

## Attendance, Attention and Achievement

### Weekly Newsletter

**Date: 15th September 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Fair Play House

This week, some pupils from Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to visit FairPlay House outdoor education centre near Witham. The pupils enjoyed participating in a range of exciting outdoor activities, sleeping at the house for two nights and sharing bedrooms with their friends. The range of activities encourages pupils to attempt activities they may not usually try, particularly activities outside of their comfort zone. This year was another success; year 6 pupils were challenged to overcome their fears on the high ropes and big swing. By the end of these activities, the pupils were keen to have a second go after realising it wasn't as bad as they thought it would be. They also participated in archery, testing their ability to hear and follow complex instructions, load their bows correctly, and safely shoot real arrows at their targets. The pupils also experienced caving, navigating their way through underground tunnels in the dark, while showing tremendous teamwork throughout. Both year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a night walk which they were briefed on beforehand. They memorised the route and led their teacher back to the house from where they were dropped off, two miles away from the house.



The Year 5 visit commenced on Wednesday 13th September, following on from the Year 6's. As the pupils arrived at FPH, they were incredibly excited, especially as they had spotted some of the Year 6 pupils on the high ropes as they drove up the long drive to the house. Pupils in year 5 took part in different activities to year 6. This included the zip wire, a different high ropes course, bushcraft and orienteering on Tiptree Heath.



Pupils worked together and supported each other by giving encouragement, particularly to conquer their fear of heights. All of this positivity and teamwork increased their confidence and bravery. Year 5 pupils also learnt how to light a fire, especially focussing on how to do this safely and responsibly. They used just a flint and a piece of metal, which was tricky but they stuck to the task and were successful. The purpose of the fire was to prepare and cook pancakes; this was such a unique opportunity that was enjoyed by all.



All pupils were encouraged to develop a sense of independence by making and tidying their beds and keeping their rooms tidy. Each group had to carry out a duty, including tasks such as setting the table, putting the dishes in the dishwasher, and drying and putting away the dishes and cutlery for breakfast, lunch or dinner.



Throughout the visit, the pupils developed skills they can apply in their daily lives at home. It was so nice to see pupils get to know and work with pupils they did not already know, developing teamwork and communication skills. By the end of their visit real bonds had formed. A very successful week, full of fantastic opportunities and memories.

### Local area walk

On Thursday and Friday Year 1 went on a local area visit around Manor Park. They were extremely excited to see their local mosque, the old Manor Park Library and post boxes located around different places. Children were amazed to see several different schools around the area. It was great to see the pupils dig deep into familiar and unfamiliar significant buildings.

Maryam (Class Bumblebee) - 'It was so much fun, I saw so many different houses, trees and big buildings. I also saw the doctors near me!'

The children had a wonderful time!



### Lunch Menu Tasting Event

On Monday, 11th September 2023, members of our school council participated in an exciting lunch menu tasting event. An array of new scrumptious dishes were excitedly consumed, which were prepared by Juniper, our catering supplier. The children were given the honour of rating the food prepared. Their honest feedback will be used to assist them in creating the forthcoming menu. The children were very brave to try new things and respectfully truthful when giving their feedback and ratings. A deliciously tasty day for all who participated!



### Star of the week (KS1)

KS1 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

Haadiyah (Bumblebee)	Jannatul (Butterfly)	Taihan (Beetle )	Amin (Moth)
Ayla (Anaconda)	Safiyyah (Crocodile )	Jawad (Gecko)	Qasim (Tortoise)



### Green leaves (KS2)

KS2 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

Kianna (Vendace)	Nishik (Lamprey)	Ibraheem (Halibut)	All of Bluefin
Maryam (Kiwi)	Hannah (Puffin)	Iqra (Grebe)	Owais (Nightingale)
Umar P (Baobab)	Uriel (Chestnut)	Alia (Redwood)	Yogansh (Maidenhair)
Moriom (Orchid)	Ihsan (Wintergreen)	Raiyan (Helleborine)	Interjeet (Clary)

### School Clubs (Week beginning 18th September)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 1&2: Football Year 3&4: Table Tennis  <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Girls Football Year 3&4: Girls Football Year 5&6: Girls Football	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 1&2: Netball Year 3&4: Yoga  <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Dance Year 3&4: Hockey Year 5&6: Hockey	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 3&4: Netball Year 5&6: Handball  <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Gymnastics Year 3&4: Football Year 5&6: Netball <b><u>3:15 - 4:00</u></b> Year 3 & 4: Police Cadets <b><u>3:30 - 4:15</u></b> Year 5 & 6: Police Cadets	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Years 1&2: Handball Year 5&6: Football  <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Multi-skills Year 3&4: Multi-skills Year 5&6 Multi-skills Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 : Reading Gladiators <b><u>3:30 - 4:20</u></b> Year 1: Reading Warriors	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 5&6: Table Tennis KS1: Multi-skills  <b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Hockey KS2: Gymnastics KS2: Dance

### Attendance Matters!



### Every Student, Every School, Every day

Here is our attendance chart. Thank you to all the parents who have sent their children to school during this time. Sending your child to school plays a vital role in your child's development.

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
Nursery Tiger(am)	100.0	Year 1 Bumblebee	93.3	Year 3 Lamprey	95.0	Year 5 Baobab	91.0
Nursery Rhino(am)	94.8	Year 1 Butterfly	94.0	Year 3 Halibut	89.0	Year 5 Redwood	94.5
Nursery Tiger(pm)	68.4	Year 1 Beetle	92.3	Year 3 Bluefin	96.1	Year 5 Maidenhair	93.3
Nursery Rhino(pm)	95.0	Year 1 Moth	92.0	Year 3 Vendace	95.0	Year 5 Chestnut	93.1
Reception Dolphin	94.3	Year 2 Anaconda	96.7	Year 4 Grebe	94.5	Year 6 Orchid	98.1
Reception Vaquita	89.0	Year 2 Crocodile	93.7	Year 4 Puffin	97.1	Year 6 Clary	97.0
Reception Turtle	94.4	Year 2 Gecko	93.7	Year 4 Nightingale	99.7	Year 6 Helleborine	99.0
Reception Penguin	96.6	Year 2 Tortoise	95.3	Year 4 Kiwi	92.7	Year 6 Wintergreen	99.0
Whole School			94.5%				

**Important Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event / Information</b>
Thursday 21st September (4pm - 5pm)	Royal Institution Community Science Show
Monday 9th October & Thursday 12th October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 1st November 2023	Flu Vaccinations (Reception to Year 6) Please complete consent forms

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