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Important Dates

Friday 18 February
School closes for Half term

Monday 28 February
School re-opens

Monday 28 February—4 March
Arts Week

Thursday 3 March
World Book Day

Friday 1 April
School closes for Easter Holidays

Tuesday 19 April
School re-opens

The first week back after the half term break is our 'Community Arts Week!' The theme this year is 'What a Wonderful World' where we will be doing lots of fun activities. We plan to explore America, Spain, Africa and more locally, Warrington. The week will also include World Book Day. We have a dance workshop, a visiting artist and lots of art, cooking and music to look forward to



Message from Lucinda



I feel as if many of my recent communications have started by me highlighting the difficulties we've been navigating together— so in this newsletter I want to say "take that as read" . . . Now let's "level up" in a way that really works for our pupils—and focus on the good stuff; and how we are moving forwards and learning to navigate, contribute to, and enjoy our community!

It's been an absolute joy to see classes and groups beginning to venture out into our local community once more, and this is something we are very keen to continue to promote - and provide opportunities for—for all of our pupils (and we know it's something that many of our pupils absolutely love!) We have been taking this one careful step at a time, but rest assured that—if your child's class hasn't had the opportunity to spend time out of school recently—then they will be doing so after half term—this could be a walk to the local park, a shopping trip for cooking ingredients (or, just occasionally, simply for a treat), to take part in a sporting activity, work experience, a special reward out (some classes are still planning how to spend their hard-earned Enterprise Week earnings!) or for a visit to enhance, strengthen and deepen their topic learning. I could tell you how amazing and exciting this is—but for once I am going to leave my message short—and let the photos explain!



Class 11 have had lots of fun this half-term beginning to explore our topic of fire and ice. We have explored a variety of different icy things and done experiments. We even had a go at painting with coloured ice cubes. We have also enjoyed learning all about the great fire of London and have been working on making our very own London street. We can't wait to continue with our exciting topic next half-term.

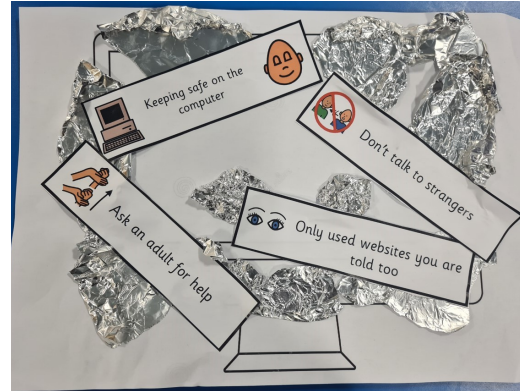
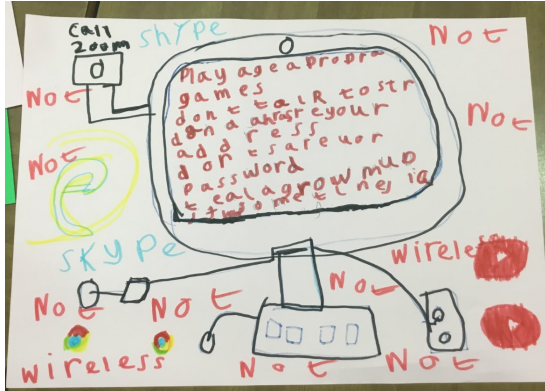


There have been plenty of different **Enrichment Groups** on offer this half term for pupils to get stuck into! From construction to experimenting, pupils have had a great time selecting their activity, learning new skills and having fun!



Online Safety

This half term the pupils at Fox Wood have taken part in Safer Internet Day. The theme this year was 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online' and there has been a focus on the roles of young people in creating a safer internet. Online platforms play an important role in the lives of our pupils and it is essential that they are supported to stay safe. Classes spent time exploring some games on the internet, with a focus on taking turns, helping each other and being supportive. Classes then designed some internet safety posters to help raise awareness.



Throughout this half term, **Class 9** have been exploring a rainforest theme. We have been learning all about different animals that live in the rainforest as well as identifying a range of trees and fruits which grow there. The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed learning about fascinating animals and the different habitats that are present within the different layers of the rainforest. Pupils have had the opportunity to taste a range of tropical fruits and have also spent a lot of time developing their descriptive writing, thinking about the words that they could use to describe what they see in the rainforest.



Pastoral Support & Friends of Fox Wood

Fox Wood are still involved with 'Your School Lottery' and this is helping to raise funds for school. Thank you to all of you who have bought tickets. If you would like to join the lottery, please see the school website for details or on our social media pages.

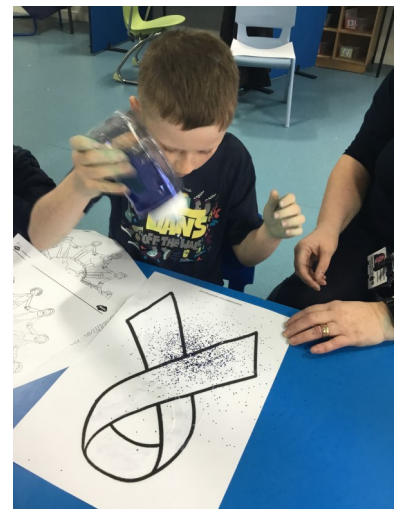
Please keep an eye out for the next date for the Friends of Fox Wood Coffee Morning, this will be in preparation for our Summer Raffle.

If you feel that you are in need of any additional support, please feel free to contact me through the school office and we can explore the option of an Early Help Assessment.

Rachael, Pastoral Support

Other Notices - Dinner Money—Just a reminder that Dinner Money has increased to £2.40 per day, (£12.00 per week) This is still payable on the Friday for the following week and must be paid on a weekly basis or termly in advance. Any monies sent into school must be in a sealed envelope with the pupil's name, the amount, and what the money is for, written clearly. School cannot take responsibility for any loose cash.

Class 8 organised the Autism awareness day this month, all pupils and staff wore blue and we celebrated what makes us special in a variety of different activities. We took part in lots of different art activities, as well as sensory walks and yoga! We learnt all about Autism through a PowerPoint and videos!



This Term we were awarded with the highest level of accreditation from the National Autistic Society. After a three-day assessment, which involved observations and interviews with staff, parents and pupils, we were so proud to achieve the Advanced Accreditation Status. The Committee found evidence from the Accreditation report that Fox Wood is meeting the criteria for an Advanced Award. In particular:

- Staff have an excellent working knowledge of evidence-informed approaches associated with good autism practice.
- Practice is consistently informed by an understanding of how to support each autistic individual in their communication and social interaction; in becoming more self-reliant; in sensory regulation and in maintaining their emotional well-being
- They can adapt these specialist approaches with creativity so that support is highly personal-centred and tailored to individual qualities, abilities, interests, preferences and challenges

The moderators recognised the hard work of the whole team here at Fox Wood, to ensure all pupils get the very best outcomes. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who supported us with your feedback and to all staff and pupils who were proud to show what amazing work happens at Fox Wood



After half term staff will not be expected to wear masks in communal areas, this will be personal choice. Thankyou to everyone for being so supportive. Louise Messham has written a letter to you all regarding this.