

NEWSLETTER

Ferry Lane Primary School *Where excellence and community matter*



Upcoming dates

Monday 29th January

Year 1 Visit to Bruce Castle Museum

Awaken Genius Sessions commence Year 5 and 6

Monday 5th February

Year 4 Visit to Bruce Castle Museum

Friday 9th February

Chinese New Year Dance Workshop

Homework Projects Assembly- Years 1-6

Friday 8th February

Parents Taster session – Lunchtime Co. 3.15-3.45pm

Friday 9th February

Last day of term- School finishes at normal time of 3.30pm

Monday 12th February -

Friday 16th February

Half Term- school closed

Monday 19th February

School reopens for all pupils



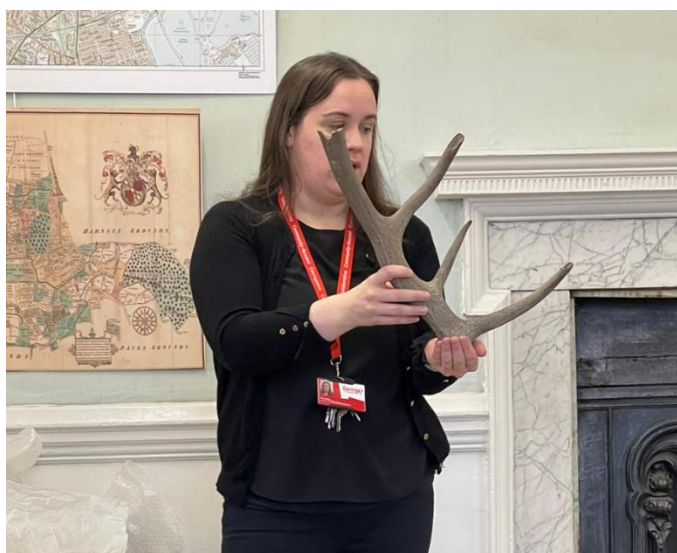
Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year to all our families! It's been a brilliant first term with some exciting developments. Our new catering provider, Lunchtime Co. has been serving up a delicious new menu with a range of nutritious home-cooked options. We look forward to our parents taster session on 8th February which will give parents an opportunity to sample a wide range of menu options. This will be held from 3.15-3.45pm in the main hall.

A highlight of this month has been the Young Voices Concert! This was a fantastic event for our choir pupils from Years 4,5 and 6 was held at the O2 . Our children sang their hearts out throughout and it was great to have so many parents attend this spectacular event. Bruce Castle Museum is a local venue that offers a number of workshops, which we have taken advantage of in the past few weeks. Many of our year groups attended for a range of interesting sessions, ranging from a teddy bears' picnic to exploring fossils!

There are a number of events taking place before half term so please do take a look at these on the left-hand side. We will shortly be sending out key dates for February and March, so keep an eye out for this- we have World Book Day, the Scholastic book fair, a trip to museum of London Docklands and more!

Year 3 Visit to Bruce Grove



Young Voices Concert





Nursery: Zara, Dara, Charles, Nabil

Reception: Joshua, Nudera, Ryszard

Year 1: Snow, Maaida, Joshua, Cyrus.

Year 2: Cinar, Benjamin, Yazane

Year 3: Tasnim, Zerdal, Omer

Year 4: Iman, Ibby, Sophia

Year 5: Jabril, Massod, Khloe

Year 6: Norshae, Ela, Lacey

Attendance: Well done to Years 3 and 4 !

Class	Attendance for this month
Nursery	★★★★
Reception	★★★★
Year 1	★★★
Year 2	★★★★
Year 3	★★★★★🏅
Year 4	★★★★★🏅
Year 5	★★★★
Year 6	★★★

Nursery

Hello everyone and welcome back to our first newsletter of 2024! I hope you all had a good holiday. Children are playing with the kind donations from the wish list and thank you very much to those parents who contributed. We welcome many new starters this term who include Zara, Dara, Charles and Maya T. Our book of the week has been 'Just Imagine' where children are encouraged to use props and dressing up from our classroom to become other things and people, which has produced some really good conversations. In numeracy, we have focussed



on recognising 2D shapes in the environment. Children continued to make their own shape pictures at the table.



