



29th June 2018

# The Flying Falcon

## Headmaster

What a week!!! We have been soldiering on towards the end of the term and I wish I could slow it down. I keep feeling nostalgic every time I see or interact with the Year 2 boys. Tuesday was a day for drama! I had the absolute pleasure of watching both the Year 1 and Year 2 plays. Each one was unique and executed to an exceptionally high standard. Year 1 performed a hilarious version of Cinderello, which was written by Mrs Thompson and the music composed by Mr Arnott. I had tears in my eyes as the boys delivered their lines with huge smiles and incredible confidence. Year 2 delivered an outstanding version of Wind in the Willows. This was a very ambitious play for such young boys but Mr Grant and his team rose to the challenge, as did the boys and we were totally enthralled for just over an hour. Thank you to all the parents for putting together the fantastic costumes. Nursery went on their first school trip to Bocketts Farm. This is when parents are invited to accompany their boys on the trip, and is always a favourite. Boys and farm yard animals make a great combination. Today, we welcomed many young boys into our school for the first time. Our welcome day was a great success and buzzing with energy. All the boys got to spend time in their new class groups and with their new teachers who they will have in September. This is always a very exciting day in our calendar. Many of our Year 2 boys were thrilled to be going to the Falcons Prep for their induction day. We also sadly said goodbye to our 6 ducklings. Next week is our final week, which is not short of events. We have communicated timings and details to you already. I am looking forward to our Prize Giving and Art Exhibition next week, where I hope to see as many of you as possible. Have a lovely weekend.

**Andrew Forbes**



Arman received his Ambassador Award this week. Well done.

## Early Years News

### Nursery

This week we have been creating and making as we prepare for the annual Art Show on Wednesday evening next week. The boys have been busy little artists and we are sure you will love their pieces which will be on sale. We chose the hottest day of the week to visit Bocketts Farm and the boys were just thrilled to be amongst the animals in beautiful surroundings. They enjoyed a tractor ride, an animal feeding session, small animal handling and some fun in the playgrounds on the farm as well as seeing many other animals in their natural surroundings. Rohan M was overheard saying: "This is awesome" whilst bouncing around on the tractor! Thank you to the parent helpers who accompanied us and endured the long bus ride back. We missed our nursery boys on Friday as they prepare to move up but just know how ready each and every one of them are! Next week we will get to say goodbye and celebrate their year in Nursery at the annual end of term picnic on Thursday from 10.30 - 12. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### Reception

Although the rest of the school have been busy with plays and performances Reception have worked on steadily through the week with reading and writing and more phonics learning. In phonics we have started to learn alternative spellings for known phonemes, for example, *ue* and *ew* for /oo/. Now comes the difficult part, knowing when to use them, and for this as much continued reading experience as possible through the holidays will be very helpful. On Monday we will be opening Tapestry to parents. It will be open until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Tapestry is our new electronic recording system for EYFS which we introduced during last term. You will be able to access the observations we have made on your children, highlighting some of their achievements and activities. We will be sending home passwords for each child on Monday evening together with instructions on how to get into Tapestry. (Please remember that the system was only introduced half-way through the year and that there will also be a paper observations booklet for the first part of the year coming home with your son's exercise books) On Wednesday Reception will be having an end of year Pirate Party in Harvard Hill Park. We will be leaving after lunch and returning before the end of the school day. Your son will be able to bring a pirate costume to school and change into it before we go. We would be very grateful for little contributions of savoury foods and ask you to limit sweets to one packet of Haribo or Percy Pigs per child. There is more about this in the boys' homework books. With best wishes for the weekend, the Reception Team.



# Year 1 News

The final full week of Year One has been filled with wonder and delight. The marvellous performance of Cinderello showcased the boys singing and acting talents. They all did so well remembering their cues and lines whilst singing loudly and clearly. It was so impressive that the heat didn't diminish the boy's enthusiasm.

In other news, the boys have continued to learn about multiplication in maths, counting in groups of two's fives and tens, with many boys showing how well they know many other sequences. The boys have completed mosaics using their times tables to crack the codes and matched pairs of questions and answers.

In English the boys have continued to write wonderful stories. It is lovely to see how the boys are steadily developing their own styles of expression. The confidence they are displaying with their use of adjectives, conjunctions and interesting verbs is impressive.

We look forward to seeing as many of the parents as possible at the prize giving concert to celebrate all the boy's achievements.

The Year One Team



# Year 2 News

Can you believe it? Our last full week at Falcons Pre Prep! The highlight of the week MUST include the outstanding performance of The Wind in the Willows at The Watermans Theatre. The boys truly did us all proud and put on a wonderful show for all. We can sometimes forget how scary it can be for such young children to stand and say their lines in front of such a large audience but I'm sure you will agree that they took it all in their stride. We realise the amount of hard work you must have put in at home with helping the boys learn their lines and organise their costumes. A HUGE thank you to all of the parents. We were also very pleased with the quality of the photographs taken and we are sure that they will be treasured for many years to come. Thank you for coming along and supporting your sons.

