



Featherstone Academy Newsletter- Week
Ending- 23/02/2024

A Message From The Deputy Headteacher

What an exciting first week back for the new half term!

We have seen our eggs in EYFS hatch into cute chicks, helping our youngest children learn all about Life Cycles. Year 5 parents joined their children for Look into Learning, where they were able to experience the fantastic learning opportunities our pupils are offered on a daily basis. Last night, some of our talented Year 5 and 6 children travelled to Birmingham to take part in the experience of a lifetime - performing with thousands of other children at the Young Voices 2024 concert. And to top it all off, today we have celebrated Rock Star Day to relaunch the fantastic Times Tables Rock Stars app.

We have an extremely busy half term ahead with plenty more exciting events planned. Please keep up to date with our newsletter and Facebook page to ensure you do not miss any key information.

Key Dates

Tuesday 27th February-**Year 6** Look Into Learning

Tuesday 5th March- **Little Learners** Books & Biscuits- 2:45pm

Tuesday 5th March- **Year 6** Residential/End of year meeting- **after school**

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day- **Whole School**

Friday 8th March- Reception Books & Biscuits- 2:45pm ****new date****

Friday 8th March - **Year 4 trip** to Wolseley Centre

Monday 11th March- **Year 5 Trip**- Tudor World

Friday 15th March - **Nursery** Books & Biscuits- 2:45pm

Friday 15th March- Comic Relief- **wear something red**

18th-20th March- Scholastic Book Fair ***new date***

19th-20th March- Parents Evening

Thursday 21st March- Easter Bonnet Parade (**Early Years only-LL, Nursery and Reception**)

Friday 22nd March - Inset Day Children NOT in school

Easter Holidays - Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April

Monday 8th April - Back to School

Friday 19th April Year 1 - Books & Biscuits - 2.45pm

Friday 26th April Year 2 - Books & Biscuits-2.45pm

Friday 3rd May -Year 3 - Books & Biscuits- 2.45pm

Friday 10th May - Year 4 - Books & Biscuits - 2.45pm

Friday 17th May - Year 5 - Books & Biscuits - 2.45pm

Wednesday 5th June Year 6 - Books & Biscuits - 2.45pm

Parents Evening- 19th-20th March

We will be holding parents evening on Tuesday 19th - Wednesday 20th March for Nursery - Year 6

Tuesday 19th March- 15:30 - 19:00

Wednesday 20th March- 15:30 - 16:40

Bookings are now live on your MCAS account. Please select the Parents Evening option from the menu.

We hope to see as many parents attend as possible.

Year 6- Meeting- Tuesday 5th March

We will be holding a meeting on Tuesday 5th March straight after school for all Year 6 parents to attend. During the meeting we will discuss a number of topics such as;

- SATS
- Y6 Residential
- Transition to Secondary School
- End of Term plan-Leavers Assembly, Leavers Prom etc...

After School Club- Emergency Contact

Please be advised of the emergency contact arrangements if your child attends the wraparound care after-school club.

In case of emergency only, if you need to contact us after 4:15pm, please call the school on 01902 734167, select choice 3 to speak to the after-school club staff.

Late Collections after 5:15pm are charged at £5 for every 15 minutes. Where payments have not been received for a considerable time, your child will no longer be able to attend until the full balance is cleared.

Books & Biscuits

We are excited to release our next dates of 'Books & Biscuits' afternoons for all of our families. We would like to invite parents, carers, guardians or grandparents into school to enjoy some quality reading time with your child in our beautiful library! There will also be some sweet treats on offer to make that reading time with your child even more special.

If you would like to join us, please arrive at the main office for 2.45pm on the day for your child's year group.

Dates are as follows:

