



Foxwood Newsletter

December 2023

Welcome to our newsletter.

As we reach the end of this term, I want to take a moment to express my thanks to each and every member of our school community for their dedication, hard work, and support throughout the term. The successes that the children achieve are a testament to the collaborative spirit that defines Foxwood Academy.

As ever, our teaching and support staff have gone above and beyond, fostering a positive and enriching learning environment for our children and young people. It is important to acknowledge the contributions of every staff member, including those who often work behind the scenes. Our site manager Neil, IT technician Morgan, and Julie, Ruby, Elaine and Sam in the office play a crucial role in ensuring the smooth operation of the school, and their efforts do not go unnoticed. Thank you for your tireless work and commitment to ensuring systems are in place and things run smoothly.

To the parents and carers, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for your ongoing support. Your involvement, whether through volunteering, attending school events, or supporting your child's education at home, is invaluable. This year's Christmas fair raised over £700 and the Carol singing raised over £450!

As we approach the holiday season, I want to remind everyone to prioritise self-care and well-being. The festive season can be joyful but also stressful, and it is important to take time for oneself and one's family. Our school staff will be available over the break, should you need any assistance or support. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require guidance or have any concerns. Our website 'contact us' continues to be monitored.

In the spirit of the holiday season, if you are considering giving internet-connected gifts to your children, we encourage you to be mindful of online safety. We have resources available on our website, and our staff are here to provide guidance and support. Ensuring a safe online environment is a shared responsibility, and together, we can empower our students to navigate the digital world responsibly. There are plenty of tips and advice for parents to help keep your child safe online at <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

We do have to say a sad but exciting farewell to Robbie Jones who has been successful in securing a promotion to a local special school as Assistant Headteacher. Robbie has been inspirational here and I'm sure you'll join me in wishing him the best of luck. I'm certain that our paths will cross again!

Wishing you all a restful and joyous holiday season. Thank you once again for your continued partnership and commitment to our school community.

James Hutchinson
Head Teacher

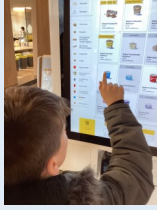
Carol singing at Victoria Centre

This year's carol singing was the best ever at Victoria Centre on
Friday 15th December 2023.

Thank you to everyone who supported the staff and students from Foxwood
who had an amazing time and got the shoppers stopping to
join in! Well done everyone!



Hedgehogs



This half term we have been looking at the story Supertato! The children have really enjoyed this, and lots of sensory activities, like mashing potato and using tweezers to get peas out of jelly! We have also been exploring ICT in the community, with trips to Tesco to use the lift and McDonalds to order on the self-service machines. They've done lots of great learning!

Well done Hedgehogs!



3F

3F have been working hard on their independence skills and will continue to do so throughout the year. They have enjoyed an extract from a midsummers night dream and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the sensory story and working together to produce a beautiful magical forest. 3F have made excellent progress working alongside their peers and sitting together!



We had a delightful visit from Pudsey Bear in November and thanks to your support, we raised £123 for Children in Need.

3S

As part of our Community lesson, 3S went to Trowell Garden Centre, where they were able to purchase their own drinks and food.



It was a bonus that it was Christmas time!

Foxcubs

It has been a very busy first term in Foxcubs. One of the highlights of the term has definitely been horse riding. All of the pupils have thoroughly enjoyed our horse riding sessions with the RDA. We have also had lots of trips out, including our recent visits to Lakeside Theatre and Bluebells Dairy Farm.



Coming soon-our first Safeguarding Surgery!

On Tuesday **27th February 2024** we will be holding a confidential Safeguarding Surgery for parents where we will be offering 30 minute appointments for you to come in to see Ruby and Angie to discuss anything related to Safeguarding.

Whether you have concerns about yourself, a child, a friend or a relative, we will be here to listen, no matter how small the topic, and advise you where you can get further help or support.

The Parent Talk website has lots of down to earth parenting advice and useful articles and topics.

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk>

Further information to follow!

