



23rd March 2018

# The Flying Falcon

## Headmaster

Spring is in the air! With lighter mornings and evenings there has definitely been a healthy and vibrant buzz around the school. Year 2 had their parent consultations this week and I have enjoyed hearing about the very positive interaction between school and home. Year 1 had a rewarding trip when they went on a boy friendly outing to the Museum of Water and Steam which is right on our doorstep. Our governors Mrs Liz Francis and Mrs Jenny Stephen came on Thursday from head office to conduct our Spring Term governance visit which we treat as a mini inspection. This visit focussed heavily on learning, teaching, lesson observations and the impact of assessment and continual professional development. Each governor and senior leader observed lessons together and then sat down afterwards and compared notes and grades on each lesson. We really enjoy these visits as they are very rigorous and demanding, and we learn so much each time. The book scrutiny was very rewarding, as the progression of every child is very clear as is our marking policy and the way the boys use this to improve. This morning I had James L from the Nursery come and read a whole book to me. Yes you read that correctly, he read a whole book to me! He told me he loves reading but also really likes the pictures. It is fantastic to have our very little boys reading already and enjoying books. We look forward to seeing you at St Paul's church on Tuesday afternoon for our Spring Term Concert which starts at 2 p.m. Monday and Tuesday clubs will run as normal with a staggered finish on Wednesday. All boys must please be picked up by 1:00 PM at the very latest.



Year 1 enjoyed their trip to the London Steam Museum.

Have a lovely weekend.

Andrew Forbes

## Early Years News

### Nursery

Spring has sprung in Nursery this week! Our beans and sunflower seeds have shot up and the boys have enjoyed measuring them and discussing their length. All the boys thoroughly enjoyed having lunch together on Thursday and we were very impressed with their manners! This week in phonics the boys have been sound detectives, donning hats, binoculars and magnifying glasses they have found sounds and some boys made words with the letters we found! We have seen wonderful progress with name writing this week and it is wonderful to see the perseverance and determination all the boys have to complete their name writing challenge each morning. We have been exploring Numicon with playdough and the nursery boys are getting very good at their numbers and identifying which Numicon piece matches which numeral! Next week we are celebrating Easter and I believe there might even be a special fluffy visitor.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

### Reception

This week we have been finding out about Easter and what Christians celebrate during their most important festival of the year. The boys visited St Michael's in Elmwood Road and Reverend Osborne showed them the church and talked to them about Easter. She also gave them a surprise by wrapping up a coconut and pretending that it was an Easter egg to show that Easter has surprises for them. They have also been making Easter cards for you, working hard to make them as good as possible.

In Mathematics, we have been consolidating the early teens numbers with a variety of activities and on Thursday practised making halves and quarters out of pizza pictures. There was also discussion about our favourite variety of pizza! In English we have written to Tim Mack to thank him for bringing in Chad and talking to us about guide dogs.

Homework for the holidays will come home this weekend. There will be several items to complete and it should be returned at the beginning of next term, Wednesday 18th April. Reading books will come home as usual on Monday and Tuesday with a final change on Wednesday.



# Year 1 News

Another busy week in Year One. In mathematics, the boys have enjoyed creating Carroll diagrams and sorting objects according to their 'properties'. In art lessons, they have been finishing their amazing weaving topic making an 'artefact' decorated with native American patterns and wool. But the main excitement was the visit to the Museum of Water and Steam in Brentford. The boys learnt about life in Victorian times, practised washing without a machine and hanging out clothes to dry and we talked about life with chamber pots rather than toilets. After lunch they played with the water toys outside and completed an activity, naming all the materials they could see around the museum. The highlight of the trip was a ride on a small steam train around the grounds of the museum and having an explanation of how a steam train worked. It was great fun!

Have a lovely weekend and looking forward to seeing everybody next week for the Easter concert.



# Year 2 News

What a busy and productive week in year 2 as we approach the end of this term. The boys have definitely earned the upcoming break.

In English, we have seen boys shine in their writing skills. They have taken on the style of Roald Dahl and written their own versions of his famous Charlie and the Chocolate factory. The staff have been truly impressed by the quality of writing produced and can definitely see some future authors in our midst. Well done Year 2 boys!

