



Featherstone Academy Newsletter-Week Ending-27/10/2023

A Message From The Headteacher

A really great half term at Featherstone Academy, with lots of great experiences and learning ongoing for our children culminating with a fun filled Halloween disco to finish! I hope everyone has a well deserved half term break and comes back refreshed ready for Autumn 2 and then in no time it will be the build up to Christmas.

Key Dates

Friday 27th October - Autumn 1 term ends

Monday 6th November - Autumn 2 term starts

Wednesday 8th November - Cinema Trip **Year 2** (Dudley Cineworld) **Years 5 and 6** (Telford Cineworld)

Friday 10th November - Cinema Trip **Year 3** (Telford Cineworld)

Monday 13th November - Anti-Bullying Week begins

Friday 17th November - Children in Need

Tuesday 21st November and Wednesday 22nd November - Parent's Evening

Wednesday 22nd November - Cinema **Trip Year 4** (Telford Cineworld)

Wednesday 15th November - Gurdwara Trip **Year 6**

Thursday 16th November School Photographs- **All Year groups**

Friday 7th November- Wonderland Visit- **Nursery & Reception**

Friday 8th December - Christmas Jumper Day (Save the children)

Friday 15th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Tuesday 19th December - **Little Learners and Nursery** Nativity - 9:30am

Tuesday 19th December - **Years 3 & 4** Carol Concert - 2:30pm

Wednesday 20th December - **Reception** Nativity- 9:30am

Wednesday 20th December - **Years 5 & 6** Carol Concert -2:30pm

Thursday 21st December - **Years 1 & 2** Nativity - 9:30am

Parking

We have had several complaints around parents parking before and after school from Staffordshire Council. Please be aware of the signs that are clearly put out by our school crossing patrol, these are to keep everyone safe especially the children at busy times.

Staffordshire Council have informed us that Police will be informed if the parking problems persist.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is 95%+. We are currently below this at 94.4% year to date. Attendance in the first half term has not been where it needs to be. We have over a quarter of school pupils are currently considered persistent absentees. We will be looking at attendance in Autumn 2 term.

We hope you will work with us to improve attendance across the school.

Poppy Appeal

Our annual poppy appeal merchandise will be on sale in school from Monday 6th November. This includes stationery, bracelets, poppies and badges etc... Our poppy appeal is always very popular with the children but remember stock is limited.



Featherstone Lions and Lionesses

A massive well done to Year 5 & 6 Boys and Girls for taking part in football Tournaments this week on Wednesday and Thursday after school. You all played so well, we are all proud of you. Thankyou to all parents for their ongoing support

Homework Projects

Just to remind you that all homework Projects will need to be handed in on Monday 6th November.

Year 1	We would like to do a project all about me. This is an opportunity for the children to showcase who they are, who is in their family, where do they live, what do they like to do outside of school, any clubs and there interests. The children can present this how they would like to weather it is through photos or writing. Just for them to be creative and colourful.
Year 2	Year 2 homework project this half term will be to interview a parent/grandparent about their toys when they were younger and to make a comparison in any way they choose between what they played with and what the children play with now. This could be through a box showing models of the toys, an interview and pictures on big paper.
Year 3	Stone Age Project: Children are encouraged to create a piece of work/art in relation to the stone age. This could be a PowerPoint presentation, model of the stonehenge, timeline, fact file, creating your own tools, creating a survival box or something very creative that could be used for display.
Year 4	Year 4's autumn topic is Ancient Greece. Their homework task is to make a Spartan helmet or design a shield that would be used in battle. Projects to be completed by week commencing 6 th November 2023.
Year 5	What was a typical home like during Ancient Egyptian times? Draw, design or make a model of a typical home during Ancient Egyptian times. Label the key features of the home and what they were used for. Be as creative as you can be!
Year 6	As part of our topic Road Trip USA, children are going to create a brochure advertising the great places that you can see from The Grand Canyon to the Statue of Liberty. Children will need to research at least 2 places, up to a maximum of 5 places they would like to visit and persuade people as to why they should go there on holiday or a visit. This can be done on paper, on PowerPoint, as a word document or another form of presentation, the choice is yours.

ECO Competition Winners

We have had some amazing Eco projects sent in to school linked to our Recycling Topic. It is such an important topic, which our Eco Council are promoting and everyone involved definitely understood the assignment. It was very difficult to choose 3 winners, but we would like to congratulate Dylan, Harry and Lewie, our worthy winners.



Celebration Assembly

For celebration assembly we have decided to increase the variety of certificates and awards on offer from school. As a result, we will no longer be able to celebrate achievements from home in assembly and these will now be celebrated in the classroom on a weekly basis.

