



Fairholme Primary School

'We believe we can achieve'

A message from our Headteacher Mrs Harris: What a brilliant few weeks we have had in school. Sports Day was great fun, we were very proud of how the children showed great sportsmanship, skill and ambition. It was lovely to see so many families attending the event and cheering on their children. A big thank you to Mr Horry for organising Sports Days and also thank you to our Year 6 Play Leaders who made sure the events ran smoothly. Congratulations to children in Fire house as they were the overall winners of the day!

Dream Big! Our first aspiration day was brilliant. It was lovely to see how aspirational our children are about their future jobs, children were dressed up as all sorts of professions including; engineers, swimming instructors, pilots, CEO of Google and Dell, a priest, vets, nurses, doctors, dancers, policeman, football referee, a midwife, GB athletes, teachers, lawyers...the list goes on! During the afternoon children in Years 2 to 6 visited our careers fair and had the chance to see meet a range of people from all different jobs. This included meeting a mechanic, a heart surgeon, a chief, logo designer, policeman, mental health workers, Medical Scientists, Historians, an Artist, a railway worker and more. We are very grateful to these wonderful people for giving up their own time to help inspire our children.

This week the children are taking part in our **Sports Activity Day**. This is an opportunity for each child to try a new sport that they might never had tried or maybe even heard of - for example Tchoukball! We are also currently busy gearing up for **Glastonbury coming to Fairholme** for our annual Dance Festival. Please do put the date in your diary (11th July) and come along and join us.

Our new and **exciting Key Stage 1 Reading Area** is now open, and the children have been enjoying reading books at break and lunchtime. Thank to Miss Walker and Mrs Malone for all their hard work and effort in creating this wonderful space.

Thank you to anyone who collected blue tokens in the Tesco scheme for us. We wanted to develop the KS1 playground so we asked the children what they wanted, and they said musical instruments so they can make music outside at lunchtime! So, we used the funding we were awarded to purchase some amazing outside instruments and the children have been having great fun making music this week!



Friends of Fairholme – Have almost raised £2000 which is incredible! They chose to purchase a Hot Shot ball game, for the KS2 playground, which the children have loved playing with this week! Thank you to everyone who has supported one of the events The Friends of Fairholme have fun. Please keep an eye out for their next event.

Summer Fair

It's almost Summer Fair time and we can't wait.

The stalls are organised, decorations are ready to be hung, the ice creams are chilling and the bouncy castle is reading and waiting – all we need now is the sun to come out to play and for you, your families and friends to come along and join in with the fun.

Friday 4th July 4pm – 6pm





SEND - What is occupational therapy?

Occupational therapy is a type of health care that assists people of all ages who are experiencing physical, sensory or cognitive difficulties. To find out more information about occupational therapy, please visit <https://www.westlondon.nhs.uk/our-services/hounslow-community-healthcare/childrens-services/childrens-occupational-therapy-ot> or speak to your child's class teacher.





Our School Site



We need to work together to ensure that there are not any children or adults riding bikes or scooters in our playgrounds or in the carpark.

Please take responsibility for your own children and tell them to not ride bikes or scooters until they leave the school site.

School Gates - A reminder please to not block the entrance to the school gates in the mornings and afternoons. We want to keep the gates clear so people can easily get in and out of schools.

Thank you for your help with this, we want to work with parents and carers to make our school site as safe and easy to access for everyone as possible.



What is happening across our school?

Early Years

Although we have done some wonderful learning this half term so far, we would love to share all our fun from Dream Big - Aspiration Day.

We had teachers, fire fighter, vets, doctors, soldiers, police officers, chefs, builders, archaeologists, bakers, swimming teacher's and many more.



Year 1 had a fantastic "Around the World" workshop with Perform. The children went on imaginary journey and stopped off at each of the seven continents to take in the sights and learn how to say hello in different languages. The children were really emersed in the experience and were asking some great questions about the different continents.

In June, Year 1 children completed their Phonic Screening Check. The children were unaware that they there doing the check and just enjoyed some 1:1 time with their teacher going over some of their phonics! We are so proud of the progress Year 1 have made across the year with their reading and phonics.



In **Year 2**, we have been exploring around our school and developing our Scientific knowledge. We looked for objects that were living, dead or never alive. This sparked some serious debate as we discussed what makes something living and how we can tell a living thing has died.

In English at the moment the children are enjoying writing about Cinderella, they are retelling the story but changing the ending to be full of good fortune!

We are very excited about our trip to the beach which is next week which is an opportunity for us to learning further about the geographical features of the beach. We will also continue look for living creatures at the beach and are hopeful we will see a crab or two!



