

NEWSLETTER

19 May 2017

This week at Fair Furlong



Noah's Ark - Glastonbury and New Forest classes visited Noah's Ark zoo farm this week. They were very lucky with the weather. They enjoyed a tractor ride which took them to see the view of seven estuary; it was a very bumpy and fun ride. The children also



saw the new bears; the brand new baby giraffe and many more animals. Glastonbury children were very brave and touched a tortoise and let cockroaches walk over their hands! The children

were super listeners and we were very proud to take them out of the school.



Hotdogs on a Thursday!!! - Kelly Ketchup was joined by a new friend today, Heston Hotdog who the children loved meeting while they were eating their delicious hotdogs.

JJ Billings and Clevana-Rose Buckley were the lucky winners of the hotdog raffle and won an Amazon voucher each.



Penzance Class Assembly -

Penzance class really enjoyed their class assembly about Penzance and Pirates. They wore pirate hats and recited a pirate poem called 'Mrs Pirate.' We were very impressed with

their big voices - Well Done Penzance Class!

POLLING DAY SCHOOL CLOSURE - We are sorry but because the government have called an election we have been informed that Fair Furlong will be used again as a Polling Station on Thursday 8th June. School will be closed for all pupils and we're very sorry for the inconvenience caused but it is beyond our control.

Ecoanimals - Years 1 and 3 have had a visit from some very special rainforest animals! As part of our animal or rainforest topics we had workshops to meet some of the animals we've been studying in real life. We were able to meet a Bearded Dragon, African Bullfrog, scorpion, python, leaf insect, tarantula and a tortoise! The instructor taught us lots of interesting facts and we got to watch them move and eat their breakfast! Some of us were brave enough to stroke or hold the animals too.



Merit awards awarded for outstanding achievement this week:



Enthusiasm: Keira O'Connor; Layla-Grace Stewart; Woody Jewell; Riley Cummings

Challenge: Maddison Grist; Harry Buxton; Ruby May Talbot; Mason Dibble

Learning Together: Millie James; Aiden Viner

Trust: New Forest class; Joshua Trotter

Respect: Riley Slane; Becca Evans



Merchants' Academy staff will be here from 3.15pm on Wednesday June 14 for year 6 children to try on and order uniform.

Attendance

In school this week is shockingly bad only 4 classes are above target. We are having far too many children not attending school on Mondays and Fridays because the family take them for a long weekend in the caravan. This is not acceptable. We already have long holiday breaks at Easter, Christmas and in the Summer. Part time attendance in school is not an option and far too often children are only attending for 60% of the school week. This is massively damaging to their attainment and progress and we ask parents to show more support for their children in school and address this issue promptly.

KS1 Position	Class	% Attendance	KS2 Position	Class	% Attendance
1 st	New Forest	98%	1 st	Brighton Pier	98%
2 nd	Glastonbury	94%	2 nd	Tintagel	96.8%
3 rd	Fingal's Cave	91.3%	3 rd	Snowdon	95%
4 th	Ullswater	91%	4 th	Forest of Dean	92.8%
5 th	Jorvik	89.7%	5 th	Balmoral	91.5%
6 th	Penzance	89.3%	6 th	Hadrian's Wall	90.7%
			7 th	Caernarfon	89.3%
			8 th	Stonehenge	89%

Attendance	Comment
99% - 100%	Outstanding
97% - 98%	Excellent
95% - 96%	Great (School attendance target is 95%)
93% - 94%	Satisfactory
Less than 93%	Must do better

Would you like to have your say about homework?



We are looking for some parent volunteers to come and work with our governors to decide how we approach homework from next September. If you are interested in coming to contribute your ideas please register your interest in the school office by the end of term. The meeting will be on the morning of 12th June.



AWARDS: Maths Badges: Paige Keedwell; Ashlee Neale; Regan Wyatt; Lacie Perryman; Joshua Trotter; Freya Grist; Faye Baker; Payton McGoll; Max Matlacki; Lucy Baldwin; Bella Godfrey; Kyle Williams; Lashonda Burke; Ianorus Udra; Brooke Delaney; Keigan Harding; Casey Parker; Alfie Horlock; Rylie Corfe; Brooke Spicer; Mylie Powell; Lexi-Mai Patchett; Crystal Coggins; Billy Thompson; Olivia Grist; Leah Tucker; Riley Slane; Crystal Sunil; Millie James. **Spelling Badges:** Ben Jacobs; Millie James; Ava parsons; Alfie Horlock; Emmie Ball; Cerisha Thompson; Meikko Dyer; Fallon Blackmore; Nathan-Lee Jones; Aditi Nair; Brook Spicer; Mason Swatton; Jayden Heathcote; Kennerleigh Bateman; Hollie Hughes; Grayson Wooten; Lola Collins; Harrison Weber; Ella Steadman; Lewis Priddis; Melissa Pfister; Ilan Brugora; Joshua Trotter; Joseph Marks; Dylan Moore; Ford Griffin; Robbie George; Keeley O'Connor; Hollie Bailey; Hollie Bailey; Brandon Cole. **Bronze Awards:** Layla-Grace Stewart; Lilly-May Davis; Ostin Delaney; Jaydon Chilcott; Oliver Goldyn; Lucas Summers; Tyler Barrett; Demilade Akinbo; Reece Marsh; Seth Doyle; Calleigh peters; Layton Maynard; Anthony Moseley; **Silver Awards:** Oliver Dowling; Ruby Blackmore; Crystal Sunil; Sophie Griffin; Davina Barton; Miekko Dyer; Grace Brown; Shelly Skinner; Nathan Powell; Lewis Welch; Eleanor Holden; Minnie Workman; Taio Fennell; Macie Leigh Talbot; Mckenzie Smith-Chivers; Harry Blackmore; Lucas Dumphy; Alfie Butler; Kodi Burke; Victoria Grzeszczyk; **Gold Awards:** Lily Beacham; Kaylee Beard; Olivia King **Lunchtime Legends:** **Homework Heroes:** Portia Nash; Casey Parker; Darja Garashchenko; Brook Spicer; Layla Sherwell; Casey Iles **Golden Good Manners Table:** Conagh Tomlin; Talia Thomas; Joshua Trotter; Sapphire Billing; Ryan Davis

