

FARNDON NEWSFLASH



Dear Parents / Carers,

As we enter into March, we have been reflecting and self-evaluating the work that goes on at school. We continue to be reflective and place the children at the centre of all we do. This term, we are focusing our efforts on our pedagogical teaching approach for our curriculum. It centres around the 4 cornerstones of Think; Learn; Explore; Evaluate. And within each area we look at how we can develop our pupils' cognitive and meta-cognitive abilities.

With Spring officially in sight this month and the days slowly but surely getting longer, hopefully the cold, wet weather will rapidly pass and we can begin to leave those winter hats behind. As the warmer weather approaches, children may start wearing the summer uniform as shown below:

- Grey shorts
- White polo shirt (with school crest is optional)
- Red and white summer dress

Recently I have noticed that several pupils are still coming for PE sessions in their own "branded" clothes. Similar to High Schools, we ask that pupils wear black shorts, a red T-shirt with the school crest and / or a red hooded sweater with the school crest for when it is cooler (or the school jumper is acceptable). For full details, parents can access the school policy - <http://www.farndon.cheshire.sch.uk/page/school-uniform/4141>

In this term, we look forward to the Easter Bingo and the sponsored Bunny Hop as part of our Easter celebrations.

Mr Walker – Headteacher



SPORTS ROUND UP

The final Cross-Country event took place in Ellesmere Port last week. This time it was a team event and we had 3 or 4 runners in each of the Junior categories.

Our pupils, wearing our new school athletics kit, all pushed themselves to their limit and finished what was a tough course. Out of 20 schools, we came 5th overall and the Year 3 and 4 girls won team gold!

Our Year 5 and 6 Netball team participated in the Broxton tournament. They played really well and they finished a respectable fifth place.



YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

- A polite reminder to parents not to park on the school car park unless there is a prior agreement with the school.

If for any reason you need to access the car park, please contact the school office.

- We ask that any snack brought in from home should be a healthy one. Recently, I have noticed that packets of crisps, chocolate bars and packs of biscuits have started to make an appearance. Infants do of course get given fruit for free and Juniors can purchase a snack from the school kitchen.

SCHOOL PTA UPDATE

In the Spring term, we held our second disco of the year. It was so well attended as always and we raised over £600 for school funds. The Easter bingo is on the 22nd March and we plan to hold it in the school hall again. Miss Brown will send out food orders. At the last meeting, Mrs Jones, our PTA chair, announced that she would be stepping down from the role. We thank her for all her hard work over the years and all the money raised. And so we ask if in the near future, there is any parent out there who might like to consider being on the PTA committee or even perhaps the Chair.

MILESTONE 3 SEE THE STARS

As part of the 'Out of this World' Topic in UKS2, they went on a trip to Jodrell Bank. Pupils went into the space dome and had a 3D experience. They saw the different constellations and various planets right before their very eyes. They explored the Space Pavillion and the First Light Pavillion, which had lots of different activities to try. Also, they had a talk about black holes and Space and Time and they got to explore the Lovell Telescope Pathway. It was a great day full of activity and adventure - it's fair to say it was OUT OF THIS WORLD!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th March: Nantwich trip (Year 1)
19th March: Parents' Evening (Whole school)
21st March: Nantwich trip (Year 2)
22nd March: Easter Bingo in school hall
21st March: Parents' Evening (Whole school)
26th March: Strings Concert (Year 5)
27th March: End of Spring term for pupils
28th March: INSET day
15th April: Pupils return to school
24th April: Bala residential (Year 4)
29th April: Robinwood residential (Year 5)
6th May: Bank Holiday Monday

For those parents who are wanting to book their holiday getaways and want them to coincide with the school holiday dates to avoid a fixed penalty, the 2024 - 25 academic dates are available on our website.

<https://www.farndon.cheshire.sch.uk/page/term-dates/3587>

SCHOOL DINNERS

Menus are available on the school website:
Week beginning 18th March: Menu Week 1
Week beginning 25th March: Menu Week 2

For menus, please follow the link below:

<http://www.farndon.cheshire.sch.uk/page/school-dinners/4281>

THE GREAT FIRE OF NANTWICH

Foxes had a fabulous time in Nantwich at the museum. They learnt all about life in Tudor times and were transported back to when life was very different and got to act out how they might fight a fire. They also made great detectives, finding clues of the great fire that engulfed the town similar to London.



WORLD BOOK DAY

As always, Mrs Wakefield likes to do something a little different for World Book Day, rather than dress up as a character.

So we had two competitions set up involving clever photography with a book and decorating a wooden spoon! The winners were awarded with a £5 voucher. *And the winners are for the photograph...*

EYFS: Jack Cope

Infant: Ivy Jones

Junior: Osian Williams

And for the wooden spoon..

EYFS: Jack Mannion

Infant: Sophie Jones

Junior: Freya Frost



PUPILS MAD ABOUT SCIENCE

On Monday, it was the turn of our scientists to shine at the Heber Science Fair. We had lots of projects from some of our Junior pupils. Oscar and Felix both did their own presentations based around how fossils are formed. Edith made her own orrery as part of her project on the solar system. Farrah impressed the judges with her work that centred around food preservation. Also in Year 5, Scout and Eliza made everyone think twice about picking food off the floor! Their investigation certainly impressed the judges, as they were awarded with a **first place** rosette.

In Year 6, Alfie, Patrick and Henry showed off their stop-go animation with lego and Tilly and Alaiya showed off their knowledge of crystal formation. A huge well done to all our amazing scientists.



SINGING IN THE CATHEDRAL

Our Year 6 pupils were invited to join with other primary schools at a 'come and sing' event at Chester Cathedral. They also had the opportunity to partake in a guided tour of the building to immerse themselves in its rich history as well as gaining first-hand experiences of some of the things they had learnt as part of the Religious Education curriculum.

The trip culminated in the children performing with over 100 other primary school children as well as choristers from Abbey Gate College, accompanied by the magnificent Chester Cathedral pipe organ. It was a truly wonderful afternoon and such a great experience for all those children who took part.