



Fairholme Primary School

'We believe we can achieve'

A message from Mrs Harris our Headteacher: An overwhelming majority of parents/carers completed our Parent Survey – thank you for this. It is great to hear that 96% of parents would recommend Fairholme to another parent. 97% feel that as a school we deal with behaviour well, 98% of parents said their child feels safe at school and 98% feel their child is happy at school. 95% of parents/carers feel that they are well informed about what their child learns about during the year, we are doing some work on our school website and the 'Learning' section to further develop the information that is available for you about the curriculum. Please do have a quick look at this.

We continue to work hard with attendance and encourage all children to come in to school every day they possible can do. Please do remember to call us to notify us if your child is not in school. If you don't notify us, we will need to call you to find out where your child is and if we can't contact you then we are required to call all the contacts on your contact list until we can speak with you. Please do try to remember to call us to keep us informed.

We love reading at Fairholme. we are excited to tell you that the Scholastic Travelling Book Fair will be returning to school on the 11th March and staying until the 15th. Please do visit the book fair, by the main school office, and maybe buy a book for two to enjoy reading with your child. The children can use their world book day tokens towards the purchase of books. Science - Is your child a budding scientist? The week of March the 11th is National Science week and we are excited to be taking part in this. Science week brings the return of the science fair competition around the theme of 'time'. Please keep an eye out for more details on this next week.

If you are interested in volunteering in school, please do speak to your child's teacher. We would love to have you in school!

What has been happening across our school?

Nursery - what an exciting few days they had last week watching the eggs hatch into chicks! Over the next few weeks they will be looking at different farm animals and animals that we have as pets. They will read 'Dear Zoo' together and see if we can identify why the other animals won't make a good pet. If you have a pet at home, please email a photograph of your child with them to the office? (Mark with attention of Mrs Mwangi).

Reception – have had an amazing time watching the chicks hatch and grow too. They have been describing them using their phonics. They are learning about where they will live when they return to the farm. In Maths they are focusing on comparing groups of items and numbers as 'more than' and 'fewer than'.

Year 1 – recently enjoyed a D.T day all about making moving vehicles. They explored how axles work and enable the wheels to move before making some super vehicles. Year 1 continue to work really hard on their practising their phonics, please do try to read with your child every day even if it is just for 5 or 10 minutes.

Year 2 's topic is 'Beneath the canopy'. The children are learning all about the mesmerizing world of rainforests, it's lush vegetation, vibrant wildlife and the importance of preserving these ecosystems. For Science, the children will be planting different bulbs and their own cress seeds and nurturing them into living entities!

Year 3's topic is 'Tomb Raiders'. They have had a very exciting workshop learning all about ancient Egyptian life. Did you know that cats were considered sacred animals by the Ancient Egyptians? We also found out that the Ancient Egyptians invented lots of things we still use today, such as paper, pens, locks and keys and – believe it or not – toothpaste! Learn even more about Ancient Egypt <https://www.historyforkids.net/ancient-egypt.html>

Year 4 - have been doing perspective drawing in Art as they are learning about the artist Lowry. Look at these amazing photos:



Year 5's our topic is Magic and Mayhem and will soon they be diving into some exciting Science experiments to find out more about materials and their properties including working their magic on separating mixtures and exploring soluble and insoluble solutions. Why not ask your children about the colourful art they have begun, by looking at the work of Brazilian pop artist Romero Britto.

Year 6 had their evolution workshop with the Natural History Museum at school last week where they used scientific evidence to investigate evolution over time periods. This was a great workshop, and the children were so engaged and inquisitive.



Spring Dates

'Drop Everything and Read' – 7th and 15th March

World Book Day – 7th March

Parent's Evening - 20th and 21st March

Curriculum Showcase – 27th March

End of Spring Term 12.30 finish – 28th March

Fund Raising



If you shop in Tesco you will be aware of the blue tokens they give you, when you pay, to give to a cause they are supporting. We are thrilled to say we received the most tokens in Tescos in Ashford and won a huge **£1500**.

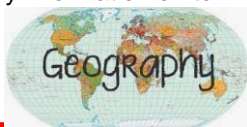
We are still one of the causes that Tesco in Sunbury is supporting, and this collection continues until mid-April. We are crossing our fingers we get the most tokens in this store too!

The cake sale raised an impressive **£500!**

We are planning to use the money we are raising to develop our playgrounds and will share some plans for this with you soon.

Geography - Have your family lived in the local area for a long time? Do you have lots of stories or old pictures or maps of the area from the past?

Year 4 will be out and about exploring the local area and they will be investigating how maps of Bedfont today are different from those of 20, 30, 50 and even 100 years. If you have any information or resources which you think may be helpful to Y4, please pass any information on to Miss Tyler.



Question of the week

Would you rather be the best player on the losing team or the worst player on the winning team?

Medicines - If your child has medication in school, please remember it is your responsibility to ensure that it is in date. If we have any medication that your child doesn't need, please remember to collect it and dispose of it yourself.



World Book Day

Calling all book readers – **7th March is World Book Day** and we are so excited to celebrate this. Children are invited to come in to school dressed as their favourite book character on the 7th March. We are looking forward to seeing their costumes. The day will be filled with reading and book fun activities.

'Drop Everything And Read'

Please join us in celebrating World Book Day by coming in to your child's classroom to read a book with them at 2.45pm.

Parents are more than welcome to dress up too!



Uniform
Fantastic News

97% of all our children are wearing the correct school uniform to school every day of the week.

History – Women in History month in March, is a time to celebrate contributions women have made over the centuries.

Who was Rosa Parkes and why should we remember her today? What did Emmeline Pankhurst do to change the rights of women in this country? Who was Edith Cavell and what did she do? Why is Mother Theresa a woman we should admire?

Can you and your child investigate these questions?

Thought for the week

Smiles are contagious!