



NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st January 2022

Headteacher Comment

After another week of Covid challenges I would again like to thank parents and families for their patience and understanding. Your cooperation and support has made all the difference to the staff team during this time. We believe another announcement is due by 26th January which will hopefully outline the next stage of guidance. Fingers crossed for more normality!

We continue to operate as normal inside the building with children accessing all aspects of the curriculum and enrichments. Children are a delight to work with and are producing some excellent work. They are applying themselves well to make good progress and catch up on their learning. This year we return to the normal national assessment cycle so all children will be tested in line with those requirements e.g. Y6 SATs, Y1 Phonics Screening, Y4 Multiplication Check. We will keep you up to date with relevant information and dates.

Congratulations to all the children who have so far been selected to go on the Manners Table after being secretly spotted by our Manner Monitors for being polite, respectful and gracious. You are a credit to the school and your families.

Thanks

Mrs Higginson



Katy Higginson
Head of School

| Attendance | |
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| Week Ending | |
| 21.01.2022 | |
| R | 80.8 |
| Y1 | 74.8 |
| Y2 | 87.1 |
| Y3 | 89.5 |
| Y4 | 73.8 |
| Y5 | 69.2 |
| Y6 | 70.9 |
| Whole School (weekly) | 77.8 |
| Whole School (Sept to date) | 91.00 |
| Target 97% | |

Welcome

We are delighted to announce that Miss Cowan has joined the team at FGA. Miss Cowan is an experienced, high quality teacher who has been working at PCA for a number of years. She has joined FGA for the remainder of the school year to teach Y3. Miss Hicks will move to Y6 in place of Miss Tranter who has now started her maternity leave. Miss Hicks, Miss Tranter and Miss Cowan have recently been working together to ensure a smooth transition for the children. We hope you will join us in welcoming Miss Cowan to the school.



White Rose Maths



White Rose Maths have developed a new FREE app '1-Minute Maths', that helps children build number confidence & fluency through engaging, 1-minute tasks. The App delivers targeted practice in short, bite-sized chunks, perfect for learning and showing children how much fun they can have with basic number. It is aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils, individual one-minute tasks focus on adding and subtracting – and on 'Subitising', the skill of instantly recognising the number of items in a group without counting. Each task gives children engaging and targeted practice in basic number. The app includes a range of topics, with no specific starting point, so a child can begin wherever they like. By applying randomly generated questions every time, users learn the concept and not a sequence of answers. Once a task completes, questions are marked and presented on the screen, giving instant feedback on how they've done. It's quick, simple to use, and most of all, FUN!

The App can be downloaded for free on any apple and android device.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 2nd February – Year 4 Trip – Manchester

Friday 4th February – Reception Science Parent workshop 9am

Tuesday 8th February – Year 2 Science with Cabbage

Friday 11th February – TT Rockstars Day

Friday 11th February – Half Term

Monday 21st – Return to school



Home School Science Challenge

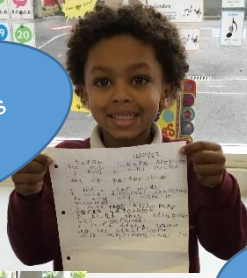
Thank you to all the parents that supported their children to complete their Science challenges last week. The children had great fun completing their challenges and applied their science knowledge through a variety of practical investigations.

EYFS

Nursery and Reception children had fun exploring the processes of freezing and melting. They froze a variety of different liquids and investigated different ways to speed up the melting process.



Ezra – 'This experiment was fun!'



Mia – I really enjoyed the experiment and seeing which materials kept my toy dry under the shelter

Year 5

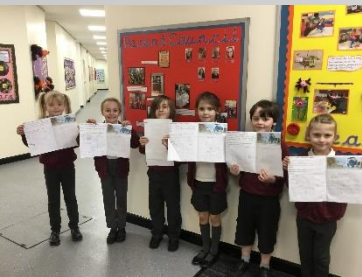
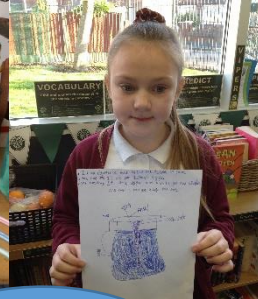
Year 5 used their knowledge of dissolving, evaporation and reversible changes to grow their own salt crystals.



'George enjoyed the experiment he said the ice was very cold!'

Year 4

For their science challenge, year 4 investigated sound through making their own instruments at home, or string telephones. They used this as a prompt to think about what was vibrating to make the sound.



Year 2

Have been learning about Living things so for their Science challenge they looked around their homes to find lots of different things and then put them into categories; living, dead or never alive.

'It was a cool experiment'



Year 6

Year 6 Science Challenge allowed pupils to look in depth at the chemistry of polymers. Children used the material LDPE (plastic air tight bag) which is low in cost, lightweight, durable, and works a barrier to moisture. The children pushed sharpened pencils through the water filled bag and saw what happens when the polyethene molecules are pushed aside permanently. The water will leak out if the pencils are removed. This was a fantastic activity to introduce Y6 pupils to KS3 Science.



Stars of the Week

- Nursery = Toby Lennon & George Williams
- Rec = Alexis Meier-Boswell & Conrad Asquith
- Y1 = Ollie Jones & Madison Banter
- Y2 = Grace Panayiotou & Daisy Southworth
- Y3 = Brogan Harvey & Willow Leigh
- Y4 = Amelia Renshaw & Emma Jusciene
- Y5 = Drake Eaton & Anouk Lear
- Y6 = Lillie Seatree & Laila Bettahar

