

Seasons greetings –

Please find a copy of our first termly newsletter. We wanted to share some of the work we've been doing this term in each class. Our children, young people and staff have been amazing again and have navigated their way through some tricky times this term. We've tried hard to celebrate these last few days at the Academy and hope all of you have a restful break.

We say a farewell to Amanda-Claire Millington and Kate Pursell this Christmas, they have played a huge part in our journey at Foxwood Academy and we wish them all the best.

If you are unlucky enough to receive a positive Covid-19 infection for your child between the 16th and 23rd or from the 26th onwards of December please email school at [positivecase@foxwood.notts.sch.uk](mailto:positivecase@foxwood.notts.sch.uk) so that we are able to track and trace staff and children.

Have a peaceful holiday and we will see you all in 2021. Jamie Hutchinson. Headteacher



The autumn term has been a very busy one in **Foxcubs!** We celebrated the wonders of autumn during a themed day in October. The class dressed in autumnal colours and took part in a woodland walk, pumpkin carving, conker rolling and leaf art. We even tasted pumpkin soup and berry crumble too!



In **3F** we have been looking at staying safe in science and we took part in two exciting science experiments which we really enjoyed.

Here is a photo of our science experiment.



In English we have been looking at fiction and non-fiction stories. Our non-fiction story was 'All About Autumn'.

We went into our sensory garden and looked at the colours of the leaves and the acorns that the squirrels would be collecting for winter. Our fiction story is 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs. We are doing lots of sensory based activities to do with this such as finding the characters from the story in ice, making snowmen in shaving foam and making our own snowmen using stones and sticks that we found in the sensory garden.

This term in **Hedgehogs** we have been really busy- in the Autumn term we looked at food poems in English and we even tasted some of the foods! We learned about Bonfire night and our sensory story was all about this.



As part of our characteristics in class and the Academy we have been looking at teamwork, kindness, positivity, self-control and enthusiasm. We are proud of the Hedgehogs as they have all shown these characteristics throughout the term!

**Squirrels** have been working really hard this Autumn term. We settled back into our routines really quickly in September and it was great to have everyone back. One of the highlights was our Shakespeare Day and the students really enjoyed the stories - especially the more gruesome tragedies!



**Rabbits** have had a great first term, welcoming new students and getting involved in lots of fun activities. We have really enjoyed learning basic cooking skills when making savoury and sweet treats such as strawberry tart and French bread pizza.



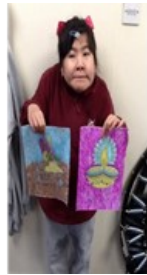
A highlight of the first term has been Shakespeare Day where we enjoyed reading and rhyming with the witches poem from Macbeth, we made hats and fizzy potions and dressed up to chant around the cauldron!

This term in **3X** we have been learning about English through media. We have been learning about adventure stories and what makes adventure stories exciting. Students have made up their own fantastic Neverlands and shared these with their peers.  
We had some fantastic Neverlands!

3X also led an assembly all about



Diwali. They worked brilliantly as a team to rehearse and created some lovely artwork to share during the assembly.



I just wanted to take this opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed working with 3X!  
I hope you have a lovely Christmas, Kate



This term **3S** have been working as a team in different subjects and have completed numerous projects including growing grass heads, making parachutes and devising advertising campaigns. 3S have also been learning about families. We have also completed a walking challenge. Here are some of the students enjoying the view at the top of Bramcote park.

**Group 1** In English we have been writing autobiographies and exploring narratives. We have been looking at shapes and lines of symmetry in Maths. Some of our students have been learning about photosynthesis in Science while other students have been concentrating on chemistry. We have been practising gymnastics in PE and they are looking forward to using some of these skills on the trampoline.

Group 1 had great fun researching school dinners at Foxwood, they did interviews and put it all together in a news film broadcast which they completed independently.



This half term in **3O** we have been looking at advertising. We have looked into where we find adverts; what adverts need to include and who different adverts are aimed at. We have watched, listened to and read a variety of different adverts, selling a variety of different products. We then used everything we have learnt to make, brand and advertise our own chocolate bars. We have designed packaging, made logos and even written our own slogans and jingles.

We have had great fun and cannot wait to pitch our chocolate bars to be the next best thing!

**Group 2** have settled into the new year at Foxwood and are working well together. In English we have been working on autobiographies and on exploring narratives. We have been exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes in Maths and working on photosynthesis in Science.

The preparing for adulthood curriculum has offered opportunities to do hair and beauty, catering or gardening. In PSD students have been working on their emotional regulation and on their social understanding and interaction. They have been displaying positive character strength and being rewarded for doing so.



Here is some outside nature art that **Group 4** created with all things we could find in the sensory garden.



In Art we have been looking at buildings and cities. In Maths we have been learning about measure and using water to fill up different bottle capacities and estimating people's heights. In English we have been writing about Captain Tom's birthday. In Science we have been doing an experiment to see how mould grows.

This term in Group 3 we have been working very hard. We have been working towards accreditations in most subjects. In art this has involved drawing fish using various mediums. In Maths we have focused on measuring and estimating- we had fun testing the capacity of different containers then making jelly! We have been writing about events in English and have practised hot-seating. We did role plays of a driving instructor with a student driver- maybe a glimpse towards the future? To keep active, we have been running, jumping and throwing in athletics. Science has been challenging this term but we now know a lot about photosynthesis and plants. We do different things in Employment- some of us go to college for hair and beauty; some of us cook delicious things in catering and some of us have been planting onions, crocuses and daffodils that we hope to see flowering in Spring. Then along with all that, we've had a few French lessons and have really improved our computer skills, especially in Excel.

It's been a busy term!



This term in Group 5 we have all enjoyed learning some amazing things with Rob, Angie, Kerry and Jake. We have learnt how to be safe in our own homes by remembering to tidy up our bedroom and how to use different appliances in the kitchen. We have enjoyed listening to some different stories which include The Snail and the Whale and The Tin Forest.

Everyone has enjoyed Movement to Music on a Tuesday afternoon: listening to some great songs whilst moving around in the Sensory Studio.

We are all looking forward to next term!



### **Covid—19 Information for the Christmas break**

If your child develops any symptoms of Covid-19 during the holidays then please book them in for a test. You must follow the national self isolation guidelines as detailed on the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>

Please also email the Academy at [positivecase@foxwood.notts.sch.uk](mailto:positivecase@foxwood.notts.sch.uk) to inform us if your child has tested positive.



### **Dates for your Diary**

18.12.20—Inset Day

21.12.20—01.01.21—Christmas Break

04.01.21—Academy opens. All students to return.

08.01.21—Michael Morpurgo's Midsummer Nights Dream Online Event for Students

27.01.21—School Photo's

08.02.21—Inset Day—to be confirmed

15.02.21—19.02.21—Half Term Break

### **XMAS JUMPER DAY!**



Thank you for your support in helping us to raise over £75 for Save the Children fund!

The students looked great in their Xmas jumpers and even took part in some carol singing outside!

