



# Featherstone Academy's Newsletter - Week Ending 27/01/2023

## A Message from the Headteacher

One of the highlights of this week at school was a group of children having really enjoyed a set of books by a certain author and putting in a request for them to be added in to the library. The look on their faces seeing the reaction to be told that they will be here in a couple of days was priceless. Please encourage your children to do the same. We have had two more Books and Biscuits this week that were lovely and year 5 had a great trip to Stratford upon Avon, where fortunately the weather held up. This week and next we are having a few staffing issues, this may mean some classes being taught by someone different for a few days, if anyone has any questions around this please do let us know.

## Key Dates

### Upcoming dates for your diary

1st February - **Year 4** Books & Biscuits - 2:30pm

2nd February - **Year 5** Books & Biscuits - 2:30pm

7th February – Safer Internet Week - **Whole School**

8th February - **Year 2** Arctic Explorers Day (see below)

9th February - **Year 6** Books & Biscuits - 2:30pm

9th February – **SEND** coffee morning - 9am

10th February – Children's Mental Health Day - **Whole School**

13th February – Parents Forum 5pm- details to follow

**27th February - Year 2 SATS Meeting 3:30pm PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

2nd March – World Book Day - **Whole School**

6/7th March – Parents Evening **Reception to Year 6**. 3.30pm – 5.30pm

7th March – Parents Evening **Little Learners & Nursery** 3.30pm - 4.30pm

17th March – Comic Relief - **Whole School**

13th March – British Science Week - **Whole School**

20th – 24th March – Parents 'Look into Learning' Week (info to follow).

21st March – World Down Syndrome Day – 'Rock Your Socks' - **Whole School**

29th March – Easter Bonnet Parade – **Little Learners, Nursery and Reception** 9.30am

30th March – Easter Celebration led by Year 3 and 4 – 9.30am - (Year 3/4 parents welcome to attend)

## Teacher Strikes

As you will have heard, teachers will be striking on Wednesday 1st February and Wednesday 1st March. School will be open as normal on these days and we expect minimal impact.

We will notify you of any changes.

## PHSE/RSE Consultation

We would like to bring to your attention our "Personal, Social and Health Education & Relationship/Sex Education Policy". This can be found by following the link below. If you have any comments regarding this policy, please contact the school by emailing [information@featherstone.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:information@featherstone.uwmat.co.uk).

[PSHE & RSE POLICY](#)

## Books & Biscuits

Upcoming Books and Biscuits dates:-

1st February- **Year 4** 2:30pm

2nd February-**Year 5** 2:30pm

9th February-**Year 6** 2:30pm

The 'Books and Biscuits' sessions are still proving popular! Thank you to Year 2 and 3 parents, carers and grandparents for attending, it has been lovely to see so many visitors in school. We hope you and your children enjoyed this special time together in school. Next week will be the turn of Years 4 & 5, we look forward to seeing you.













## Easter Bonnet Parade

Let the decorating begin!

Easter bonnets are part of a long, established tradition of wearing new clothes at Easter that first originated in parts of Europe. As well as celebrating the coming of Spring, it would be a time to mark the end of Lent and signal new life.

At Featherstone Academy, we are inviting Little Learners, Nursery and Reception to create an Easter bonnet at home to then bring into school for a parade on **Wednesday 29th March at 9.30am**. Parents and carers of children in Little Learners, Nursery and Reception are welcome to attend. We may even have a special visit from a hoppy little friend! 🐰

We can't wait to see what amazing designs you create at home.



## World Book Day

World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and shared reading. Its mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own.

Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. Spending **just 10 minutes a day** reading and sharing stories with children can make a crucial difference to their future success and it's fun for all involved.



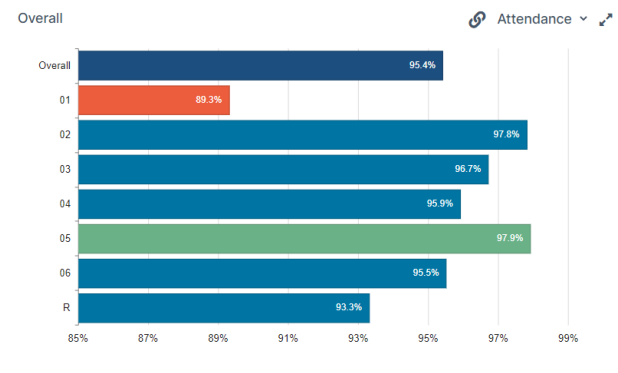
A row of Roald Dahl books on a shelf. The books are standing upright, showing their spines. The titles visible from left to right are: 'Matilda', 'Going Solo', 'The BFG', 'The Witches', 'The Twits', 'James and the Giant Peach', and 'Bussie's Cupboard in the Woods'. Each spine features a colorful illustration of a character or scene related to the book. The books are arranged in a slightly overlapping manner, and the background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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We encourage all children to learn with the **Attorneys' Division**.

c. I will try my best to come to school every day.

- ...way to overcome for overparticipation is increasing attend





**Getting Your Child to School Really Matters**

**Did You Know... ?**

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By... Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately... or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

**Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance**



## Year 5 Tudor World Visit

On Wednesday, Year 5 headed to Stratford Upon Avon to visit Tudor World. In the historical setting, Year 5 discovered the secret lives of the Tudors and what life was really like during the time of William Shakespeare, Francis Drake, Elizabeth I, Henry VIII and everyday people. There was lots of interactive elements such as videos, touch screens, stocks and quill writing in the school room.

They thoroughly enjoyed their visit and it has really enhanced their learning.









