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# Foxdell Primary School

Growing, Learning and Achieving Together

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## NEWSLETTER : Friday 27 September / Autumn Term: Issue: 2

### Head Teacher's Corner

Dear Families,

The last two weeks have been really busy and it's been wonderful to see how well the children have settled into their new classes and how well they are following the Foxdell Way.

Last week we were pleased to announce our Year 6 prefects for 2024-25. All of the children in Year 6 were invited to apply to become a prefect and 12 children were selected. The prefects have important jobs to do in order to ensure smooth day-to-day running and organisation of the school day.

We also announced a new School Council. Each class used the British Value of Democracy, to vote for a school council member who will represent their class for this year.

Thank you for attending the welcome to the year group meetings over the past couple of weeks. We hope you found these informative. The curriculum maps for this half term are available on our school website in the year group pages. If you do have questions or concerns about anything that has happened in school, please speak with your child's teacher in the first instance as they are best placed to help.

Thank you to all the families that are supporting our school uniform policy and ensuring that your child is in the correct clothing. We are a uniform school and it is important that all children are dressed in the correct school uniform and PE kit on PE days. The full list of our school uniform can be found on our website. Please remember that long hair must be tied back and children may only wear small stud earrings which must be removed on PE days. We have already accumulated some unnamed items of lost property which look brand new, and we have no way of returning them to the owner!

Best wishes,

Mrs R Nisar  
 Headteacher



Dates for the Diary:

**Monday 30th September**  
**3.30-3.50pm**

KS2 Reading Cafe

**Tuesday 1st October** ●  
**9.00am**

Positive Parenting  
 Workshop at the Junior  
 Site

**Wednesday 2nd October**  
 ● 9.00am

Macmillan Coffee  
 Morning- Junior Site

**Wednesday 9th October**  
 ● 2.30pm

Year 1 Phonics Workshop  
 for Parents

**Friday 11th October**  
 Year 2 trip to Stockwood  
 Park

Year 5 and 6 Girls Rugby  
 at Luton RFC

### Starting School/ High School in September 2025

If you have a child that is due to start school next September (born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021), the online application is now open on the Luton Borough Council's Website. Applications must be made by 15th January 2025. Please spread the word amongst the community for parents who have children of school age next year. Please note, our admissions are through Luton Borough Council and therefore forms cannot be submitted to the school.

If your child is starting **secondary school in September 2025**, the online application is also now open. **Parents with children in Year 6 have until 31st October to complete the online application.** You will need to apply via the Luton Borough council website.

Please refer to the starting school guide which can be found on our website:

<https://foxdell.secure-primariesite.net/transition-to-high-school/>

Details of high open days can be found in the starting school guide.



### HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be holding our school Harvest Assembly during October and will be collecting donations for the Luton Food Bank. We would be very grateful if you are able to support us to support the Food Bank. Items needed include tins, dried foods, long life milk, juice, cereal, tea and coffee. Children can bring donations to their classrooms. Thank you for your kindness.

**Don't forget the Reading Cafe at the Infant Site- every Thursday morning in your child's class!**



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

The new attendance guidelines came into place from 19th August 2024. More information and FAQs about attendance can be found on our school website: <https://www.foxdellprimary.uk/attendance-1/>

Government guidance can be found here:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

We are open for 190 days in a school year which equates to 380 sessions including the morning and afternoon registration.



