

Dear Parents and Carers,

And so we come to the end of another academic year at Foxwood. I'd like to thank all of our parents, carers, staff and of course children for helping us to make it a very successful year. As you know, we were visited by Ofsted and received a glowing report, we opened our new library building which has given us much needed space, we have merged with the White Hills Park Trust giving us the opportunity to work ever more collaboratively with local schools and we have started the process of building a new, modern secondary special school next to our current building. It has been very busy but the future for our Academy is exciting and it's down to the children, the staff and of course our families at home.

With the merger, we are now looking for two additional governors (one of which needs to be a parent or carer) If you think you might be interested in the role, or would like to nominate someone, then please contact us via office@foxwood.notts.sch.uk

A note about our leavers—Leaving a special school can be very difficult for many of our young people. In some cases, the leavers join us as 4 or 5 years old and spend their entire primary and secondary education with us. We feel proud of this, but also form really strong, lasting relationships with these young people and often their families. We know they are moving and we know that it's time for them to move on but please know that we are always here for them and for you in the future. If they need us, or you need to talk something through please remember that we're always just at the end of the telephone.

Please enjoy some of the images in the following newsletter and use the website to get in touch over the break if you need to.

A final point to note is that the first day is back after the break is Friday 1st September 2023 for primary and key stage 3 children. 14-19 children will start on Monday 4th September 2023.

Wishing you a restful summer break.

James Hutchinson

Head Teacher

Foxcubs have enjoyed a very busy and successful summer term! They all enjoyed learning about animals in science and engaged well with two offsite visits during the topic to a Pets at Home store and Lanes Open Farm. They were all very brave and helped to feed some of the farm animals; the goats and pigs were very greedy.



Horse riding has been a major highlight of this term. The class joined RDA volunteers at Lings Lane Stables in Keyworth over a period of five weeks. Every student rode a horse and appeared calm and content whilst doing so. This was a first for most of the class so staff felt very proud of them. They are already looking forward to going again next academic year!



This term **30** loved exploring the creative arts for a whole week. We impressed everyone with our drumming and took part in making metal disks for the fox sculpture sitting outside. Throughout the past few weeks, the students impressed staff with their deep curiosity and investigation of digestion and respiration, We all had a great time testing how our mucus and snot keeps germs from entering our body.

Well done on a fantastic year everyone!



Squirrels have had a very busy last half term. They all enjoyed taking part in sports weeks especially the ice cream van visit and winning the boccia tournament) and taking part in all the different activities for arts week. They have made tie dye t-shirts, pyramids out of lego and enjoyed a couple of walks to the park. In Maths they have been learning directions, which in pairs, they took part in a blind folded obstacle course!

This term **Endeavour** have been hiking around Dale Abbey and Risley for PE. We enjoyed getting exercise and spending time out in nature. In Science we have been learning about chemicals, identifying hazard symbols and learning about the meaning of some of these by, for example investigating which fluids may be flammable.



We have been practising our communication out in the community for English.

Endeavour enjoyed their trip to Crich Tram Village, taking advantage of the clear period to explore the woodland walk while enjoying the tram ride and exploring the museum area during the rain.



3S went to Skegness and enjoyed spending time on the beach, at the arcade and seeing the seals in the sanctuary.

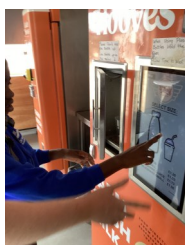
The class worked hard during their DART sessions and showed off their achievements in the graduation ceremony.

This half term, KS3 went to Hagg Farm on their residential trip. They did rock hopping, caving and hiking and enjoyed spending time in nature.



This half term in **HEDGEHOGS** we've been really enjoying weekly trip to the park for a picnic. The children have been learning how to sit together, share picnic snacks and enjoy the outdoor experience! We've also been learning how to use ICT to communicate, and a highlight has been going to Hooks farm to order milkshakes.

Its been a great summer term, and we've also been doing some gardening in science, and weather in Art. It's been lots of fun.



3F have had a great term, they have really enjoyed performance, script-work and designing costumes for a production of the Gruffalo in English. They have also really

enjoyed looking at plants and photosynthesis in Science and we planted cress and have observed factors affecting its growth.

In Health and Independence, we have been focusing on independent cooking skills and keeping the kitchen clean. We looked at risks, kitchen safety and hygiene rules, then applied this knowledge when cooking.

3F have also gone on a residential trip to Hagg Farm with some students attending for the day and they have taken part in a number of exciting outdoor activities.

