



Forest Way School Newsletter

November 2022

A Word From Gail



Hi Everyone

The autumn term has been busy and very productive, I am very pleased that the newsletter gives you a flavour of some of the lovely activities our pupils and young people have been doing.

On the staffing front I am very pleased to welcome Siân Peat (née Wooldridge) back to the Forest Way community. Siân will be taking over as teacher for Oaks 9 whilst Sam and Leanne move to a non-teaching Assistant Head role. We also welcome back Hannah and Lucy from maternity leave. Hannah joins our Leadership Team and is working across EYFS and Year 1 to ensure cohesion across all our settings and Lucy will also be joining our primary department.

We are looking forward to our Xmas events over the next couple of weeks and hope to see you all there.

Best wishes

Gail

Going For Gold!



Over the last 6 months, one of our Post-16 students, Tieron Ross has started the journey to being a national wheelchair track athlete. Tieron was talent spotted at a schools athletics event and has now been classified as a T34 Track Athlete.

At the end of the season in September 2022, Tieron is currently ranked number **TWO** in Great Britain for his age group in 100m, 200m and 400m. He has represented Leicestershire at the National Championships where he won both his races and gained gold; Coventry National Junior Athletics where he won gold and bronze; Stoke Mandeville BWAA Grand Prix where Tieron also gained two golds and is currently aiming towards training with the National Paralympics Training Academy.

Tieron is currently training weekly at Loughborough University with the Charnwood Athletics Club and his coach Phillip Fleetwood is attending our Post-16 gym sessions to provide Tieron with an individualised training programme. As a school we are immensely proud and ecstatic about Tieron's outstanding achievements in such a short period of time. We wait in anticipation for the future success of Tieron as an athlete.

We wanted to say a massive thank you to Tieron's family who have supported Tieron every step of the way (even in the pouring rain at the weekend!) driving all over the country. We also extend this thank you to his coach Phillip Fleetwood. We continue to support and wish Tieron the best of luck with his athletic career.

Go Tieron - we hope to see you in Paris!

Maisie Bunting PE Lead Teacher

Acorns 1 welcoming their new friends



Arlo and Dylan played turn taking games and both waited their turn



All the children returned to school after a long hot summer ready to play and meet old and new friends. Welcome to our new friends in Acorns 1.



Ruairi enjoyed learning to use a switch and make the elephant move



Elliot's first day at school playing the saxophone.

Ryan with his Daddy rolling the ball.

Celebrating Diwali

Acorns 1 had a fun time celebrating Diwali by learning how to Bhangra Dance. Reema Bhakri came into school to teach some of the children. Arlo demonstrated some of the moves. Warren preferred to watch his friends dance.

We enjoyed making oreo modak sweets. We were very focused and listened to Mel as she modelled how to make them. They were yummy! Reuben enjoyed made a diva with Mollie. He liked pressing sequins into the clay.



Acorns 2 have settled well

Acorns 2 have settled well, and we have especially enjoyed taking part in Forest Schools this term. We have been exploring the woodlands, listening to stories, and toasting marshmallows on the campfire.



Friends and Family

Thank you to our Parents and Carers that attended to listen to Ellie our SALT.

The areas of focus were:

- Attention and listening
- Receptive language (understanding)
- Expressive language (use of language)
- Social communication and interaction
- Alternative and Augmentative communication (AAC)
- Speech sound
- Executive functioning skills

The next Friends and Family at Forest Way is being held on 2nd February 2023 1-3pm. Sam Woodward will be delivering a session on Sensory Processing.

Thank you to all our Friends of Family of Forest Way that wrapped all our presents.



Post 16 Sister Act



On 26th October we went to Sister Act at the Curve! We walked to McDonalds, worked on our budgeting and looked at the saver options for the meals.

Everyone did so well and we all enjoyed a fantastic meal. From there we walked sensibly through town and back to the Curve before a lovely performance! We laughed, cheered and gave a standing ovation at the end! A fabulous trip and all students were so well behaved! Great work from some of Post-16



The Badgers Enjoyed Harvest

The Badgers class enjoyed preparing for the Harvest Festival. They delivered a fantastic performance of 'Old Macdonald Had a Farm' with Acorns 2 and loved taking part in activities in the classroom related to it.



Family Social Evening



On Thursday 13th October I attended my first Forest Way social evening. I had an amazing experience as I was able to meet new students and parents alongside being able to have fun doing an activity that was different from my day to day teaching. It was brilliant to see all the parents chatting and taking some well deserved time to themselves. I felt privileged to be part of the great community that we have here at Forest Way!

Dinner Money

The price of paid school meals will be increasing by 5p from January 2023. This means that it will now be **£2.45** in the new term.

Pick up and Drop Off

Please can we remind you that your child should be dropped off before **9.15am** and picked up by **3.40pm** for the normal school day.