**Our whole school attendance target is 96%**

The class with the best attendance each week wins the attendance trophy and receives a best attendance certificate. Children in Reception receive a lucky dip prize if they have 100% attendance for the week. Attendance for the last two weeks:

Class	Attendance WB 16.9.24	Attendance WB 23.9.24	Class	Attendance WB 16.9.24	Attendance WB 23.9.24	Class	Attendance WB 16.9.24	Attendance WB 23.9.24
Wrens	97.8%	94.8%	Badgers	97.2%	97.9%	Ash	96.2%	97.7%
Swifts	98.7%	97.1%	Hedgehogs	95.5%	94.7%	Ivy	94.1%	99%
Robins	97.3%	98%	Chestnuts	95.7%	96.1%	Cedar	98.6%	95.5%
Dragonflies	97.8%	97.9%	Acorns	97.3%	97.8%	Kestrels	97.9%	95.2%
Ladybirds	98%	99.3%	Pinecones	97.3%	98.7%	Kites	97%	99.3%
Butterflies	92.7%	96.6%	Beech	98.6%	96.4%	Eagles	97.9%	88.6%
Squirrels	98.8%	99.2%	Oak	99.6%	95.6%			



**Our Class H.E.R.O's for Week ending 20.9.24 and 27.9.24 are:**

**Infant Site: Squirrels & Ladybirds**

**Junior Site: Oak & Kites**

# STARS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to our STARS for the week ending 16.9.24 and 23.9.24

Robins	Wrens	Swifts	Dragonflies	Ladybirds	Butterflies	Badgers	Squirrels
			Menaal Taman Hasnain Muskaan	Haleema Hayah Ahmed Chimamanda	Ezaan Maram Azhaan Hussam	Zuhair Harrison Hud Aizah H	Yusuf Roxana Adam Fatima
Hedgehogs	Chestnuts	Acorns	Pinecones	Beech	Oak	Ash	Ivy
Arfa Faiyaz Tawseef Vanessa	Venice M Hasrat S Aamna H Mohammed W	Samar Favour Maya Nabil	M.Asghar Hikmat Salim Qurb	Jessica David Eshaal Abubakar	Ammara Birpartap Maya Younus	Ajwa Saleh Raymond Aizha	Lily Tarek Rayyan Saffiyah
		Cedar	Kestrels	Kites	Eagles		
		Sofia Tony Aysha Haris	Rosie Eric Sara Ibraheem H	Aizah Musa H Noor Manseerat	Rayyan Ayah Raheel Hafsa		



Our Value for Autumn 1 is



We have been learning about our linked values **COURAGE** and

## Courage



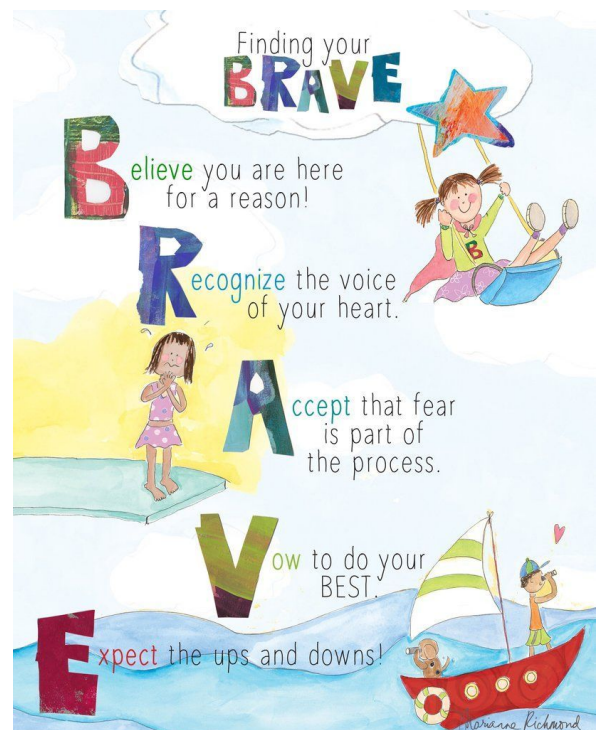
We can show courage by:

- Being brave and face difficulties
- Doing something by yourself for the first time
- Helping someone that is in need

## Honesty

We can show we are honest by:

- Telling the truth
- Being true to ourselves and to others
- Admitting to our mistakes
- Doing the right thing



# Around our School



## Foxdell Macmillan Coffee Morning

Come along and join us for coffee and cake to support  
Macmillan Cancer Research.