Xmas Jumper Day

Thank you for your support in helping us to raise over £50 for Save the Children fund.



Endeavour

This term Endeavour have been doing a lot of work in our woodland area, following written and verbal instructions including prepositions and positional language, clearing the ground and preparing the space for further activities. This has related to our Independence topic on



keeping safe in which we have recapped basic daily safety rules and explored safe handling of tools such



as sawing wood, in turn relating back to measure in maths.

Squirrels

Autumn term in Squirrels has been a busy one! We've enjoyed cooking different snacks each, visiting different places in the local community and learning all about Henry VIII and Celebrations around the world!



Atlantis



Atlantis have been learning about food safety in the home and community, have been identifying and communicating what makes them unique individuals and have visited some specialist colleges in preparation for the next steps after Foxwood.

Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers that attended our Christmas Fayre. We raised over £700 for the Academy!



Discovery



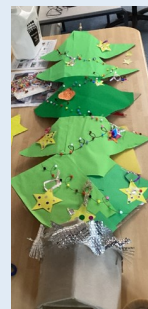
This half term has been exceptionally eventful in Discovery, with lots of noteworthy experiences. Firstly, the joyous occasion of baking our own delicious mince pies! Additionally, our recent trip to the Winter Wonderland was a resounding success. We took immense pride in watching the students confidently catch the bus into Nottingham. The trip was an invaluable financial lesson with students learning the importance of money through purchasing thoughtful gifts for their families at the Christmas markets.



Enterprise

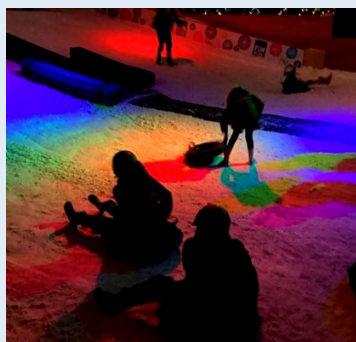


This term Enterprise have been developing their cleaning skills around school, helping out with windows, floors and even clothes! We loved making our very own Christmas tree in art and baking festive treats every week for our school cafe. The highlight for everyone was definitely our 14-19 bowling trip.



Rabbits

Rabbits have had a wonderful autumn term this year. Lots of new children have joined Rabbits and everybody has settled beautifully. They have enjoyed their trips out into the community and especially enjoyed their trip to Snowdome.



3X

3X have had a fabulous Autumn term. They have all worked so hard and shown great resilience in all they have done. Throughout their Creative lessons they acted out a Wild West scene and have also produced a play called 'What Christmas Means to Me' that involved spoken parts and songs to sing.



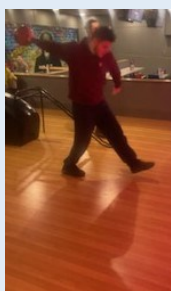
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We have looked at Midsummer night dream and loved getting into character during creative sessions and writing sessions in English. Especially when describing mischievous things Puck the fairy was up to as well as when a character, called bottom was turned into a donkey.



Challenger

This term Challenger been learning about short stories and genres in their English lessons. In Science the class have been focusing on biology and adaptations and in Maths, the pupils have been learning about shape and space and some pupils even sat a mock exam!



To finish off the term Challenger have enjoyed a trip to participate in bowling, laser quest, karaoke and the arcade.



Dates for your Diary

22.12.23—Last day of term
25.12.23—05.01.24—Christmas break
08.01.24—Students return
02.02.24—Inset Day—Academy closed to students
12.02.24-16.02.24—Half term break
19.02.24—Students return
21.02.24—School Photographer
27.02.24—Safeguarding Surgery for parents
07.03.24—World Book Day
29.04.24-12.04.24—Easter break
15.04.24—Students return
18.04.24—KS3 & 14-19 visit to Royal Opera House

Reminder—Student Absences

Please note that if you need to report an absence for your child please email the office on office@foxwood.notts.sch.uk or leave a voice message on the student absence line.

Thank you.