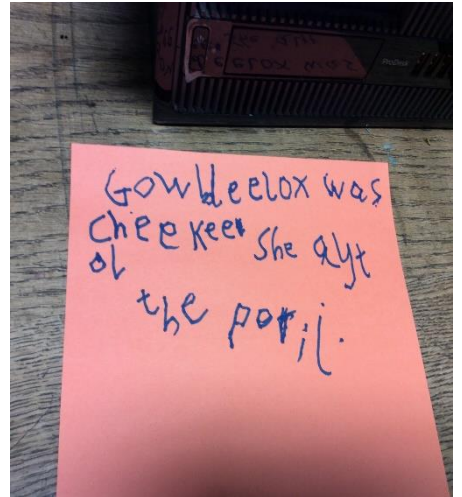
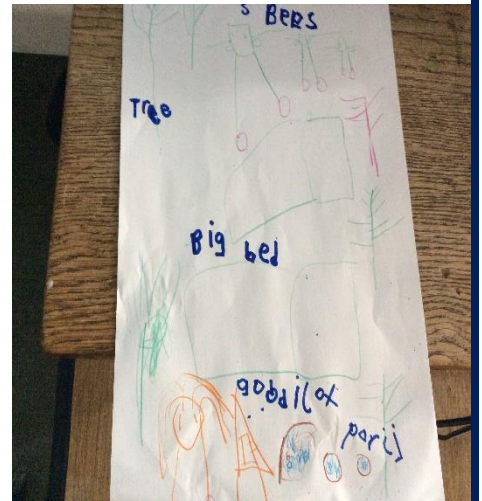
Also in the pictures, you can see children looking at Burn's night visuals and painting fireworks in bright colours. In doing so, children have been learning the primary colours and what colours are made when they are mixed. Have a lovely weekend and don't forget to bring book bags back before we change them on Friday.



Reception



Reception children have made an excellent start to the New Year, showing greater resilience and an eagerness to learn. We had our trip to Bruce Castle Museum earlier this week where their excellent behaviour and manners were well noticed by the staff delivering the workshop. It was a proud moment to see how well the children conducted themselves and handled the artefacts from the olden days with great care. The children further represented their understanding of the experience in class by mark making, using a range of writing tools. The children have also been learning about the properties of 2D shapes and making attempts at explaining some of the features. Other Maths work included looking at number patterns such as using objects to 10 to add single digit



numbers. We have also been engaging with the text of Goldilocks and the three bears, creating props to use in our role play while acting out our favourite scenes. The children have had a go at writing labels, captions and short sentences to represent their understanding of the story.

Thank you to all the parents and carers for all your support, especially with the reading. The children are more confident at using their phonic

knowledge to decode new words as well as beginning to identify key words by sight. Well done to our Reception children for all your hard work this month.



Year 1

What an incredible month we've had in Year 1! We returned from Christmas break with full energy and a fantastic attitude towards learning. In Maths, we've mastered number bonds to 6, 7, and 8 and introduced the concept of half by dividing a ladybird's spots on each side. Furthermore, We're now able to add single digits to numbers up to 100 with ease.

In Geography, we're confidently exploring our local areas and the seas and coasts of the UK, understanding and recognising what features are physical (natural) or human (man-made). Shout out to Cyrus and his magnificent knowledge of locating the 7 continents and 5 oceans. In English, we're having excellent discussions about the fantastic story of Elmer, confidently expressing our thoughts and opinions about it. Today we had our session with Miss Croocks and our PE coach, our new PE teachers, we're so excited to learn many football techniques confidently.



Last Tuesday, when we revisited our previous history topic, toys from the past, Jack from the Toy Museum visited us and showed us toys that were 140 years old. We were fascinated and confident in asking questions and sharing ideas about how old they were and how different they looked from the toys we have now.

I'm incredibly proud of every one of you for your hard work and dedication; keep up the fantastic work.

Remember, you're confident and capable of achieving anything you set your mind to!



