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'We A.S.P.I.R.E to Learn and Grow Together'



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Dear Parents,

This half-term seems to have flown by. It's hard to believe that we are near the end of January already.

Attachment & Trauma Sensitive Schools Award

We are delighted to share the news that we have recently been awarded the Attachment & Trauma Sensitive School Bronze Award. This achievement recognises the excellent pastoral care children receive here at Forefield Infants and highlights the 'culture of compassion and nurture' in ensuring pupils are ready to learn as a key component. We are extremely proud of this award as it recognises the focus on mental health and well-being, the strategies we have in place as a school to support children and families and the excellent partnerships we have with our parents. A huge thank you to all of our parent's for helping us to secure this award and also to Mrs Gilroy who has lead on achieving this award. Not to rest on our laurels, we are now working towards gaining the Silver Attachment and Trauma Sensitive School Award. Watch this space...

Fun Food Chef

This week Year 1 children demonstrated their excellent culinary skills during a visit from the Fun Food Chef. They chopped, ground and mixed a variety of different ingredients to make some delicious African food and drinks. As part of the experience the children tried plantain and spiced chicken as well as different spices. The smells coming from the hall had us all feeling very hungry throughout the day. I hope the children told you all about this exciting day when they came home. They certainly seemed to be enjoying every moment.

Children's Mental Health Week - Monday 5th February 2024

We're delighted to be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week 2024. Launched in 2015, the week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to every child in the UK. This year's theme is **My Voice Matters**. 1 in 6 children and young people now have a diagnosable mental health condition. By taking part in Children's Mental Health Week 2024, you can help us to ensure that children and young people across the UK feel listened to, and know that they're not alone. We will be kicking the week off with an assembly and sharing a book all about how children can use their voice and how important it is to speak up!

As adults, we should empower children and young people, and provide them with time, space, and opportunities to express themselves. We must also ensure they have opportunities to influence aspects of their worlds that directly - or indirectly - affect their wellbeing. Over the next week we will be gathering children's thoughts on their local community and thinking about how we feel about the plans for a road that will run through Rimrose Valley. This is a place that is special to our school as by the time the children have reached Year 2, they will have visited it at least 3 times.

To finish the week we will be having a dress to express day on **Friday 9th February**. Express Yourself Day allows children and young people to celebrate what makes them unique with an incredibly fun dress-up day - this could be sharing their favourite hobby, such as skateboarding or dancing, or wearing their favourite colour or accessory. Or it could just be coming in as themselves. Express Yourself is about letting children's voice shine through and empowering them to tell their own stories!

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 6th February 2024

On-line safety is another important issue that we think about all the time in school and is a regular focus in our lessons. In February every year, we raise the profile even higher and have a special focus during an On-line Safety week (wk beginning 5th Feb 24). With the rapidly increasing use of technology such as tablets; mobile phones; computers by young children, and the increasing use of social networking and the internet in general, on-line safety is an important issue for us as parents and carers too. As many children will have received new devices as Christmas presents now is a good time to check the settings on those devices are appropriate for your children. Each month we send out an online safety newsletter sharing important information and updates about current issues in the technological world and this month's addition has information about setting parental controls on consoles, mobiles and tablets. There is also key information about the game LEGO Fortnite and YouTube. If you require any other support or information about Internet Safety, please ask your child's class teacher, or arrange an appointment with Mrs Wolfarth our school Online Safety Champion.

Quad Project Update

You may remember before Christmas we shared we will be working with FOFIS on a project to create an outdoor learning space in our inner quad garden. Over the Christmas period the ground work was started for this project with the removal and replanting (in Forest School) of many of the trees and shrubs in the area. We are hoping the remaining work will be completed over the upcoming half term, creating a lovely outdoor learning area for the children to use all year round. Once again a big thank you for all of your support at the FOFIS events, and a big thank you to FOFIS who are working with school to fund this project.

Parent Workshops & Team Around the School Drop in Sessions

Our Team Around the School practitioners - Andy and Mary Lou, continue to offer fortnightly drop in sessions for parents to come into school and chat about any worries, concerns or issues they may be having. This can be linked to your child, your family, your home or even older siblings. They are here to help and are very approachable. The sessions are very well attended, so if you have a nagging worry come along to the next session (on Friday 9th February) and have a chat with them about how they may be able to help.

This week we also hosted a Sleep Hygiene Workshop for parents run by our school Mental Health Nurse. Parents who attended said the session was really useful with some great advice and tips. The next session is on Friday 23rd February, focusing on Behaviours that challenge. For those that cannot make the session being held here at Forefield, the same session will be run on Thursday 22nd February at 1-2.30pm at the Waterloo Family Well-being Centre who are in our cluster, so you would be more than welcome to attend that session should it be more convenient for you.

Reception & Nursery Intake September 2024

The closing date for applications for admission to Reception in September 2024 was the 15th January. If your child is due to start Reception next academic year and you have not yet submitted an application form, please contact Ms Edwards in the school's office or Sefton's Admissions Section on 0151 934 3590 who will be able to help you.

September 2024 Nursery Intake - For admission to the Nursery in September 2024, applications must be submitted by noon on Friday 2nd February 2024 and parents will be notified of places on Friday 15th March 2024. If you know anyone looking for a Nursery place for their child in September 2024, please share this information about our school Nursery offer. We offer both full time (30hr) places as well as morning and afternoon (15hr) places. If you or any family or friends require any additional information regarding admission to School or Nursery, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Edwards or Mrs Gregory in the School Office on 0151 9246235.

Upcoming Dates

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| Thurs 1 st Feb | 9.15am Prospective Parent tour |
| Fri 2nd Feb | Closing Date for Nursery applications for Sept 2024 |
| Thurs 8 th Feb | Yr1 Africa Day |
| Fri 9 th Feb | Dress to Express Day |
| | 3.30pm End of term |

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY Mon 12th Feb to Fri 16th Feb

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| Mon 19 th Feb | Return to school |
| Wed 21 st Feb | 4pm Prospective Parent tour |
| Fri 23 rd Feb | 9-10.30 - Behaviours that Challenge Parent Workshop |

March

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| Thurs 7 th Mar | World Book day |
| | 7pm Diversity Concert -Mountford Hall, Liverpool |
| Fri 8 th Mar | 9.15am Prospective Parent tour |
| Mon 11 th Mar | Yr1 Trip to Martin Mere |
| | 4-7pm Parent Consultation Meetings |
| Wed 13 th Mar | 4-7pm Parent Consultation Meetings |
| Fri 15th Mar | Notification of Nursery places for entry Sept 2024 |
| Mon 18 th Mar | 4pm Prospective Parent tour |
| Tues 19 th Mar | Class 4 Assembly for Parents @ 9.15am |
| Wed 20 th Mar | Class 5 Assembly for Parents @ 9.15am |
| Thurs 21 Mar | Class 6 Assembly for Parents@ 9.15am |
| Wed 27 th Mar | Nursery Easter Bonnet Parades |
| | End of Term for Nursery children |
| Thurs 28 th Mar | Easter Bonnet Parades |
| | 1.50pm End of Term |

Fri 29th March to Mon 15th April 2024 Easter Holiday

Our next newsletter will be circulated on Friday 9th February 2024.

Yours sincerely

B. Roberts

Headteacher