



The Flying Falcon

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Headmaster

This week has been all about pupil voice and democracy. Often we underestimate children of our age group and their understanding of democracy and ability to express their opinion. Well, this has not been the case at school this week. The boys have voted! Not for a new head of school luckily, but for our school charity. The senior leadership team took the final three charity nominations made by our parent body to the boys and presented them in an assembly. The boys listened carefully to all three nominations and then were asked to put their counter into the named container of their choice. We emphasised that they needed to make up their own minds and not simply to follow their friends. The vote was close and at the end of the process, one boy in Year 1 came to Mr Grant and said he did not have a counter. Mr Grant gave him one and took him to the ballot containers. He did not know it, but it was the deciding vote. I was pleased to see that boys as young as 5 understood that they were voting, deciding and could explain what democracy meant.

The charity which received the majority is Marine Conservation Society <https://www.mcsuk.org>. We are delighted that the boys have chosen this charity, as it will not only help marine life in the immediate future, but it will be far reaching for the future of the planet. The awareness that supporting this charity will bring to the school and the boys will be paramount in building globally conscious citizens of the future. I know I pick up litter on a regular basis as plastic on the streets is a pet hate of mine. My understanding was greatly heightened through the Blue Planet II series and all the work Sir David Attenborough did, to show us what we are doing to our planet. The boys are very excited that this is our chosen charity and we look forward to working together as a school community to support them.



Pupil voice and democracy played an important role in school this week

Our Year 2 boys played football against Wetherby on Tuesday and I was lucky enough to join them. I was very impressed by their determination and team spirit in the face of a very strong opponent. Also on Tuesday we had a wonderful Chelsea Pensioner visiting the Nursery and Year 1 visited the Chiltern Open Air Museum. So all in all a very busy week in which the boys took away quite a bit of lifelong learning. We have a good number of Year 2 boys attending our Open Morning tomorrow as they volunteered their time to come and meet prospective families. Nothing speaks as well for a school as our boys do! We look forward to a very busy morning tomorrow. I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your families.

General News

The Week Ahead

3rd Oct - 8pm Parent talk by James Shone

4th Oct - 11 am Harvest Festival @
Gunnorsbury Church

Advance notice

9th Oct - Y2 trip to Imperial War Museum

11th Oct - 6.30-8.30pm Prep School Open
Evening

12th Oct - PA Charity Funathon, Westminster
Sports Ground

ADMIN

Breakfast Club – 7:45 to 8:00.

Please make sure that you drop your son off on time as we clean up at 8 o'clock.

Please use admin@falconsboys.co.uk for any office related messages.

The Intouch service is for outbound messages.

Comments from our Deputy Head Boy Bavo:

I really enjoyed maths this week as I absolutely love doing column addition.



Head Boy:
Leonardo

Deputy Head Boy:
Bavo



Meet our
new guinea pigs!
CARROT and
NIBBLES

Nursery

It's been another busy week in Little Falcons. The boys loved making sandwich faces on Monday afternoon, met Marjorie, a Chelsea Pensioner on Tuesday and did apple printing on Thursday. They have learnt the sound /a/ and have practised writing it, making it out of playdough, painting it and finding lots of different things that start with /a/. Can you find anything at home that starts with /a/?

We have also introduced the boys to Numicon and continued learning about the Ten Town characters, this week we focussed on the number 2. They had their school photographs taken on Monday, the proofs will be returned to you in a couple of weeks.

Next Thursday, the Nursery boys are invited to the school's Harvest Festival at Gunnersbury Baptist Church. It starts at 11am and if you would like to attend you would need to collect your son and accompany him there. Our focus for the week is 'Being Healthy' and we have another visitor. The 'Food Fairy' is coming to visit on Wednesday to talk to us about healthy eating and we will be trying lots of different foods. So in line with her visit, please can you bring in a healthy food item for Show and Tell (which is also on Wednesday). It would be great if you could bring in something that does not need to be cooked, so that the boys can try lots of the different fruits and vegetables at snack time. We will ask the boys questions, such as 'Do you like the taste? What does it look like? is it sweet?'

We will also encourage the boys to make sure they are getting lots of exercise, perhaps you could walk to school one day, or maybe park a little further from school?

Our sound for next week is /t/ and the number we will focus on is 3. Each week we will add a new sound and number, whilst recapping those previously learnt.

Finally, Tapestry is up and running, please do log in and leave some comments so you can see what your boys have been up to.



Reception



AND BREATHE!!! What another jam packed week we have had in Reception. The boys thirst for learning is still very high, even with the change in weather. In phonics, we have been learning a bunch of new sounds such as i, n, m, d, as well as segmenting and blending (sounding out) CVC words, e.g. p-i-n, d-i-n, etc. The boys are now trying to segment and blend everything or every word they see, so please be patient with them!

Songs and actions for phonics

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCMvsQho4ZE>)

In maths, we have been looking at 2D shapes and repeated patterns, the boys thoroughly enjoyed this. During our Understanding of the World lesson, the boys continued to look at their senses. This week our focus was sight. The boys had their own mirror, closely observed their eye and sketched it. We will have these on show in our classroom next week.

Lastly, our school Harvest Festival is fast approaching and will be taking place next Thursday 4th October, the boys have a dress rehearsal on Wednesday.

We hope to see you on Thursday, 11am at Gunnersbury Church.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Year 1

The highlight of this week was the wonderful trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum. The weather was beautiful and the boys enjoyed the activities of candle making and traditional toy making. They also made butter and practised carrying buckets the old fashioned way with a yoke. Even the bus journey to and from the venue and the picnic lunch were exciting!

