



Featherstone Academy Newsletter - Week Ending-19/05/2023

[A Message from the Deputy Headteacher](#)

It's been another busy week at Featherstone Academy. Well done to Year 2 who have made an excellent start to their Key Stage 1 SATs.

The sun made an appearance just in time for Year 6 to enjoy their residential, I am sure you will all agree it has been lovely to see their updates throughout the week.

We look forward to everyone being back in school next week for our final week of learning together before May half term.

Year 6 Residential

Year 6 went off on their annual residential this week to Wilderness Academy, children settled well into camp life straight away. They have been taking part in some amazing activities such as wall climbing and animal tracking to improve their team building skills. They also took on the challenge of The Trig Walk, 500 feet up the Roaches. This was followed by an afternoon of "weaseling", where a lot of children overcame their fear of small spaces and heights. Other activities that the children have taken part in are kayaking, orienteering and a variety of night time games.

The food has been lovely and enjoyed by all. The children have certainly been working up an appetite.

We have been very fortunate that the weather has been on our side, enabling children to do all planned activities. The children have been extremely well behaved and respectful at all times to camp instructors who have spoke very highly of our children. Year 6 you have been a credit to our school!







Year 6 - Leavers Information

As we are approaching the end of Year 6's time with us, we wanted to share some of the fun things we have planned to celebrate with them before they start their new chapters at secondary school.

Leavers Performance

As you will have seen on key dates, Year 6 Leavers Performance will take place on Friday 21st July at 9.30am. We have made the decision to merge our previous practice of an assembly and production to create one amazing performance. We hope you will be able to join us and on what is sure to be a lovely way to end Year 6's primary school journey.

Hoodies

Many of our pupils have asked about leaving hoodies. This is something we would love to arrange as is a special keepsake for the children to have. We will be using Wave Ed who will provide a link to their online shop for you to order directly. Hoodies will have the Featherstone Academy embroidered school logo on the front with a back design print. When ordering, you will be able to choose your size, as well as being given the option to personalise your hoodie further with your child's name. The cost of the hoodies will be approximately £20.

Autograph books

Autographs books are in school ready for your children to share with their peers on the last few days of the year. These books are a lovely token for the children to share message with one another that will last a lifetime.

Last Day White Shirt Signing

On the last day of school (after Year 6 have completed their Leavers Performance), we are going to allow Year 6 to take part in the age-old tradition of having their school shirts signed. (I'm sure we have all got one tucked away in a drawer somewhere). Please make sure you send your child into school with a shirt that you are willing to be signed.

Year 6 Leavers Disco

What better way to celebrate than a good party? On Friday 21st July, we are going to host a disco for Year 6. With this, we are asking for parent volunteers who would be willing to come forward and help with the organisation and chaperoning of this. If you would like to support with this, please let our office staff know, it would be greatly appreciated.

Wear It Green Day

On Thursday 18th May, the school turned green. Children were asked to come to school dressed in green to support Mental Health Week and you really did support it, we would like to say a big thank you for all the donations we received. We raised a respectable £85 for this fantastic charity. Children sat and spoke about their feelings and looked at emotions during a range of different activities.













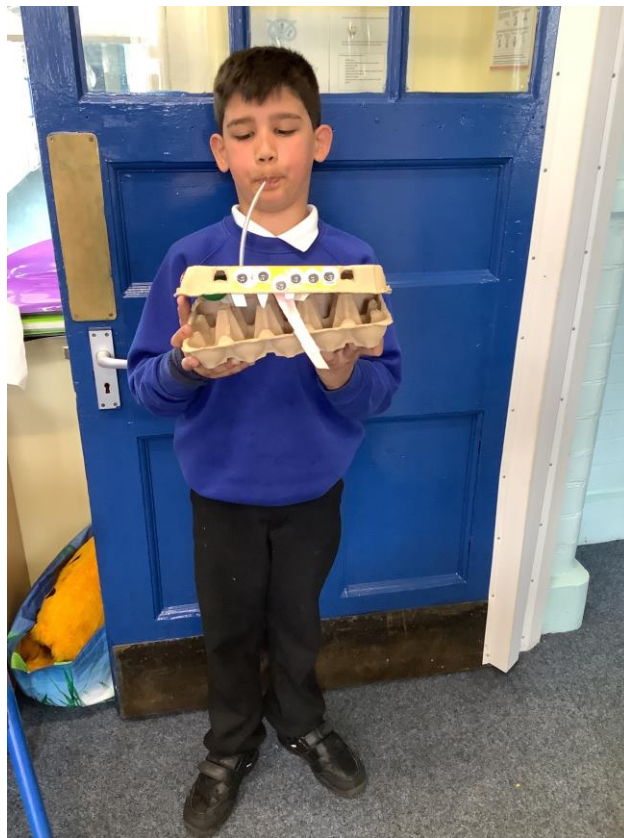
Year 3 Science

This week in Class 3 the children have been exploring pneumatic toys and different ways that compressed air can make an object move. The children designed their own pneumatic toy for a Year 1 child by using a balloon, blowing air into it to make the lid open. Today, the children will make their final changes and evaluate their product that has been designed and created. The children have really enjoyed this topic and have been working really hard to design and create their product from their first initial design to their final product. Well done to everyone in Class 3!

