



Forest Lodge Academy  
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# Forest Lodge Academy Newsletter

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SUMMER TERM 2  
Newsletter 47

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**Pupils return to  
school on  
Wednesday 25th  
August 2021**

***We hope you all enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable  
Summer Break.***

Dear Parents/Carers and all of our Pupils,

What a year it has been! We have all nearly made it and the Summer holidays are drawing closer. As I write we only have one day left of what I'm sure we can all say has been a crazy year for all. I would like to say a huge thanks to all of our school community who have worked hard to keep our community in education, in whichever way we could. We would not have been as successful if it wasn't for your continued patience and support. A huge thanks to all teachers who have worked tirelessly to care and support both pupils and families and of course our parents and fabulous resilient pupils who again make us all so proud to be members of the Forest Lodge Family.

As school draws to a close and guidelines and restrictions change/ease dependent on rates, may I remind you to ensure that all of you follow Covid-19 guidelines to help protect all. Leicester City Council have seen a rise in cases in the last two weeks especially in pupils between the ages of 11-19. They are urging schools to remind communities that pupils of all ages should not be attending sleep overs, large parties etc. until this rate reduces. Please help protect all by acting wisely to mitigate risks, remembering hands, face, space and taking up the vaccine if eligible.

We do not know what guidelines/restrictions will be published ready for our return in the Autumn Term but I have written to you today to outline the plans for the first few weeks of term. Of course, these will be amended if necessary and we will communicate through the Weduc app and Parentpay, - so once again please ensure you have access to these to keep up to date with all communications.

Despite the many changes and setbacks, all of us together have adapted this year to many things and have worked collaboratively- as always. At Forest Lodge we have still been able to achieve many great things, share great experiences, support, nurture and ensure that the learning journey of all who attend is at the heart of all we do.

'A Unique Family Working Together To Be The Best'

Have a great holiday!

Best Wishes, Stay Safe

Mrs Caldwell

Take a look at what has been happening!



## Transition Day

All pupils from Reception to Year 5 in the school spent some time with their new class teachers last week on Tuesday 29th. This was not our normal way of meeting our class teacher, as this was done outdoors due to Covid-19 guidance. They all had a great time meeting their new teacher and we hope they told you all about it. The teachers are looking forward to having them in their class next year.



## Year 2 going into Year 3

Just a reminder that parents of Year 2 children going into Year 3 will need to start paying for school lunches from the Autumn term. This can be done via Parent Pay. Please can you ensure that your account is activated and money is loaded ready in the Autumn term.



## Contact Numbers

If you change your telephone number or move address can you please make sure you inform the school office after the Summer break. It is important that these are kept up to date. Our main form of communication to parents is via email and weduc. Can parents make sure that their email address is always up to date.

## Reminder

Breakfast Club and After-School Club -

If your child has been assigned a place at one of these clubs from the start of the new school year. Please can parents ensure that funds are uploaded in advance before term starts. Thank you.

## After School Club

Places for After School club next year have been allocated. Unfortunately there is now a waiting list but we will allocate further places as soon as they become available in the Autumn term. Letters will be available from the school office.

Costing for After School Club is £3.50 for Non-Pupil premium children and £2:00 for Pupil Premium children.

After School Club will resume from Tuesday 31st August.

## Opticians check up

Please can we remind you all to get your children's eyes tested over the summer holidays. The eye tests are free for children and if glasses are needed the optician can provide an NHS voucher which can cover the cost of a pair. Even if you think your child's eyes are fine, rapid growth spurts can quickly cause a change in eyesight which is easy to miss.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will start on Wednesday 25th August which is the day that pupils are back. The cost for breakfast club is £2:00 for Non Pupil Premium children and £1:50 for Pupil Premium children a day. This needs to be paid on time through Parent Pay.

## Parent Pay

Please can we make sure that sufficient money is uploaded in advance on Parent Pay accounts to cover School lunch, Breakfast and After-School club.

Please could we ask parents to clear any outstanding debt for School Lunches/Breakfast Club/After-School Club before the end of Summer term.