In school we wrote a 'diary entry' to recount what we had done on the trip. Every boy managed to write at least 3 sentences. In maths lessons we practised writing and ordering numbers and writing the number that is one more or less than any given number. In science we discussed how we grow and age from a baby, through childhood, teenage years and adulthood to being elderly. We continue to have regular phonics and handwriting lessons.

Could we please ask that you send your son's reading record and reading book to school each day, irrespective of whether they have finished the book or not. This is for two reasons. Firstly that we would like to make sure that the books are not just misplaced at school or at home and secondly so that we can hear the boys read their books to us at school as well as at home.

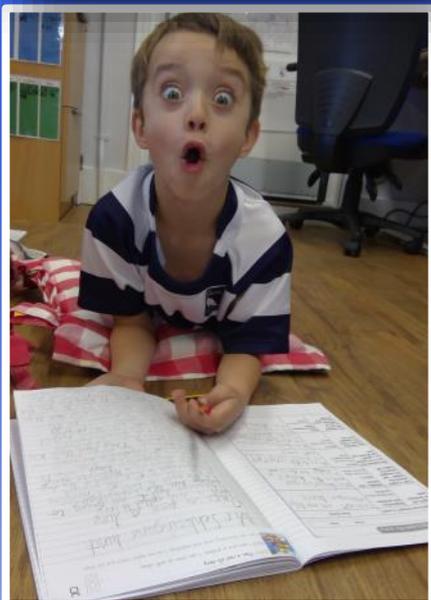
Next week on Thursday we have our Harvest Festival at 11AM. This will mean that swimming will be cancelled for that week. Please send your son to school in his uniform with PE kit to change into for the afternoon PE lesson. More details to follow.

Please find the link to this week's Maths vocabulary below:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1FGgftGiMnkbCYxdnbyd9Irvhsfv7uRcU>



Year 2



This week the boys have visited the polar regions once again in geography, they have investigated the properties of materials in science and they have learnt a bit more about Judaism in religious education. The boys were super stars at adding up two and three digit numbers in maths; practising the correct layout and method of calculation. Mr Grinling and his cat Hamish were still in the forefront of our English studies this week. Our creative writing sessions focussed on editing skills with the boys using pink and green highlighters to 'mark' and then up-level a piece of work before editing their own writing.

Of course, the football matches against Wetherby on Tuesday were another important part of the week. Although the boys were a little disappointed in the results, I'm sure they'll be ready to give it their all again for the next fixture.

A big thank you to all the boys who have volunteered to help at our school's Open Day tomorrow. We are sure you will be awarded with a sweet treat from the kitchen at the end.

Enjoy the weekend and see you again on Monday,



Let's Celebrate!



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Milo
Oliver



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HOUSE POINTS



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Pitch Side News



Red House Star of the Week

Toby – for being such a focussed boy and showing such a passion for being active.

Yellow House Star of the Week

William N - for having a positive attitude! Superstar!

Blue House Star of the Week

Didar – for demonstrating the correct technique when passing the ball. Good man!



Green House Star of the Week

Mylo - for sharing his great ideas in PE and Games this week. Great team work.

Sportsmanship Cup Winner of the Week

Albert – has had a fantastic week at The Falcons. Applying himself well to all areas of PE. Well done!

Specialist News

Art

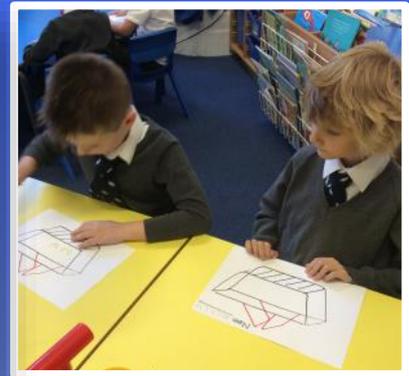
In Year 2 we have been learning about primary and secondary colours. Artist of the week is Oregon Gerrits from Kestrels for creating an amazing autumn collage picture.

Music

The boys have been busy rehearsing for Harvest Festival this week. The performance is on the 4th October at 11am at Gunnersbury Baptist Church.

French

This week Year 2 boys have been learning how to draw together all their recent learning – foods and numbers – by saying what they would like. I'm afraid it's bad news for their teeth! Most of them want at least six lollipops!



PA News

Drum roll please.....we are delighted to announce the new Falcons Pre-Prep charity is **Marine Conservation Society ("MCS")**! Thank you to all parents who voted and thank you to the boys for participating so eagerly in the deciding vote, this is a wonderful result. MCS is absolutely thrilled, please see their letter of gratitude in the Friday night attachments.

Please get your carrier bags ready for our Harvest Festival collections at drop off in the playground this Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please go to Jumblebee for the Ealing Foodbank wishlist.

We are now counting down to James Shone's "sold out" talk "Raising a Whole Child: Beyond Pure Academics" this Wednesday.

Finally, as well as hard copies which were sent home today in book bags, please find attached a sponsorship form for this year's Funathon on Friday 12 October (Westminster Sports Ground), the sponsorship link will follow in due course. As always it will be a superhero action packed day topped off with some teacher "cream pie-ing"! This will be our first fund raising event for MCS so let's demonstrate what it means to have Falcons Pre-Prep behind them! Timings for the big day are as follows:

Nursery and Reception: 9:30-10:45am

Year 1: 11-12:15pm

Year 2: 1:30-2.45 pm

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