

Forest Hall Primary School

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We raised £211.72 for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day. Thank you everyone!

Easter Disco Friday 27th March

Lots of children from Y1 to Y6 enjoyed the disco last Friday. Many thanks to the parents who came to help. We raised just over £200 for the school fund.

Family Egg Competition

We were impressed by the imagination and creativity of our families yet again this year! We loved them all and enjoyed looking at them. We asked Chris, our coach from Newcastle United Foundation, who leads PE sessions with different classes every Tuesday, to pick the 3 winners.



- 1st 'Thomas the Tank Engine' by the Lowrie family
- 2nd 'The Eliminator' by the Robson family
- 3rd 'Jegg 2 holidays' by the Draper family

All of the children will receive a crème egg as an Easter treat at home time today.

Vaping and smoking outside the gates, '7 Steps Out'

Sorry to nag, but it has been brought to my attention that adults are vaping/smoking outside the school gates and that children have to pass by them to enter/exit the yard. You may remember that there was a campaign on TV and the media to ask smokers/vapers to move at least 7 steps away from home / building entrances, doors and windows to protect children and others from secondhand smoke and its effects. It would be appreciated if smokers/vapers could move well away from the school gates.

Uniform

A reminder about uniform as you may be buying some over the holidays. Children at Forest Hall wear **grey** trousers/shorts/skirts with pale blue polo tops. Black trousers/ skirts are not uniform. Staff know which days classes have PE and it is only on these days that children may wear dark jogging bottoms over PE shorts to school. Leggings and joggers are not school uniform.

The only branded item we ask parents to buy is our emerald green sweatshirt with the school logo from Emblematic. *We keep good quality secondhand uniform on a rail in the entrance. Worth a look!*

For PE, children wear plain white T shirts – no logos other than FHPS and royal blue or navy shorts. Shorts and jogging bottoms must be plain *with out any logos or decoration*.

Summer Term PE Days

- Monday: Y1 Ash and Y6 Cedar
- Tuesday: Reception Elm, Y1 Ash, Y3 Spruce, Y4 Sycamore and Y2 Beech
- Wednesday: Y3 Spruce
- Thursday: Reception Elm, Y6 Cedar and Y4 Sycamore
Y5 are swimming but wear uniform to and from the pool
- Friday: Y2 Beech and Y5 Willow

Active Mile Wednesday 1st April

All of the classes took part in the Active Mile on Wednesday, running (or walking) around the field.

STEM Week

This week has been our STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) week and the children have been involved in lots of different practical activities as you will have seen on Instagram. As we are a Lego Class Pack school, Years 2, 3 and 4 have focused on completing their 'Unearthed' mission set by Lego.

Nursery wanted to find the answers to questions which have been puzzling them so took part in some practical investigations involving coloured sweets, shaving foam and spinners to find out, 'Why is paper white?', 'How is a rainbow made?' and 'Why does it rain?'

In reception, the children have been ordering the life cycle of chicks, hunting for minibeasts in the Wildlife Garden and comparing the outcomes of their planting experiments.

Y1 have been finding out about the different stages of the life cycle of a frog. They have also designed bird posters and unsuccessfully tried to make birds' nests.

Y2 have been very busy following their Lego mission, following instructions and demonstrating Lego core values working co-operatively in teams.

Y3 and Y4 worked together to explore what happens in a tsunami and model the impact of a tsunami on their Lego buildings using mud and water. They then engineered their Lego buildings and land defences in different ways to withstand the force of the water. They have also worked through their manuals in teams to complete their Lego mission, building and coding their models.

Y5 linked in their investigations to their science topic on Forces and Newton's laws of motion. They followed instructions to make balloon cars out of plastic bottles which were propelled by opposing forces. They also had to solve how to balance a potato on a wooden spill.

Year 6 are working towards their SATs in May, but still took part in some practical investigations in the Wildlife Garden, on the field and around the school site. Their focus in science this term has been on classifying living things using keys accurately and giving reasons for grouping organisms in particular ways. They collected specimens of plants from around the site and used grids and then keys to sort and classify their findings.

Both Y5 and Y6 have been fascinated by the run up to the rocket launch of the moon mission currently taking place and eager to follow and discuss coverage on news channels.

Tree Point Shop

The children have visited the Tree-Point shop this week to trade in the tree points they have earned this half term because *'doing the right thing brings rewards at Forest Hall!'*

Summer Term Dates

Term starts on Monday 20th April and we are off again for Bank Holiday Monday on 4th May. Summer 1 is 5 weeks long and Summer 2 is 7 weeks long with half term from 25th to 29th May.

Happy Easter Everyone!