## Lunchtime Arrangements.

Please can Parents/Carers return completed forms to the school office before Friday to ensure that your child's meal arrangements are organised for when we return after the Summer Holidays.

Price increase from Autumn for school meals is £2:35p

## Parking outside

Please can we remind all parents about parking outside the school. Recently we have had problems with parents parking their cars on the grass verge this has caused many of our pupils involved in a near miss with a car. So can we please ask that you don't park on the paths and grass verge. Our pupils safety is paramount at all times.

## School Reports

You would have received your child's school report on Friday 25th June. We hope you are pleased with how they are doing and progressing. As a school we would also like to say how pupils have shown great character muscles such as perseverance in getting end of year tests completed after not a very normal year. We are very proud of them.

We thank you for all your help and support at home too.

## Facebook Comments

We would just like to advise all Parents/Carers that if there is something that they are not happy with, could they please come into school and inform a member of the Senior Leadership Team.



## A sad farewell to our staff at Forest Lodge Academy.

### Mrs Bero

We say a farewell to Mrs Bero, who is moving onto a new adventure abroad. We wish her all the best and good luck with all the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. Mrs Bero has been a valued member at Forest Lodge Academy for over the last 10 years as a teacher and we appreciate all her hard work.

### Miss Makda

Mrs Makda who has been a dedicated member of the teaching assistant team in Year 5 this year. Miss Makda joined last year but will be leaving us to embark on her teacher training career. We wish her all the best with this exciting chapter.

Please stay in touch both! You will be greatly missed by us all here at Forest Lodge Academy. Thank you to you both.



## New Staff 2021

It is lovely to see that Mrs Frost, Miss Nicklinson and Miss Lippit will still be with us for the next academic year. This last year they have been teaching in many different year groups and supporting pupils through our COVID catch up funding. This has enabled pupils to have some quality intervention time with class teachers.

## Summer Weddings

Miss Parker will be getting married over the Summer Holidays, we wish her all the best for her special day. We look forward to welcoming back Miss Parker as Mrs Wilkinson in the new academic year.



## Teacher Qualification

Well Done to Mrs Frearson who has completed her teacher training course. She is now a qualified teacher and will be joining the Teacher team at Forest Lodge Academy.

The staff and children are very proud of what she has achieved.



## Reaching Out Week 2021

At the start of term was our 'Reaching Out Week'. All classes were involved in different projects in the community. There were a range of things, some pupils were making posters and music CDs for babies at the Glenfield Hospital. Another year group focused on Kindness messages in the community. There were also year groups that made a difference to the local environment.

We were very proud of all the hard work from all the pupils.

### Reception

Reception classes reached out to local nurseries to show them our school and what we love to do. The pupils in Reception were involved in singing and sharing stories with the nursery pupils. The children also did a virtual tour of the nursery.

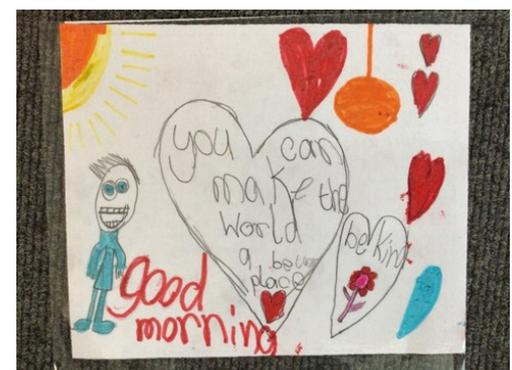
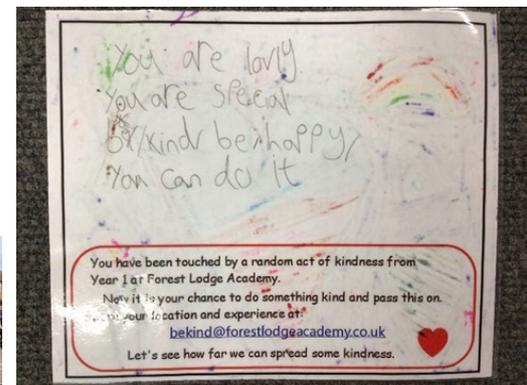


### Year 1

Year 1 decided to spread some random act of kindness by designing a kindness tag. They then delivered these kindness tags around our local area to spread kindness across the community. Pupils learned all about what kindness meant. All pupils felt very proud as they had spread a little kindness in the community.



