

Foundation 2 are very busy

Teamwork

In foundation 2, we have been talking about teamwork and what we think it means. We discussed different types of teams and examples of teamwork such as: football teams, builders building a house, dance teams and even our own tidy up teams!

We put our team working skills to the test and conversed about what rules we had to follow to build a tower exactly like Mrs Higgins' Tower. We had to listen to each other and take turns to complete the challenge successfully!



Jack and the Beanstalk

This term in Foundation 2, we are focussing on the book Jack and the Beanstalk. We have been learning all about the story, making predictions and even measuring beanstalks in Maths! From this, we have created our own 'planting area' and have planted some baby carrot seeds, pea seeds and cress seeds. We are now watering them every day and watching them grow!



World Book Day

F2 really enjoyed World Book Day last week. Everybody dressed up as their favourite character from their favourite story. Some of us brought in our favourite books to read in class and some of us brought books to donate to the school! On the morning of World Book Day, we had a parade in the hall where we were able to show off our costumes to the rest of the school (and our dance moves!!). Well done Carol for winning the best dressed competition in F2.



Busy week for year 6



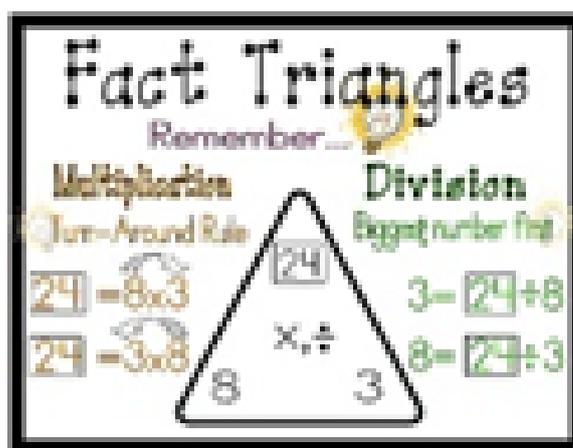
This half term our class text is *The Ways of the Wolf* by Smriti Prasad-Halls and Jonathan Woodward. This is a non-fiction text that examines the daily lives of wolves in lots of interesting ways. *The Ways of the Wolf* is a detailed account of the importance of the

pack, communication and senses, adaptability, family life, hunting, friends and enemies and the threat to survival.

We know from fairy-tales that wolves get a bad press – they are the villains in these stories but wolves whether good or bad, play a special role in our imaginations. A first reading of this book has inspired Year 6 to do some independent research at home. We look forward to delving deeper into the structure of the writing and producing some interesting pieces of fiction and non-fiction writing.

In maths this week, we have been consolidating our knowledge of Area and Perimeter, Volume, Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. Miss Morgan has inundated us with plenty of exam style questions so that we are really prepared for our forthcoming exams in May. We have also been keenly practising our arithmetic skills. Regular practice has seen our scores double. Our aim is to achieve

full marks (40 marks) – some of us are achieving this regularly. A reminder that all pupils need to practise their multiplication and related division skills each evening at home. Learning Times Tables is really important. After all, they're the building blocks of maths, and with your multiplication and related division facts mastered, you can do almost anything! It is really important that children have the tools of arithmetic at their fingertips.



Reading! A reminder to parents and carers of the importance of reading at home. All pupils in Key Stage 2 have their own Accelerated Reading book which must be brought into school every day. Reading practice must happen every night at home.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES DAY

On Wednesday we welcomed into school Karen from Mad Fitness to run some sessions around healthy active lifestyles. The sessions topic was "good energy in, good energy out", where the children focused on different food choices we can make, and how simple swaps can improve your health long term. We also did some fun activities designed to put the "good" energy to "good" use with teambuilding and fitness activities. It was a fantastic day and the children had a great time. Please look at our twitter link for more info about this.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

I want to pass on my thanks to all of the get well wishes I have received from parents and children whilst I've been off. Unfortunately, this has had an effect on afterschool clubs, and thank you to everyone for being patient with this. I'm am now on the mend and am looking forward to getting everything up and running again in the near future. As soon as after school clubs start again I will send out a letter with start dates and times.

