



NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th December 2020

Headteacher Comment

This week our Y2 children completed their national phonics screening check which is usually taken at the end of Y1. The children remembered lots of their phonics sounds and have tried really hard since returning in September to catch up on their missed learning. They have worked their socks off!

They all performed extremely well and applied themselves to the best of their ability. We are thrilled with their outcomes and we will let parents know in due course whether your child met the standard or whether they will be part of a catch up group.

Teachers are now busy writing the end of term reports for your children to update you on their progress. These will be sent out to you in the last week of term.

As we approach Christmas - and the end of a very challenging year - we will be making sure that children get the opportunity to be part of some fun Christmas activities in school. We are unable to invite parents in to share some of these activities but children will still take part to ensure they enjoy this festive period. Children will have an online pantomime, Christmas dinner, Santa Dash, Christmas Jumper Day and class activities to name but a few. We will be sure to share photos of these events with you via the school newsletter and SchoolPing.

As we approach the end of term it is as important as ever to be vigilant and stay safe so that our children and families don't have to isolate over the Christmas period and miss family events. Please keep on following the government guidance to prevent the spread of infection.

Stay safe.



Katy Higginson
Head of School

<u>Attendance</u>	
<u>Week Ending</u>	
04.12.2020	
R	93.1
Y1	97.9
Y2	98
Y3	97.8
Y4	93.5
Y5	97.4
Y6	97.6
Whole School (weekly)	96.4
Whole School (Sept to date)	95.8
Target 97%	

Santa Dash

On Friday 11th December we will be taking part in the National Santa Dash, the children will be in their Christmas jumpers so it will be nice & festive.

Also during the month of December, we would like to try and see how many miles we can run towards the 2200 miles it is to Lapland. This will mean that the children will be running a daily mile or equivalent every day we are in school in December. Staff and children can help add to the total outside of school hours too!

Lets see if we can make it all the way to Lapland!



Reception 2021

Have you got a place? The deadline is approaching for applications to secure a place in our Reception class in 2021. Please complete the application via the Trafford Admissions website. Or you can call Trafford for more information on [0161 912 5007](tel:01619125007).

Diary Dates

11th December '20
Christmas jumper Day

Friday 11th December '20
Santa Dash

15th December '20
Christmas Dinner
EYFS/KS1

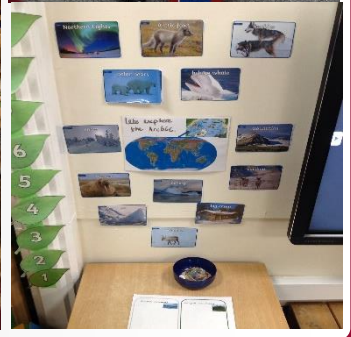
16th December '20
Christmas Dinner
KS2

17th December '20
Virtual Pantomime &
Christmas Parties

18th December '20
School Finishes for
Christmas
EYFS – 1.20pm
KS1 – 1.20pm
KS2 – 1.30pm

Nursery

Nursery have had fun learning all about Polar Bears from the Arctic in honour of Geography week. They have explored what the Arctic is like and enjoyed reading lots of Polar Bear themed stories. They even created a polar bear dance in PE, (Miss Stout was a great Polar bear who caught the most fish). However, Nursery were shocked to find out that because of exacerbating climate change lots of arctic sea ice is melting as our planet is getting warmer and this is endangering the polar bears. Nursery have therefore also worked very hard to explore ways we can help reduce the rate of climate change and help save the polar bears. We had a 'save the planet' day where they explored planting trees, recycling and talked about how we can save energy and reduce our carbon footprint. Nursery also made poster to help encourage others to help save the polar bears too. Miss Hicks our Geography lead was so impressed that she has awarded Nursery a special Geography certificate. Well Done Nursery!



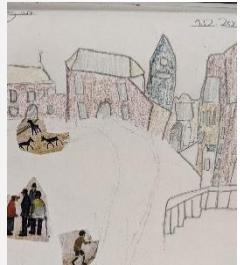
Year 5

On Tuesday, Year 5 started their walk to Lapland. Each day we are going to run or walk a mile. Our class target is to walk/run 465 miles.



Year 4

This week in Year 4 in Art we have been integrating digital images into our art work. We used a Lowry painting as our inspiration and used digital images of the matchstick people then we added them into our picture. I'm sure you'll agree that the children have produced some amazing pieces of work. Well done Year 4!



School Values & Stars of the Week

- Nur =Thea Chadwick & Farrah Pegg
- Rec = Reggie Matley & Alec McKenna
- Y1= Max Williams & Alanah Collins
- Y2 = Logan-Jack Cooke & Jacob Ochocki
- Y3 = Blake Roberts & Evie Johnson
- Y4 = Kaitlin Rowland & Darcie Rowlands
- Y5= Robyn Armstrong & Farlie Lees
- Y6 = Dre Beard & Paul Oyademi



Terrific Time Keepers

Nursery!
Well Done !!



Reminders

- Please can we remind children to arrive at school no earlier than 8:30am. Children have been arriving as early as 8:20 and congregating/mixing bubbles.
- Please see the below link with some useful quick reference guides around reporting, self-isolation and when to return to school, in the event of a child, parent or other household member having COVID-19 symptoms or receiving a positive test result.

[What to do if..... - Forest Gate Academy](#)

Christmas holidays

- Children finish for Christmas on Friday 18th December. The collection times will be staggered as follows:
- EYFS 1.20pm
- KS1 (Y1 & Y2) 1.20pm
- KS2 (Y3, 4, 5, 6) 1.30pm

