

FORDLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Meet the Young Leadership Team



The fantastic Y6 children you can see above make up a very special team in our school called our Young Leadership Team. As well as being involved in School Council events and meetings, they will take part in Senior Leadership Team meetings, meet with Governors and look at learning in books. As part of the work we are doing this year to become accredited as a School of Sanctuary, they will meet with young leaders at North Gosforth Academy as they begin their journey to become a School of Sanctuary too (<https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org/> - more information about this can be found by following the link).

If their enthusiasm, ideas and leadership at the Local Democracy Week event this week are anything to go by (see photos on the next page), they will do a great job this year.



Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

We will share upcoming dates on here for any events, meetings, term dates etc so that you don't miss anything. Calendar dates will also be updated on our school website and you will be able to find them by following this link:

<https://www.fordleyschool.com/diary/grid/2024/09/>

- 22nd October - Fordley Factor performance 5:30pm
- 24th October - Hallowe'en Discos (see separate letter)
- **25th October - Training day (phonics refresher training for all staff)**
- **28th October - HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

- 4th November - School re-opens for new half term
- 4th November - Book Fair opens after school for a week
- 11th November - Anti-Bullying Week
- 12th November - Odd Socks day for Anti-Bullying Week
- 13th November - Hinduism workshop in school for Y3
- 14th November - Y2 Visit to Washington Wetlands
- 15th November - Children in Need day - non-uniform for a silver coin
- 3rd December - Reception visit to the Rising Sun
- 9th December - Reception Christmas performances (9:15 and 2:15)
- 10th December - Y3 and Y4 Christmas performances (9:15 and 2:15)
- 11th December - Y1 and Y2 Christmas performances (9:15 and 2:15)
- 11th December - Nursery Nativity (10:30)
- 12th December - Y5 and Y6 Christmas performance (9:15 and 2:15)
- 20th December - Rocksteady performance to families (10:00)
- 23rd December - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
- 6th January - Training day
- 7th January - School re-opens for a new term

TERM DATES - these can be found by clicking this link to our website

<https://www.fordleyschool.com/term-dates/> or by going to:

- www.fordleyschool.com
- click on 'Menu' then 'Parents' then 'Attendance Matters' then 'Term Dates'

Reminders and Requests

NUT ALLERGIES

In school we have children who have a diagnosed allergy to peanuts and other kinds of tree nuts. Accidentally eating, or touching, food which contains even traces of nuts can be fatal. We ask that children do not bring in any foods contain nuts in their packed lunches (e.g. nutella, Kinder Bueno etc.) Thank you!



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School Council at Local Democracy Week:

Yesterday morning, our School Council and Young Leadership Team took part in a special Local Democracy Event in the Council Chambers at North Tyneside Council. They further developed their understanding of democracy by taking part in a range of activities and debates. Volunteers from our school even stood at the front, at the lectern, and spoke in front of a room full of 5 different schools. The children then had time to consider what they wanted to prioritise back at school before sharing this in front of the

chair of North Tyneside Council before he awarded them their certificate for taking part. All of the children were brilliant at organising themselves, listening to each other and coming up with great ideas.



The following classes had amazing attendance this week, and have earned a star towards their celebration:

- 2BH - 95%
- 5LS - 95.2%
- 3DF - 96.4%
- 3AW - 96.6%
- 6CS - 96.7%
- 6JF - 97.5%

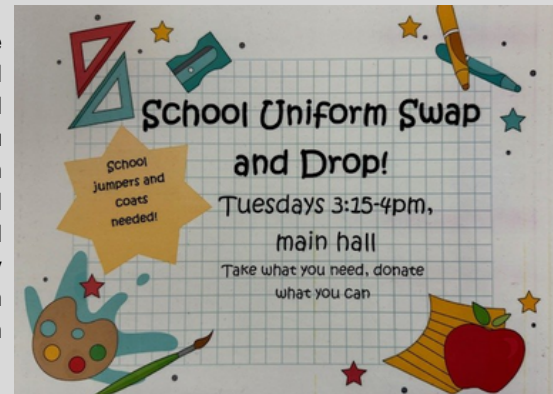


Our whole school attendance this week is 93.8 %

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School Uniform - Tuesdays 3:15 in the hall:

Every Tuesday we now host a school uniform 'swap and drop' where you can bring uniform which is too small for your child and help yourself to any spare uniform which has been shared with us.