Venue: **Foxdell Junior Site** on Wednesday 2nd October 2024

Time: 9:00am-10:00am

Cost: Charity Donation- cakes and biscuits will be on sale

Donations of shop bought cakes/biscuits or money are welcome prior  
to the event.

For further information please contact the Family Workers.

An opportunity to meet new parents and the Family Workers and socialise over a  
cuppa and cakes!



## Family Workers Corner



### ESOL & ICT course for parents

Enrollment 9am, Monday 16th September - JUNIOR site



**ESOL Classes**  
English for Speakers of Other  
Languages

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please join us, Wednesday 2nd October at 9am for the Macmillan Coffee Morning in  
raising money for Cancer Research. An opportunity to meet and greet the Family  
Workers and other parents.



### Parent Survey

Please look out for the parent survey we will send out for you to complete, providing us  
with valuable information about your child's needs and interests. If you require any  
support in completing the survey please contact the school office and ask for the family  
worker.



# Around our School



**Our extreme reading challenge is back!  
Take a photo of yourself reading a book at  
an unusual place!**

**BEST ENTRIES WILL RECEIVE A £5 BOOK VOUCHER**

**Send your entries to [admin@foxdellprimary.uk](mailto:admin@foxdellprimary.uk)  
Deadline for entries is Monday 7th October**

# Around our School

## Grafham Water Residential Year 5 and 6



On Monday 16th September, 28 children from Year 5 and Year 6 attended a residential at Grafham Water. During the three days there, all the children took part in rock climbing, archery, high wire climbing, crate stacking, paddle boarding, kayaking, canoeing and orienteering!

The children were very responsible and made their own beds and even stripped them when it was time to go home. The children represented Foxdell well and made us very proud!



**A very special thank you goes to the three staff members - Ms Noor, Mrs Hermans and Mr Shaukat - for attending the trip and ensuring it ran smoothly! 🙌**



# Around our School



Today we launched **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)**. Mrs Williams and Mrs Glover came dressed as Rock Stars to share the assembly and gave the children lots of information about the importance of knowing their times tables as well as how they can progress through the TTRS challenges.



## TTRS CELEBRATION



Each week we will celebrate:

- the top 3 children in each year group (The focus this term will be accuracy)
- any children who turn their heat map GREEN- children must make sure they let their teacher know when this happens!

Children's names will be put onto the whole school display and into the school newsletter.



# Around our School



## European Day of Languages 26.9.24

On Thursday 26th September, all the children across Foxdell Primary School celebrated the European Day of Languages. This day celebrates all languages across Europe. The children learn about the importance of celebrating and learning other European languages.

Each class selected a European country. They learnt about their chosen country, finding out many amazing and interesting facts. The children also learnt how to say simple phrases and count in their chosen countries language. Some classes even learnt a traditional dance.



The children thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in another countries culture and language.



# Around our School

## Year R

In Reception this week, we have learnt all about the importance of dental hygiene and have been practising brushing our teeth every day after lunch.

We have learnt to use of creative areas in our classrooms and outside, and have created our own class birds out of modelling materials. We have then created a display of these, along with the facts we have learnt about Robins, Wrens and Swifts.



## Year 1

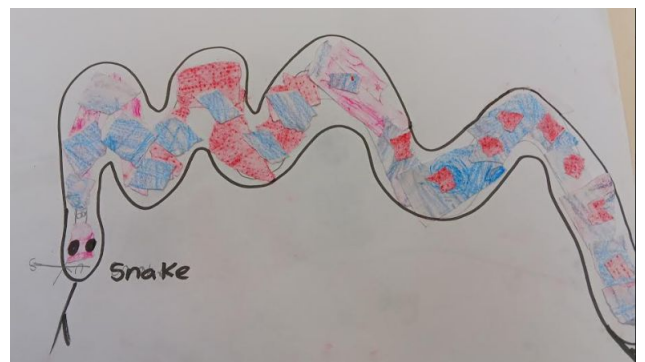
The children have been learning more about primary and secondary colours in Art. They have been learning about how to add colour mixing when painting. They were inspired by 'Numbers in Color' by Jasper Johns to create their own version.