Our Year 3 children had a fantastic time on their recent trip to the Wetland Centre, which linked perfectly with our current topic: Eco Warriors. The visit was a fantastic opportunity for the children to explore the natural environment and deepen their understanding of how we can all play a part in protecting our planet. The highlight of the day was a hands-on workshop all about recycling—where the children were shocked to learn that plastic can take up to 500 years to decompose! From spotting wildlife to discussing how everyday actions can make a difference, the trip inspired our young eco warriors to think about sustainability and how they can help create a greener future.





Year 4 - This term our topic, Eureka, has taken us on an exciting journey into the world of Ancient Greece. We explored how the Greeks told stories through their art, especially on pottery. The children were fascinated by the symbolism and designs on ancient vases and created their own, using these as inspiration.

In maths, we've been mastering the concept of time. The children have been learning to tell the time using both analogue and digital clocks, understanding hours, minutes, and seconds. To support this, they made their own working clock faces, which helped reinforce their understanding through practical application.

As part of our English work, we've been thinking about inspirational figures and what we can learn from their lives. Each class chose a person to research and write biographies about. Indigo class focused on Sir David Attenborough, while Emerald class explored the life and legacy of Frida Kahlo. These role models have helped us reflect on our own ambitions and the kind of people we hope to become in the future.



Year 5 - This half term, our topic is Terrible Tudor! We are learning about Henry VIII's giant appetite to gruesome executions, we are looking at and exploring one of history's most famous dynasties...

We looked at the famous painter Hans Holbein the younger, the talented artist who captured the faces of Tudor royalty! With his keen eye for detail and masterful brushstrokes, Holbein painted iconic portraits of Henry VIII.

Aspiration day was a huge success, we chose Steve Jobs as our class icon and wrote a class biography about him. The children embraced their future dreams, dressing up as the professionals they aspire to become. It was inspiring to see their creativity and ambition shone through their costumes and characters.





Year 6 - Gosh, we are starting to feel emotional about our wonderful Year 6 children getting ready to move on to their next adventure in Year 7 in their new secondary schools. We are really enjoying these last few weeks with them and there are lots of exciting things coming up in their final month at Fairholme. Here is another reminder of some of these things:

- **Friday 27th June** – KS2 PE Activity Day
- **Tuesday 1st July** – Year 6 Transition Day – children visit their new secondary schools
- **Friday 4th July** – Summer Fair @ 3.30pm (parents invited)
- **Friday 11th July** – Dance Festival (parents invited)
- **Tuesday 15th July** – Year 6 production @ 3.30pm – ‘The Pirates of the Curry Bean’ (parents invited)
- **Friday 18th July** – Year 6 Leaver’s Fair – organised and run by Y6 children during the school day for the rest of school
- **Monday 21st July** – Year 6 Graduation @ 2.00pm (parents; invited)
- **Tuesday 22nd July** – End of year assembly – finish school @ 12.30pm



Eco Schools

Last half term, all year groups created their own bug hotels. These ranged from cardboard B&Bs, hanging twig caravans, old furniture chalets and even posh hotels.

Year 2 and Year 4 won the competition

Next...

This half term we are continue to develop our recycling routines and the Eco Warriors will be completing a single use plastic audit.

We will also be completing our Green Flag Application in the next few weeks before the Eco Warriors complete their work for this year.

Replacing Plastics with Other Materials at Home

Wooden Toothbrushes We're encouraged to replace our toothbrushes every 3 - 4 months. Just imagine how many toothbrushes you throw away in a lifetime! Wooden toothbrushes are a great alternative.	Gummed Paper Tape Sellotape is a very useful household item. We use it for wrapping presents, fixing broken objects and building models. But sellotape is made from plastic. Try biodegradable gummed paper tape instead.
Wooden Toys Plastic is a popular choice of material for toys because it is cheap, easily moulded and hardwearing. However, wooden toys are great fun too and much more sustainable.	Natural Fibre Wipes and Cloths Wet wipes are handy in any household but most wet wipes contain plastic and chemicals. You can use washable cloths made from natural fibres, such as cotton, instead.
Paper, Wooden or Metal Straws Straws are fun! But disposable plastic straws are harmful to the environment. Instead, choose reusable wood or metal straws or disposable paper straws.	Glass Food Tubs Instead of storing leftover food in plastic tubs, opt for glass. Glass tubs are durable, better for the environment and do not contain any harmful chemicals.
Natural Fibre Clothes Clothes made from synthetic materials, such as polyester or nylon, contain plastics. When you're buying clothes, look for natural fabrics, such as cotton and hemp.	Natural Fibre Bags Remember to take a cotton bag with you when you head to the shops so that you don't need to purchase a plastic carrier.

