



The Flying Falcon

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Headmaster

This week has all been about academics; well mostly. As part of our individual approach to learning, I met with Mrs Martin, Mrs Llewellyn and all class tutors in my office. We put up the data we have on the boys and we looked at each individual child's profile. We examined his scores against the national average, independent average and against his previous scores. We then look at what we are all doing to progress each child and ask ourselves if it is working, can more be done, and if so, what we are going to do? We call these "so what?" meetings. This is one of the best parts of working in a small school: I can be part of this process with every class and child. We have these meetings on a termly basis and individual targets are set. We then use this data and information to look at what we are doing for each cohort of children and sometimes we find that we may have to adjust our planning to cater for them. This approach, as time-consuming as it is, is incredibly valuable in identifying trends and informing reasonable adjustment for each child, regardless of where he may sit in relation to his peers. This type of rigour and thorough assessment ultimately benefits the boys.

We invited two lovely nurses from Hounslow into the school on Wednesday where 49 boys were immunised against flu. They made it really fun, but quite educational. We did not have one boy resort to tears. They all showed courage and were very brave.

We were treated to two parent class assemblies this week. Kestrels were on Thursday and Merlins today. Both assemblies made me incredibly proud as the boys emulated our core values effortlessly and with pride. It is one of the most rewarding times as a Head. I can sit back and smile as the children demonstrate exactly what we stand for and that their life long values are at the heart of what we are doing here at the Falcons Pre-Prep.

Today we had our autumn term governance visit from our Directors of Schools, Education and IT. We really enjoy these, despite the amount of preparation we have to do. This is like a mini termly inspection, when we show them exactly what we do, how we do it and they give us incredibly valuable feedback. Again drawing on the expertise of these people only helps us to continue to improve.

Our Year 2 boys played a home fixture against Wetherby this afternoon. These fixtures are a great test of sportsmanship, skill and resilience which the boys usually relish.

Tomorrow evening there will be a celebration ball for the Prep School as we honour their 10th anniversary. This is a fantastic milestone for them, and Mr Grant, Mrs Thomson and I feel privileged to have been invited. Our outfits have been dusted off and we have been told to put on our dancing shoes!

Have a wonderful weekend with your young men.

General News

The Week Ahead

Mon 26th Nov Tree planting in Harvard Hill
Fri 30th Nov Performers' Platform event

Advance notice

Mon 3rd Dec Nursery Nativity rehearsal
Tues 4th Dec Nursery Nativity Play 11am
Fri 7th Dec PA Christmas Fun Day

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.

If you have any spare shorts or long trousers that are no longer needed, please pass them to the School Office as they will be gratefully received and used in the event of any accidents!

Comments from our Deputy Head Boy Bavo:

*I loved being in our assembly because it was so fun.
My favourite part was doing the letters to spell*



Head Boy:

Leonardo

Deputy Head Boy:

Bavo

Year 2 loved doing their parent assemblies this week!

Another week has passed in the Nursery and unbelievably, there are only 3 weeks left of the term!

We have enjoyed learning about Dd and 8 this week, as well as practising for our Nativity play. Don't forget to keep your diaries free on the 4th December, ready for the big show!

We also want to say a HUGE thank you to Henry's grandmother. Yesterday, she visited the nursery to talk to the boys about Thanksgiving, she brought us delicious pumpkin pies and told us all about the celebration. Happy Thanksgiving to all of our boys who are celebrating!

On Monday we have our planting day with Abundance London, 9:30am in Harvard Hill Park.

Also next week, we will be focussing on the letter Gg and the number 9. We have nearly met all of the Ten Town characters. Which character is your favourite? After all the numbers have been introduced, we will look more closely at matching numerals to quantity.

We have been looking at the Nativity story, and why we celebrate Christmas. We will begin the countdown to Christmas. Expect lots of lovely Christmas crafts to be making their way home in the next couple of weeks. Now that it's getting colder, please ensure that all of your son's hats, scarves, gloves etc. are named.

