treat from the FROGGS and ended the year with a festive non-uniform day. The FROGGS team also collected money at Tesco as part of the float on Christmas Eve – even with some new restrictions coming in! Another thing that impressed me during the autumn term, was how the team adapted to the covid restrictions. A fun quiz night took place all on zoom (in the comfort of our own homes) and was really enjoyable for everyone involved.

Spring saw the return of the popular Easter Extravaganza and prizes were organised for the best bonnet and the most creative egg. Again, the creativity of the team ensured that judging took place virtually and an online assembly announced the winners with chocolate eggs being delivered to the classrooms.

Summer term started with more non-uniform days and a new father's day doughnut sale. (I am still recovering from eating far too many that day!) The term ended with the parents coming into the school to prepare and serve the food for each key stage party. This was such a lovely end to the year after not having any visitors in.

We can finally see the rewards of fundraising towards a single goal. Thanks to the money raised, we were able to pay a company to prepare the old kitchen by painting, decorating, ensure plumbing was ready and completing electrical works. A new floor was put in and lighting ensured the space was bright and looking fantastic. Barrett Homes have supplied the kitchen which is now up and running. The funds also stretched to some much needed equipment and we have started to buy some stools and have plans for a fridge freezer, a few more stools and some pictures to finish the space off completely.

Thanks to the dedication of the FROGGS PTA team, the children at George Grenville Academy have something special: a unique space where they can learn cookery skills and enjoy making a variety of dishes.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the team and especially Emily Pool, who worked tirelessly last year as our FROGGS chair. Emily has now left the school with her youngest who has moved into Year 7. I have personally appreciated her creative ideas, amazing organisation and perseverance during this difficult time. We will miss you but I look forward to welcoming some new faces to join the core FROGGS team as we welcome new parents and families to Grenville.

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