



NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2020

Headteacher Comment

As we finish the first half term of the year, I would like to express my sincere thanks to our hard-working, dedicated staff team for keeping the school open throughout the last few weeks. It has only been possible due to their extensive commitment and team-work. I'm proud to see teachers and support staff still delivering a first class education in such challenging circumstances. I would also like to acknowledge the work of our admin and site teams who have kept our families well informed and the site fully operational. Also, our kitchen and lunchtime staff who have provided lunches in very difficult circumstances with all the appropriate safety measures in place. It has certainly been an unusual phase in our school history!

I would like to give a very special mention to our cleaners who have had a particularly difficult job. They have worked relentlessly to keep our building clean and reduce the chance of infection. Thank you to you all for helping to keep us safe.

Earlier this week we moved into Tier 3 lockdown measures. These measures came into effect today. This means that households cannot mix. Please can we remind parents that unfortunately children must not go to play at their friends' houses over the half term holidays. I'm sure this is sad news for families, especially with Halloween approaching, and it is certainly not our usual half term holiday. We have sent a SchoolPing message out earlier this week which shows a summary of the new regulations we should be following. We hope you find it useful.

From everyone at Forest Gate Academy, we would like to wish you all a happy half term and hope you all stay safe. We look forward to seeing the children when they return on Monday 2nd November.

Thanks, Mrs Higginson



Katy Higginson
Head of School

Attendance	
Week Ending	
23.10.2020	
R	86.7
Y1	84.8
Y2	98.4
Y3	92.2
Y4	88.8
Y5	88.9
Y6	93.4
Whole School (weekly)	90.4
Whole School (Sept to date)	95.5
Target 97%	

Enjoy a Family Feast Night-In

At Forest Gate Academy we are always keen to reward great attendance. With our clear expectation of 97% attendance, most of our students have very few days off school.

The Family Feast Night - In prize draw will give you the chance to win a £60 voucher for a take-away family feast of your choice. Maybe it will be pizzas and dough-balls, a Chinese Banquet or perhaps a Southern Fried chicken feast? We'll make the arrangements for you and pay for the delivery of your choice - direct to your door. Every student with at least 97% attendance will have a chance to enter into the prize draw at the end of this term in December. So good luck.

Please note, if your child has been absent because of COVID or school closures – these absences will not be counted against them. See the school website for details.

Family Feast Night-In

Enjoy a family feast at home up to the value of £60, in our Autumn Term 'Attendance Prize'. All students with 97% or better attendance, will be entered into the prize draw in December.

97% Attendance

See the school's website for full details. COVID absences will not be counted against a student.

The Dean Trust Forest Gate Academy

Diary Dates

23rd October '20
School Finishes

2nd November '20
Back to school

26th November '20
Flu Spray

18th December '20
School Finishes for Christmas

Reminders

Year 6

The Secondary School application deadline is the 31st October.

<http://www.trafford.gov.uk/re-sidents/schools/school-admissions/Secondary-school-admissions-2021.aspx>

Year 3

Year 3 have been very lucky to have a French lesson from our very own Monsieur Banks. We learnt numbers to 10, how to ask someone their name and some French songs. Comment t'appelles tu? Je m'appelle Miss Hicks. Can you tell someone your name in French?



Year 4

Year 4 have been doing lots of teamwork in PSHE this half term. They worked together so well and managed to lift a cup of water and even an egg



Maths Week England Rock Out 2020

FGA have enrolled to take part in this national competition. All pupils have the opportunity to practice their Times Table skills and earn points. The competition wants to find which class can answer the most times tables questions correctly in England. During the competition, which runs from 07:30 GMT to 19:30 GMT each day, every correct answer that a pupil gives, in any game type, will contribute to their class' score. To make it as fair as possible, the winning class and the winning school will be based on the *average* number of correct answers per participating pupil. Let's get practicing and win our school some prizes.



Timings

Start date:
9th November 2020, 07:30

End date:
14th November 2020, 19:30

Daily open times:
08:30 - 20:30

School Values & Stars of the Week

Nur = Maddison French & Heidi Hardman-McKenna
 Rec = Jessica Hales & Brody Southwell
 Y1= Trae Woolstencroft & Tayo Lamb
 Y2 = Callum Higgs & Darcey Barry-McIntyre
 Y3 = Darcey Higginbottom & Malayeka Bettahar
 Y4 = Olley Hulme & Evelyn Stott
 Y5= Rory-Marie Roberts & Ahmed Hashmi
 Y6 = Olivia Farr & Louie McKenna



Terrific Time Keepers
Nursery & Year 3!
Well Done !!



HM Government
NHS

LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL VERY HIGH

Social Contact 1 household / bubble in most locations, indoors and outdoors. Rule of six applies in some outdoor settings like parks, public gardens and sports courts.	Weddings and Funerals Up to 15 guests for weddings and up to 30 guests for funerals. 15 guests for civil ceremonies. Wedding receptions not permitted.	Overnight Stays Those in area advised against overnight stays in other parts of UK. People include area advised against overnight stays in area.	Working from home guidance Work from home where possible.
Shopping and Retail Open.	Leisure and gyms Any closures or additional restrictions subject to consultation.	Hospitality Pubs and bars must close except where they operate as a restaurant, meaning they can only serve alcohol with a substantial meal. Further closures subject to consultation.	Entertainment and tourist attractions Any closures / additional restrictions subject to consultation. Nightclubs and adult entertainment remain closed.
Education Schools, FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions with options to move to greater online provision.	Healthcare Services Open.	Residential Care Closed to external visitors other than in exceptional circumstances.	Travel and Transport May continue to travel to open services, but reduce number of passengers where possible. Avoid travel where possible. For or out of the affected area with exceptions including work and school.
Sporting Activity Organised sport / licensed physical activity allowed in outdoor settings. Indoor organised sport must follow social contact rules (other than youth or disabled sport).	Worship Open, subject to social contact rules.	Childcare Registered and or approved childcare. Supervised activities permitted in private homes. Children's groups permitted. Childcare bubbles for under 16s.	Youth Clubs and Activities Permitted.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:

Wash hands
keep washing your hands regularly

Cover face
wear a face covering in enclosed spaces

Make space
stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
gov.uk/coronavirus