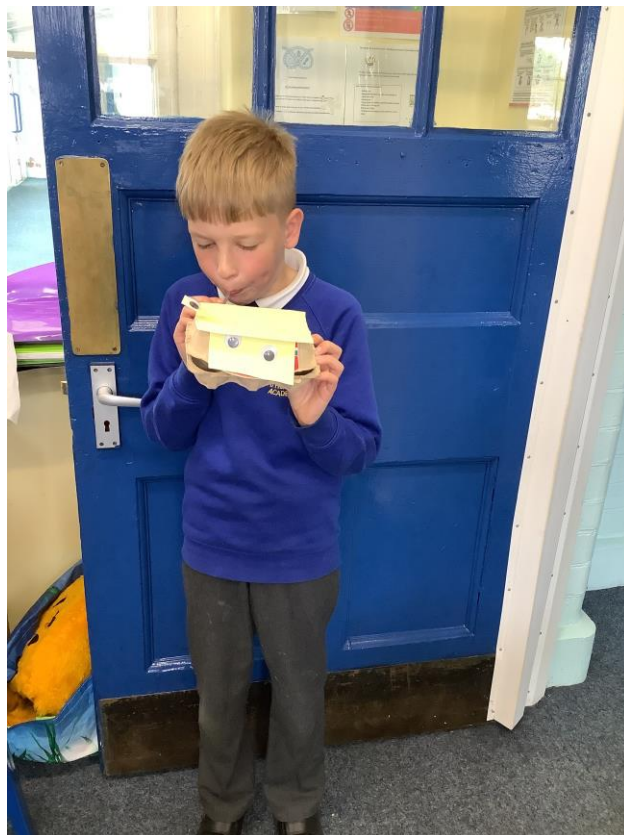


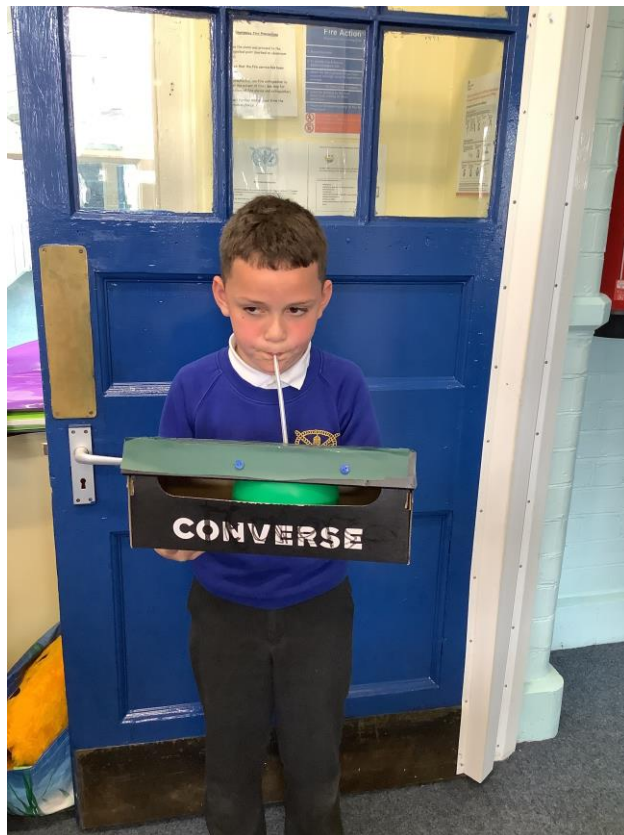
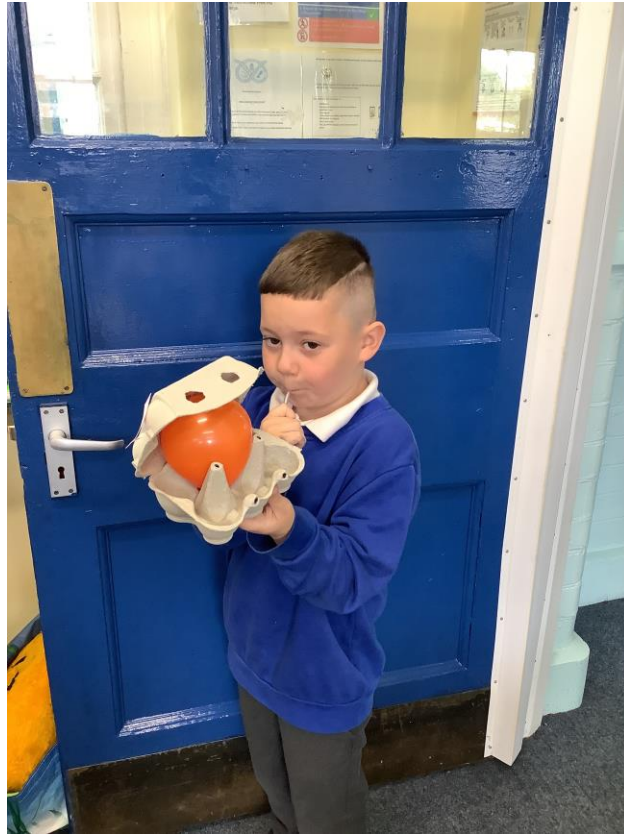
