School Attendance

Attendance is improving at present, well done to all who have still got 100%!

It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at 97% or above.

And to everyone who has made such an effort this week to be in school every day

Attendance overall including Foundation Stage: 88%

Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 89%

Those who have already fallen below national average will be invited into Attendance Panel or receive a home visit from our Education Social Worker.



CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Foundation 1 Mrs Fretwell	92%	84%
Foundation 2 Miss Allen	93%	71%
Foundation 2 Mrs Walker	97%	77%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	96%	95%
Year 1: Mrs Osiac	96%	87%
Year 2: Miss Last	97%	91%
Year 3 Miss Finnigan	97%	93%
Year 4 Miss Davies	98%	95%
Year 5: Miss J Allen	90%	89%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	98%	97%
Year 6: Mr Broughton	98%	94%

Pupils should wash their hands:

before leaving home

on arrival at school

after using the toilet

after breaks and sporting activities

before food preparation

before eating any food, including
snacks

before leaving school.



Parish of St Joseph and St Alban



As a virus precaution

Messy Church

Is

CANCELLED

on Sunday 16th March



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

“Together in faith we nurture, encourage and inspire each other to achieve excellence and become all that Jesus calls us to be”

Headteacher Mrs K Vernon

School Office 13th February 2020



Dear Parents

CORONAVIRUS

In light of recent developments with regard to Coronavirus I would like to reassure parents and carers that school is closely monitoring and following the latest guidance provided by the DfE and Public Health England. Under this guidance all schools are to remain open at this time. As you will be aware the most important preventative measure is to ensure good hygiene at all times. Regular handwashing is required of all pupils and this is monitored closely by staff at different times throughout the day.

Latest government guidance states that anyone with flu-like symptoms ie, fever (Temperature above 37.8) and/or a new continuous dry cough should self-isolate at home for 7 days. If your child experiences any of these symptoms they will need to stay off school and self-isolate for 7 days. This will be coded as a special circumstance under attendance.

Golden Assembly 13th February 2020	
Miss Allen	Miah Quinn
Mrs Walker	Amaya Hardie
Miss J Turner	Jessie Roberts
Mrs Osiac	Dion Thompson
Miss Last	Blake Fletcher
Miss Finnigan	Mason Quinn
Miss Davies	Leon Collinson
Miss J Allen	Tallula Cleary
Miss Morgan	Matthew Quinn
Mr Broughton	Rhys Horncastle

PLEASE ENSURE

- Your contact details are updated and provided to school.
- Your child/children is kept off school if they present with flu-like symptoms, dry cough, high temperature,
- Good personal hygiene:
- Washing of hands often with soap and water;
- If coughing or sneezing – cover mouth with a tissue, dispose of tissue and wash hands.
- Avoid close contact with anyone who you know has cold or flu symptoms.
- Please be assured we will continue to monitor the situation and update parents and carers accordingly.

SCHOOL DOJOS

As you will know we use our school DOJO system to regularly communicate with parents about their child's work, progress and attendance. We are aware that there are still some parents who have not yet signed up to this and are missing out on important messages home. Please can you ensure if you have not signed up to school DOJOS that you contact your class teacher immediately.

We would like to pass on our congratulations to Mr Broughton and his wife who became proud parents of healthy twin girls last week, Lydia and Felicity. Sadly however, this event has coincided with a family bereavement. As many of you will know Mrs Walker has also very sadly experienced a recent family bereavement. We ask you to keep both Mrs Walker and Mr Broughton and their families in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

PARENTS EVENING

Please note that Parents Evening Meetings will now be rescheduled for after the Easter holidays. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Every blessing
Mrs Vernon