

NEWSLETTER



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Dear FVIS Community,

What a super end to the term we have had with our Easter Assembly! A big thank you to Mrs Birrell for organising such an amazing performance. I am so proud of all the children for how they performed. Thank you once again for your brilliant show of support for your children.

It has been another busy month in our school here with so many activities and the arrival of our new playground, so please enjoy all of the lovely photos and messages below. It is a real privilege to lead such a busy and vibrant school community.

We finish for the Spring Break today and school reopens on Monday 15th April so I'd like to wish you and your children a wonderful holidays- enjoy the chocolate eggs (in moderation of course!).

Best wishes,
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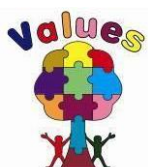


Our New Playground- A story in pictures!

The pictures below tell the story of the construction of our wonderful new playground. We hope the children are enjoying playing on it!



What an amazing transformation! Thank you once again to our wonderful PTA for raising so much money!



Playing on the new playground

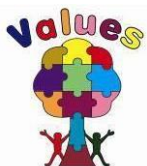
We do love our new playground area. In general, I would discourage it from being used in the before school and after school as staff are not available to supervise it. If you allow your children to play on the equipment, it is the parent's responsibility to monitor your child and is used at your own risk. The school will not accept any responsibility for any injuries sustained on the play equipment. The reception outdoor area should not be played on in any circumstances as staff will have set the area up for children to play on during the school day.



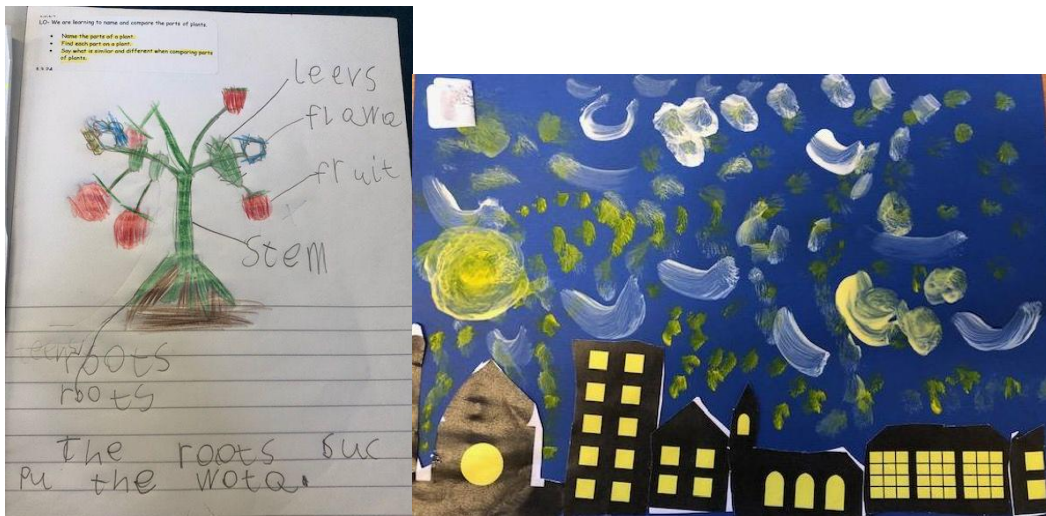
Easter Assembly



We are so proud of our children for their wonderful singing at the Easter Assembly performances on Wednesday 27th March. With the support of our fantastic staff, the children worked very hard to learn all of the songs and to perform with confidence. It was amazing to see so many parents and other family members join us on the day to provide the children with very enthusiastic audiences! Thank you also to Hannah Hossain from St Marys Church for saying a few words about the Easter celebration and what it means to Christians. We hope that our performances helped to send everyone hopping and bouncing into Easter with a 'Spring in their toes'!



Foxes Assembly



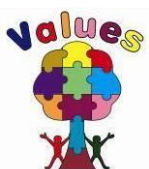
A couple of weeks ago Foxes class performed a brilliant assembly in front of their parents and the rest of the school. The theme was 'a recipe for a week in the life of Year 1'. We shared our learning of Vincent Van Gogh in Art by showing our Starry Night pictures and we spoke about how we have been learning to recognise patterns when adding and subtracting numbers within 20. We also explained how a plant grows and what the different parts are called. Everyone spoke confidently and clearly. Well done Foxes class.



Dragon Quest Reading Adventure Workshop



On Wednesday 6th March, the whole school enjoyed an immersive, escape-room style Reading Adventure Workshop by the company Subject Revolution.





In the 'Dragon Quest' adventure, the children discovered that the castle is being pestered by a troublesome baby dragon who just loves to read. The Queen appeared on screen, looking for brave volunteers to go back into the eight stories set out around the hall (including detective, adventure and magical) and reveal a spell to rid the castle of the pesky dragon. As the challenge continued, it was revealed by the magic of technology that the dragon was in our school too, visiting every classroom and getting closer and closer to the library! In an exciting race against time, the children used their phonic knowledge and decoding skills to find the words that would open the padlocks to the 8 chests. Each chest contained one word of a spell that could be cast to keep the dragon away. Finally, each team worked out the spell and saved our books from the dragon!

