



Forest Lodge Academy

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AUTUMN TERM 2
Newsletter 49
17th December 2021



**We hope you all
have a Merry
Christmas!**



**Whats going on
next term?
Dates for the
Diary**

5th January
School open to pupils

20th January
Year 2 SATs Meeting
To Be Confirmed

27th January
Year 6 SATs Meeting
To Be Confirmed

8th February
Safer Internet Day

11th February
Reports go home

11th February
Last day of term

Parents Evening Dates
26th Feb & 27th Feb

**School closes for
Christmas holidays on
Friday 17th December**



A message from Mrs Caldwell

As we come to the end of a long Autumn Term and a fun filled week of activities, visits and excitement the Christmas season is most definitely upon us at Forest Lodge Academy.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you and well done to all pupils' staff and parents for the hard work and commitment all have shown in supporting each other during this long term. We have had many achievements along the way good progress, headteacher awards, music exams, trip and visits.

The school was very quiet on Monday and Tuesday when pupils visited De Montfort hall to watch the pantomime. The children and staff had a fabulous time getting in the Christmas spirit. Also this week Nursery and Reception watched a virtual pantomime and loved interacting with the characters.

Although disappointing that we couldn't invite parents on site this year all Early Years pupils recorded their nativity to be sent out to parents. It has been a joy to hear singing and laughter all around as well as seeing their cute happy faces beaming so proudly.

As you will be aware the current Covid guidance is once again changing daily and we need to ensure we mitigate all risks to ensure we keep our community, pupils and staff as safe as possible. The reintroduction of masks worn on site in large crowded areas and also in communal areas will ease the spread, so please support us and keep all safe by wearing one.

It is unknown what restrictions will be in place when we return on Wednesday 5th January however if any in school restrictions do need to be changed we will keep you fully informed through Weduc and ParentPay. Once again you are reminded to ensure your email details are kept up to date and that the Weduc app is downloaded to ensure communication can be sent rapidly. We are aware that around 20% of parents/carers still haven't accessed this and it's vital that you do, so that messages are not missed and you are informed of everything.

Finally we are here for support if needed please speak to any SLT members if you have any queries as we are a family working together to be the best we can.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas, enjoying family time safely and look forward to what 2022 has in store for all of us at Forest Lodge Academy.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.
Mrs Caldwell and all staff x

Panto



All pupils from Year 1-6 really enjoyed visiting De Montfort Hall this week to watch the Panto 'Sleeping Beauty'. There were some very enthusiastic dancers from Forest Lodge Academy.

Christmas Parties

All pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas Parties this week. They have enjoyed celebrating together as a class. They have played a variety of games and won little prizes. It was so lovely to see pupils having lots of fun with their teachers and classmates.



Nursery & Reception Nativity 'A Christmas Story'

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions in place, the EYFS were unable to perform their usual Christmas Nativity Play in the same way as we have in previous years. Instead the classes in EYFS have put together a part of the Nativity story together separately. All the children were truly outstanding with their performance and we were very proud of them. The video will be uploaded to Evidence Me, so that all parents in EYFS have access to this. We hope you enjoy watching this.



Debts Cleared

Can we please remind all parents about clearing any outstanding debts, that they may have on their ParentPay accounts.



First Time School Admissions Autumn 2021

If your child will be four years old before 1st September 2022 the closing date for applications is January 15th 2022. You need to apply to the local authority for a place. This applies to all our children attending Nursery and any other children at this age.

Please apply online for a school place at

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/school-admissions/starting-school/>



Christmas Activity Day & Jumper Day

Everyone had great fun as the school was taken over by tinsel on our annual Christmas Activity Day on Friday 10th December. This was also celebrated by children wearing their Christmas Jumpers on this day. Pupils had a very enjoyable day making various Christmas crafts and cards. This event did look a little different this year, as unfortunately we were unable to invite our parents in. We missed our Parents, Carers and Grandparents this year. Hopefully our next Christmas Activity Day will be marked with even bigger and better things to do. All staff at Forest Lodge worked really hard to make this as magical and enjoyable as possible for all pupils. We hope you were very pleased with what the pupils brought home as their 2021 Christmas Decorations.



Community links with Morrisons and B & Q

As a school we have really appreciated the help with donations this term from Morrisons. Jess as the community champion has supported us with various food items over the term for our children.

Also a special big thankyou to B&Q who kindly donated our 2021 Christmas tree that is in the school court yard.



Peace Agents



This term we all celebrated Anti-bullying week and wore odd socks!

We reminded everyone about what to do if they feel they are being bullied and we talked about this year's theme: one kind word.

We would like to remind everyone to look after the peace garden to make sure it's a nice place for everyone to visit.