Little Learners Sensory Garden

Little Learners would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has brought in donations for our sensory garden. We are really enjoying our new area and our topic on growing. We have been planting fruit, vegetables and flowers, and the children are watering them daily. We can't wait to watch them grow!









Walk To School Week -22nd to 26th May

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 2023

Are you ready to Walk to School? This year's challenge encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week. Each day we will have a focussed discussion in class about the important reasons to walk and the difference it can make for individuals, communities and the planet!

Each day children walk to school, they will gain a stamp their card and work towards a certificate at the end of the week.



Featherstone Academy is taking part in this fun and engaging week-long activity for primary schools next week. It is designed to make pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school.

Through this challenge, children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended 60 minutes minimum of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates!

Those of you who live too far away from school to walk, will be able to take part in a Walk Around the School during break times and Lunchtimes to get your exercise in too!

Class Learning- Week Commencing- 22/05/2023

Take a look at what your children will be learning in class week commencing 22/05/2023;

- **Reception-** We are continuing our work on animals this week. We are looking at the differences of animals, where they live, their features, what they eat and how they move around. We are comparing and sorting animals by size and various features. We have started to create a fact book all about animals too which we will keep in the classroom. We are really hoping that our butterflies will emerge this week too!
- **Year 1-** Maths- positions and directions, English-writing a persuasive letter, Geography- looking at human and physical features in our local environment.
- **Year 2-** Art - Children will study the artist Gunta Stölzl and develop skills needed to weave using different materials. English - Children will be planning and writing a diary entry from the point of view of a character from The Diary of a Killer Cat. Maths - Looking into days, hours and minutes.
- **Year 3-** English - poetry, History- Victorians, Maths – Reasoning with fractions and quantities.
- **Year 4-** Maths- Time, Vipers- The Wild Robot. English- Writing a narrative with a dilemma. Geography- Volcanoes and earthquakes
- **Year 5-** PE - Athletics, English - Writing Historical Fiction, Science - Dissolving.
- **Year 6-** - English - letter writing, PE - Athletics, DT - cultural and seasonal food

Celebration Assembly

Well done to our Golden Book Winners;

Little Learners- **Aleksandra Wrzos**

Nursery- **Cody Roughton**

Reception- **Joy Greenaway**

Year 2- **Sebastian Jones**

Year 3- **Willow Bennett**

Year 4- **Ruby Priestley**

Year 5- **Kai Andrews**

Year 6 - **Whole of Year 6**

Deputy Headteacher- Mrs Steatham- **Evie Haywood**

National Online Safety



Key Dates

Friday 26th May- School breaks up for **May Half Term**

Monday 5th June - **Back to school**

Thursday 8th June - **Little Learners** and **Nursery Books & Biscuits**

Thursday 15th June - **Reception Books & Biscuits**

Thursday 22nd June - **Year 1 Books & Biscuits**

Thursday 29th June - **Year 2 Books & Biscuits**

Thursday 6th July - **Year 3 Books & Biscuits**

Friday 7th July - **Year 4 Books & Biscuits**

Monday 10th July - **Little Learners** to **Year 5** Parents Evening 3:30pm-5:30pm

Tuesday 11th July - **Little Learners** to **Year 5** Parents Evening 3:30pm-5:30pm

Wednesday 12th July - **Year 5** Books & Biscuits

Thursday 13th July - **Year 6** Books & Biscuits

Thursday 13th July - **EYFS** Sports Day (morning)

Friday 14th July - **Year 1 - Year 6** Sports Day (morning)

Thursday 20th July - Meet Your New Teacher Day

Friday 21st July - **Year 6 Leavers** Assembly (9.30am)

Friday 21st July - **Year 6** Disco (details to follow)

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