We are so proud of students in **Challenger** that have sat their GCSE exams. They have worked so hard and can now relax as this academic year is coming to an end. Our students enjoyed a trip to Castleton, climbing Mam Tor and a boat journey in Speedwell Cavern. In community and independence, we have planned outings, looking at routes and timings for various locations. These included Wollaton Hall and local amenities. Students took part in our sports week, showing courage and resilience in the events they entered. They then helped Tom and the primary students with timings, equipment and helping make it the success it was. Some of our students in Art and Creative practiced and performed on stage to an audience, showing great courage. We visited The Microscopic Art of Willard Wigan's exhibition at Wollaton Hall and even got to meet the him!! Each student in Challenger have individually made progress both academically, socially and should be proud of their individual achievements.

Rabbits have had a fantastic term and we have learnt so much! Rabbits went out for community lessons to the shops and by the end of the term they have become so independent when we go! The children were fantastic when we went to the cinema for our end of year treat!



We have had a sports day, learnt about plants and their lifecycles, even learnt about our own senses which involved us trying and making some very delicious food! We are so proud of our Rabbits, they have done amazing this term and hope they have a brilliant summer holiday, they definitely deserve it!

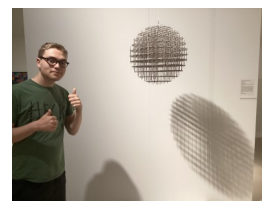


It has been a busy term for the students in **Atlantis**. Some have sat exams and all have been working towards completing coursework to use in future qualifications. We have also been working in the community carrying out litter picks in local parks, practicing map reading and independent travel training and also visiting a local care home to spend time and provide company for the elderly residents there. We have been learning about relationships in our health lessons and learning about discrimination and diversity as part of our preparing for adulthood curriculum. We've included a picture of our recent visit to Castleton in Derbyshire where students went down a cave and travelled on a subterranean boat to a cavern with a bottomless lake and even took on the challenge of a walk to the top of Mam Tor in driving rain and winds. Their resilience and good humour was outstanding and while wet and buffeted all felt invigorated and enjoyed being in the clouds.



It's been a very busy year for all our students and we have two students leaving us this year to head off to college and the next stage of their journey. We wish Yasar and Lily all the very best; we'll miss you both but you know where we are if you ever need us and please let us know how you are getting on.

This term **Discovery** have been learning how to plan their own trips/visits as part of Community lessons. The students have used google maps to support finding the most suitable method of transport and plan a route to the final destination.



The class all enjoyed a trip to the local art gallery and Alton towers theme park.

3X have had a fabulous summer term and have continued to work hard. There have been many things to celebrate throughout all their lessons, including a recent residential. 3X students who went to Hagg Farm from the 17th-19th July spent time taking on new challenges that pushed them out of their comfort zones and demonstrated how resilient they are. They went rock hopping, caving, den building, made a fire pit, along with the domestic chores of making their own beds and laying the tables. 3X have learned about Chinese music and graphic scores and have been composing their own music using tuned and un-tuned instruments. They have also continued to build on their Independence skills through practicing their travel training skills and also cooking healthy meals. They enjoyed a trip out to the cinema to see the new Indiana Jones film in their Community lessons.



PLEASE NOTE

The cost of a school dinner will be rising to £2.40 from 1st September 2023.

We have not increased our prices for a number of years now and we feel that this increase still offers value for money and all our meals are cooked fresh on the day by our caterers, Wilson Vale.

This Term **Enterprise** have been working hard on have been working hard in community and planning a visit. We decided to visit Alton Towers. The students were involved in researching how we would get to Alton Towers and the cost. Each week they have developed their Team skills to decide which rides would be suitable and the date we should go. As a team we worked on an agenda for the day and created a poster to advertise the trip to other students in the phase. Even though it rained all day, students had a great time and were able to go on the rides that they wanted to go on.



Breakaway Open Day



Free Creative Taster Session

Club for Young People with Learning Disabilities and Autistic Young People - Aged 14-25



Thursday 24th August
12 - 3pm

Beeston Youth & Community Centre

Lunch and Refreshments Provided

Please contact Ella for more details on
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Dates for your Diary

26.07.23—Last day of term
01.09.23—Primary and KS3 students ONLY return
04.09.23—All Students return
20.09.23—Meet the Tutor Event
13.10.23—PROM for 2023 leavers
16.10.23—Inset Day—Academy closed to students
23.10.23—03.11.23—Half Term Break
06.11.23—Students return
04.12.23—Inset Day—Academy closed to students
20.12.23—Xmas Fayre and Xmas Jumper day
21.12.23—Primary Xmas Production
25.12.23—05.01.24—Half Term Break
08.01.24—Students return