Then we placed our cards for people to find



## Year 2

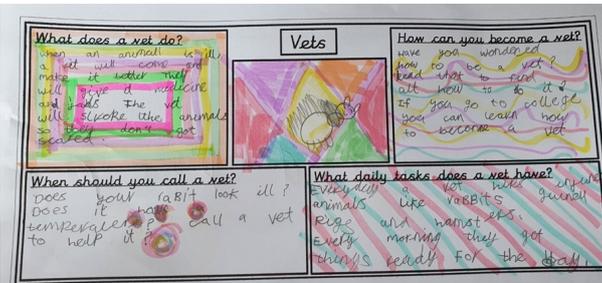
The Year 2 pupils learned all about the UHL Play Team at Glenfield Hospital. They reached out to the hospital by making posters to cheer the children up at the hospital. They also recorded some songs and sent these across to the poorly children.



## Year 3

Year 3 have been learning all about vets and the amazing job they do. They wanted to reach out by thanking them for everything they have done for us and our animals during lockdown and all through the pandemic.

Children showed appreciation through making thank you cards and delivering biscuits, chocolates and flowers.



## Year 4

In year 4 pupils decided that they would like to give something back to the community after all the hard work they have done and continue to do throughout the coronavirus pandemic. They voted for our community heroes and made a hamper for them to enjoy. These amazing hampers were then given by the pupils to the named heroes and organisations in the community.



## Year 5

Year 5 reached out to the local community by litter picking and recycling. They were trying to make a difference to the local area and give something back.



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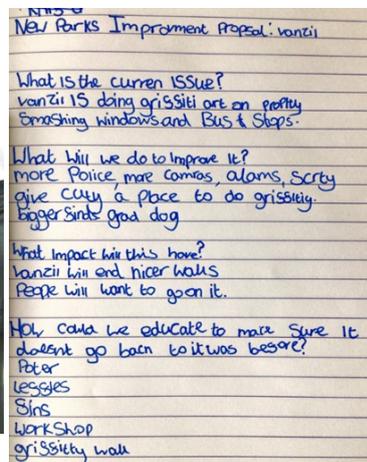


## Year 6

As part of Year 6's Reaching Out Week project and current topic on 'The future of the planet is in our hands', pupils looked at issues in our local area and how they could have an impact on these.

Pupils also looked at how they could tackle these issues and sent proposals to the local council.

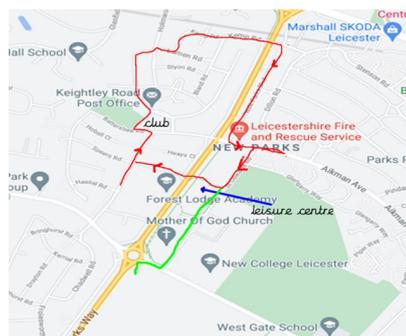
By litter picking pupils also helped create habitats for animals.



Pupils were involved in conducting a traffic survey, and looking at the impact of so many cars on our roads.