Little Learners - Tuesday 5th March - 2.45pm

Reception- Friday 8th March-2:45pm ***new date***

Nursery - Friday 15th March - 2.45pm

Year 1 - Friday 19th April - 2.45pm

Year 2 - Friday 26th April - 2.45pm

Year 3 - Friday 3rd May - 2.45pm

Year 4 - Friday 10th May - 2.45pm

Year 5 - Friday 17th May - 2.45pm

Year 6 - Wednesday 5th June - 2.45pm

World Book Day- 7th March

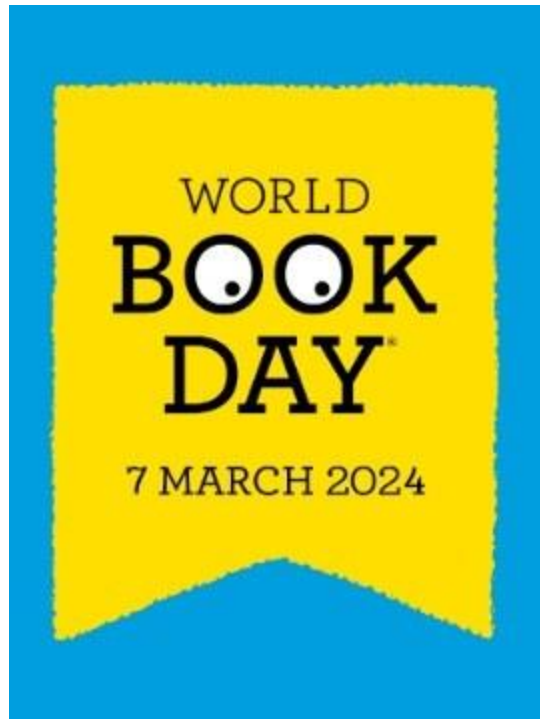
Another reminder to get those World Book Day outfits planned.

Please remember that costumes do not need to come with a cost. The following link has some fabulous ideas that only requires some thrifty creativity! [Cheap and easy ideas for last-minute World Book Day costumes | TheSchoolRun](#)

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.

World Book Day 2024 will be on **Thursday 7th March**, children of all ages will come together to share the joy of reading for pleasure. We are asking on that day for all children to come in dressed as their favourite character from a book they love. We are so excited to see who walks through our door on World Book Day and see where our reading takes us!



Comic Relief

On Friday 15th March we will be raising money for Comic Relief Day. On this day we invite children to dress in clothes that are red. Throughout the day the children will participate in a number of fun activities. We will be holding a competition for the silliest pose. At home children will create the silliest pose and will need to send the entries in before 15th March to **information@fea.greenheartlearning.org**

The winner will be chosen and announced the following week for who has the silliest pose.

We would really appreciate a donation for comic relief no matter how big or small.



School Book Fair

Do you want the best new children's books? They're coming to our school soon!

Join us on:

Monday 18th March 3.30-4.30pm.

Tuesday 19th March 3.30-7.00pm (during parents' evening)

Wednesday 20th March 3.30-4.45pm (during parents' evening)

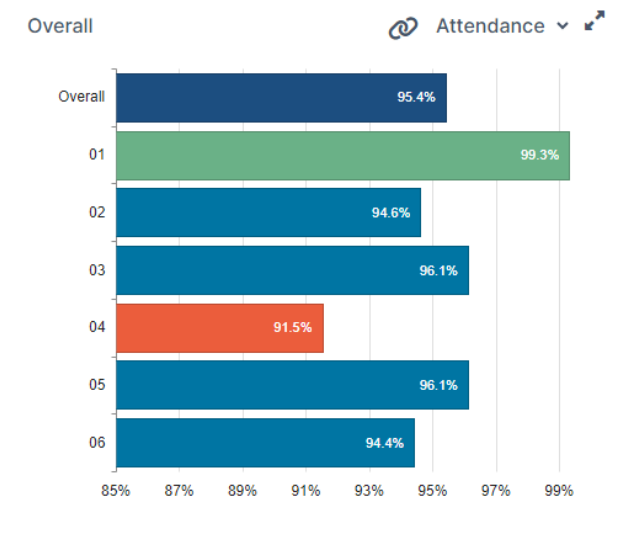
Come and find your next favourite read. Not only will you be getting your hands on the best new children's books, you will be supporting our school as every book purchased will help to fill our classrooms and library with free books!

Don't forget, children can also use their World Book Day tokens towards the cost of a new book.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Attendance



Class Learning-w/c-26/02/2024

Nursery: We are learning about the life cycle of a bean using the book Jasper's beanstalk. Children will also be planting their own beans to look after at home.

Reception: This week we will learn about animals that only come out at night. We will talk about why some animals only come out at night and begin to identify those animals.

Class 1: Next week in English we are continuing with the story Beegu and we are writing a set of instructions on how to be a good friend. The children identify key features of instructions and know the components of a set of instructions. In Maths we will be learning about capacity and weight. The children will be identifying full, half full and empty. Later on in the week the children will be identifying which objects are heavier and lighter. In the afternoons we are starting our History topic. The children will be looking at how transport has changed over time. We will create a timeline of the events and look at similarities and differences in transport.

Class 2: This week in English we will be writing a newspaper report about the Enormous Crocodile including interviews with the animals and children from the story. In Maths, we will be starting a new unit of Length and Height. We will be measuring in centimetres and metres and ordering and comparing lengths. In D&T we will be planning how to make a healthy wrap and will be tasting a range of foods before making our own wraps at the end of the week.