Thanks,
Forest Lodge Peace Agents 😊

Online Safety

Computers are everywhere. No matter where we go, there is no escaping their reach. Our children are growing up in a world where these devices are common in everyday lives. Unlike many adults, children are not fazed by computers and smart devices and accept them as part of their way of life. At Forest Lodge Academy we acknowledge that computers, devices and of course the internet are all amazing technologies both now and for the future. However, we are

aware of the necessity to keep our children safe. We would like to make you aware of CEOP, which is the government's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre. If you wish to report some inappropriate content or behaviour online follow the directions on their pages. We would also like to remind you about a website for parents which aims to provide a good understanding of issues affecting children today.

Take a look here:
www.internetmatters.org.



Maternity Leave

Miss Turner, Year 5 teacher (5HT) will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this week. We wish her all the best and look forward to hearing the news of baby arrival in the Spring Term.



Welcome New Staff

We welcome several new members of staff that will be joining us in the Spring Term.

We welcome the following Teaching Assistants;

Miss Thompson

Miss Laight

Also a new office administrator
Miss Turner

We also have a new sports coach who will be starting with us after Christmas called Mr Martin.

We wish them all the best and are excited for them to be a part of the Forest Lodge Family.

Well Done to Year 2

A BIG well done to all pupils in Year 2 that carried out their Phonics tests this term. The teachers are very proud of their efforts and their determination with the tests.

Phonics



Special Talk Assemblies

This term we have been focussing on our Oracy skills during our talk assemblies. We have been focussing on physical Oracy skills such as eye contact, posture, and voice projection. We have learnt how to hold discussions and how to correctly agree and disagree with each other's opinions and give reasons for our answers and opinions. It has been interesting to discuss important topics with peers from a different class as this has given us the opportunity to talk to children in other classes and see how their views differ from our own.



Tree Planting at the National Forest In Ratby

Pupils in 4AW have been tree planting at the National Forest site in Ratby. The children were amazing and planted 3-5 trees each, they learnt about the brilliance of trees and all the benefits, they also learnt how to measure how old a tree is too! The staff at the National Forest were very proud of our pupils from Forest Lodge Academy.

**Tree Planting
by 4AW**



Year 2 Conkers Winter Wonderland Trip

Year 2 had a fantastic time at Conkers Winter Wonderland. During the magical day pupils explored the Conkers grounds, did a winter walk, made robins and had Christmas cookies. They also went on the Conkers train, watched a Christmas film in the 4D cinema and visited Santa in his workshop where he gave all the children a special gift.



Santa arrived at Forest Lodge Academy



On Thursday 16th December we had a special visit from Santa. He was very busy delivering gifts to each and every child that was on his good list. The pupils were very happy and excited when they got to see Santa. We thank Santa for arriving on his sleigh at Forest Lodge.



A big thankyou to DHL this year, who have supported the school at this very special time. All Christmas presents (Selection boxes) were kindly donated by DHL. A special thanks to our DHL link Joanne Hutchinson and Mrs Moore for liaising with them.



Year 6 Parkour

Year 6 had the opportunity to visit New College and use their gymnastic equipment as part of their Parkour unit. During the sessions, pupils learnt how to use the springboard and vault. Pupils were also involved in completing circuits of the gym, jumping and climbing over a range of equipment. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed it.

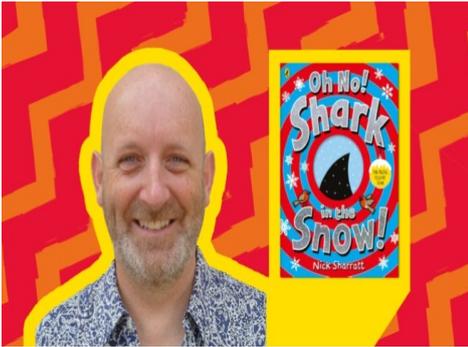


Year 6 DT

Year 6 had the opportunity to become chefs this term. Pupils carried out a taste-testing session and tested a selection of pasta dishes - even trying foods they had never tried before! Pupils then designed, prepared, and cooked their own vegetarian pasta dishes. By the looks of it, they seemed to have gone down well.



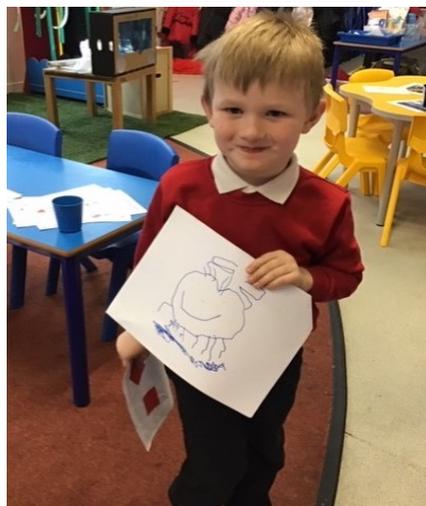
Virtual Visit from Nick Sharratt



Pupils in Early Years, Year 1 & 2 were the first audience to hear Nick Sharratt read his latest book "Oh No Shark in the Snow" a funny, festive tale. Pupils enjoyed discovering all the amazing things about his Shark in the Park series. Pupils then had the chance to draw fantastic pictures, by following Nick Sharratt doing it live over the screen. Pupils created some amazing drawings.