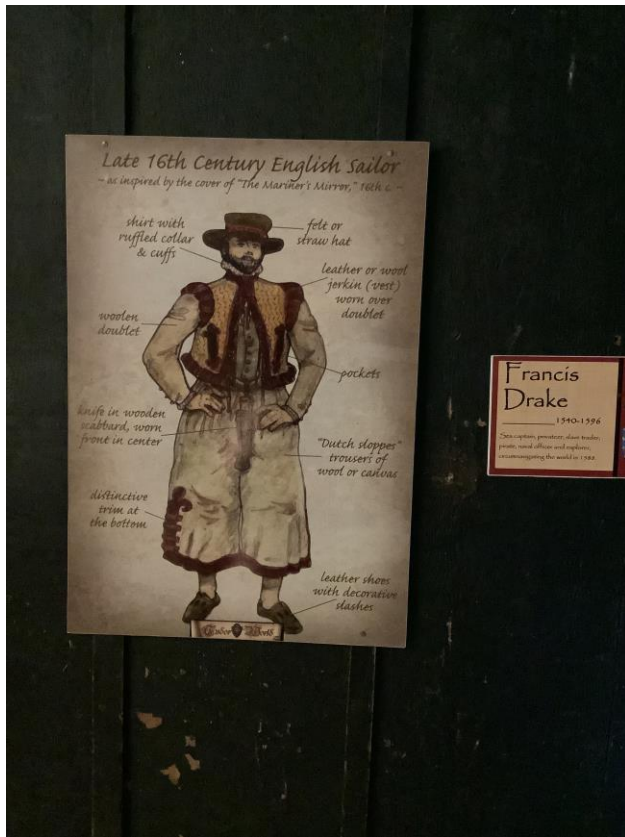






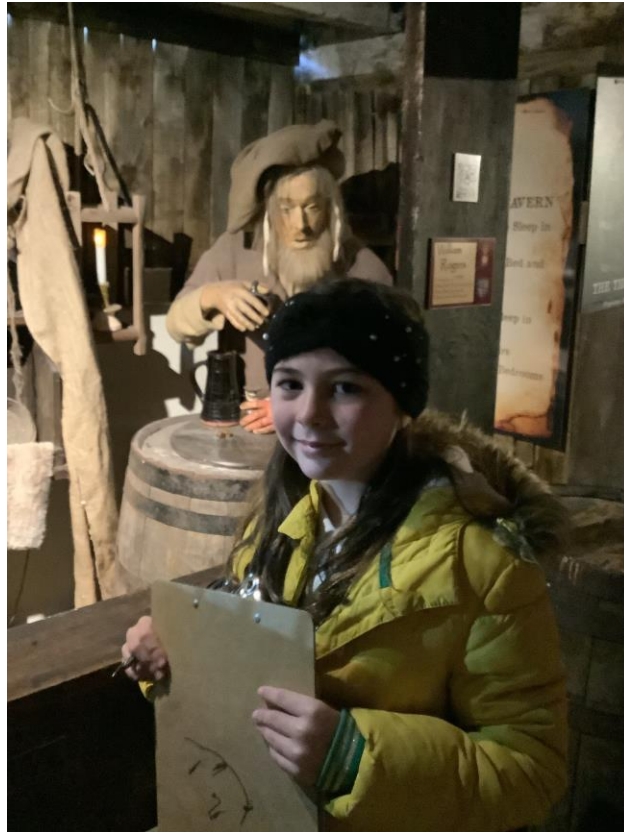










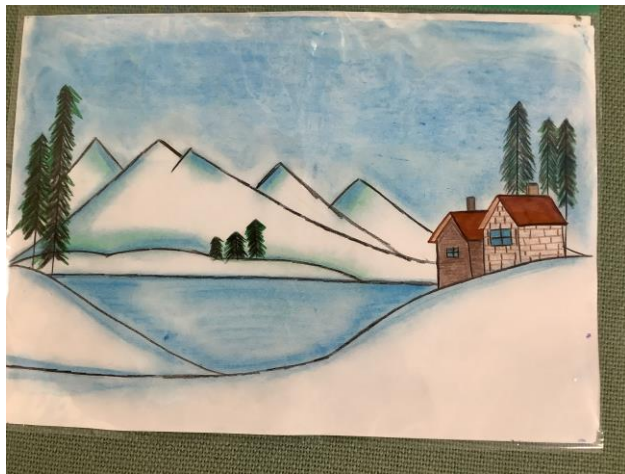


## Winter Competition

Thank you to all the children that took their time creating wonderful winter art over the Christmas period. We have received all different kinds of creations and we have loved seeing all the different unique designs. There will be a winner from each key stage announced shortly, so fingers crossed and watch this space! The winners will then be entered in to the final prize draw across the Trust.











Golden Book this week

A big well done to;

Little Learners- **Lincoln Rafferty**

Nursery- **Benjamin Purcell**

Reception- **Sophia Florea**

Year 1 - **Kianna Melhado**

Year 2- **Jaymi Homer**

Year 3 - **Oscar Allen**

Year 4- **Maya Stefanowska**

Year 5- **Emily Ratcliffe**

Year 6 - **Elise Beardsmore**

Headteacher Mr Gatrad- **Jack Higgitt**

Deputy Headteacher Mrs Steatham- **Scarlett Parsons**

## Year 2 SATS Meeting

As I am sure that you are aware, the Key Stage 1 SATs (Year 2) are fast approaching, taking place during the middle of May.

To ensure that you and your child are fully prepared for the content of these assessments and how they will run, I am holding a Year 2, parent/carer SATs workshop at, 3.30pm, on ***Monday 27th February in school.***

During the workshop, we will discuss the following:

- An overview of the assessments detailing the tests that will take place
- How the tests will be administered in KS1
- What you can do at home to support your child in the weeks leading up to SATS

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