



The Flying Falcon

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Headmaster

I kicked off this week with an early morning text from Mr Grant reminding Mrs Thomson and I to wear odd socks! We have had our Anti-Bullying week this week and our odd socks were a way to highlight each other's differences. I had made a point of asking some Year 2 boys why we were wearing odd socks and it was clear that they understood how important it was to embrace differences rather than be afraid of them. Whilst doing an activity with the boys this week, I had designed a rather difficult group activity which was intended to fail. The idea was to make the boys frustrated in a group setting and to coach them through their reactions. Whilst I had remained silent, by the middle of the activity one of the boys said, "This is really hard but I am not going to give up!" This put a big smile on my face. The other young chap in the group said "None of us are going to give up, because that is what Falcons boys do". At this point I realised no coaching was necessary and that these boys were more than ready to take on any challenges other schools would put in front of them. I also thought to myself, "This is why we do this job!" Year 2 went to the Prep school this week for their activity and taster days. It was lovely to see them hop onto the Prep School mini-bus and confidently head off. Miss Buchanan and her team organised a fun-filled, stress-free visit for each of the classes. When I asked a boy how the day went he told me, "I felt at home at the Prep!" Once again I was smiling.

At our Alpha Plus Head's meeting yesterday, we had an incredibly thought-provoking paper written and presented to us by Mrs Stephen, our Director of Schools, on the state of children's mental health. The statistics were mind-blowing. When seen in black and white, it is scary to notice what our young children are facing in their lives. The wealth of knowledge and the depth of discussion from all the heads from different age groups, co-ed and single sex settings were phenomenal. Alpha Plus has put together a Phase One group strategy which we are very keen to be part of. Obviously every school has mental health high up on their radar, but when the group puts their time, energy, resources and expertise all in one pool, the results are bound to be beneficial to every child in the group. I presented our Falcons Pre-Prep educational strategy to our board of governors and directors today and it was very rewarding to see how much the school has evolved within the last 3 years. Everything that has changed directly impacts the boys and their learning. We believe that constantly striving to improve is the only way forward. Again the expertise around the board room was challenging, supportive and demonstrated thorough rigour but with an in-depth understanding of our own Falcons Pre-Prep setting.

If I did not get to see you at the gate this morning or afternoon, I hope you have a great weekend. It is going to be sunny but chilly, wrap your boys up warm and please get them outside!!!

General News

The Week Ahead

Wed 21st Nov	Flu vaccinations
Thurs 22nd Nov	Y2 Kestrel Parent Assembly 9am
Fri 23rd Nov	Y2 Merlin Parent Assembly 9am

Advance notice

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

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 Head Boy Leonardo:

I hope all of the boys enjoyed the Year 2 Grandparent's Tea party and their visit to the Prep School. I particularly enjoyed looking around the school and eating the snack!



Head Boy:

Leonardo

Deputy Head Boy:

Bavo



Look at all the yummy cakes and biscuits we gave our grandparents at their Tea Party this week!

Nursery

This week we have been learning Mm and 7. The boys are starting to use their letters and numbers more in play and are showing an interest in practising them independently; it is so lovely to see! We have also started to learn about rhyming words and are looking at basic 2D shapes.

Nature play in the park continues on Monday - **please remember to bring in wellies!** This week the boys loved making bird feeders. Don't forget you are welcome to join our tree planting on Monday 26th November in Harvard Hill Park, 9:30-10:30.

Next week's focus will be Dd and number 8. We will continue to look at nursery rhymes and tales for one more week, with our story being The Gingerbread Man. We will be making and decorating our own gingerbread. We will also be having a special visitor from America to celebrate Thanksgiving with us. We look forward to meeting Henry K's grandmother who will be bringing in a pumpkin pie for the boys to taste, reading a Thanksgiving story and sharing some activities with us. After next week, we will concentrate on the story of Christmas and how it is celebrated around the world.

We are going to be working hard on our nativity play, so we will NOT be doing show and tell again until January. We have sent home lines to learn, please make it a priority to practise them. I'm sure all the hard work will pay off on the big day, Tuesday 4th December - thanks in advance for your help!

Have a great weekend!



Reception



Another jam-packed week in Reception comes to an end!

This week, saw the boys visit the Polka Theatre to watch a performance about friendship and relationships. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the puppets, props and actor.

We also revisited the topic of 2D shapes and discussed how many sides, corners and length of sides different shapes have. The boys went on a shape hunt, around the classroom and proudly presented their findings to the class—what a treat that was!

In phonics, we have learnt five new sounds, yes FIVE! They are b, f, ff, l, ll. We spoke about how we often find the digraphs ff and ll at the end of words. The boys are segmenting and writing a range of words containing these sounds – AMAZING!

As Christmas rapidly approaches, so do our preparations for our Nativity play (we hope you've started your Christmas shopping!) The roles have been cast and the boys seem very excited to get going. Rehearsals will begin next week and lines will be sent home to practise. We hope to see you all on Tuesday 11th December for the final masterpiece!