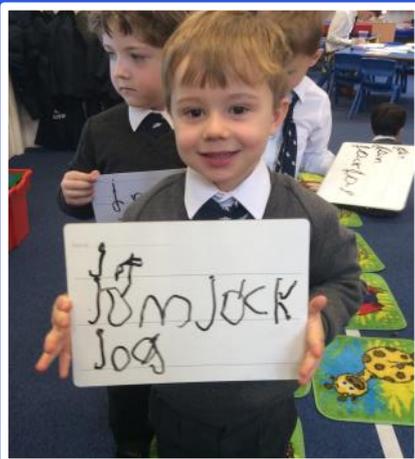
Have a great weekend!



Nursery



Reception



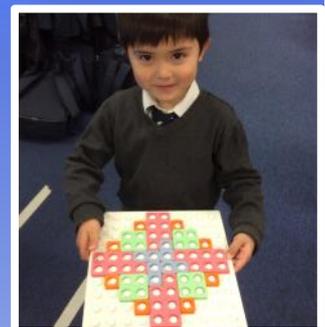
Ho ho ho, Christmas is finally upon us! The John Lewis advert is out there and so we begin our festive preparations. The boys have their roles and corresponding lines for our Nativity play (which will be on the 11th December at 2pm). This will be our only performance of the academic year and you won't want to miss it! The boys have painted Baby Jesus' manger and have started rehearsing. Their homework this week will be to practise projecting their voices and adding expression to their role. Parents' homework is to order or make your child's costume (Black Friday deals are still available!)

In phonics this week, we have learnt the sounds j, v, w and x. We have also started reading some common 4 letter words (jump, went, help, etc). Boys often miss the third sound, so we encourage them to count the sounds while segmenting.

In maths, we have been exploring numbers beyond 10. We have used cubes, number lines and numicon to assist our learning and the boys have taken it in their stride. As with letters, boys commonly switch their numbers around (e.g. 13 is often written as 31). This will improve with repetition.

On Monday, the school will be planting trees on Harvard Hill. Boys can come into school in comfy clothes and bring appropriate footwear for the weather.

Have a lovely weekend,, The Reception Team.



Year 1

In mathematics lessons this week, we have been adding and subtracting. We have been 'problem solving' and thinking about how to answer some word problems by using either addition or subtraction. Many of the boys are developing their own strategies for helping them with their number work. Some boys are using our numicon equipment, some use their fingers. Some boys like to use a number line or a one hundred square. Some boys use all or none. Becoming proficient with numbers can be learnt in many ways and hopefully we help the boys to learn in the way that suits them.

In English this week we have started to write some poetry about 'Autumn'. In science we have continued with our topic of 'light and dark' and played with torches in the classroom, first with the lights on and then in the dark. We also had fun thinking about light sources, both man-made and in nature. The boys loved the luminescent jelly fish photos and the glowing molten lava.

The first real cold weather for the boys this week. They have come into school wearing gloves, hats and scarves. Extra jumpers, fleeces and coats. Please do label everything with your son's name and please make it as clear as possible so that any member of the school can work out who owns what! Please could you also send in your son's water bottle every day to avoid him having to go out of the class to the water fountain. Finally, a change of shoes after games on Friday is really important now that the games field gets muddy. Otherwise lots of mud covers the school floors every Friday! Apologies for asking for so much kit, but the boys are busy and having the right clothes makes their school experience better. Have a lovely weekend. Happy Thanksgiving to all, especially our American families.

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

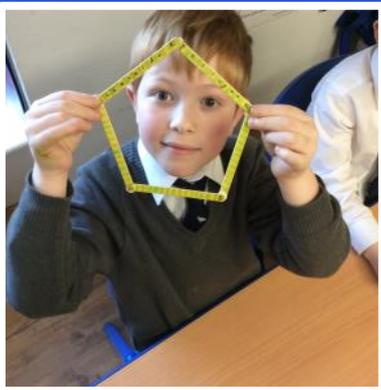
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We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you again next week.

The Year 1 team.



