

Forest Academy News

Keeping you up to date!

Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic week at Forest. The children have been able to enjoy the milder weather outside at break and lunch times. Some Year 6 children received Play Leader training and have started organising activities for the younger children which they are thoroughly enjoying.

UPCOMING DATES:

February 11th – Last day of Spring 1 Term

February 21st – First day of Spring 2 Term



ATTENDANCE

Class	6 th Sept	13 th Sept	20 st Sept	27 th Sept
Reception Ash	N/A	91.94%	88.57%	94.24%
Y1 Cherry	99.44%	96.84%	93.62%	91.05%
Y2 Elm	97.33%	98.65%	96.67%	93.49%
Y3 Lime	100%	97.24%	94.48%	95.17%
Y4 Oak	98.88%	97.22%	96.37%	91.43%
Y5 Pine	100%	96.95%	92.73%	93.64%
Y6 Rowan	97.03%	97.94%	96.08%	98.10%
Y6 Willow	100%	100%	98.99%	98.00%
Whole School	98.54%	96.99%	94.55%	94.16%

Good school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they do not fall behind both socially and academically. Children and young people who regularly attend school from Reception to Year 11 generally have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. Therefore, it is vital that children develop habits of regular attendance from an early age. Going to school is important as it maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks.

CORE VALUES

This half term our core value is **CURIOSITY**. Curiosity is the desire to know or learn. An example of curiosity is always asking questions, reading books and going out to try to learn about the world.



CALLING ALL YEAR 4 AND 6 GIRLS!

There are still a few spaces left in our girls' football club which runs after school on a Thursday from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. If your child would like to attend or you would like further information, please email the office, or speak to Mrs. Humphrey in the office.



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THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

RECEPTION – ASH CLASS



This week in Reception children have been learning about different habitats that animals might live in. They have begun to talk about climate change and the steps we can take to help take care of the planet. In literacy, they have been learning to describe and compare different habitats and animals. In addition, they have written sentences using the conjunction 'because' when comparing



different habitats. In our maths learning, they have been learning about how to subtract using the language 'take away'. In their outside provision, the children have enjoyed preparing the growing beds ready for planting. They have decided to plant small potatoes, so hopefully they will be ready to harvest in Summer.

YEAR ONE – CHERRY CLASS

This week in Cherry class the children have been learning to partition two-digit numbers using a range of resources to find tens and ones. They have also used hundred squares to assist them in finding one more and one less of a given number. In English, they have been looking at the key events in their core text, The King Who Banned the Dark. They used the story to sequence the events independently. Then, they have used the story as inspiration to write their own beginning. In PE, they used their throwing and catching skills to pass to a partner in various ways. The children also worked on their ICT skills and followed instructions carefully to complete an activity.



YEAR TWO – ELM CLASS

This week the children have been exploring persuasive language in English. The children have been revising a series of language tools to use when planning their news reports next week. They have written witness statements in third person, explored contrasting vocabulary and used speech punctuation. In Maths, the children have been exploring multiplication and division. They have practised applying a range of skills to a variety of contexts and consolidated their knowledge of number facts. In curriculum, the children have further developed their knowledge about Dr Barnardo and the impact he has had on the future of young children. In Science, the children have concluded the results of their experiment. They found that in vinegar the entire shell of an egg dissolved completely. This indicated the effects of acid and plaque on teeth and reminded children the reason behind good teeth and mouth hygiene.



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YEAR THREE – LIME CLASS



In English the children read through an example narrative and analysed the features that would make a good narrative. They then discussed what a sequel was and started to generate their own bank of vocabulary for endangered African animals. They will incorporate this into their own narrative when writing the sequel to the core text 'The Hunter'. Identifying and comparing money was the focus of our Maths lessons this week. The children had to read a variety of questions which they then solved using their knowledge of multiplication and division. Describing and explaining how different rocks can be useful to us was the focus of our

Science lesson this week. The children worked in their Kagan teams to research which rocks are more useful to us and why. In R.E the children learnt about the importance of charity and justice in Judaism. They then explored how reducing poverty and promoting equality for all is a cornerstone of Jewish culture.

YEAR FOUR – OAK CLASS

This week Year 4 have been identifying the structural and language features of newspaper articles in preparation for drafting their own articles next week. In art, they have begun to create their background for their final abstract art outcome in the style of the artist Valentino Brostean. In Maths, children have applied their prior knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 to convert between different units of measure. In RE, Year 4 have been learning about the story of Ganesh for their topic of Hinduism and reflecting on the actions of Shiva. Children have also enjoyed using their



knowledge of questioning in reading to generate their own open and closed questions based on an information text that is linked to next term's science topic of Sound.

