

Message from the Principal:

Welcome to February's newsletter. I can't believe we are nearly half way through the academic year! I arrive at school on a Monday, blink and it's Friday! This is probably due to how busy we are as you can see from this newsletter. The children as always are amazing! They embody our school motto of "work hard, dream big and never give up" and are kind, caring and well-rounded young people. They are real ambassadors for the school and community, proudly wearing their school ties to display their achievements through badges for attendance and house awards. School reports will be sent to parents/carers on Friday 15th March with a parent drop in available on Monday 18th March. If you can make this session, I look forward to seeing you. As always, I would like to thank the children for being brilliant and parents/carers for their ongoing support of the academy. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries: you can call into the office, message me on ClassDojo or catch me on the gates.

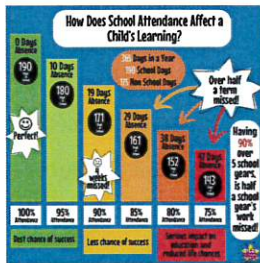


Attendance

Each week, we celebrate the classes with the best attendance who then win a big breakfast on a Friday.

Our current whole school attendance is 94.7% - each week we are aiming for at least 96%. Attending school each day is vital to your child's education.

Just a reminder that children need to be in the academy between 8:30am and 8:40am. Anyone arriving after 8:40am, are classed as late.



Message from Vice Principal:

We've had a great start to the new half term. Thank you to all of our reception parents for coming to our phonics event. Phonics is a difficult concept for us to get our head around as we were taught very differently as school, so this will really help you to support your child at home. Reception are really looking forward to delivering their maths sessions next week too. The new Rising Three area has been a roaring success and we are looking forward to welcoming more children after the Easter break. To further support your child, please make sure that they are reading at home at least four times a week. We hosted our PTFA meeting this week and have even more plans for the future.



Message from Assistant Principal:

I hope you all had a lovely half term with your families and enjoyed lots of time together. The children have returned to the academy seamlessly, as usual. There are lots of exciting trips and visitors coming into school to further enhance our curriculum and the children's learning. Please remember to check Class Dojo for any updates and for information on the children's learning. A huge thank you as always for supporting your children with reading at home and their homework. This supports your children with learning in the classroom. I was very pleased with the turn out for our SATs information meeting. As always, if you need any support or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher.



Year 6 Career Event at Haywood Academy

Our year 6 children had an amazing time at Haywood Academy's careers fair.

The children asked some excellent questions and it has inspired them to work hard and achieve their dreams and goals.



Hopes, Dreams and Aspiration and Theme of the Week

Through our weekly assemblies, the children will focus on different themes and key celebrations. For the next few weeks, the themes are:

- Engineer's week
- St David's Day
- World Book Day
- Ramadan



Important Dates

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Friday 15th March

Reports out to parents

Monday 18th March

Parent drop in

Tuesday 19th March

9:00am Year 1 Egg Parade

2:15pm Year 2 Egg Parade

Wednesday 20th March

9:00am Nursery Egg Parade

2:15pm Reception Egg Parade

Sponsored Circuit

Thursday 21st March

Treat Day

Academy closes to pupils

Monday 8th April

Academy opens to pupils

Our Curriculum

Rising Three	Rhyme Time 5 Little Speckled Frogs
Nursery	Jack & the Beanstalk (growing)
Reception	The World & Beyond Whatever Next
Year 1	Does abstract art mean anything? Fieldwork—My local park
Year 2	How can artists use colour? The Potteries
Year 3	What were the greatest achievements of Ancient Egypt?
Year 4	Adapting a recipe Geography—Locality
Year 5	How did England change during the settlement of the Anglo-Saxon?
Year 6	What is the economic activity of the UK and how sustainable is it?

Rising 3's Trip to Glebe Farm

Our new rising 3 children had an incredible morning at Glebe Farm. Last half term our topic was 'Old Macdonald had a farm' and the children were able to see their learning in action.

They visited all the animals on the farm, went on a tractor ride and stroked some of the animals too. The children fed the goats, donkeys, llamas and sheep and they even got to see the meerkats being fed maggots.

They finished the day by playing on the play area. Everyone had such a wonderful day!



Year 1 Trip to Warwick Castle

Our year 1 children had a fantastic trip to Warwick Castle.

They learnt all about Earls and Knights, what armour they would wear to battle and even got to hold a real sword!

They also enjoyed the fantastic Falconers Quest bird show, climbed the many many steps up to the top of the castle and had fun playing on the Zog playland park.

As you can see from the photos everyone had a thoroughly brilliant day!



Winning House Team and Behaviour for Learning Treat

Big congratulations to last term's house team winners.....Cygnus!

All winning house members were treated to a game of glow in the dark dodgeball. Their excitement and laughter could be heard all through the school!

Our children also enjoyed the Valentines disco for their behaviour for learning treat!



Year 5 Fieldwork Trip to Knypersley

Our year 5 children had a great morning at Knypersley Reservoir. Everyone enjoyed hunting for different insects, animal homes and plants.

They even worked out the age of some of the trees by measuring their trunks!

It was also a great way to get in 10,000 steps before lunch time.



Year 3 Walk around Tunstall

Year 3 had a wonderful time on a local walk into Tunstall.

They investigated land use by gathering data about our local facilities and transport links.



Word Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day, bringing to life our favourite characters and celebrating our love for reading.

All children can come to school dressed as their favourite character or in their pyjamas. Children can also bring their favourite story to school to share with their class.

Children can also take part in an Extreme Reading Competition. Please send all photos to your child's class teacher via class dojo. The winners will be chosen during World Book Day.



Easter

In preparation for the events for Easter, we asked the School Council to speak with children about what they would like to create. The decisions are as follows:

Nursery & Reception - Easter Bonnett
Years 1 & 2 - Decorate an egg or Easter garden

Key Stage 2 - Easter garden

Please see the dates for these events under important dates.

Reception Phonics Workshop

Last term our reception class delivered a phonics workshop. Thank you very much to all of the parents and carers that attended it was a very successful day!

We are so grateful for your support and we of course just want the best for your children! These phonic workshops give parents/carers a great insight into all the learning which goes into reception (which is a lot!!) and provides lots of information that is useful to use at home with your children. Again a huge thank you for coming! We will be hosting maths workshops on Thursday 29th February 2024.

