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Y5's Special Visitor



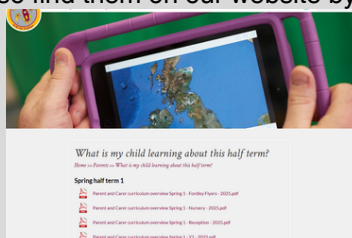
Last Monday, Y5 spent the afternoon with a special visitor who came in to share with them all about Judaism. This has been part of their RE learning and they enjoyed finding more about what it is like to follow the religion. As always our children were curious and respectful, and really enjoyed tasting the bread!

Our visitor was extremely impressed with the children in Y5. He thought their behaviour was excellent and said they had asked many interesting questions throughout the session. Well done Y5!

Parent/Carer Curriculum Overviews

We shared, this week, an electronic copy on Seesaw of this half term's overview of what your child is learning. We have paper copies available of these at the main school office or you can also find them on our website by following this link:

<https://www.fordleyschool.com/what-is-my-child-learning-about-this-half-term/>



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/>

- 3rd February - Chinese New Year workshop for Reception families - 2pm
- 4th February - 3DF visit to the library
- 6th February - 5NT visit to the library
- 10th February - Anti-Bullying session for Y4 with Be Safe
- 11th February - 1CY visit to the library
- 11th February - Anti-Social Behaviour session for Y6 with Be Safe
- 13th February - 5LS visit to the library
- 17th February - Art Week
- 18th February - 1JR visit to the library
- 18th February - Young Leadership Team and 4 x Y5 to Schools of Sanctuary Summit
- 18th February - Swimming lessons start for 4LM (4DG have PE in school)
- 21st February - Y5/6 Hockey Team to tournament
- 21st February - Valentines Disco

- **24th April - HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

- 3rd March - Back to school for a new half term
- 3rd March - Design Technology Week
- 4th March - Y5 session with Northumbria Police about respectful relationships
- 20th March - Y6 session with Northumbria Police about internet and social media use

- **14th April - EASTER HOLIDAYS**

TERM DATES - these can be found by clicking this link to our website <https://www.fordleyschool.com/term-dates/> or by going to:

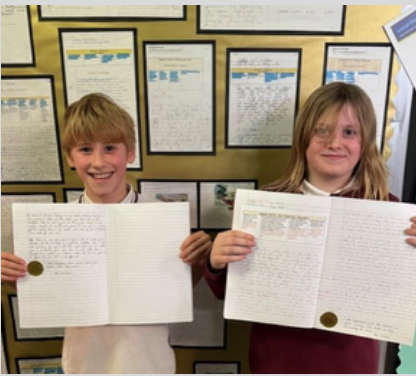
- www.fordleyschool.com
- click on 'Menu' then 'Parents' then 'Attendance Matters' then 'Term Dates'

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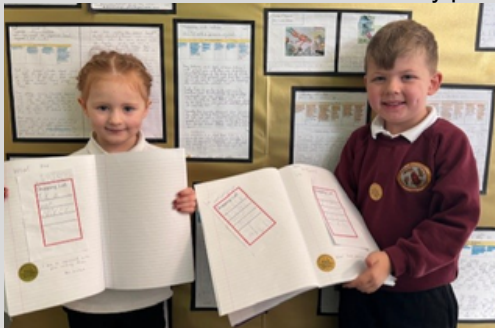


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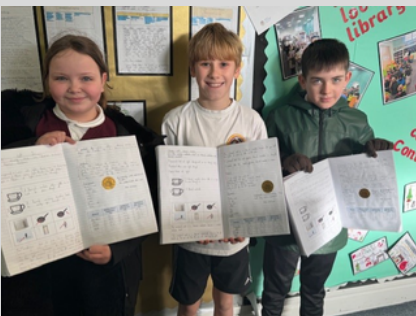
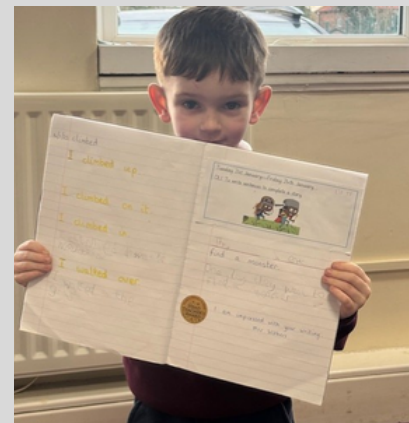
In the photo above you can see two of our Y5 boys who shared with me their 'hot writes' This is a piece of writing completed independently at the end of a unit of learning and their diary entries transported me to a completely different place and time. Brilliant job!

In the photo to the right you can see two of our Reception children who impressed me so much with their brave writing. Their shopping lists were so well written. Amazing!