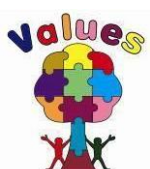
Thank you to all of our parents/carers for your contributions that enabled us to put on this workshop. A special thank you to the parent volunteers who came to support our children on the day.



Key Stage 1 Penathlon



On Friday 14th March a team of six of our children went to compete at a Primary Penathlon against five other schools. They had to compete in eight events to earn



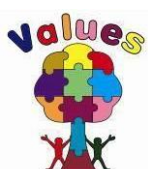
points for their team. The six children: Frankie, Ace, Seb, River, Ajesh and Xavier did our school proud and finished runners up! We are so proud of them!



World Book Day



We celebrated this year's World Book Day (7th March) with a range of activities to celebrate reading for pleasure, including a Dress Up Day on Friday 8th March. The children were so excited to talk about their costumes and favourite books. They also loved seeing the creative costumes of all the staff! We came together as a whole school for a special World Book Day assembly and an afternoon storytime. The storytime involved all adults in the school each sharing a book. The children chose which book they wanted to hear and found cosy spaces in classrooms, offices and corridors for their storytime! Another highlight was shared reading sessions between pairs and groups of children. This included some Year 2 children reading to our Reception children, proudly showing off their reading skills and inspiring the younger children. Thank you again to all of our parents/carers and staff for their support to make our World Book Day celebrations a memorable experience for our children.



Year 1 Gatton Park Trip



Last week Y1 went to Gatton Park to deepen their understanding of plants and animals. In the 'Amazing animals' workshop, children named and classified vertebrates - fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Then, they explored boxes containing objects and information relevant to each vertebrate group like animal skulls, fish, eggs, feathers and even bats! After that, they went outside and followed a trail of clues and matched vertebrates to the best habitat.

The next workshop was 'Growing' and children had to identify flowers in the beautiful gardens of Gatton Park, find out how they grow and what they require for life. They also took part in games including 'seed hide and seek' and 'bee pollinator' where they used a pipe cleaner bee to investigate how bees and other insects pollinate plants.

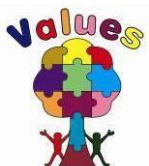
It was such a beautiful day and we all loved exploring in the sunshine.



Year 2 Walkthrough Easter



As part of our learning about religions across the world, Year Two children visited St Mary's Church in Fetcham. The visited complemented the children's learning about the Easter story and supported their understanding of the events that Christians believe occurred.



The children immersed themselves in a range of engaging and exciting activities, deepening their knowledge in a very fun way. The children had a great time and really enjoyed being able to take part in 'hands-on' learning.

A huge thank you to Hannah Hossain for organising this event, with the help of the Church volunteers.



Dates 2024:

Thursday 28 March

Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April

Saturday 6 April

Monday 15 April

Monday 22 April

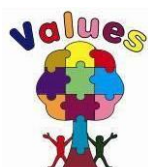
End of term - school finishes at 1.30 pm

SCHOOL CLOSED: Spring Holidays

St Mary's Church (Volunteers/working party to carry out maintenance of the school grounds)

First Day of Summer Term

Usborne Book Fair - 10 am to 4pm



w/c Monday 22 April
Wednesday 24 April

Thursday 25 April

Monday 29 April
Friday 3 May

Monday 6 May
Tuesday 7 May
Monday 13 May

Tuesday 14 May
Saturday 18 May
Thursday 23 May
Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May
Monday 3 June
Wednesday 5 June
Friday 7 June

Tuesday 11 June
Wednesday 12 June

Thursday 13 June
Friday 21 June
Tuesday 25 June
Wednesday 3 July

Friday 5 July

Wednesday 10 July

Friday 12 July
w/c Monday 15 July
Monday 22 July
Tuesday 23 July

INSET Days - 2024-2025

Monday 2 September 2024
Tuesday 3 September 2024
Friday 25 October 2024
Monday 6 January 2025
Friday 23 May 2025

After school clubs commence
Year 2 - Music Festival (Howard of Effingham School)
Year 2 - Brooklands Museum
Reception - National Child Measurement Programme
6.30 pm - Parent Forum
Wear your own clothes day for May Fair donations (Fetcham PTA)
SCHOOL CLOSED: Bank holiday
Class Photos
Year 1 – North West Surrey Synagogue
Reception - Godstone Farm
May Fair - 11.00 am to 2.00 pm
9.15 am - Squirrels Assembly
SCHOOL CLOSED: Half Term
SCHOOL CLOSED: Staff INSET
Fairytiles and Fables workshop
Fathering Sunday Market (Fetcham PTA)
9.15 am - Parent Forum
Year 2 - Oakfield's Summer Music Show
Year 2 - Ocean Exhibition at Oakfield
Sports Day
9.15 am - Rabbits Assembly
Reception - Leatherhead Miniature Railway
Year 1 - Leatherhead Library & Museum
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Headteacher Day (Fetcham PTA)
After school clubs finish this week
6.00 - 7.00 pm - Year 2 Leavers Party
End of term- school finishes at 1.30 pm

