



NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th March 2022

Headteacher Comment

This week we have been busy participating in a range of activities to mark British Science Week! This year our theme is climate change. The week began with a special whole school assembly focusing on the book 'Old Enough to Save the Planet' by Lol Kirby. Selected children read aloud extracts of the book to share the actions taken by children around the world to combat climate change. The assembly finished with a surprise video message from the author, she told the children how impressed she was with the actions they are taking to protect planet earth and added that these could feature in her next book!

Over the week all the children have taken part in lots of activities including planting trees, recycling, cleaning water and growing plants. I am extremely proud of the concern shown by the children and their desire to take action to care for the environment.

All classes took part in a range of Science shows led by Professor Brainstorm. The children were thoroughly engaged as he introduced them to the wonder of science, by demonstrating and explaining amazing experiments.

It has been an exciting and enjoyable week for everyone involved. Thank you to all the children and staff for participating with such enthusiasm.

Mrs Higginson



Katy Higginson
Head of School



Anita Edwards
Executive
Headteacher

Attendance

Week Ending
18.03.2022

R	85.9
Y1	91.7
Y2	90
Y3	93.6
Y4	89.2
Y5	97.6
Y6	93.3
Whole School (weekly)	92
Whole School (Sept to date)	91
Target 97%	

Tree Planting

On Wednesday, the eco-committee at FGA planted our amazing trees that were awarded from the Woodland Trust. This is a huge accomplishment for our school and one that we can celebrate for years to come. Well done to those children that braved the drizzly weather to create positive change and a greener future!



Dates for your Diary

Monday 21st March – World Poetry Day

Thursday 24th March – Reception trip – RHS Bridgewater

Wednesday 6th April – Virtual Parents Evening

Thursday 7th April – EYFS Easter Bonnet Assembly

Thursday 7th April – School closes for Easter break

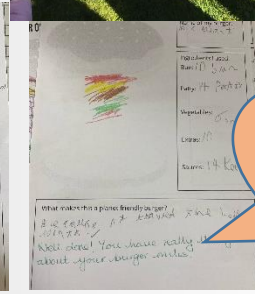
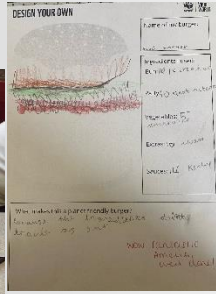
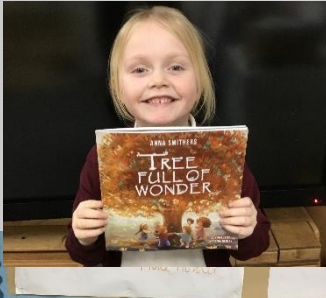
Friday 8th April – INSET Day

Monday 25th April – Return to School



Science Week

For Science Week **Reception** children have been learning about different ways to protect and care for planet earth. They have really enjoyed finding out from their new book 'Old Enough to Save Our Planet' what other children from different parts of the world have done to try and counter the effects of climate change. They have planted three new trees in the EYFS garden and have used video clips, stories and information books, to find out about why trees are so important. The children have also been growing their own food (broad beans and cress).



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Year one have been thinking about 'planet-friendly burgers.' We discussed what burgers would usually be made from and sorted the ingredients into food groups. We located on a map where ingredients come from, looking at how many 'food miles' they travel and how this impacts the environment.

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Heidi L- I liked planning the experiment ourselves and then seeing how our plan worked

Year 5 have been using their knowledge of materials to design and make their own water filters. Brodey J- "I liked seeing how our filters worked and how the dirt was removed from the water".

Year 6 have been creating paintings of Earth depicting the effects of climate change and making pledges for how they can help. Lottie L - "To save the Earth and reduce my carbon footprint I will walk to school every day".

Delcie "It getting hotter and hotter and hotter and the ice melting. Polar bears no homes and no food".



"I have made a planet-friendly burger because it has travelled the least miles." – Amelia Ford



During Science week **Nursery** have been learning about how the Earth is getting hotter due to Climate change. We have used videos, information books and discussions to help us think about about the potential changes to our world.

Stars of the week

- Nursery = Rosie Barry & Delcie Grimshaw
- Rec = Kya Lloyd & Heidi Harman Mckenna
- Y1 = Cole Matley & Amelia Ford
- Y2 = Noah Lee Campbell & Kadey Higginbottom
- Y3 = Logan-Jack Cooke & Darcey Barry-McIntyre
- Y4 = Sienna Matley & Dami Ogunyemi
- Y5 = Alex Smith & Heidi Lennon
- Y6 = Adam Preston & Peighton Penfold
- School Manners Star = Maison Walsh



Professor Brainstorm

As part of National Science week all classes were lucky enough to take part in a science workshop led by Professor Brainstorm. The children were encouraged to help out with the experiments and were challenged to explain their understanding using the correct scientific vocabulary. The children explored a range of scientific concepts including sound, space, forces and materials. Children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