Reception classes made telescopes like Timothy Pope. They enjoyed the step by step instructions. From looking at their work there were also some budding artists.



If pupils test positive for Coronavirus

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus over the weekend via a LFD test (COVID-19), the school should be contacted.

Your child will need to take a PCR test and self-isolate while waiting to take their PCR test. Information on how to get a PCR test is available at:

gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

If the PCR result is positive they should follow the self-isolation guidance.

If results from a PCR are returned by Sunday 19th, the school needs to be informed with the following details :

- Name of pupil, staff member, class
- Date symptoms started
- Date of positive test result
- Date last attended the academy
- This system is in place from Saturday 18th Dec to Sunday 19th Dec

- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 2 days after the final day of teaching

All information needs to be sent to the email below.

covid19@forestlodgeacademy.co.uk

Congratulations!

A fantastic well done to Tiffany-Mae Harrison (6NR) and Nadia Sztuba (6CSH) who both passed their Viola exams. We are really pleased with all their hard work and achievement at this level.



Music Morning

Again due to Covid-19 restrictions Music Morning was not performed in the normal way. The performances by all pupils were outstanding and children were a great credit to the school. Both steel Pans and Strings were recorded and will both be uploaded to the Forest Lodge YouTube channel. We hope you enjoy watching this.

Choir Christmas Carol Singing



The Year 2 Christmas Choir have been spreading Christmas cheer and have performed at the local library, to the community and at school to friends and family. They did a fantastic job and have made everyone feel so festive! A big well done to the children involved! A thank you to all parents and family that attended to support our Choir. Thank you to Miss Greaves for all her help and support.

Attendance at Forest Lodge Academy

Here are some facts below about how absence and lateness can impact your child's learning and progress in class.

LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

When your child arrives late at school, he/she misses the teacher's instructions and the introduction to the lesson.

Your child may also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 Minutes	3.4 Days
10 Minutes	6.9 Days
15 Minutes	10.3 Days
20 Minutes	13.8 Days
30 Minutes	20.7 Days

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost, and can seriously disadvantage your child.

Please help your child to be punctual.

Every School day Counts

Attendance during the school year	Equate to days absent	Which is approximately	Which means the number of lessons missed
97%	6 days	1 week	30
94%	10 days	2 weeks	50
90%	19 days	4 weeks	95
85%	29 days	6 weeks	145
80%	38 days	8 weeks	190
75%	48 days	10 weeks	240
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	285
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	335

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance with someone at school or if you have any queries about anything in this letter then please contact Miss Smith on the attendance line on the details below:

School Office: 0116 2871220 - press 1 from the options menu.



Autumn Term Attendance

Group	% Attendance
6CSH	96.3
6NR	95.7
2ET	95.4
2JM	95.3
3RM	95.3
6SJ	95.3
4CS	95.2
4AW	94.7
1JB	94.6
5CK	94.4
3ID	93.8
2CG	93.5
5HT	93.4
4AF	93
RSS	92.8
3VJ	92.6
RRH	91.9
1BB	91.4
5BX	90.9
1AA	90.7
NAM	84.3
RVW	83

Autumn term Attendance:

Well done to **6CSH** who have had the best overall attendance over this term, and also the only class to achieve over 96%. Let's try to make sure more classes have over 96% attendance next term.

Overall attendance for this term is 94%, this is still a way off from our target of 96%, however is much better than the National figure. Let's try to get it closer to 96% after Christmas.

There has been a lot of illness during this term, however can we just remind you that if you child has any of the below symptoms then they can still come to school.

- A Cold
- A Sore Throat
- Headache
- Snotty Nose
- A Cough
- Bad night's sleep

It is so important that your child attends school every day and is on time, especially as Covid has already had a massive impact on your child's learning over the last two years.

Even though this term has been challenging for us all, Christmas has arrived at Forest Lodge. We have enjoyed Christmas lunch this week and school is looking festive. Children have sent Christmas cards out, and we are so pleased at the resilience and creativity they are sharing.

Thank you for all your kind messages this term. Our staff team have been working incredibly hard to ensure children in school have been learning successfully and safely. On behalf of the SLT, thank you to all our Forest Lodge community, pupils, parents and governors for their support over the Autumn term.

We wish all our families a happy and restful Christmas. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back on

Wednesday 5th January 2022

"Merry Christmas & Happy New Year"

