

Foxwood Newsletter

April 2021

Some of the entries for our Easter Egg Competition!









FOXCUBS—Spring term has been a very exciting one for the Foxcubs with many memorable moments. We celebrated Chinese New Year with a themed day in February and took part in the reading challenges to mark World Book Day. The class have enjoyed our Scientific Enquiry topic and have been very hands-on with their learning. Their favourite questions to explore were 'Does ice stay frozen?' and 'Which shoes keep our feet dry?' They began to make some very simple predictions and answered some scientific questions too.!





Foxcubs are looking forward to next term and cannot wait to explore our Under the Sea topic!

RABBITS have had a lovely term. We have really enjoyed our Science experiments, the highlights of which were working out which material made the best paper plane and discovering whether cold water or hot water makes a better rainbow with skittles. In English we have enjoyed our topic of Dear Zoo and we even wrote to a zoo ourselves!

The highlight of our term has been World Book Day where we dressed up, did book themed activities including a scavenger hunt in books, word searches and writing sentences our character would say.



SQUIRRELS have had a super Spring term and it has been great to welcome back some of our students who were learning from home. We are all back together again and making the most of school.

We have been learning about how plants grow, hunting for minibeasts and learning about their habitats. We loved celebrating reading on our World Book Day.

We dressed up, looked at our favourite books and had a great day!



This spring term **HEDGEHOGS** have become animal experts! Pupils have been sorting and classifying on minibeast hunts in Science. The Hedgehogs have also enjoyed playing vets in our role play area and we have been so impressed with Hedgehogs fantastic artwork based on animals around the world.







Red Nose Day!

Thank you for your donations towards Red Nose Day!

We raised over £80 for Comic Relief



We would like to say a huge thank you to Saaf Education who have kindly donated Easter Eggs for each student this term!



This term in **3F** we have been looking at famous authors – we looked at Julia Donaldson and some of her stories and also a biography about Jane Austen! We then produced pieces of work about these stories and put them together to write our own reports.

In P.E. we have been taking part in games and had a focus on Boccia which we really enjoyed playing and we all participated really well. In science we enjoyed exploring magnets and different materials in a sensory based way.

In art we have been looking at Art from around the World and printing and

have created some beautiful pieces of art Here is a photo of our fabulous art work. We created our own print making tools using potatoes and cookie cutters and then used these to print our own patterns.

This half term in **30** we have had lots of fun! In English this term we started off by researching our famous author, Julia Donaldson. We learnt all about her life and then wrote our biographies. In Maths we have focused on using the correct symbol in an equation and are beginning to understand the difference between addition and subtraction.

We have enjoyed our topic of food and eating skills in health where we have been practising how to make simple meal and use cooking equipment safely.

Here is a picture of us showing of our new skills in the kitchen!

This term in **3X** we have been learning all about poetry through reading The Highwayman. We have explored the rhythms and rhymes in the poem as well as looking at closely at the words used. In Maths the students have had fun building 2D and 3D models. They have been learning to use also been using Beebots, programming them to follow a set path. Science has involved learning about the Earth's resources and metals. In our creative lessons we have both listened to and composed our own music and performed on our glockenspiels. Some famous artists have been our inspiration for Portrait work in art. Health lessons enabled us to make our own toasties and smoothies!



World book day was a great opportunity to revel in our favourite books, and complete reading challenges such as, 'to read in a strange place.'



This term in **3S** we have been reading the highway man. The students have enjoyed this poem.

In Maths, we have been learning about angles.

In science, we have been exploring and investigating electricity and magnets by performing a number of experiments.

In Health lessons students have learn how to make cheese toasties and have been learning about table manners and eating as a group. The students really enjoyed world book day and arrived in some fantastic costumes!





Group 1 have worked with enthusiasm and determination leading up to the Easter holidays. They had such a lot of fun taking part in the Jerusalema dance!

In English they have created their own story based on the story line and characters from a well-known book and film with fabulous results.

Co-ordinates, directions, compass points, money and algebra are all skills we have been looking at in Maths. In Science our students have studied evolution, the food chain, reproduction, adaptation. Dodgeball and basketball in PE have encouraged team work and ball control skills. In PSD we have learnt all about food safety.



Recently, Group 1 took part on the dressing up for World Book Day.









Group 2 have settled well back into the routine of school. In Maths students have been working on money and finances. In English students have started reading Spydogs as class book and in Science they have been working on chemistry. In all these core subjects students have been working towards accreditations. In Computing students are working on how to best advertise information and in Esafety they have been learning about copyright. They have enjoyed being active in PE playing dodgeball.



A recent highlight was Comic Relief and dressing up for World Book Day!

Group 3 have enjoyed being back in the Academy, although some students are still working hard at home. In Maths we have started a new accreditation. We have been using money to add up the cost of items and practicing real life skills. In English we have been discussing different opinions on a variety of topics including social media and current events. Science has been exciting with lots of practical



experiments involving electricity. In Computing we have been developing our skills in checking our work for errors. Learning about copyright in E-safety has been challenging and very interesting. Dodgeball has been the highlight in PE- our throwing and catching skills have got so much better. Students have enjoyed going back to college for Hair and Beauty. A group are cooking in the Academy and they have made many things individually. The gardening group have been busy planting hundreds of vegetable and flower seeds. This term we've also mastered the card game Chase the Ace!





The staff and students would like to wish a fond farewell to the Academy Chef, Helen Atherton who will be leaving this term. Helen was asked to judge the best decorated cake by staff. Have a look at some of the entries!



Group 4 really love to read to their teacher and support staff during tutor time and all of them have been making good progress. It's lovely to see the enjoyment they all get from reading so it wasn't a surprise that they took full advantage of "World Book Day" to show off their reading skills. In computing, students have been learning how to enter text into documents. They have really enjoyed doing this and all students have been able to use their creativity to produce stories and add relevant images along with page borders. In Science the students have learnt about the reproductive system and evolution . This led to completion of a practice assessment paper and I am happy to say that all students did very well.







Here in **Group 5**, we have really been enjoying our learning! In English we have been reading our favorite books.

In Maths we have been learning how to measure in practical situations by making cakes and independently measuring out the ingredients. In creative we have been making an advert for our very own Smoothie. We made a song and learnt to play instruments alongside it.





Dates for your Diary

02.04.21—16.04.21—Easter Break

30.04.21—Inset Day -Academy Closed

03.05.21- May Bank Holiday—Academy Closed

31.05.21—04.05.21—May Half Term Break

28.04.21—Parent Evening

19.05.21—Transition Evening

11.06.21—Transition afternoon—New Starters

14.06.21—Transition morning—New Starters

21.07.21—Presentation Evening

23.07.21—Leavers Prom

Covid—19 Information for the Easter 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 to inform us if your child has tested positive.



Students in 3X have been studying the artist Chuck Close, a portrait artist who used pattern and squares in his work



Students in the 14-19 Phase have been painting and drawing as part of their Entry Level Accreditation