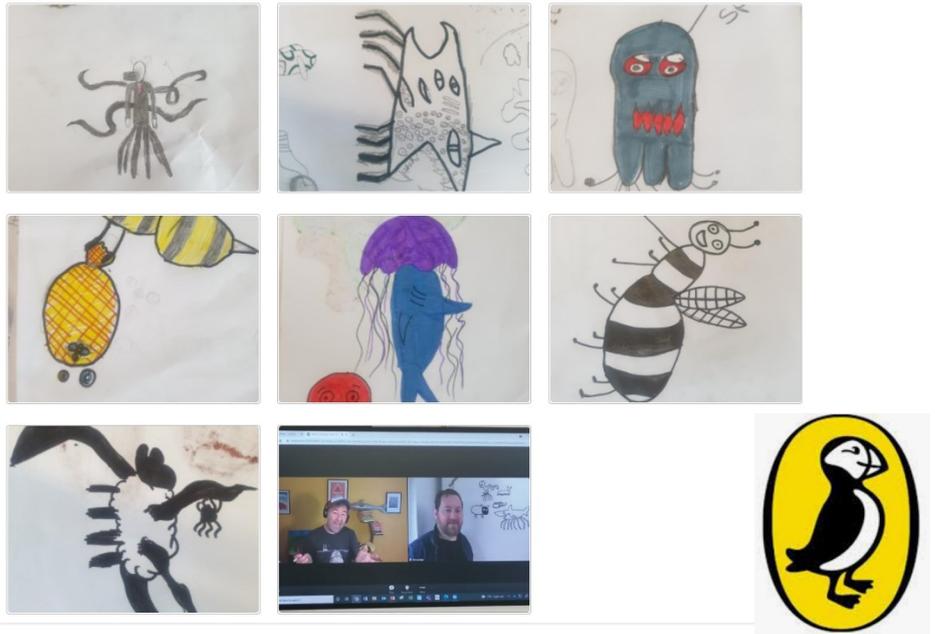


Pupils created dead hedges in Western Park to create wildlife areas.



## Puffin Book Virtual Author Event

6SJ took part in a Puffin Book Virtual Author Event with David O'Doherty (comedian and children's book author). He read a chapter of his new book 'The Summer I Robbed A Bank', shared his inspirations and answered some of our questions. Pupils then took part in a draw-a-long with the book's illustrator Chris Judge; Some of their amazing drawings.



## Summer Reading Challenge

### Summer Reading Challenge



It runs from 26th June to 31st August. To take part, visit your local library and sign up. It's all completely free and you will receive our specially designed A4 envelope full of goodies including: a Wilderville poster and stickers, a bookmark and, exclusive to Leicester City libraries, our 'zine' competition template.

You then have until Saturday 11 September to complete the challenge by reading books borrowed from your local library or online from our ebook/eAudiobook collections and collect your certificate and medal.

Children who bring their certificate into school by September 10th will also win a school prize.

Happy Reading.

## Useful tips to help with transition

It's an emotional week this week with pupils leaving primary school and others going into new Year groups after the Summer break. There are lots of feelings and mixed emotions.

Here are some simple and effective ideas for supporting your child with end of year transition.



## Sunflower Competition Winners

The whole school have been busy growing sunflowers for the FLA Sunflower Competition this term and we finally have a winner! Congratulations to 1BB and Mr Biggs and Mrs Newbold for winning the competition and growing the tallest sunflower! Make sure to check out the winning sunflower in the Peace Garden - it's been marked with a winners rosette!

Well done to all other classes that took part. The sunflowers are looking beautiful.



## Mental Health Wellbeing sessions

A few weeks ago all pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 were lucky enough to have experienced some wellbeing sessions. These sessions were focused around relaxation, wellbeing, building positivity, confidence, resilience and self-esteem. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed the session and said along with staff how relaxed they felt after.



## Music Mock Exams

A big well done to the following pupils:

Macie, Lea, Lilly Starr, Jayden, Lilly.C, Ruby, Holly, Nico, Louie, Tummy and Maya.

They took part in Mock music exams and we are very proud of them all.



## Steel Pans

This term, children in Year 4 have been lucky enough to be the first class in the UK to trial a new method of teaching Steel Pans, in partnership with Leicestershire Music Services. Their Steel Pans teacher, Pat, has been teaching them to play Jamaica Farewell on the iPad pans. Children have had so much fun learning!



## Zoo Lab

Year 1 had lots of fun when Zoo Lab came to visit. Pupils got to look at, stroke and hold lots of different animals. There were minibeasts such as Giant African Snails and a Stick insect and Rain forest animals such as a Bearded Dragon and a Tarantula. It was an amazing experience for pupils to see lots of different animals in real life.



