



NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th December 2021

Headteacher Comment

Every day this week we have had visitors in school from our secondary teams at Broadoak, Ashton-On-Mersey and Dean Trust Ardwick. Each visit focused on a specific subject and the leads from each secondary school conducted learning walks and lesson observations to look at the quality of provision we provide in primary school.

The visits were fantastic! Our secondary colleagues were amazed with the way the pupils engaged in their learning and the level of work that they produced. They were particularly impressed with the use of technical vocabulary and the quality of the children's work in their books. During each visit they watched lessons, interviewed staff and children, reviewed the curriculum and examined children's work. The children were exceptional as usual and they talked knowledgeably about their lessons, impressing everyone with their understanding and enthusiasm.

It was lovely to be able to showcase the hard work that the teachers and children do at FGA. We have a lot to celebrate and be proud of!

Well done everyone.

Mrs Higginson



Katy Higginson
Head of School

Attendance

Week Ending
10.12.2021

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| R | 85.9 |
| Y1 | 94.9 |
| Y2 | 95.2 |
| Y3 | 96.8 |
| Y4 | 97.7 |
| Y5 | 91 |
| Y6 | 93.5 |
| Whole School (weekly) | 93.5 |
| Whole School (Sept to date) | 94.1 |
| Target 97% | |

We have been listening to staff voice a lot this term and one suggestion was employee of the month. All the staff have been voting for any staff member in the school and for the month of November, we had a tie. Congratulations to Miss Stout and Miss McDermott, both very worthy winners. Congratulations to you both.



We would like to say a big congratulations to Miss Stead who has been working very hard over the past few years on the National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-ordination. This week she received her certificate to say she has passed. We are so proud of Miss Stead and all the work she has put in to achieve the award and look forward to using all her skills to support the children at Forest Gate alongside Miss Layton.

Nursery

Nursery would like to say a special thank you to Reverend Lucy and St Mary's Church. Nursery had lots of fun exploring the church and they really enjoyed their special Christmas Nativity assembly.



Dates for your Diary Friday

Monday 13th December – EYFS Nativity 2pm

Wednesday 15th December – KS1 Nativity 9.15am

Friday 17th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 20th December – KS2 Carol Concert 2pm

Tuesday 21st December – Finish for Christmas 1.30pm



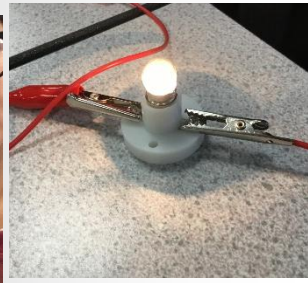
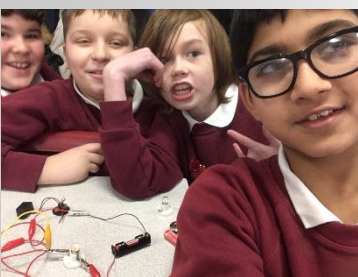
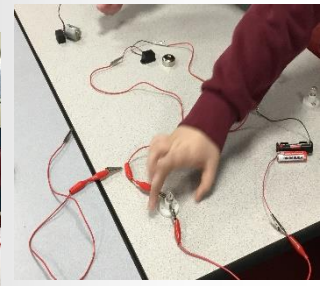
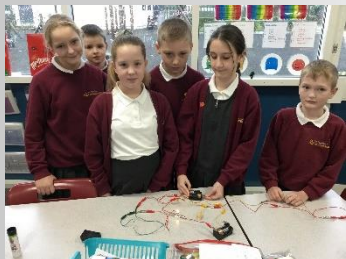
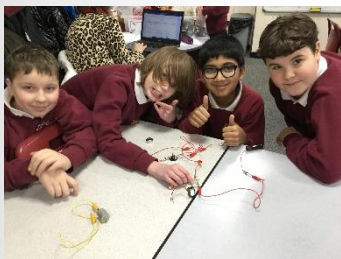
Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about the Stone Age and how life then compared to today. We looked at Stonehenge and what archaeologists believe its meaning is, from a place of ceremonial worship to an astronomical calendar for the Summer and Winter solstice. We then made Stonehenge out of boudinots, we found this very challenging as the biscuits toppled over and we related this to the challenges that the Stone Age people would have faced with moving 25ton slabs of stone over 100 miles- before the invention of the wheel!



Year 6

This week, Y6 investigated and conducted their own experiments involving electrical conductors. Children focused on Independent, dependent and controlled variables and used these to complete their tests.



Reception

As part of their topic 'Antarctica,' Reception Class have developed their art skills. These included learning how to colour mix, create observational drawings and experiment with water colours. Their finished paintings are fantastic!



Stars of the Week



- Nursery = Delcie Grimshaw & George Williams
- Rec = Heidi McKenna & Liam Pearce
- Y1 = Jayce Matley & Amelia Ford
- Y2 = Skye Wilson & Lilly-May Ginty
- Y3 = Conor Jarman & Evie Power
- Y4 = Maddox Hanson & Alfie Beaumont
- Y5 = Riley Martin & Heidi Lennon
- Y6 = Daniel Juscius & Farlie Weekes



Christmas Raffle



We would like to hold a raffle over Christmas to raise money for some new books for our reading room. So far we have a brand new laptop donated kindly by Mrs Jennings, Manchester United goodies and a chocolate hamper.



If anyone would like to donate anything to our raffle, or knows any local businesses that could support please can you let the office know.

Tickets will be available via ParentPay next week.



School Closes for Christmas on Tuesday 21st December at 1.30pm