Week Commencing 09/10/2023

A big Featherstone well done to;

Little Learners- Cobie Turner

Nursery- Arlo Ellington

Reception- Harley Hubbard

Class 1- Louis Wiggan

Class 2- Leo Kumar

Class 3- Bobbi Spencer

Class 4- Sophie O'Connor

Class 5- Ruby Priestley

Class 6- Sophia Humpage

Mrs Streatham- Deputy Head- Reggie Batey

Mr Gatrad - Headteacher- Abbigail Pountney and Maisie Taylor

Week Commencing 16/10/2023

A big Featherstone well done to;

Little Learners- Cobie Turner

Nursery- Arlo Ellington

Reception- Harley Hubbard

Class 1- Louis Wiggan

Class 2- Leo Kumar

Class 3- Bobbi Spencer

Class 4- Sophie O'Connor

Class 5- Ruby Priestley

Class 6- Sophia Humpage

Mrs Streatham- Deputy Headteacher- Lewis Cook

Mr Gatrad- Headteacher- Mikayla Onyia

Class Learning- 06/11/2023

Nursery: We are learning about bonfire night and fireworks, we will be talking about how to keep themselves safe. There will be lots of opportunities to create fireworks pictures with a range of media.

Reception: This week we will look at Bonfire Night and why some people light bonfires and have fireworks to celebrate.

Class 1: In Maths Year 1 will be recapping addition and we will be starting subtraction. The children will use concrete resources to help with subtracting. In PE the children will start the new topic story time dancing. In this topic children will learn to move in different ways to express themselves to retell a story through their dancing.

Class 2: Within Maths, we will continue to work on our confidence of identifying and using number bonds within 20 to help us with our addition and subtraction skills. In English, we will begin to explore our new class text which is the beautiful tale of, 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. This week will be used to explore the story and vocabulary within it. In Science, our new topic is 'Everyday Materials', we will look at our ability to confidently distinguish and object and the material it is made from.

Class 3: Science- Forces and Magnets: To understand that forces are pushes and pulls. PE- Invaders Football: Learning all the skills of the game, rules, teamwork and respect with the aim of inspiring the next generation. (Please remember that children need to come into school in PE kit on first day back) RE and Spanish- Children will be focusing on different religions across two weeks as well as learning important and everyday Spanish words, phrases and sentences with the aim for children to have a conversation in Spanish.

Class 4: English- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Reading- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory- vocabulary, predicting, summarising and retrieving. Maths- Addition and Subtraction- looking at inverse operations and solving problems with a 2-step context.

Class 5: In English, we will begin reading our new text, 'Clockwork' by Phillip Pulman. Children will be exploring the features of the text and understanding character. In Maths, children will be coming towards the end of their fractions unit, learning to subtract and add fractions with mixed numbers. In Music, children will be learning all about Jazz music. We will be listening, appraising and performing music.

Class 6: We have a very exciting term ahead for Year 6. In English, we will begin exploring our new text - Wonder. We will make predictions about the book and explore how we use evidence to answer questions from it. In writing, we will form our own precept's, exploring their importance as well as looking at the language used in a discussion text. In Maths, we will continue to explore fractions. Children will convert mixed numbers into improper fractions and vice versa and begin to add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers. In Science, we will begin our Science topic on electricity, exploring the life of Alessandro Volta. We will learn about why he was a pioneer when it came to electricity. Finally in PSHE, we explore that there are different perceptions of what being normal is and the stereotypes people often make.

Lunch Menu- w/c 06/11/2023

<div> <div>Week 1</div> <div>6th Nov 23rd Nov 30th Nov</div> <div>Featherstone Academy</div> </div>				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Tomato Pizza ✓ (pepperoni available on the side) Potato Puffs, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings Selection of Sandwiches Chocolate Puffin Custard	Sausage or Quorn Sausage ✓ with Mash & Potato & Yorkshire Pudding, Peas, Baked Beans, Gravy Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings Selection of Sandwiches Shortcake Custard	Roast Chicken or Quorn Fillet ✓ Roast & Mash Potatoes Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings Selection of Sandwiches Flapjack Custard	Cheesy Pasta Bake ✓ with Garlic Bread Carrots, Baked Beans Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings Selection of Sandwiches Jam Sponge Plain Sponge Custard	Buttered Fish Quorn Dippers ✓ Chips, Baked Beans Garden Peas Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings Selection of Sandwiches Ice Cream Tub
AVAILABLE DAILY: Fresh Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit Pots, Yoghurts, Jelly Pots, Cheese & Biscuits ALLERGEN INFORMATION FOR ALL OUR DISHES IS AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING: 01902 704167				

UNICEF Day

Today we raised an impressive £167.00 for UNICEF. Thankyou to everyone that donated. The children really enjoyed their day in school wearing blue.



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