Class 3: RE: Children will be looking at different symbols of worship and certain ceremonies that they take part in. There may even be a surprise Christian Wedding, with a comparison with Hindu weddings. Maths: We will start to look at fractions and what they are. Children will be looking for equivalent fractions and also how to find fractions of amounts. Writing: Children will be writing their stories with a focus on using dialogue between two characters from our class text 'The Sheep Pig'.

Class 4: Maths- Decimals- ordering and comparing decimals. English- The Firework-Maker's Daughter- planning, editing, writing and publishing a letter to father of why Lila has left home. Reading- The Firework-Maker's Daughter- vocabulary, inference, prediction and retrieval. DT- Electrical Systems: Torches- the children will be using circuit equipment to design, make and evaluate torches.

Class 5: Next week, children in Year 5 will be planning and writing their balanced argument based on the question, 'Should children attend school or be home schooled?'. Children will be revisiting all of the features they have looked at over the last week and including these in their writing. In RE, we will be focussing on the idea of happiness, and how different religions, such as Buddhism, consider happiness. In Science, children will be investigating the process of burning and how fire is formed and can be started.

Class 6: Next week, children have many exciting activities. For reading, children will continue to explore what happens in our book Varjak Paw, answering questions about what we have read. We will also use the book to plan and write a report about Mesopotamian blues, which is Varjak's breed. In Maths, children will explore algebra, representing letters in equations as well as working out the value of a letter or shape within a calculation. In Science, year six will explore what the key features of the circulatory system are and why they are important. In RE, our topic is taking part. Children will explore what religious buildings are within the local area, the city and beyond. Children will also explain what can be found in a specific religious building as well as explain the work charities do and why they are important.

TT Rockstars Day

TT Rockstars Day

Children have had a great day, practising Maths facts and times tables today. Your child should come home with a login and password so they can practise their Maths at home. The website is trockstars.com. Competitions between each other in the class as well as class vs class will take place throughout the next few months. Here are some Frequently asked questions that ttrackstars themselves report.

FAQs	
My child seems to be getting questions up to 12x12 - why is that? Assuming that's not intentional, make sure they're playing in the Garage or Arena to get the tables we've set for them.	My child is unhappy with the look of their avatar - what can be done? Everyone starts with the same avatar, no matter what rock name they've chosen. Simply change the hair, eyes and mouth to suit individual preferences.
Why can't we login? The most likely cause is that one of the three bits of information (school, username or password) hasn't been entered as above.	Someone has logged in as my child and spent a load of their coins - what can we do? Let your child's teacher know so that they can refund your child and speak to the class about trust and online safety.
My child has chosen a rock name they're unhappy with - how do we change it? Ask your child's teacher to reset their rock name so they can choose again when they login.	Where is your privacy notice? https://trockstars.com/page/privacy https://numbots.com/privacy-notice/

Year 6- Design & Technology

DT Project Year 6

Year 6 will be making a waistcoat in their DT lessons. For this children need to bring in an old t-shirt that they no longer wear that they can then turn into a waistcoat. They need to be brought in by Friday 1st March.

Many thanks

Celebration Assembly

Well done to this weeks Winners-

Little Learners- **Ivy Jones**

Nursery- **Arthur Watson**

Reception- **Ella-Rose Byrne**

Year 1- **Charlie Smith**

Year 2- **Kianna Melhado**

Year 3- **Dylan Parkes**

Year4- **Brae Bethell**

Year 5- **Maya Stefanowska**

Year 6- Young Voices

Mrs Steatham-Deputy Headteacher- **Olivia Dolman**

Lunch Menu- w/c-26/02/2024

Week 2 26th Feb 16th March Featherstone Academy				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Tomato Pizza V (pineapple on the side)	Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding or Quorn Fillet V	Pork Sausage Roll	Chicken Nuggets
Potato Hashette, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans	Plain Pasta & Cheese V	Roast & Mashed Potatoes	Fondant Potatoes	Quorn Nuggets V
Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Peas, Baked Beans	Carrots, Broccoli, Gravy	Baked Beans	Chips, Baked Beans
Selection of Sandwiches	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Mixed Veg	Peas & Sweetcorn
Plain Muffin	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings	Jacket Potato & Assorted Toppings
Custard	Flapjack	Chocolate Rice	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches
	Custard	Krispie Cake	Jam Tart	Custard
		Custard	Custard	
AVAILABLE DAILY: Fresh Baked Bar, Fresh Fruit Pots, Yoghurts, Jelly Pots, Cheese & Biscuits				
ALLERGEN INFORMATION FOR ALL OUR DISHES IS AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING: 01902 734167				

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