Menu for the week beginning 22 May 2017 - Week 2:

Monday:	Beef burger in a bun : Veg burger in a bun : salad bar
Tuesday:	Roast pork & roast pots : cheese & potato swirls
Wednesday:	Spaghetti bolognaise : quorn spaghetti : salad bar
Thursday:	Roast chicken : cheese pinwheels
Friday:	Special Caribbean Lunch - Jerk chicken : Vegetable wraps : Coleslaw/Salad. On this day we will also be having a special Caribbean breakfast club.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 26th May

Last day of Term 5

Monday 5 June

Term 6 starts

Monday 5-9 June

Healthy & Safe Week

Thursday 8 June

Polling Day - School Closed for everyone

Wednesday 14 June

Merchants' Academy here for uniform ordering

Monday 3 July

Phase 3 Sports Morning

Tuesday 4 July

Phase 2 Sports Morning

Thursday 6 July

Repts home

Friday 7 July

Inset Day

Tuesday 11 July

Y4/5/6 Performance

Wednesday 12 July

Y4/5/6 Evening

Monday 17 July

Open / World day

Thursday 20 July

Last day of Term 6 (Friday 21 July Inset day - school closed to pupils)

Inset days for school year 17/18

4 & 5 September

all children back Wednesday 6 Sep

Tuesday 2 January

Monday 23 Tuesday 24 July - Friday 20 July last day of term



Letters this week - Y6 Trip to Legoland



There was mind-reading, fun & games from a certain wizard called Potter, and our 'Maths Cauldron' game this week...

This week was another cracking week of magical maths. In fact, this week was PARTICULARLY magical, as we had a guest appearance from our very own Mathemagician. He had an amazing time with the children, and taught them some really exciting stuff!

Maths WHIZZards

One of the activities this week feature some super fun 'maths showdowns' in our Maths WHIZZards game (based on a scene from a famous film about young whizzards!). Children had to test their speed in this game.

This game helps children with a variety of important areas. Key Stage 1 focused on recalling and using addition/subtraction facts up to 100 and telling and writing important times on a clock face. Key Stage 2 focused on fractions.

We eventually whittled down to the winning teams, who were very pleased. Well done guys!

Magic Cauldron for the Key Stage 1s & The Mathemagician Training Booklet for Key Stage 2s

This activity is great one. It's called the 'Magic Cauldron' and really helps students with the speed of their sums. They have to pick a card and select another card with the correct answer on. There will be a magic ingredient on the back, which they must add to their cauldron to make a secret potion!



The first to get all the ingredients wins the game (AND has their very own magic potion...double cool!!)

This week, if your child is in Key Stage 2 they should have brought home their Magician Training Booklet. Here's what it looked like..

This booklet will train them how to perform some of the Mathemagician's maths tricks. It features some timeless classics such as 'Think of a Number' and the 'Answer out of a Hat Card Trick', and also our personal favourite 'Think of an Animal'.

Your child needs to practise these until they stick. Repetition, along with a bit of showmanship, are what the mathemagician prescribes for making these tricks super slick.

Time Bomb for Key Stage 1s & Magic Dice for Key Stage 2s

Time Bomb - A great game for teaching number patterns and basic times tables. The children stand in a circle and must say either 1, 2 or 3 consecutive numbers in a sequence that we give them. The next child then continues on from there, and so on, and so on. When one child reaches the last number in the sequence, they must make a big (pretend) explosion and sit down. We continue until we're left with a champion. We also played this game with times tables! The Mathemagician was very impressed with their little apprentices.

Magic Dice - A game featuring two 12-sided dice, and three 6-sided dice. The children get split into teams, and each team rolls their 12-sided dice to create their 'target'. Using the number they then roll from the 6-sided dice, children can use add, subtract, multiply, divide and even powers (for the older children) to equal their target. This activity is perfect for encouraging strategic thinking and problem solving!

A magical week that's for certain, please let us know what you thought, we love to hear from you and we do read all emails.

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P.S. - Next week we have a visit from the Olympic Mathletes to do some sports and games. No P.E. kit necessary, but an Olympian attitude DEFINITELY is!