Year 2



Children have come back to school refreshed and eager to learn and we've had a great start back. We started this term with a wonderful trip to St Paul's Cathedral. This visit brought our learning of the Great Fire of London to life. We discovered how the Cathedral rose from the ashes of the Great Fire and explored the Crypt and Cathedral floors. The Cathedral staff were so impressed with the children's knowledge and excellent behaviour.

Back in the classroom we have

been very busy! In English we have been learning about information books and focused on Emperor penguins. The children researched and wrote their own information articles. They also enjoyed writing their own penguin poems using different literary features such as alliteration, similes and rhyme. In Maths we have been focusing on place value and adding and subtracting two-digit numbers.

This week we began our new History unit on 'Nurturing Nurses'. We will be focusing on the lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. The children will be exploring the achievements of these individuals and why they are significant. We are looking forward to visiting the Florence Nightingale Museum next month to participate in an interactive performance and lots of different activities.

All-in-all, it's been a busy start back. Well done Year 2 for all your hard work and efforts. We are so proud of you. Keep up the great work!

Year 3

Welcome back to the busy first half of the Spring Term. As writers, Year 3 have been looking at a variety of genres, analysing their key features and writing our own versions. We looked at how to write explanations, diary entries and play scripts. The key skills we have been focussing on was how to use paragraphs, powerful verbs, adverbs and figurative language: similes, metaphors and onomatopoeia. We wrote our own play scripts inspired by Anne Fine book 'The Diary of a Killer Cat'.

In mathematics, we have been focusing on how to write and calculate mathematical statements for addition and subtraction using the partitioning and count on methods. We have been developing our knowledge in geometry: recognising, measure and draw right angles. We have been looking at 2 dimensional shapes and their properties.

As historians, we have been looking at artefacts to help us ask questions about the past. We evaluated the reliability of sources, learnt about the Indus Valley and found out that Indus Valley people were able to create music and play musical instruments like a harp and a bird whistle. We also looked at the architecture and the impact it has had on modern day design. Great work Year 3!



Year 4



What a great start to the new term Year 4! It is wonderful to see your boundless interest in all learning tasks. Year 4 have enjoyed analysing and writing Kenning poems. They shared ideas and created a range of very interesting poems. Our Maths focus has been multiplying 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, using ladder method. The children have used place value knowledge to multiply individually each digit, ensuring to place these values in the correct place, in order for them to find the correct solutions. In Science

they have used a variety of materials to construct a wind instrument, as well as a telephone using paper cups and string. In pairs the children identified the medium used in their



telephone and explained how sound travels through solids, liquids and gases.

Finally, a massive thank you to all the parents and carers, for your wonderful generosity fulfilling the Year 4 Christmas wish list. Children are enjoying playing games and look forward to have an opportunity to use the resources, which we are using on a weekly bases. Well done Year 4! We are very proud of you. Keep up the great work!

Year 5



In English we have been looking at Shakespeare's Hamlet. We have written letters from the perspective of Hamlet and even created our own soliloquys. In art we practised the single line drawing technique, drawing self-portraits or portraits of our friends. We then went over these lines with descriptions of ourselves or our friends to create portraits made from words. In science we have been exploring forces and conducting different

experiments. We looked at how salt and oil effect the friction of jelly and how different surface area effects air resistance. On top of all this, Year 5 have had a crash course in swimming every morning this week at Tottenham Green leisure centre! I'm really proud of how everyone has shown such great progress.



Year 6

What an amazing start to the new term and the new year for year 6!! All the children came back very enthusiastic and eager to continue their learning. We started this term with a recount of their Christmas holidays which they were all delighted to share.

In English and Reading we have begun to study the books "The Other Side of Truth" and "A Midsummer's Night Dream" respectively. The lessons in both are really exciting and the children are always fully engaged in their learning.

In Maths work continues on fractions, decimals, statistics and multi step word problems. The lessons are creatively adapted to suit the children and they are enjoying their maths lessons.

Our History and Geography units for this term are “World war 2” and “Exploring Brazil”. For the latter, we will be focusing on the culture and way of life for Brazilians and how different it is to our culture. Keep up the good work Year 6.