In maths, the boys have further consolidated their subtraction skills and have been using the column method this week to complete a variety of subtraction sentences even with some borrowing.

Foundation subjects have been popular this term and boys have particularly enjoyed learning about the rainforest in Geography, and making yummy treats as part of their DT project.

Thank you to parents for coming to see us for parents evening, it was lovely to talk to you in more detail about your sons and receive feedback from you as well.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Spring concert next week.



# Specialist News

## Art

Artist of the week is James C-N for working independently and patiently to create this beautiful artwork

## Music

With the Spring Concert fast approaching, the boys have been putting the finishing touches to their songs. We can't wait to perform in a huge variety of languages!

## French

This week in Years 1 and 2 we have been making our French dictionary posters with this half-term's new meal and sport description words.



# Pitch Side News

## Red House Star of the Week

Thomas L has excelled during our Tag-rugby term. He has loved sharing his rugby knowledge with the class.

## Green House Star of the Week

Toby has consistently shown his desire to learn and improve his rugby skills. This was evident during our games this week.

## Blue House Star of the Week

Kareem has settled into The Falcons very well. He comes to PE and Games with a huge amount of enthusiasm.



## Yellow House Star of the Week

Benjy for excellent running with a rugby ball. He was able to side step the defenders with ease.

## Sportsmanship Cup winner of the Week

Sami for a man of the match performance in the final. He led by example. Watch out Ederson!

# General News

## Social Media

We will be expanding our Social Media presence in the summer term to include a private Instagram account.

Our Facebook and Twitter pages will display photos of school events. Please visit the following:



Facebook- **Falcons Pre Preparatory**

Twitter- **@FalconsPrePrep**



## Important Dates

**26th March**-- Spring concert rehearsal, St Paul's Church

**27th March**--Spring concert, St Paul's Church 2pm  
Last day for after school clubs

**28th March**-- PA Easter fluffy chick hunt

### Last day of term

Nursery-- 12:00

Reception-- 12:10

Year 1 & 2-- 12:30

If a later pick up is required in order to accommodate multiple pickups please email your son's class tutor to arrange a 1.00pm pick up.

All children must be picked up by 1:00 as there is no late care.

## HOUSE POINTS



1012

1001



1015

1003



No birthdays this week

## ADMIN

The recent class group photographs are online and available to order at the below site:

Website: [www.gsimagebank.co.uk/falconsboys](http://www.gsimagebank.co.uk/falconsboys) Token: **falcons2018**

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Gillman & Soame directly at [enquiries@gillmanandsoame.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@gillmanandsoame.co.uk) or on 01869 328200.

Dear Parents. Please note, the Summer term invoice will be sent to the primary e-mail address you gave us, on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018. If you do not receive it by close of business Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018, please e-mail [fsb.bursar@falconsboys.co.uk](mailto:fsb.bursar@falconsboys.co.uk) to request another copy.

Ian Goodman

# PA News

A final THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored the boys' Funathon last week. The money raised by the school this term will cover ALL the costs of feeding, educating and caring for the children at the House of Daraa until September, you have made a HUGE difference to those children's lives, thank you.

The PA has been in close contact with the Easter Bunny, so if the boys are good they should be in for a special treat at the end of term.

Another small plug for the **PA Second Hand Uniform Sale** at the very beginning of next term on Friday 20 April. We will be collecting your uniform donations on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 April at drop-off and pick-up. All details can be found on <http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/falconsboyspa>.

Also...planning ahead, PLEASE save the date for the **Summer Fair** on Saturday 16 June (Midday-3pm in the Pre-Prep playground). This event is made by the whole school coming together as a community to ensure the boys get their annual dose of "hook a duck" madness, so please ink the date in your diaries and get ready for your PA rep to reveal which stall your class will have this year!

In case we miss any of our faithful readers in the Easter rush next week....HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE! It has been a simply block busting term for the benefit of Syria Relief – thank you! Enjoy the break.

To find out more about all the PA has on the boil, please add <http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/falconsboyspa> to your favourites.

