

**Seasons Greetings – We wanted to share some of the work we’ve been doing this term in each class! Have a peaceful holiday and a restful break**  
**Foxwood Academy Staff**



All the **Foxcubs** have enjoyed being creative this term and have joined in with their weekly art lessons with real enthusiasm. They have used unusual objects to paint with including toy vehicles, balls, salad spinners and even fly swatters! The staff team feel very proud too with how well the children have cooperated whilst filming our class production of Cinderella. They all looked wonderful in their costumes, and we cannot wait to share the final show with parents.



Our weekly swim sessions will start after February half term and the Foxcubs are already looking forward to this!



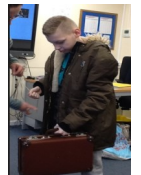
In **Rabbits** this term we have been exploring our topic of Toys in different ways. We started with a story about ‘The Big Green Monster’ which we practised telling together and then writing. This half term we have explored the story ‘Dogger’ and also learned about non-fiction books, getting really good at spotting them in the library and starting to spot some of the features. In Maths we have becoming 2D Shape experts, sorting and naming. We have been working really hard at our teamwork practising taking turns with games and then putting it into practice working together on our Christmas Fayre stall. Next term we plan to get out and about a lot more as we have been using our community sessions to practise so that we will be safe.



Our topic in **Hedgehogs** this half term has been Toys. We have been printing with them, playing with them, singing lots of songs and reading stories about them. In Science we have been exploring Magnets and as part of this we tested which materials they stuck to! We also have been continuing to go to Tesco and trying to interact with the Tesco workers asking for their help to find our items.



**3F**—We have had a very exciting few weeks, we visited the Theatre Royal in Nottingham to see the pantomime Snow White and some of us visited the Royal Opera House to see the Nutcracker ballet in London as part of our Foxwood value ‘Celebration’. We have been working on the topic of ‘War and Conflict’ in English, we explored through our sensory story what it was like to be an evacuee. We have also been enjoying yoga and body awareness in health.



**3X** have had a great term, in Health the pupils have been building stamina by doing laps and timing ourselves. In PE we have really enjoyed trampolining in the hall. In Creative we have learning about Pantomime and have enacted the story “Jack and the Beanstalk” In maths we have been learning geometry and learnt about angles in shapes. Our work in phonics is a regular morning activity and we feel we are improving all the time. A real highlight has been going to London to see The National Ballet performing “The Nutcracker”, a brilliant day out!

**3S** have been learning about WW2 in English and have found the story of Anne Frank very interesting. They have enjoyed writing diaries in the style of Anne and imagining what their life would have been like during the War. Our students really enjoyed visiting London to watch the National Ballet performing the Nutcracker.

For the past few weeks in **3O**, we've enjoyed doing Christmas crafts and building our teamwork and employment skills. Having everyone's families and friends in school to see all our hard work was lovely. Our trip to London on the same week was also very exciting! Everyone represented the school beautifully and we had a great time watching the performers. The sets and costumes were spectacular.



**Atlantis** have enjoyed researching, planning and cooking/baking every Monday afternoon this half term for their Health lesson as well as learning to use equipment safely and correctly. Students also learned new cooking skills such as slicing, dicing and chopping which they were able to do confidently. After a group discussion each week the class decided to cook or bake individual students' ideas. One experimental recipe was an ice cream pizza, which went down very well.



This term in **Discovery** we have been learning about the importance of exercise and how fun it can be. We played the rock paper scissors sports game, which everyone really enjoyed and have requested that we play again! In addition to this once a week we have been building up our stamina by trying to increase the number of laps of the senior playground we can do in 10 minutes! We have been so impressed with the determination and effort all students have put into this, the results have been incredible! Well-done Discovery!

In **Enterprise** we have been putting together our own production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The students have learnt the importance of storytelling and performance whilst also using their amazing singing voices to perform various songs! Each student has been brilliant at learning and performing their own individual lines and really giving 110% every time they practice. It has also helped students' confidence as they performed in front of their classmates and are given a lot of positive feedback!

In **Endeavour** we have been exploring force by comparing weights in using two pulleys. We have been attending the gym at Bramcote Leisure Centre and have really enjoyed it. The students have been engaging really well with the different equipment. We have also been visiting Rushcliffe Country Park and have become more comfortable accessing the facilities with greater independence.

**Challenger** sat a Maths mock exam in November, this was so they could get used to exam papers and conditions to reduce anxieties in the future. In English we have been reading Warhorse, by Michael Morpurgo. Our students have shown a good understanding of the story in their written work. In Science we have been examining forces. Students have conducted experiments and recorded their results. Challenger have enjoyed PE and have been learning how to perform sequences on the trampoline for gymnastics.



In **Squirrels**, we have had a wonderful Autumn term. Everybody has excelled in horse riding. We learnt about Emmeline Pankhurst and the cause she supported and spent Employment working hard to raise lots of money. We raised a massive £145 for Macmillan Cancer Care and £212 making key rings for families to buy so that we can buy books for the new library that is being built. A very busy & exciting term. We ended our term with a Secret Santa and Christmas carvery, yum!



### London Trip 2022



I am incredibly proud of our students for how well they managed the day and engaged with the performance. One of the joys of ballet is how non-verbal communication used to tell a story and all our students took something from this on the day. I hope we have created a memory that will last for many years to come for all involved.

A special thank you to the parents who volunteered to help and provided support on the day - these days are not possible without your support.

Robbie Jones—Primary Phase Leader

### Dates for your Diary

**21.12.22—03.01.23** Xmas Break—Academy Closed  
**04.01.23**—Students Return  
**11.01.23**—Virtual Parents Evening  
**23.01.23**—Chinese New Year celebrations  
**03.02.23**—Inset Day—Academy closed to students  
**08.02.23**—14-19 Transition Evening  
**09.02.23**—Coffee Afternoon  
**22.02.23**—School Photographer  
**02.03.23**—World Book Day  
**03.04.23-14.04.23**—Easter Break—Academy Closed  
**17.04.23**—Students Return

### Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers that attended our Christmas Fayre. We raised over £900 for the Academy!

Every class took part and enjoyed the afternoon!