If your child is part of a club then they need to be collected by **5pm**.

Christmas Fair

14th December 2022

Join us for festive fun, mince pies, live music, and Santa!

Acorns 10



Students in Acorns 10 have settled well into their new classroom at Ashby Hastings. We have been working on making wavy lines, downstrokes and upstrokes in a range of messy media as well as with our bodies in Dance Write as a precursor to writing.

We listened to music and we pretended to be volcanoes, using our arms and whole bodies to make upward and downward movements before trying to cross our midline by moving our arms from side to side. We then repeated the movements in messy media, using shaving foam mixed with PVA glue and red paint to make puffy paint (as well as a dash of glitter too of course). Everyone had so much fun, we didn't even realise we were learning!

Forest Way School

WANTED
Raffle
Prizes

Please help us make our Christmas fair a huge success.

We are looking for:

- Stall holders selling crafts etc
- Chocolate selection boxes
- Bottles of drink (both alcoholic and not)
- Bric-a-brac
- Prizes for the raffle

Please contact the school if you can help in anyway. Thank you!

Oaks 10 and 11 East Midlands Airport



other parcel deliveries departing from there.

It was fascinating going into the arrivals terminal and seeing people flying to catch the last bit of sunshine along with seeing how they test the conveyor belts at the check in desk by putting suitcases with weights in to check the scales are accurate.

Dave also spoke to us about shift patterns and interview tips that were helpful for any job that we might like to go for in the future. At the end we had a go at the role play area where we practised being air hostesses, working on duty free, security and check in!

A fantastic day which has really opened our eyes to a great employer that isn't that far away from us!

Oaks 10 and 11 have recently visited East Midlands Airport. It was a careers trip and we learnt about all the different kinds of employment opportunities there.

A massive thank you to Dave who gave us a big tour and a talk. We were told about how it is busy in the daytime with people flying to different holidays but at night it is even busier with Fedex, UPS and

Train to be a teacher with us!

Our School Direct - Initial Teacher Training programme places trainee teachers in the classroom from day one working alongside experienced teachers to learn the skills of teaching "on the job."

We have been running our successful programmes for over 10 years and have seen fantastic results along the way with our trainees all securing teaching jobs after completion of their PGCE training year.

**Are you a graduate?
Have you ever considered teaching as a career?
Would you like to know more about the training options available?**

Come along to one of the Recruitment/Information Events, have a chat with Programme Managers, take the opportunity to find out about how the training programmes work, entry requirements and the application and selection process.

This time next year you could be embarking on the most worthwhile and rewarding career - TEACHING.

Our next School Direct Information Event is **Thursday 15 Dec 2022 - 6pm**

Contact:
emead@forestway.leics.sch.uk to book your place

Thank you

Raffle prizes have been received from Elite Gaming Lounge, Champneys and some families. So thank you for your support we hope that you are lucky in our raffle very soon!



Selection Boxes Donated



from Coalville South. These were very gratefully received and are a personal donation made by each councillor.

In addition to these lovely donations. Stealth Kickboxing, David Wilson Homes and Donna Kerr have also donated some selection boxes.

A huge thank you for the donation of 240 selection boxes from two of our local councillors: Councillor Craig Smith from Coalville North and Councillor Keith Merrie MBE

These will be given out as part of our Santa's Grotto next week. These donations mean an awful lot, especially to have such wonderful community support.



FOREST WAY CAREER CHAMPIONS



Become a Careers Champion for Forest Way and support our students with their career aspirations and life choices. The school is looking for long term, sustainable links with anyone in the world of work. You may be a business owner, an employee, a volunteer, a charitable organisation or in further education.

YOU CAN REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES OF OUR STUDENTS

Our students seek to:

- Explore the world of work and the opportunities available to them.
- Learn more about STEM opportunities in the world of work.
- Undertake work experience placements and internships.
- Visit local businesses.
- Have links with further education and higher education providers.

Can you ...?

- Offer a short talk to our students about your business.
- Offer taster sessions about your field of work virtual or face to face.
- Support mock interviews and CV writing.
- Support our careers days.
- Offer practical work-related experiences in school.
- Provide practical guidance on STEM activities.
- Offer work experience placements or internships (the school will provide the correct risk assessments and support the students with a trained Forest Way staff member).
- Offer visits and talks about further and higher education.

What's in it for you?

- By supporting the school and becoming a careers champion you will be making a difference to our students' futures.
- Careers Champions will be added to our school's website and publicity materials and social media.
- Opportunities to network with like-minded people from the world of work.
- Showcase your involvement with the school and student success stories.
- We can offer free disability awareness and communication training courses which could benefit you and your staff or colleagues.

To find out more, please contact Tim Lees: tlee@forestway.leics.sch.uk