



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th May 2021

## Headteacher Comment

At FGA we are fortunate enough to have a highly skilled support staff team that recognise the importance of continued professional development and are committed to being lifelong learners themselves. All our Teaching Assistants work relentlessly to support our children and regularly attend training to update their own skills and understanding. To recognise the hard work of our team and to continue this learning journey, we have decided to work on achieving the Best Practice with Teaching Assistants Award. We feel that this national award will not only provide development opportunities for our staff, but will recognise the hard work and dedication of our accomplished TA team.



Katy Higginson  
Head of School

The Best Practice with Teaching Assistants Award (BPTAA) provides a framework for the strategic management of teaching assistants. It allows schools to develop and facilitate professional development opportunities for teaching assistants whilst recognising and nurturing their expertise and talents. We feel that the strength of our team will enable us to achieve this prestigious award by the end of the year.

### What's in the Best Practice with Teaching Assistants Award framework?



### Attendance

**Week Ending**  
**28.05.2021**

R	89
Y1	97.7
Y2	98.8
Y3	96.6
Y4	88.6
Y5	96.5
Y6	97.2
Whole School (weekly)	94.8
Whole School (Sept to date)	95.5
<b>Target 97%</b>	

### Alldays Farm

EYFS & Year 1 enjoyed a visit from the Farm this week. We got to learn about different animals and identify if they were mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians or fish. We also learnt about what the animals eat and if this makes them a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. We had a great time stroking the animals and learning lots of information linked to our science topic.



### Dates for your Diary

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – School finishes for Half Term**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – return to School**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Quidditch Day**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 Zoolab**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June – School Photos**



### Year 3

Year 3 had a visit from a Roman centurion. We asked him how the Roman Army was so successful, we learnt that they thrived from their strength, the best armour and weapons, that only strong, tall men were allowed to join the army.



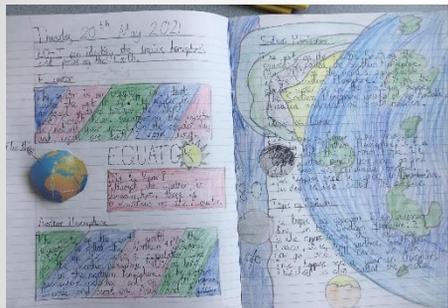
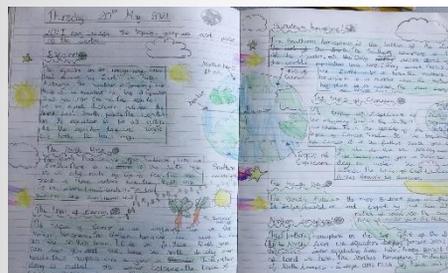
### The KS2 Giant Pumpkin Challenge

Well, Year 5 are well in front at this early stage, their plant being nearly twice the height of the second highest, but have they peaked too early? There are no prizes given out at this point in the growing season though, that will happen in October when the pumpkins will be weighed, measured, carved and eaten! And how big a part will the unpredictable British summer play? It could be significant if this May is anything to go by...watch this space!



### Year 6

Year 6 were proud to show their recent Geography work to Mrs Higginson. They have completed some fantastic double page spreads about the regions of the Earth, including the hemispheres, tropical zones, polar regions and time zones. This work has also inspired some of their writing in English, where they have been inventing their own creature living on the fictional moon of Pandora, from the film Avatar. Well done, Year 6, you should be very proud of your hard work!



### Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we had a very special visitor! A lady called Vanessa came in and taught us all about the Maya civilisation. We spent the day working around a Maya carousel, trying Maya food and even looking through POO!! It was great listening to all Vanessa's stories of her time as an archaeologist in Belize. She brought plenty of artefacts with her and beautiful fabrics for us to try on.



### School Values & Stars of the Week

Nursery = Evlyn Collins & Delcie Grimshaw  
Rec= Bradley Hardman-McKenna & Ollie Greenhalgh

Y1 = Skye Wilson & Daeton Eaton

Y2 = Kelsie-Mae Beswick & Conor Jarman

Y3 = Ella Christie & Layla Holt-Aikenhead

Y4 = Renea Riley & Lily Hindle

Y5 = Robyn Armstrong & Taiah Mae Southwell

Y6 = Paul Oyademi & Sienna Lear

