Finedon Schools Weekly Newsletter

Finedon Infant School



Friday 26th April 2024

RECEPTION FARM VISIT

Last Friday, Reception visited West Lodge Farm to begin this term's learning about growth and change.

The children (and staff) all had a fantastic day, exploring the farm, feeding lambs and petting various animals. They also enjoyed barrel rides, muddy trails and watching the piglet race!

We are very proud of the children who were all so well behaved and engaged in the visit with such enthusiasm. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who made the visit possible.













ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Nightingale Class** with 96.7% attendance who are this week's attendance winners at the Infant School.

Unfortunately, no other class achieved over 96% this week.

Congratulations to **Chaffinch Class** with 99.2% attendance who are this week's attendance winners at the Junior School.

Well done to Kingfisher, Woodpecker and Kestrel Classes who also achieved over 96%.

For the second week running we are delighted with the Junior School attendance! Well done everybody.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Infant School Stars		
Flamingo Class	Ruby	
Toucan Class	Isla	
Nightingale Class	Mercedes	
Peacock Class	Daisy	
Dove Class	Oliver	
Puffin Class	Ellis	

INFANT VALUE STARS – POSITIVITY

The value stars were awarded to Hudson, Mila, Dalia, Kiann, Elise and Dolcie-Lou.

Junior School Stars		
Chaffinch Class	Emily	
Woodpecker Class	Bella	
Kestrel Class	Rocco	
Starling Class	Jacob	
Kingfisher Class	Matthew	
Magpie Class	Cleo	
Red Kite Class	Rosalia	
Robin Class	Isabella R	

JUNIOR VALUE STARS – FRIENDSHIP

The value stars nominated by the children, were awarded to Laila, Oscar D, Van, Enzo, Eliza, Esme, Jasmine and Sophia

Do take a look at this home school value sheet on our <u>school website</u> with ideas for you to explore the value of Friendship at home with your child.



ACHIEVEMENTS ATTAINED OUT OF SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their achievements in this week's assemblies.

ATTENDANCE

A reminder that we send an email every two weeks to all parents and carers stating their child's rate of attendance for the previous two weeks and the whole year.

The number of late arrivals to school during the year is also included.

This email is intended to enable you to celebrate positive attendance and to draw your attention to any falling rates of attendance.

The email is scheduled to be sent today.

FOREST SCHOOL

We are fortunate to have secured some places on a forest school experience at Irchester Country Park. The children are engaging in a six-week programme and activities include wood cutting, sawing, den building and bug hunting.

It has been wonderful seeing the children thrive in an outdoor learning environment.







THRIVE

In our Thrive sessions this week the children celebrated World Earth Day. It is an annual day to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

Activities included making bird feeders, 'colouring the world', creating paper chain rainbows and making a pledge on how they could make a difference to our planet.







CRICKET FESTIVAL

Yesterday a group of year one and two children engaged in a cricket festival, participating in a range of activities to develop their bat and ball skills.

Well done to all the children who represented the school so proudly!







THE CUBE SPORTS CHALLENGE

On Friday morning, a group of Year 1 and 2 children travelled to Benham Sports Centre for 'The Cube' style competition run by Pacesetters. They thoroughly enjoyed working in teams to complete activities, such as moving with a blindfold, travelling a ball along connecting gutters and turning tubes with one hand.

The morning finished with a code-breaking activity and the children worked so well together to score their points. As always, behaviour was fantastic and all children demonstrated our important school values, making us very proud.







EASTER MINIBOX CHALLENGE

Thank you to all the children who took part in our Easter Mini Box challenge. We were really impressed with the thought and effort that the children put into it. We will let you know how much money was raised in the next newsletter.

One of the participants managed to fit a staggering 62 items into their box! We also had some weird and wonderful items to sift through, including a pocket of air which we thought was very inventive and worth a prize!

Congratulations to all our prize winners!

We hope your children enjoyed taking part in this challenge and thank you for your continued support.

Special thanks to the Tesco store in Wellingborough for donating some of our prizes.





YEAR FOUR MULTIPLICATION TIMES TABLE CHECK (MTC)

By the end of year four, children should know all times table facts up to 12×12 . To check this key objective, there is a requirement for all children in year four to sit a multiplication test (MTC). This is an electronic test with 25 random questions that children must answer within 6 seconds.

Year four will sit the MTC at the start of June.

To help your child prepare, please ensure they practise their times tables regularly over the coming weeks. They can do this through TT Rockstars (the Soundcheck Game mirrors the MTC) or by using the paper sheets they bring home.

It has been lovely to see year four children practising enthusiastically in Kestrel classroom at lunchtimes.

SAFEGUARDING

All children have the right to grow up and learn in a safe and secure environment. If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads, listed below.

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Sadler		
Miss	Felicity	felicity.pettitt@iflt.org.uk
Pettitt		
Mrs Jer	n Reed	jen.reed@iflt.org.uk
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(for Ap	ple Tree	
Club)		

- 01933 680433 (Junior School)
- 01933 680467 (Infant School)

If you are worried about a child outside of school time you can call the local Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub for advice (anonymously if needs, be) on 0300 126 7000 or 0300 126 1000.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see key dates for you to be aware of. Any new dates are shown in red font.

Date	What's on
Monday 6 th May	School closed – bank holiday
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May	Year Six SATs
Tuesday 21 st – Friday 24 th May	Year 6 Residential to Sheringham
Thursday 23 rd May	FoFS Spring Festival for Infant School children
Friday 24 th May	Term five ends.
Tuesday 4th June	Term six begins
Thursday 6 th June	Year 1 & 2 trip to Hunstanton
Wednesday 12 th June	Year Six STEM day Northampton University
Wednesday 12 th June	Year Three visit to Leicester museum
Tuesday 18 th June 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Reception 2024 new intake information session
Friday 21 st June	Sports Day – Junior School in the morning and Infant School in the afternoon
Thursday 4 th July	Transition Day – children spend the day in their September class.
Friday 5 th July	Transition Day – children spend a second day in their September class
Week beginning 8 th July	End of year reports issued
Friday 12 th July	Summer Fair
Tuesday 16 th and Wednesday 17 th July	Year Six Production

Thursday 18 th July	Church service to say goodbye to Year Six
Thursday 18 th July	Year Six visit to Boost
Friday 19 th July	Term six ends