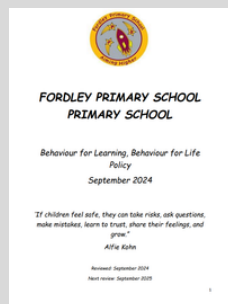


This week's Character Skill:

Our Character Skills sit at the heart of our Behaviour for Learning; Behaviour for Life Policy (a copy of this policy can be found on our website by following this link: <https://fordley.secure-primariesite.net/policies/>)

The Character Skills cover:

- R - Resilience
- E - Empathy
- S - Self-Aware
- P - Positivity
- E - Excellence
- C - Communication
- T - Teamwork



This week's Character Skill was **Being Proud** and our Song of the Week was **Proud** by Heather Small.

Other messages and requests:

Signing up to ASDA Cashpot

As a school we are a member of ParentKind meaning that if you sign up to ASDA Cashpot for Schools it can earn money for our school when you do your shopping and you don't lose your own rewards.

We would be grateful if you could sign up either by clicking this link: <https://rewards.asda.com/>

Or alternatively by typing the address into your browser. As of this morning we are already up to £499.39 thanks to this being shared on the Dudley and Annitsford page!



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Achievements in School:



My next visitor came from Y1 to show me the sentences he had been writing this week. At the start of the week he had needed some help but by today he was writing his sentences by himself ... wow!

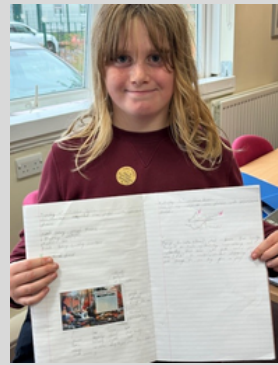


My first visitor this week came to share the very tricky work he had been doing with Miss Donoghue, and he smashed it!

From Y5, my next visitor came to share the writing he had been doing in class. I was utterly blown away by his expressive choice of language. I don't think many published authors could have done so well! Here is the writing he did:

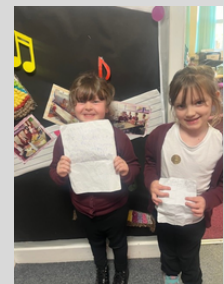


Throughout the maze of trees, lay mesmerizing and captivating black bears who poke around for wild berries. Behind the mountains, abundant staggering trees peek through the sun. They glow a fiery orange.



Achievements at Home:

Our superstars this week are from Y2 all the way up to Y5 and shared with us a wide range of achievements including crafts, writing their own songs, dancing, football, gymnastics, cubs and swimming.



It was fantastic to see their many awards and creations and we look forward to seeing many more in the future. Well done to you all!



Finally I wanted to praise both the Y4 hockey team (pictures next week) and the Y6 children who visited the Newcastle Central Mosque this week. The hockey team played brilliantly and represented our school exceptionally well. On the visit to the Mosque on Tuesday, which I attended with Y6, the children were extremely interested, respectful, curious, asked intelligent questions and thoroughly enjoyed the morning (as did I).

Community Events:



Local Spanish Club



SOMBRERO


Spanish Club

FAO:
children in
primary
school

Are you ready to be part of the best Spanish fun club in Killingworth?

When: every Thursday @3:45pm (term time)
Place: Paddle Pod Killingworth, Silverbirch Drive NE12 5AB

Would your child like to learn a new language in the most cheerful environment? Look no more, this is the right place. We will play games, listen to music and sing along, discover the Spanish culture and of course learn to speak ESPAÑOL together!

Get in touch:
sombbrero.spanishclub@gmail.com
Facebook page SOMBRERO SPANISH CLUB

To secure a place it is essential to book and pay for your sessions in advance on a half term basis. Children can join anytime.

¡VAMOS A DIVERTIRNOS!