On Monday 26th November, the boys will need their gardening gloves as we will be planting trees on Harvard Hill. If there are any gardening wizards that would be able to lend a hand on the day, we would be forever grateful.

Have a super weekend, the Reception Team.

Another exciting week at the Falcons has passed, filled with enthusiasm and engagement.

For our Geography lesson this week, both classes went for a walk around our local area. We left from school to the shops, over the railway crossing and down as far as the River Thames. We are encouraging the boys to think about the features in Chiswick and how they might be similar or different to other parts of the UK.

In maths this week, we have been halving and subtracting numbers, and in English, the boys wrote their Acrostic poems on Bonfire Night. Some of these are displayed in the classroom, so please come have a look.

In RE we have explored Christmas traditions and in Learning for Life, the boys have been learning about respect, as part of anti-bullying week.

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EZJtmBYIDbP-Xb5zYhm-1XyHSASTR2ed/view?usp=drivesdk>

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

The Year 1 team.



Year 1



Year 2



Thank you to all of the wonderful grandparents who attended our terrific tea party. The boys were very excited to show them their favourite books and their creative writing. The boys enjoyed listening about the grandparent's favourite books too! We hope everyone enjoyed the afternoon, we all certainly did. Please find some more photos from the afternoon on the last page.

The boys had a splendid visit to the Prep school this week. They enjoyed having a look around the school and working on the computers. They even wrote some lovely postcards.

This week has been anti-bullying week. The boys have been discussing this in their learning for life lessons, we also discussed how to stay safe on the internet.

"We have been learning about speech marks this week in English," explained Mr. Grant. "The boys have written some great examples and I hope they will continue to use speech in their creative writing."

In maths, we have been buying, selling and giving change in our own class shops to help us explore and calculate money totals accurately. If you visit the shops this weekend, you may like to ask the boys to calculate the cost and check they receive the correct change.

Well done to all of the boys this week – a special mention to Thomas L who recently took home a box of poppies for 'Remembrance' to sell outside his home and raised lots of money. Well done!

Next week Year 2 will be performing their class assemblies: Kestrel Class on Thursday to parents and Merlin Class on Friday, both starting at 9am. We hope to see you then. Please encourage the boys to learn their lines. Many thanks for your support on this.

Have a lovely weekend.



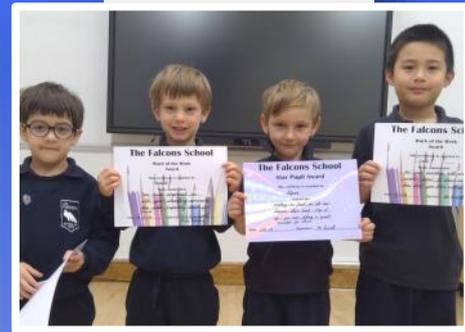
Let's Celebrate!

Nursery

Stars of the week



Year 1



Reception



No birthdays this week!



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HOUSE POINTS



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Pitch Side News



Red house star of the week

James—for always trying your best and reaching your full potential.

Yellow house star of the week

Oscar M – for being a role model to all!

Blue house star of the week

Dylan – for showcasing great individual and team skills with an unshakably strong mindset!

Green house star of the week

Jack-D for being on task in his PE activities and having a much more positive attitude.

Sportsmanship Cup winner of the Week

Finn D – such a brilliant attitude towards his lesson in PE. Good man! With an inquisitive mind, you always bring so much to our lessons.



Specialist News

Art

Artist of the week is Konark.
He made his lovely
Remembrance day poppy
picture by printing with shapes.



Music

The boys have been working hard to start learning their songs for the big Christmas performance. Here you can see Kestrels singing 'We Need a Little Christmas'.



French

This week Year 1 and Year 2 have continued to expand their toy vocabulary and again practised saying *je voudrais*, as well as consolidating their numbers and learning a new song. Reception had a very exciting theatre trip this week so they missed their French lesson. But there's always next week!



PA News

Surfs up, thank you for the *crabulous genero-sea-ty* of everyone who has supported recent MCS events, the Falcons community raised £1,430 from the Funathon and £186 from last week's bake sale. Thanks to everyone who registered my ocean themed puns last week – I am now taking donations to stop the bad jokes. Same link as before (<https://bit.ly/2Nk022j>) if nothing is *re-sea-ved* each week, the ocean humour will *get out of sand*.

Tickets are *shelling* out for the Christmas party at the Crown & Anchor on 7 December (even our venue's name is ocean themed this year). Tickets are £20 and include two drinks and nibbles – a *jawsome* way to *shellebrate* the end of the Winter term www.jumblebee.co.uk/pachristmasparty

Bad ocean joke: What do you call a pod of musical whales? An orca-stra! (To stop the jokes - <https://bit.ly/2Nk022j> - it's all for a good *porpoise!*)

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

Grandparent's Tea Party



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