



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## Headteacher Message

In recent years we have been working behind the scenes to 'fine tune' the curriculum to make sure your child is taught consistently well across the school. We are fortunate enough to have committed professionals and a team of highly skilled support staff and teachers. These key members of staff deliver the lessons in creative and engaging ways, making the necessary adjustments for individual children so that all children can succeed.

More recently, we have been developing our enrichment curriculum so that children have the opportunity to learn in ways that bring fun into education. As part of this we have developed an extensive range of after-school clubs and activities. These clubs change each half term so that there is maximum choice throughout the year. In addition, whole school opportunities are offered to everyone, such as the recent Aladdin production. Over the course of the year your child will also take part in trips, visits or activities that are specific to their year group and these are chosen especially to enhance the curriculum they are learning in their class. These experiences help topics 'come alive'. For example, the recent Roman Workshops for Y4 and the trip to Crucial Crew for Y6. We also have further trips planned to Gulliver's World and Blackpool to name but a few. We believe these experiences are essential for all children so we make sure that all costs are subsidised by the school so that only half the cost or less is passed onto families. We have many more opportunities for the children over the coming months so please check Schooling for any updates. Thank you.



Anita Edwards  
Executive Headteacher



Katy Higginson  
Head of School

<b>Attendance</b>	
<b>Week Ending 17.01.2020</b>	
R	91.7
Y1	98.5
Y2	97.7
Y3	97
Y4CH	95.3
Y4HC	96.5
Y5	93
Y6	96.1
Whole School (weekly)	95.7
Whole School (Sept to date)	94.9
<b>Target 97%</b>	

## Parent Council

Mrs Higginson met with parents/carers who wished to be part of the FGA Parent Council this week. It was a very positive meeting with lots of discussion around how we can work together as parents and staff to achieve the best for the children at Forest Gate. Please keep an eye out for some parent council events happening over the next term and an introduction to our new members.

If you are interested in joining the parent council please call into the office.

## School Uniform

Just a quick reminder that all children must be in black school shoes. No trainers are allowed. No earrings are allowed. Also please remember that fit bits and watches are not allowed

**Hair** - Please remember that children's haircuts need to follow the school policy. This includes no patterns or lines shaved into their hair. All long hair must be tied up.

Thank you

## ParentPay

Please can you ensure that all ParentPay accounts are up to date. If you have any queries or are struggling to log on please contact the school office.



## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – EYFS maths challenge 8.45am**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Finish for half term**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Return to school**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 trip – Gullivers World**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Year 1 Phonics workshop 9am**

**Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> February – Book Fair**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening**

### Year 3

On Wednesday Year 3 had a special visitor. He came in to teach us all about Ancient Egyptian. During the day, we learnt all about pharaohs, gods and the afterlife. We learnt how to read & write hieroglyphs, writing on papyrus. Then in the afternoon we looked at artefacts related to pharaohs & gods and made our own artefacts related to pharaohs & gods



### School Values & Stars of the Week

Nursery = Mia Kenyon & Ollie Greenhalgh  
Rec = Lilly-Mae Ginty & Riley Smith  
Y1 = Brogan Harvey & Darcey Barry-McIntyre  
Y2 = Alfie Beaumont & Maia Hussein  
Y3 = Olley Hulme & Lily Hindle  
Y4CH = Miley-Jo Matley & Lillie-Mai Seatree  
Y4HC = Rory-Marie Roberts & Theo Boswell  
Y5 = Isobelle Roberts & Joshua Smith  
Y6 = Elle Diamond & Jack Boyle



### Terrific Time Keepers

Nursery, Reception, Year 2, Year 4 & Year 6

Well Done !!



### Year 5

On Thursday, Year 5 performed an assembly to the school on the Chinese New Year. The children explained that this year is the year of the rat. People born in the year of the rat are charming, imaginative and generous.



### Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all our parents who managed to complete the parent questionnaire via Schoolping. We really appreciate the time you took to give us your feedback. We have been overwhelmed by the positive responses and comments and would like to thank you all for your support. Over the next week we will also be looking at some of the issues you have raised so we can plan ways to move forward and improve further. We thank you for this constructive criticism and will keep you informed of progression in these areas over the coming weeks. Thank you.

Here are just some of the lovely comments.

"The education my kids are getting is really good and I am very happy with it."

"The school, teachers and education system are amazing."

"The staff have always been supportive when me or my children have needed it"

### **Immediate actions in response to feedback and criticisms on the Parent Questionnaire:**

To make sure that the management team is strengthened and not stretched, Miss Cahill has been appointed as a senior leader for behaviour and Mrs Higginson (Head of School) is now based at FGA full time

All classes are taking part in either a trip or visit this term to enhance the curriculum. Please keep an eye on SchoolPing for more information for specific year groups.

Please look for further updates over the coming weeks on actions being taken in school. Thank you