



NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st February 2020

Headteacher Message

Welcome back!

I hope everyone has had a lovely half term and the children have enjoyed their break. We look forward to the busy term ahead. Please check the newsletter, school ping and school website for dates of upcoming events over this half term.

The week beginning Monday 2nd of March will be 'Book Week' and we will be celebrating reading and our favourite authors, through a variety of activities during the week. This will include celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th of March when children can come dressed as their favourite book character. As part of 'Book Week' we will send home reading challenges to see how many the children can complete, with the winners receiving prizes and rewards. The book fair will be also open Monday to Thursday after school next week if you wish to make any purchases.

Thanks

Mrs Higginson



Anita Edwards
Executive Headteacher



Katy Higginson
Head of School

Attendance

Week Ending 21.02.2020

R	93.1
Y1	97
Y2	95.4
Y3	95.7
Y4CH	97.6
Y4HC	91.8
Y5	98.1
Y6	95.7
Whole School (weekly)	95.6
Whole School (Sept to date)	95.1
Target 97%	

Operation Encompass

Our school is part of a project, which is run between Trafford Local Authority, schools and Greater Manchester Police. The project called Operation Encompass, has been designed to provide early reporting of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside school, which might have an impact on a child in school. This is communicated through a secure email to school following an incident.

The project ensures that at least one member of the school staff, is available to liaise with children's services and the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence. In this way, we aim to support each child who has been involved in, or witnessed, a domestic abuse incident.

If we receive an Encompass notification we will make sure that a person the child trusts is available to help - if the child needs this. Most of the time this support is silent; keeping a careful eye on him or her and making sure the child has a calm school day. The confidential information is ordinarily not shared with all staff, just an agreement on how to help, if needed.

The sharing of information from the police allows the school to be ready to help your child straight away, and it means that parents are aware that the school knows that something has happened.

Our aim is to support children and their families.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th February – Year 4 parents meeting

Wednesday 26th February – Allegro Dance Year 4 & Year 5

Thursday 27th Feb – Year 2 parents meeting 9am.

Thursday 27th February – Year 1 Trip - Whitworth Art Gallery

Friday 28th February – Year 6 parent meeting 9am

Week beginning 24th February – Book Fair

Tuesday 3rd March – Quidditch

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 13th March – Sport Relief Day

Wednesday 25th March – Parents Evening

Celebrations!

We are thrilled to announce that Forest Gate Academy has been awarded the Leading Parent Partnership Award! We are delighted to achieve the award as this reflects our ongoing commitment to recognising the importance of involving parents in their child's learning. It is great recognition for all their hard work and the work of the staff in school.

The LPPA framework has been integral in developing our family culture and extending our involvement in the local community. This has been a whole team effort encompassing all school partners and reflects our desire to continue to work together to provide the best opportunities for our children. This has been a key focus for the school and will continue as a high priority in the future. Congratulations!

Mrs Higginson
(Head of School)

Here is what the LPPA inspector reported about FGA:

"There is a high level of commitment to parent partnership by senior leaders, staff and governors. Parent partnership is a priority in the School Improvement Plan."

"There are a wide range of opportunities for parents to gain information about children's learning, e.g. workshops, presentations, assemblies, stay and play sessions, enabling staff to share learning methods with parents, parents to ask questions and see their children learning."

"The school have an excellent induction system ensuring a smooth transition into school and nursery."

"The school are listening to parent feedback and acting upon it e.g. the morning routine has been changed, parents now have 10 minutes before school starts to bring their children into the classroom, SLT members greet parents and staff are available to speak to parents and children settle into the class ready to learn."

"Staff are very proactive in working with parents, building relationships with them and supporting parents with home school learning."

"Parents think staff are very caring and want the best for their children, they feel well informed about their children's progress and think school ping has improved communication."

"Relationships between parents and staff are much more positive, parents now will approach staff and the staff team are very approachable and responsive to parents' needs."

"Internal transition is very well organised, parents like meeting the staff in July and feel more confident about their children moving to the next class."

"The school produce an excellent range of information on the curriculum for parents."

"There has been a culture shift among families in attitudes towards attendance and punctuality which is now at national average, children are now more engaged in learning, have good behaviour for learning, have higher aspirations, higher achievements and parents are more interested in their children's progress."

School Values & Stars of the Week

Nursery = Reggie Matley & Ollie Greenhalgh
Rec = Sophie Fairhurst & Hasan Hashmi
Y1 = Brogan Harvey & Blake Green
Y2 = Theo Hanson & Amelia Vickers
Y3 = Ollie Hulme, Daisy Brewer & Darcie Rowlands
Y4CH = Tayler Barry-McIntyre & Christopher Renshaw
Y4HC = Bethany Clayton & Ahmed Hashmi
Y5 = Lilliah Jackson & Lilly Beaumont
Y6 = Franchesca Fitzgerald & Heidi Harrop



Terrific Time Keepers
The whole school!
Well Done !!



Parent Meetings

We would like to invite you to the following **Parent Meetings**:

Y2 Parents – Thursday 27th February 9am

Y4 Parents – Monday 24th February 3.05pm

Y6 Parents - Friday 28th February 9am

These meetings will give you time with your class teacher to talk about the national tests your child has to take this year. Please note that the DFE has introduced a new test in Y4 this year that we have to complete.

The teachers will give you all the information you need as well as show you ways you can help your child at home.

Within the workshop, parents will be learning alongside their child and participating in games for to help children at home.