



20th April 2018

# The Flying Falcon

## Headmaster

It has been wonderful to welcome the boys back. The staff were all in on Monday doing various insets. The main focus was on learning the best way to teach our boys how to problem solve and make maths part of every lesson. This is aimed at further enhancing the skills the boys have when faced with applying mathematical concepts. It was great to see the staff getting stuck in with all the practical activities and a lovely way to start off the term. The new decorated top floor classrooms have been thoroughly appreciated by the children and staff. This term is quite a short, jam packed term and we hope to achieve an incredible amount. It is the term where we see many of the summer born children really blossom and come into their own. The staff and I have much planned for them. It is also a term with many mixed feelings as we say good bye to our Year 2 boys and in some cases to families. Although sad it is also very rewarding to see how far each boy has come in his own journey whilst with us. We also say good bye sadly to some staff members and wish them well in their future careers. I am looking forward to a very productive and fun filled term with many achievements. A few reminders; please make sure your son puts sun cream on each morning and has a water bottle sent to school. They should be wearing their summer uniforms with their optional white sun hats. Please find the link to our parental survey which closes in 4th May. If I did not get to see you this week, I hope you have a lovely warm weekend.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AHH6V/>



The sun was shining for Games on Friday

Andrew Forbes

## Early Years News

### Nursery

The Nursery boys have jumped straight back into learning and are very keen on becoming doctors, firefighters, police and paramedics already! Our doctor's surgery is very popular and I was even convinced to give a sick Jacob an iPad to play on whilst in hospital with Dr Alexander treating him!

Next week we will be focusing on the role of a chef and a Doctor. Our continuous provision activities will include making x rays using various media and materials in the art area, looking at fingerprints in our fine motor area, reading 'bones' with words and letters in the sand tray and we will be having a visit from Chef Rahel to talk to the boys about her job in preparing the lovely healthy food for our lunch.

Please remember to bring in a pair of named PE shorts to keep at nursery as the boys will be working on independence in dressing for PE. We also have a very exciting week of recycling taking place next week with a workshop on Tuesday. Please do bring in any recycling we could use for junk modelling next week. Have a wonderful sunny weekend.

### Reception

Welcome back, we hope you all had a great holiday with lots of rest and new activities. Your boys were very pleased to see each other and are chatting nineteen to the dozen. Many of them have really benefitted from a "consolidation break" and are firing on all cylinders in the classroom.

This week we have talked about our holidays and then written and drawn about them. In Maths we have been articulating a couple of very fundamental properties, "the same and different" and "odd one out". It was great fun playing odd one out with the boys themselves, picking out something that made each child the odd one out.

Our topic this term is "In the Garden" and we will be looking at growth and change all around us. Our trip to the Wetlands on 2 May should give us a kick-start and then we will be concentrating on growing things ourselves and looking and talking about what we see around us. This weekend we will start by looking at our own gardens or parks, drawing what we can see. Please would you get this homework back to us for Tuesday as we plan to use it during the afternoon session.

The boys have enjoyed the hot weather but please help us keep them happy and healthy by ensuring that your son has a water bottle in school every day, applying sunscreen in the morning and sending him in with a sunhat. Keep winter clothes and accessories at home to reduce the risk of losing them.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend.



# Year 1 News

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful break and the boys are ready to tackle their last term of Year 1.

We have a jam-packed term; full of learning, performances and of course plenty of fun. During our inset day, the staff were given the opportunity to learn more about how to teach and embed problem solving in a purposeful and meaningful way. We hope to use some of this knowledge and skills this term in mathematics when we will explore ways we can represent data and investigate position. This week's maths vocabulary can be found here (<https://tinyurl.com/y9eceaeg>) and Next week's maths vocabulary can be found here (<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1zlvnPdcyA-RAaKk3iR2bPx0xWI3nV9Wa>).

In English, our writing focus will be on non-fiction information texts. Our topic work this term will be investigating forces in Science, recycling in Geography and churches in RE.

The wheels are in motion for our summer production, so put Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> in your diaries and watch this space! Please check the calendar for any other important dates.

If you have any cardboard kitchen roll, bubble wrap or corrugated cardboard we would be very grateful if you could please send what you have into school.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the warmer weather that has finally come to London!



# Year 2 News

It has been a glorious way to start the summer term. The boys have made an impressive start, full of enthusiasm and excitement for the final term in Year 2. The boys enjoyed their first splash during their swimming lesson on Thursday and enjoyed playing cricket in the sun today. We have started our Poetry project where the boys have written their own shape poems all about fire. This is linked to our new history topic on "The Great Fire of London". In maths the boys are learning how to tell the time in five minute intervals. We encourage you to test them at home and ask them the time during the week. Today a letter has been sent home about our residential trip to Lodge Hill. Please can the medical form be returned by next Friday. There will also be a short meeting for parents at 8.30am in the near future to give some more information about the trip and answer any questions that you may have - date is to be confirmed. Next Friday we have our first cricket fixture away to Arnold House, a letter from Mr Kibreab regarding this event has been sent. Next Tuesday we also have an important E-safety information workshop for parents. We encourage you to attend this important matter. Please inform Mrs Chubb if you would like to attend. I am sure it will be a beneficial evening. Have a lovely weekend.



# Specialist News

## Art

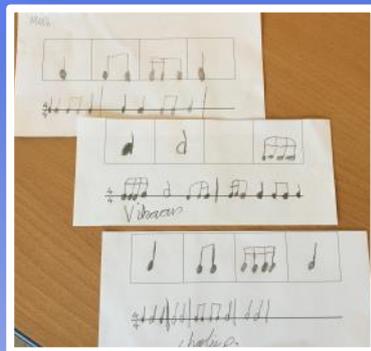
Artist of the week is Alexander in Nursery. He made sure to give himself gold hair as that is the colour of his hair he said. We are learning about people who help us and the boys painted a self-portrait for our display as they will be 'patients' in the ambulance display.

## Music

This week, Year 2 have been turning minibeast rhythms into formal notation. They have successfully written 4 beat bars with a variety of rhythms.

## French

In Year 2 the boys have enjoyed playing a whispering game that has helped to reinforce last year's football topic vocabulary and perfect their pronunciation before developing their knowledge further with new words and phrases next week.



## Pitch Side News



# 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

### Eco Week

**23rd April**-- Recycling Assembly

-Lunchtime Chess club starts

**24th April** --Recycling workshop

-- Internet Safety Talk for parents

**26th April** – Eco Warriors assembly

--History workshop- The Great Fire of

London

**27th April** -- Year 2 vs Arnold House (away)

1.30pm



Zaki  
Leo H  
Oliver K  
Sam Y  
Henry B  
Vihaan  
Taymoor  
Eddie

Freddie J  
Al  
Rohan P  
Subhan  
Blake  
Arman  
Wyatt

## Sports kit reminder

Please can all boys make sure they have the following for games and fixtures:

- Navy blue polo top
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue ankle socks
- Falcons striped Rugby short (short sleeves)

## ADMIN

Please may I remind everyone that you need to book Late Care through the office in advance.

Breakfast Club– 7:45 to 8:00. Please make sure that you drop your son off on time. We clean up at 8 o'clock.

In-touch– please do not send any messages via In-touch but please use [admin@falconsschool.com](mailto:admin@falconsschool.com). Thank you for your cooperation.

# PA News

Welcome back everyone! The weather is simply too lovely to keep you indoors reading PA news, so to keep it short and sweet, enjoy the sunshine!!

Dates for your diary

- 16 June – Summer Fair (Midday-3pm)
- 22 June – Summer Party (8pm-Midnight)

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