## Peace Garden official opening

Over the last term, pupils have been working hard with Miss Greaves on their Peace garden. This has involved painting, planting and decorating various things in the garden. We have also been very grateful to the donated plants we have also received for the Peace garden. Wednesday was the official opening of the Peace Garden. We hope many pupils in the years to come can enjoy this special peaceful place in the school. We would like to thank our special visitors who came

along and supported the Peace Garden project. Sally (Parent Governor), Valerie and Bethan (Members of the Positive Peaceful Places Team), Lynn (Tesco Community Champion) and Jess (Morrisons Community Champion) who came along.



## Year 6 Disco & Premiere event

Year 6 had an amazing time at their end of year Disco today. Everyone looked fantastic and they celebrated with their premiere performance of 'WOW What a year! And topped it off with a pizza treat.

Well Done to all year 6 pupils that were involved in their Year 6 performance. This was a

great performance by all the pupils, and they really did themselves proud. It was all about the trials and tribulations of the last year or so, including home schooling, social distancing, bubbles, not being able to see anyone. Etc. The year 6 performance and Leavers Power Point will be available for parents via a link that will be sent out to year 6 parents.

## Year 6 Leavers Message

Last but not least, we would like to say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 leavers. The last two years have not quite been what we have imagined, but you have shown such resilience and perseverance. We would like to wish all the Year 6 children the happiest of times on their new journey through high school and beyond! You will be greatly missed by us all here at Forest Lodge Academy.

We wish them all the best for the future and to the new start at their secondary schools. They have been a pleasure to teach at Forest Lodge and many teachers have fond memories of the pupils.

Good Luck to you all Year 6!



## Nursery & Reception

It was lovely to welcome our new pupils for a taster session last week in Nursery and Reception Classes. We look forward to pupils starting in August.





It has been another difficult year for attendance with lots of absences due to Covid, however we appreciate those of you, who have continued to send your children into school this year. We look forward to a more normal year next year and hopefully attendance being a lot better.

Overall attendance for this year (without counting any absence due to Covid) is 94.5%, which means we are lower than we were last year and we need to work hard to get this back up to our target of 96% next year!

**The 3 classes with the best attendance this year:**

- 1st Place: 5BX with 97.1%
- 2nd Place: 3RM with 96.5%
- 3rd Place: 5CK with 96.4%

Well done to the 3 classes!

Below is how well all of the classes did.

Nursery AM	93.6%	2CG	93.9%	5HT	93.4%
Nursery PM	83.5%	2ET	92.6%	5CK	96.4%
RRH	90.1%	2JM	94.4%	5BX	97.1%
RSS	93.1%	3ID	94.9%	6CSH	94.9%
RVP	91.2%	3VJ	93.9%	6NR	93.9%
1AA	95.3%	3RM	96.5%	6SJ	94.6%
1JB	94.5%	4AF	93.3%		
1BB	91.8%	4AW	95.9%		
		4CS	95.3%		

**Forest Lodge Academy  
Staffing structure for 2021/2022**

Year Group	Class	Teaching Staff	Year Group	Class	Teaching Staff
Nursery AM	NAM	Mrs Toon/Miss Darlow	Year 3	3VJ	Mr Jagatia
Reception	RVW	Mrs Wilkinson	Year 4	4AW	Mrs Wilson
Reception	RHH	Mrs Hubbard	Year 4	4AF	Mr Forry
Reception	RSS	Mrs Sterland	Year 4	4CS	Miss Smith
Year 1	1BB	Mr Biggs	Year 5	5BX	Mr Buxton
Year 1	1JB	Mr Butler	Year 5	5HT	Miss Turner
Year 1	1AA	Miss Andrews	Year 5	5CK	Mrs Kenney
Year 2	2ET	Mr Toone	Year 6	6CSH	Miss Shearer
Year 2	2JM	Mrs Moore	Year 6	6NR	Miss Rea
Year 2	2CG	Miss Greaves	Year 6	6SJ	Mrs Jackson
Year 3	3ID	Miss Danon			
Year 3	3RM	Miss Martin			

**Thank you for your support once again this year. We wish you all a lovely happy (sunny!) summer holiday.**

**Mrs Caldwell, Mrs Malik & Mrs Meer.**