Year 2



The highlights of the week must surely be the Year 2 class assemblies. Well done to all the boys for performing confidently and learning their lines. You made us all very proud!

In between preparing for the class assemblies, we still managed to learn about 2D shapes and their properties in maths, as well as learning about the Muslim celebration of Aqiqah in religious education.

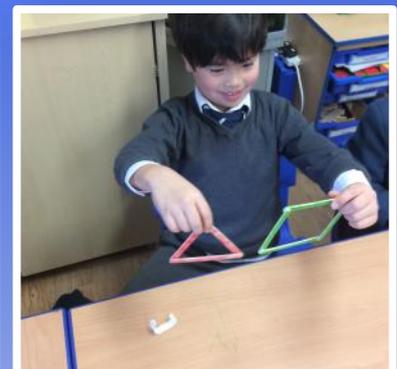
In computing, the boys continued working on their Christmas card on Purple-Mash and they have had lots of fun beginning to construct their moving vehicles in design technology. Thank you for sending in all the boxes.

As part of the history topic of children in war, the boys pretended to be evacuees and planned a letter to write home. During our creative writing lesson, the boys continued planning their letters and then wrote them using the correct letter outline.

Please remember that boys are allowed to come to school in own clothes and wellington boots for the tree planting on Monday.

The boys will also be coming home with a tag for the KidsOut charity on Monday. Have a look at the website <http://www.kidsout.org.uk/> for further information. Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 2 Team



Let's Celebrate!

Nursery Stars of the week

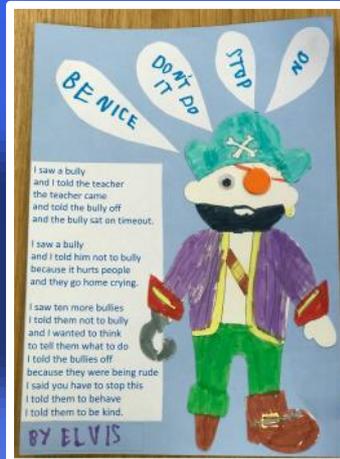


Henry & Tom



Nursery
Sebastian

Anti-Bullying Poster Winners



Year 1
Elvis



Year 2
James



Fred

Henry K



120

131



HOUSE POINTS



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Pitch Side News



Red house star of the week

Rafferty – for showing greater patience and willingness to learn new skills.

Yellow house star of the week

Reilly – for constantly trying his hardest in all areas of PE and having a positive attitude.

Blue house star of the week

Alexander T – for such good focus in lesson and working well with others.

Green house star of the week

Alexander – For making a fantastic transition back in to PE after hurting his arm.

Sportsmanship Cup winner of the Week

Joseph – such a brilliant attitude towards his lesson in PE. Always willing to help others and volunteer to help raise the level of the lesson.

Specialist News

Art

Artist of the week is Artist of the week is Toby from Kingfishers for his colourful autumn picture.



Music

The boys are continuing to work hard at their Christmas music in preparation for the end of term events. There's no rest for these merry gentlemen!



French

The boys have been making great strides this week with their toy vocabulary and learning the French words for different colours.



PA News

HUGE thanks to everyone who has rushed to the Jumblebee Christmas ticket shop – the Christmas party is now sold out! It is set to be a fabulous evening. If you missed out on a ticket, please keep an eye on your class Whatsapp group for any last minute tickets looking for a new home.

Please take a moment to read the separate KidsOut Christmas Funday Appeal letter explaining the tags that will come home in the boys' bookbags next week. This appeal is a wonderful opportunity for the boys to give a very special gift to children who otherwise might go without this Christmas. Rest assured, the PA Elves once again have a very special Funday planned for the Falcons' boys...more information about that in next week's scintillating edition of the "PA blurb" (as it is fondly known).

A massive thank you to Zachy M for his generous donation to MCS to stop the bad marine puns, his donation will help MCS in its fantastic work saving the world's oceans and all the creatures that call the ocean home. (Clearly....if anyone wants the puns to continue, feel free to make an even more generous donation via <https://bit.ly/2Nk022j>!)

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