



NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th January 2022

Headteacher Comment

This week we had a very successful health and safety inspection in school that reviewed our site safety, training, policies and protocols. This was a very useful process to keep our school safe for the children and staff, and to keep potential risks to a minimum. Thank you to our site team for making sure the building and grounds are kept to such a high standard and to our domestic team for maintaining such good standards of cleaning and hygiene. This ensures it is a safe and pleasant environment to learn and work.

On Friday the 11th February we will be finishing the term with a Times Tables Rockstar Day. Children can come dressed up as a Rockstar and will spend the day on times tables, challenges and multiplication activities. They will compete on Times Tables Rock Stars as well and children can earn extra rewards and certificates for their skills and hard work throughout the day. We look forward to seeing the children in their costumes ready to become rock legends!

Finally, thank you to our Head Boy (Corey), Head Girl (Neave) and Deputies (Jamie and Layla). I cannot express enough what a delight they are to have in school. They lead by example in everything they do with their hard work, commitment and impeccable manners. They showcase the school to visitors, carry out a range of jobs daily and are role models for the other children. They are often seen holding doors open, taking care of the younger children and asking adults if they are having a good day. They have been exceptional and an absolute credit to the school and their families.

Thank you!



Katy Higginson
Head of School

Dates for your Diary

- Friday 4th February – Reception Science Parent workshop 9am**
- Tuesday 8th February – Year 2 Science with Cabbage**
- Wednesday 9th February – Chinese New Year Workshop – EYFS**
- Wednesday 9th February – Year 4 Trip**
- Friday 11th February – TT Rockstars Day**
- Friday 11th February – Half Term**

Family Fun Day Prize Winner

Congratulations to **Terrell Donaldson** of Year 2 who was drawn out of the hat to be our first winner of the **Family Fun Day** prize for great attendance in our first term this year. Every student achieving 97% or above at **Forest Gate Academy** is entered into the draw and has the chance to win a great day out for themselves and their family. Don't worry if you missed out this time round. Another **Family Fun Day** draw will take place this **Easter** – so great school attendance can turn into great family fun, yet again!



TTRS DAY 2022

On Friday 11th February, we will be celebrating Times Tables! Times tables are a fundamental part of children being confident mathematicians. These calculations form the basis of much of what they learn in maths right up to (and even beyond) their GCSE courses, such as division, algebra and fractions. They are also used in day-to-day life.



The children love playing on TTRS and will participate in TTRS sessions throughout the day as well as participating in other Rock Star maths activities to build their fluency. As part of this day, we are asking that children come into school dressed like a Rockstar! They could dress up as their avatar, wear a fun wig, bring an inflatable microphone in or wear a funky outfit. We are excited to spend the day rocking out!

Attendance

Week Ending 28.01.2022

R	79.6
Y1	83.7
Y2	88.9
Y3	60.8
Y4	88.4
Y5	78.8
Y6	93.3

Whole School
(weekly)

82.5

Whole School
(Sept to date)

90.6

Target 97%



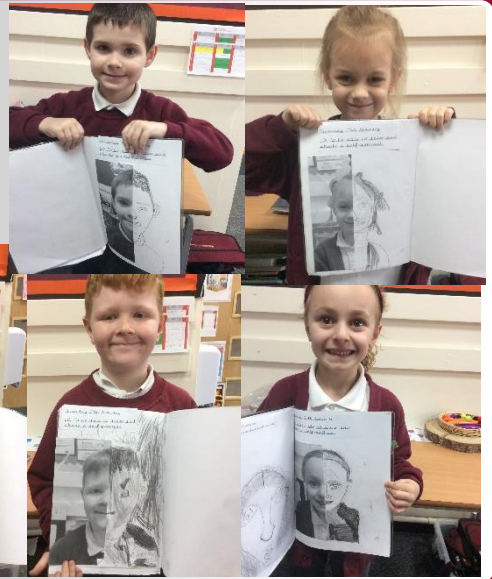
African Drumming Workshop

Year one really enjoyed their African Drumming session. They learned about Djembe drums and what they were used for in Western Africa many years ago. They used their knowledge on syllables to play rhythms on the drums and worked hard on controlling their tempo when playing.



Year 2

Year 2 have been working hard to create self-portraits.



Reception

Over the past couple of weeks Reception Class have been enjoying learning all about Kenya. They have listened to and discussed stories set in Kenya e.g. Handa's Surprise and have learnt about the different landscapes, animals and fruits that can be found there. They have found out about the similarities and differences between life in Kenya and England using video footage and information books and have enjoyed taking part in a range of creative activities including making story maps, observational drawings of fruit, making traditional necklaces, an African drum workshop and African dancing.



Stars of the Week

Nursery = Hope Harris & Alfie Lowery
Rec = Che Lloyd & Farrah Pegg
Y1 = Ezra Walbrooke & Hussain Hashmi
Y2 = Tayo Lamb & Emily Barry
Y3 = Kelsie-Mae Beswick & Harry Chadwick
Y4 = Joshua Williams & Darcey Higginbottom
Y5 = Aaron Hepplethwaite & Lily Hindle
Y6 = Jacob Williams & Rory-Marie Roberts

CONGRATULATIONS



Year 4

In history, year 4 have been learning about the important role that archaeologists play. We put our excavating skills to practice by excavating the "artefacts" (chips) from a chocolate chip cookie!

