



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th February 2023

## Headteacher Comment

Year 6 children had a World War 1 activity day this week and took part in a variety of workshops throughout the day. This activity is to add depth and inspire the history curriculum. The activity day was attended by both FGA and PCA children together and they had an amazing time learning about the events and conditions during World War 1, as well as collaborating with each other.

To finish the term, Year 4 and 5 visited Broadoak for a performance by Allegro Dance, as well as Year 5 visiting St Mary's church for their termly trip and Y1 to 6 taking part in a fencing workshop. Alongside the many enhancements to the curriculum during the school day we have new enrichment clubs starting after half term. These were sent out this week via the MCAS app and start immediately after the half term break.

We are already at the mid-point of the academic year and Y2 and Y6 are busy working hard to reach the 'expected standard' ready for their SATs in May. Y4 are practising their times tables in preparation for the national Multiplication Check in the summer term. Y1 are continuing with daily phonics lessons to prepare them for their Phonics Screening Checks in June. To support your child in their preparation for these national tests you can help by making sure your child attends on time every day, reads daily (or at least 3x a week), completes their homework, accesses Times Tables Rockstars regularly and takes part in any booster clubs on offer. We are always available if you want any further advice on supporting your child's learning and helping them catch up.

Lastly, thank you to all those parents who attended our EYFS stay and play session on Wednesday, it was a great turnout.

From everyone at Forest Gate Academy, we wish you a happy half term and look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February**.



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Head of School



Anita Edwards  
Executive  
Headteacher

## Attendance

**Week Ending**  
**10.02.2023**

R	89.2
Y1	92
Y2	90.3
Y3	91.3
Y4	94
Y5	95
Y6	96.8

Whole School  
(weekly)

92.5

Whole School  
(Sept to date)

91.8

**Target 97%**

## Amazing Artists

Inspired by the story 'Handa's Surprise,' Reception Class have produced some fabulous, detailed observational drawings of pineapples using pencil and pastels. They were rightly very proud of their work.



Congratulations to Tre Woolstencroft, whose family have won our Anti-Bullying Newsletter competition! Tre was selected at random from those who sent feedback in about the children's anti-bullying work. His family have won a £50 Just Eat voucher! Thank you to all of those who took the time to respond and enter the competition; we really appreciated your feedback and will use it to continue to inform our response to bullying.



## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Return to school**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Quidditch**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 School Trip - MOSI**



### Year 5

On Friday, year 5 visited St Mary's church to further research their local history topic. They were able to study old maps of Partington and compare them to current Maps. Rev Andrew helped the pupils to explore the local history by sharing his research on Partington and showing us lots of photos of what Partington used to look like.

A great hands on experience for the pupils.



### Geography Club

Reception have had a great time in Geography club this half term. They have learnt all about the different layers of the Earth and built on this learning through exploring volcanoes and earthquakes. They particularly enjoyed making and erupting their own volcanoes alongside using sweets and spaghetti to build the strongest earthquake proof houses that they could.



### Nursery

Nursery would like to say a big thank you to all the adults that came to our Phonics stay and play. It was great to share how the children begin their journey into reading and writing and the children loved sharing the games and stories too.



### Wellbeing Council

Miss Cahill and the Wellbeing Council really enjoyed giving their special assembly on Wednesday. They talked about nutrition, and how some foods can help us to keep a healthy mind and healthy body. The assembly was very interactive, and there were even tasters of nutritious foods at the end! The message will be followed up in classes in PSHE. Very well done to the Wellbeing Champions!



### Year 1

As part of our local history topic, we have been learning about how shopping in Partington was different in the past and comparing it to present day. To support the children's learning, we set up shop both in the past and present and children were able to explore these concepts through role playing.



### Headteacher Awards

- Nursery = Freddie Haigh & Carter Hanson
- Rec = Rio Mundell & Kristina Roberts
- Y1 = Isla Greenhalgh & Harley Cottrell
- Y2 = Albie McCabe & Mia Kenyon
- Y3 = Trae Woolstencroft & Evie Shandley
- Y4 = Alicea Sheehan & Max Walton
- Y5 = Malayeka Bettahar & Joshua Williams
- Y6 = Anouk Lear & Drake Eaton