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YEAR FIVE – PINE CLASS

In Year 5 this week in Science the children have been learning about the phases of the moon. They especially enjoyed making models of the phases with cream biscuits. In maths this week, they have been adding and subtracting fractions. They have been able to convert the fractions to the same denominators before adding them. In English, they have been sequencing what had happened to the main character in the Core text before he came to England. This has been in preparation for their writing of a prequel. In computing, they have been developing their word processing skills. In Geography, they have been comparing the settlement patterns in Syria with the UK.



YEAR 6 – ROWAN CLASS & WILLOW CLASS

Year 6 have had a fantastic week. They have worked really hard in maths, learning how to calculate percentages of different amounts. In English, the children have been writing diary entries from the perspective of Willie. They used their own experiences from being in the countryside last week, to draw on and include Willie's thoughts and feelings of his new surroundings. In History, the children have researched a variety of aspects related to life during WWII, which they will compile into a leaflet next week. In art, the children manipulated and experimented with hand-building clay techniques.

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BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

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Our breakfast and afterschool clubs are now operating as normal. For further information please call the school office. To book a place for your child, please call **07538 030914**.



CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed your contact details, please inform the school office as this information will be used for all communication. Please also let us know if the details of the emergency contacts you have provided us with have changed so that there is someone we can get hold of quickly if we are unable to contact you.

REMINDERS

- Please remember to send your child to school with a named, reusable water bottle. The water fountains are still not in use.
- On the days when children have PE, they should come to school dressed in their PE kit. Please make sure that it complies with the uniform rules.

NatCen Social Research is inviting you to express an interest in taking part in the Family Food Experience Study. They are looking for families with primary school aged children (aged 4–11 years old) to take part in this study to help them understand family food environments and children's eating habits. They will interview one adult in your household and will also take the height and weight measurements of one primary school aged child in your household. As a thank you for taking part, you will receive a £30 shopping voucher. You can register your interest using this link: survey.natcen.ac.uk/FFE21.



- Jewellery must not be worn other than small studs (no hoops or dangly earrings) and a watch (not a smart watch). This is for health and safety reasons.

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Year 5 have been learning about the phases of the moon in science. They enjoyed making models of the phases with cream biscuits @IPAT_Edu



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Year 6 experimented with different hand building clay techniques in art today.



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In music, Year 4 enjoyed finding the rhythm of the music and playing along with instruments.



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Have a lovely weekend.

From

Mrs. Oldfield, Mrs. Wray and all the staff



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Happy Birthday wishes to:



Khan
Romeo

Elm Class
Rowan Class

Online Safety:

Online Safety - Join LGFL **Digisafe** on the 20th December for a Facebook Live at 7.00pm to learn tips & tricks for keeping your children safe while they browse on phones, games & devices, just in time for Christmas!

Register your interest here <https://buff.ly/3GtXZos>



Healthy Activity & Food Programmes

Please see the information below for the Healthy Activity and Food programmes running over the Christmas holidays/Winter Break for children on Free School Meals.

https://www.croydon.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2021-12/HAF_Clubs_Christmas_2021_rev.docx

Support and Advice

These are very challenging times for everyone, but there is a lot of help available. Below you will find the contact details of a number of organisations to go to if you need help or advice:

- For help with welfare rights advice, call the council's free advice line on 0800 731 5920 to speak to an advisor or email welfare.rights@croydon.gov.uk.
- [Discretionary Housing Payments](#) may be available for a limited time to top up housing-related benefits to cover housing costs such as rent
- You may be able to claim a [discretionary reduction in council tax](#)- visit Croydon Council website to find out if you qualify
- There are three food stops with community partners in New Addington, Selsdon and Thornton Heath, where eligible residents can get £20 worth of food and groceries for £3.50 per week. For information email anita.konczack@croydon.gov.uk

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- Gas and electricity prepayment meters during COVID-19. Contact your energy suppliers, to discuss options to ensure your supply is not interrupted. Visit this website for further information:
<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-and-your-energy-supply>
- Croydon Council have a [COVID-19 web page](#) which will be updated daily with any changes to services.
- Help for anyone experiencing or at risk of domestic abuse - Croydon Family Justice Centre
020 8688 0100 or email fjc@croydon.gov.uk



If you have concerns about a child (or their families) welfare, contact Croydon Council's Single Point of Contact (SPOC)

Telephone: 020 8726 6400

Out of hours: 020 8726 6400 (ask for out of hours team)

Email: childreferrals@croydon.gov.uk

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 – 16:00

If you think a child is at risk of immediate harm telephone 999