The boys had a ball at their final swimming lesson where they were allowed to have their 'Fun Splash' session. They enjoyed racing down the water slide, playing with underwater apparatus and playing with their friends on the floating rafts. They were certainly ready for lunch when they arrived back at school! Thank you to Brentford Leisure Centre for providing a high quality facility and high calibre staff to teach the boys.

The boys attending Falcons Pre Prep thoroughly enjoyed visiting their new school on Friday where they took part in some fun and exciting activities. They had the opportunity to meet lots of new boys from different schools and say hello to their new teachers.

The new head, Miss Buchanan is looking forward to welcoming them in September.

Next week is a busy one. Tuesday 3rd July is Prize Giving which begins at 2pm at St' Pauls Church. You may take your son home following the celebration. We will also be giving out school reports on that day. Wednesday 4th July will be our parents' evening from 4pm-7.30pm and the Art Exhibition will be taking place at the same time in the school hall. Please do come along and look at your son's work. You will be allowed to take home all of your son's books following your appointment with your class teacher so do bring along a bag. On Thursday, the boys will be dismissed at 12:30pm. Please remember to collect any medicine that belongs to your son from Mrs Chubb at the office. I'm sure there will be a few teary eyes in the playground – tissues on the ready!



# Specialist News

## Art

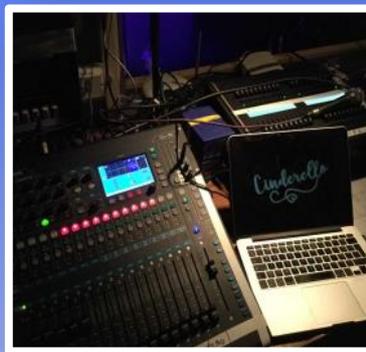
Our artist of the week is Bennett for his drawing of a duckling.

## Music

This week, Years 1 and 2 gave fantastic performances in their Summer Shows. A huge well done to all of the boys!

## French

In Nursery this week we have been making our end of half-term posters for the numbers topic.



# Pitch Side News

## Red House Star of the Week

Will M for always being on task and modelling excellent behaviour throughout the year!

## Green House Star of the Week

Thomas M for fantastic movement throughout PE and Games this week. Great work!

## Blue House Star of the Week

Jack for helping a class mate master the forehand stroke. Team work makes the dream work!



## Yellow House Star of the Week

Blake always gives 100% in any activity he takes part in. Keep up the hard work!

## Sportsmanship Cup winner of the Week

Reuben for great progress made throughout the cricket term. Well done!

# General News

## Important Dates

**2nd July**– Prize giving rehearsal, St Paul's Church

**3rd July**– Prize giving, St Paul's Church 2pm

**4th July**–Year 2 leavers' party

After school clubs finish

4-7.30pm Whole school parents' evening & Art show

**5th July**– 10.30am Nursery family picnic in the park

End of term: Nursery: 12:00

Reception: 12:15

Year 1 and Year 2: 12:30

If a late pick up is required then the class tutor can be emailed. NO late care or clubs. The school is closed from 1:00 onwards. There are clubs and late care on Monday and late care only on Tuesday and Wednesday.

## Social Media

Please visit the following:

Instagram– **falconspreprep**

Facebook- **Falcons Pre Preparatory**

Twitter- **@FalconsPrePrep**



Henry Br

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## Comments from our Deputy Head Boy Henry Br

The performances went really well this week and everyone's costumes looked great particularly Will's. I'm looking forward to prize giving next week as I am hoping that I may get one of them. There's only a week left of school and I'm really looking forward to the holidays.

## ADMIN

**Parent Consultation– 4th July. Please come to the office and make a booking.**

As announced earlier, this year's art exhibition will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July in the school hall at the same time as the parents evening. The winning bids for each year groups canvass will be announced during the evening. If you would still like to bid to buy a painting, please do so, either by filling in the form or by email to [ian.goodman@falconsprep.co.uk](mailto:ian.goodman@falconsprep.co.uk).

Thank you

# PA News

Once again...this week's blurb must start with a humungous disco ball THANK YOU to Olivia Hathorn-Leggett! Olivia was the genius behind last week's wonderful PA Summer Party that saw Falcons' parents and staff enjoying a balmy summer's evening outdoors in celebration at the end of another academic year. Huge thanks Olivia from the PA, parents and staff. Thank you also to all the parents and staff who made it such a lovely evening.

We will be holding a Second Hand Uniform sale on Friday 7 September at 8:15am in the playground. Any donations will be gratefully received on the following dates: 9-20 July @ Falcons' summer camp, 28/29/30 August (between 2-5pm) @ 4 Wolseley Road (opposite Falcons) and on 3/4/5 September @ drop off in the playground.

Make sure you hit the ground running next term by booking your ticket to our planned talk "**Raising a Whole Child: Beyond Pure Academics**" due to take place on Wednesday 3 October (£15 per head). This really is an incredible presentation that will not fail to move you (Jumblebee ticket shop is now open).....

*"James Shone is an inspirational speaker reminding teachers and parents of the vital importance of developing the whole child and not simply to focus on academic achievement. Through his unique presentation, James eloquently demonstrates it is not simply excellent grades but strength of character and an ability to persevere that will enable children to flourish in the future."* **Tim Smith, Headmaster of Hampton Prep & Pre-Prep**

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