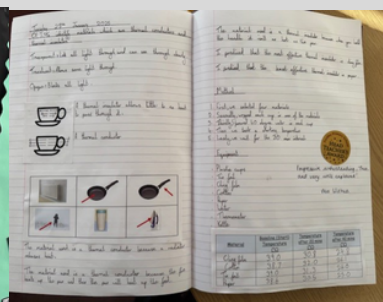
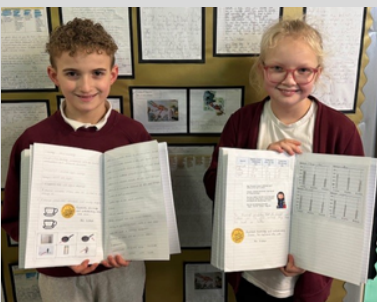


What an utterly amazing two weeks it has been for unbelievably awesome learning in all parts of school. We have superb learners who try their best in every single class, but the children pictured here really knocked their teachers (and my) socks off.

In the photos above and to the right you can see children from Y1 who shared with me and Mrs Boyes their wonderful writing, which they had done independently. They had worked hard at practising their sentences and it really paid off ...well done!



Finally in the photos to the left and below you can see 5 of our Y5 children who came to share their knowledge and understanding of their science unit. You can see how well recorded it was from the example below. Fantastic!



Spotlight on Early Years

What a privilege it was today to welcome in the families of our Fordley Flyers to our very first Fun Friday. This is an opportunity for our two year olds to show their learning and for families to experience the environment.



The adults were such good sports joining in the singing at the end! Thank you for coming along.

Not only is it great to celebrate the writing of our older children, but it is such a proud moment when we see our Nursery children writing their name and wanting to practise it. Alongside writing, building, painting and so much more it was lovely to see the children enjoying baking with Mrs McArdle too.



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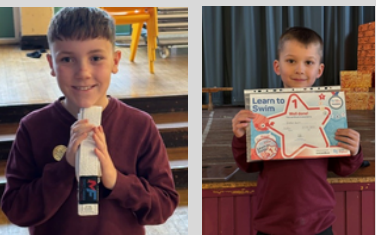
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Amazing Achievements at Home

So many amazing achievements to share this week! In my first photos, on the left, are girls from Y2 and Y4 who have been so successful in their dance - wow!

On the right, two of our boys from Y2 and Y4 have been successful for different reasons. One has achieved his first belt in karate - amazing! The other has been



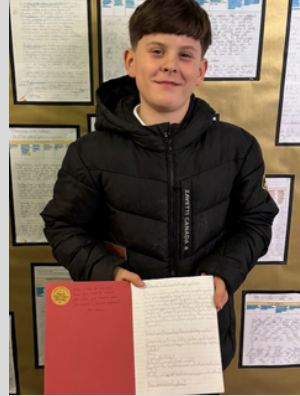
awarded stage 1 in swimming.

The final 5 photos show children from Y3 who have all been praised for their football skills and effort by being awarded player of the match or for developing their skills and ability to control the ball in play. It is lovely to see how much they enjoy it.



On the left you can see one of our Y3 children who blew us away with his creativity. He made a wide selection of amazing items such as sunglasses with his 3D pen. We can't wait to see what he makes next!

In our final photo you can see one of our Y6 boys who has started his career as an author by developing a book of his own writing at home. I was so impressed with writing skill I feel we are looking at a star of the future!



Community Notices:

Fordley Foxes Saturday morning sessions take place weekly and at the following times:

- Nursery/Reception - 9:30
- Year 1 - 10:30

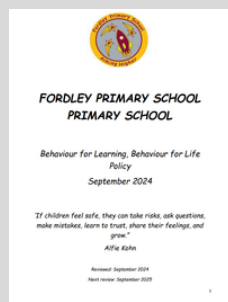
New starters are welcome and please contact the number on the right if you have any questions.

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 Kind**

FREE Family Stay and Play sessions

NEW FORDLEY JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB
 Annitsford Welfare, Barras Gardens, Annitsford, Cramlington, NE23 7RB.
 Every Wednesday from 22 January to 26 February 2025
 9:30 - 11:00 am
 Scan here to book

GREENFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY HUB
 Taylor Avenue, Wideopen, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE13 6NA
 Every Monday from 20 January to 24 February 2025
 11:30 - 15:00 pm
 Scan here to book

JUSTICE PRINCE
 The Oxford Centre, West Farm Ave, Longbenton, Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 8LT
 Every Thursday from 23 January to 27 February 2025
 9:30 - 11:00 am
 To book please contact Denise Marshall: 07720372224 (Bookings open 23rd December)

Please bear in mind the sessions will be outdoors so wrap up warm and wear comfortable footwear!