



NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th October 2023

Headteachers Comment



Leading Parent Partnership Award



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We are thrilled to announce that Forest Gate Academy has been awarded the Leading Parent Partnership Award for a second time! We first achieved this award in February 2020 and we are delighted to achieve the award again in 2023. This reflects our ongoing commitment to recognising the importance of involving parents in their child's learning. It is great recognition for all their hard work and the work of the staff in school.

The LPPA framework has been integral in developing our family culture and extending our involvement in the local community. This has been a whole team effort encompassing all school partners and reflects our desire to continue to work together to provide the best opportunities for our children. This has been a key focus for the school and will continue as a high priority in the future. Congratulations to all involved.

We would also like to thank all the parents and carers who came to our history open morning this Friday. It was lovely having so many of you join us to see what it is like to learn History at FGA. There will be more open mornings throughout the year so watch this space.

Mrs Higginson

Attendance

Week Ending
20.10.2023

R	84.3
Y1	92.1
Y2	89.3
Y3	91
Y4	90
Y5	93.3
Y6	96.5

Whole School
(weekly)

90.9

Whole School
(Sept to date)

93

Target 97%

Art Club

In week 4, the children focused on drawing skills. Looking carefully at the different tones that can be created using a pencil and shading. They applied this knowledge and drew a portrait of their partner.

Last week, the focus was on the artist Piet Mondrian. He was a Dutch painter who is regarded as one of the greatest artists of the 20th century. They studied the painting 'Composition with Red, Blue and Yellow' by Mondrian which consists of thick, black brushwork, defining the borders of coloured rectangles. The children used this as inspiration for their collages.



Year 4

This week in science, Year 4 tested out three different toothpastes to investigate which was the best at keeping our tooth enamel bright and white. The children thought a good toothpaste should be foaming to cover the surface of the tooth and also be able to remove stains. They used an egg shell stained with coffee to investigate and found that both the Colgate Kids Cavity Protection and the Arm and Hammer Charcoal toothpastes removed the stain on the egg, whereas the Colgate Total didn't remove the stain as successfully.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 30th October – Return to school

Friday 3rd November – Day of the Dead

Thursday 9th November – Senses & Textures Workshop

Friday 10th November – Y3 & Y5 Forces Workshop

Reception

Reception have been learning about the season of Autumn. We have learnt what Harvest is, who we are thankful to and what we are thankful for. The children loved harvesting their own vegetables to make into a healthy soup. We have also been learning the story the Little Red Hen. The children have followed in the Little Red Hen's footsteps and made their own bread, they have: mixed it, kneaded it and watched the yeast make the dough grow.



At FGA we are always striving to improve our Times table fluency and recall. Pupils have access to Times Table Rock Stars, where they can play games, challenge each other and play against other schools. The more a pupil plays the better their recall speed becomes. The following pupils have made it onto the FGA leader board. Well done!



Position	Name	Rock Status
1	Isla Pegg	Rock Hero
2	Kelsie Beswick	Rock Hero
3	AJ Lear	Rock Hero
4	Jacob Ochocki	Rock Hero
5	Max Walton	Rock Legend
6	Kaya Matley	Rock Legend
7	Rania Banda	Rock Legend
8	Blake Roberts	Rock Legend
9	Callum Higgs	Rock Legend
10	Harry Chadwick	Rock Legend

Year 5

The children in Year 5 were lucky enough to have a visit from Microsoft yesterday and took part in a Minecraft Education session. The children had a fabulous time, learnt lots of new computer skills and thoroughly enjoyed being taught by computer experts.



Year 3

Year 3 have been 'Writing to Entertain' this term and have created a wonderful story about some wolves and their hunters. We have worked on prepositions, conjunctions, adverbials and paragraphs. The stories are amazing! Here we are reading them to our peers.



Headteacher Award



Nursery = Harry Collantine & Bobby Stanhope
 Rec = Sofia Jusciute & Charlie Robinson
 Y1 = Delcie Grimshaw & Damien Higgins
 Y2 = Lucas Alek & Breeze Lamb
 Y3 = George Mullarkey & Lyla Lloyd
 Y4 = Grace Panayiotou & Max Williams
 Y5 = Max Walton & Darcey Barry-McIntyre
 Y6 = Afreen Saheer & Brayden Matley



Pumpkin Decorating Contest
 in association with parent council

You are invited to take part in our **Pumpkin Decorating Contest!**
Get creative!

Make your pumpkin stand out by painting, carving or embellishing it with your own unique design!

You are welcome to bring your decorated pumpkin into school to be judged on

Tuesday 31st October
 Pumpkins will be sent home at the end of the day.

