



Forest Way School Newsletter March 2018

Hi Everyone

As we move towards the Easter holidays, I'm sure everyone is thankful for the change in the weather. Thank you for your understanding this term when the conditions caused us to make the decision to shut the school. It is always a very difficult decision to make and I fully appreciate the impact that it has on you and your families. The social event has been rescheduled for the first Thursday back after Easter so we hope you can join us for Bingo, games and socialising. I have been given one more chance to improve my bingo calling skills! There have been lots of visits, trips and sports activities this term. Thankfully the rearranged Snow Dome trip managed to happen and the feedback from the pupils was very positive.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Drama Club's Yellow Brick Road performance. A massive well done to the cast whose script free performance was very impressive. Rehearsals have already started for the Summer Term production.

I hope those of that attended our extra Parent's Evening this term found it useful, the next one is arranged for the 23rd May. For the next academic year we will ensure there is also one arranged for the Autumn Term so you can meet all of the new class staff early in the year.

Parent Governor's Julie and Laura are continuing to run their weekly drop in for Parents/Carers on a Tuesday 9 - 10.30 am so feel free to come along for a coffee and a chat with them.

We've said goodbye to Teacher Sian this term who leaves to have her baby and also to Kelly who is leaving to pursue her academic studies. We welcome new teacher Farah who will be working in Oaks. We have also had a change on the governing body, James Shanley has been appointed Interim Chair of Governors.

We are beginning to think about classes for next year and I'm pleased to say that we continue to be as popular as ever. We will look closely at the class lists and aim to provide as much stability in terms of staff and peers as we can. I would like to reassure you, particularly our new parents, that we will work hard to make any changes as smooth as possible.

Tapestry is fully launched now so we hope you are enjoying looking at the photos, we look forward to seeing your photos too. If you require any information about this or anything else please contact us at school.

Best wishes for a good Easter break

Gail



Sponsor Kerrie!

On April 22nd 2018 Kerrie will be running the London marathon to raise money for the Drama Club. You can support her using Parent Pay.





If you go down to the woods today ...

“It’s so cute to see what they get up to and how they are in school.”



EYFS

The Early Years class have had a very busy term, focusing on ‘Our the Earth and Space’. They particularly enjoyed making an astronaut suit and flying to the moon, down in our interactive studio.

We enjoyed inviting parents in for a teddy bears pic nic, where we made honey bear sandwiches and listened to the story of the bear hunt together.

Links with Other Schools

Since returning to school after Christmas some of the children in key stage 1 have started a play link at Broom Leys Primary school. Every Wednesday some of the year 2 children have taken it in turns to go to Broom Leys to meet new friends. They have made space ships, observed chickens in their run and stroked a rabbit. The children enjoy going to Broom Leys and are beginning to interact and play with their new friends.

Our trip to the Snow dome was rescheduled and was a great success. All the children were excited to be on the snow. They threw snow balls, played in a snow house and ‘tobogganed’ down a snowy slide in rubber rings. All children and staff enjoyed this opportunity and ate their packed lunch afterwards. The children’s behaviour was very good and they were a credit to the school. We were all very proud of them. We continued to enjoy the snow on returning to school.

Thank you to all staff and particularly parents who helped to make this a success



Forest School—Tree Planting at Bess Bagley Farm

Two Forest School groups from KS2 and KS3 have taken full advantage of the warmer spring weather by planting trees on a local land. The groups met Chris and Joanne who are working with The National Forest to plant lots of new trees within the area. They introduced us to the saplings and showed us how to dig up the earth and plant them. We were even able to give our trees names! All of the children had a fantastic time and were really grateful for the opportunity. We are very much looking forward to visiting them next year to see how much they have grown.



Drama Club!



Yellow Brick Road

We were all really impressed with the fantastic performance of The Yellow Brick road by our Drama club. The show was a sell out and over 20 DVDs have been sold! We look forward to the next performance of The sound of Music.

“This term the drama group and the staff have been performing the yellow brick road and it went good. We did 2 nights on the 30 + 31 of January 2018. The next performance is the sound of music. In the yellow brick road I was a Munchkin and a chicken. And I like doing the drama performance of the yellow brick road. I will look forward to the next performance of the sound of music. And the sound of music will be in the summer this year.”
By Stefan

“Fantastic performance, how lovely to see the pride on the pupils faces.”

Post 16

This term a group of students went to Stephenson’s College to look around the building and see what courses they have to offer. We enjoyed going and having lunch, some of us want to go to this college.

Students have continued to gain work experience at Gorse Hill Farm and K9 Savvy. Students regularly go to Gorse Hill Farm to help care for the animals and enjoyed seeing new born lambs. We enjoy our community skills trips and visiting the local area. We went to the Monastery, shopping in Loughborough and Coalville and a visit to the garden centre.

Last week we held our Spring Mini-Enterprise sale. We made bath bombs, lemon curd, candles, decorated jars and potted plants. We made £40 on the day and are going to sell some more at the Bingo Social night.

Oaks 9 students



Spring has Sprung!

We had living eggs delivered to school on the 12th of March. The pupils are taking very good care of all 7 of the them!



“Cheep Cheep!”



Well Done!

A big congratulations to 7 of our parents who have completed the follow up Makaton Workshop. Thank you to the staff who ran the Crèche and Jo for the training.



Overnight Stays

Did you know that the RNIB are able to offer Over night stays at Their Stan Bell centre? The accommodation has flats split into en-suite rooms including ground floor accessible rooms with ceiling track hoists in both bedroom and bathroom. They can take people over 16 years old for regular short breaks or respite stays, this could be during the week or weekend. There is a cost for the above activities families typically use a personal budget from social care to fund these

College Visitor Days

2019 and 2020 leavers Parents are invited on Tuesday 19th June 1.30-3.30pm or 5-6.30pm to an open day to visit the college for prospective pupils leaving us at 19.

Important Dates:

- 12/04 - Social Event 6-730pm
- 23/05 - Parents Evening 4-6.30pm
- 25/05 - Royal Wedding Street Party
- 10/07 - Post 16 Prom
- 27/06 - Oaks Sports Day
- 28/06 - Acorns Sports Day
- 02/07 - Whole School Multi-sports Festival
- 05/07 - Leavers Assembly
- 9th and 10th July - Sound of Music 6.30- 9pm