## Year 2

We have been practising balancing skills in PE. We have been balancing on the floor as well as on the tall equipment.

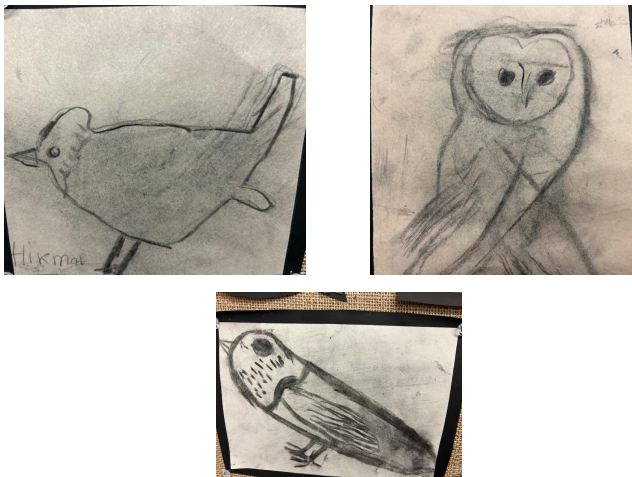
In Art, we have been exploring the work of an artist called Ernst Frottage and we have created some beautiful pieces inspired by his art.



# Around our School

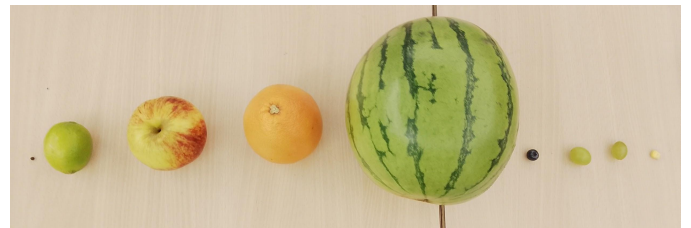
## Year 3

Our topic this half term is Stone Age. The children have been learning about cave paintings and how they were used to record historical events.



## Year 5

In science, we have been learning about the size of the planets in our solar system by comparing them to fruit.



We have also been learning our warning story structure so that we can start writing our own exciting stories.

## Year 4

This week, we have launched the Mastering Numbers program. This will help us to develop our multiplication and division knowledge and will help to develop fluency and number facts.

Story	Counters	Expression
Mo has 4 coins. Each coin has a value of 20 pence.		$4 \times 20$
There are 25 pupils in each class. There are 5 classes.		$5 \times 25$
There are 100 cars on each level of a car park. There are 3 levels.		$3 \times 100$
There are 34 rooms on each floor of a hotel. There are 7 floors.		$7 \times 34$

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

## Year 6

Pupils have been busy this week, designing and creating their own thaumatropes as part of their history project.

After reading lots of amazing applications, 12 pupils have successfully been awarded prefect. They will be carrying out important duties over the year and welcoming visitors into our school.





At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **FINAL FANTASY XIV**



### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The video game Final Fantasy XIV launched in 2010, and, despite being critically panned, it saw an overhaul that has made it one of the biggest success stories in gaming. Its huge world, epic story and versatile combat system have continued to draw in new players, but there's a lot that trusted adults need to be aware of – not least the cost of paying monthly to play.

#### ALWAYS ONLINE

Final Fantasy XIV is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Much like World of Warcraft, players create a character in a chosen class and level up by completing quests to gain power and items. The game requires a constant internet connection, whether you're playing on PC, Mac, PlayStation or Xbox, and there's no option to play offline.

#### REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As with similar titles in the genre, players can purchase expansions to unlock additional content for the game. Those without the expansions will be locked out of certain new quests and activities, meaning that young people who play regularly will potentially have the next release earmarked on their calendar, ready to buy it as soon as possible.

#### IN-GAME PURCHASES & SUBSCRIPTION FEE

Users need to pay £8.99 per month to play Final Fantasy XIV, but there is a free trial. If someone stops paying, they'll lose access to their character (although they'll be able to pick up the payments again and resume where they left off). If a player forgets to cancel their payments, however, those subscription fees will continue rolling on automatically.

#### VOICE & TEXT CHAT

Final Fantasy XIV lets players send chat messages in-game or speak to each other over voice chat. On the one hand, that provides plenty of choice for how those enjoying the game can interact with their fellow fans. On the other hand, however, it's easier than in many games to receive unprompted messages from a stranger, with whom you constantly share your play space.

#### VIOLENCE

While Final Fantasy XIV has a fairly light tone throughout some of its quests, many involve killing enemies and sometimes even wild animals. The violence isn't especially strong – more comparable to a cartoon or anime style – but the act alone may make some children feel uncomfortable, if they're not yet able to separate fictional harm from the real kind.

#### POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

As with World of Warcraft, there's an element of addiction to Final Fantasy XIV. The gameplay loop can be quite engrossing, as minutes turn into hours and hours into days while playing alone or with friends. This can potentially lead to missing real-life events, a lack of interest in any activities not related to the game and procrastination around responsibilities like schoolwork.

**FREE TRIAL**

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### MANAGE PLAYTIME

Playtime limits are a great way to counter the addictive qualities of games like Final Fantasy XIV. They allow you to discuss why it's still important to enjoy things outside of gaming while still letting a child enjoy playing online with their friends when it makes sense to do so. It's all well and good to have fun with a game, so long as they're able to step away and reconnect with the real world.



#### PLAY TOGETHER

The free trial makes it extremely easy to jump into Final Fantasy XIV and play alongside a child, provided they're old enough. Not only does that help you ensure that settings are adjusted for their privacy and safety, but it may also end up becoming a bonding experience for you both and any other family members that want to try it out.



#### MAKE USE OF THE FREE TRIAL

The Final Fantasy XIV free trial is a generous one, with no limits on how long someone can play until their character hits level 70. That's easily dozens of hours for a child to go through the game, complete quests, and see if they enjoy it before purchasing expansions or subscribing to a membership. They may well move on to something else before you need to spend so much as a penny.



#### REMEMBER, IT'S A PEGI 16

Despite its often-relaxing nature, Final Fantasy XIV carries a PEGI 16 rating for violence and drugs (although the latter is due to a character smoking a pipe on occasion). There's minimal blood, but characters can attack enemies (and other players) with weapons and spells. Take a look at some gameplay videos to see if the content is appropriate for a younger player.



#### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor-in-Chief of GGRecon, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A longtime fan of online games, he's also a parent, and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has previously been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/final-fantasy-14>

# SEND/ Health and Wellbeing



**HILLBOROUGH  
JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Hillborough Rd,  
Chapel Langley, Luton  
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**SWAN** is a support group for all parents and carers of autistic family members living in Luton. The meeting is hosted by the Autism Team, in partnership with Hillborough Junior School.

Please join us for a hot drink, conversation, and the opportunity to share information and advice on a range of topics in a supportive environment.

*We do not expect parents to bring children to these meetings. The meeting is open to all parents and carers living in Luton*

## 2024–2025 Meeting Dates Wednesdays 10-11.30am

2nd October	27th November
29th January	19th March
21st May	25th June



Contact the Autism Team (SENS): [SENS.Training1@luton.gov.uk](mailto:SENS.Training1@luton.gov.uk) for more information, including details about FLAG, our online support group.

*Osoby zainteresowane spotkaniem z polskim konsultantem mogą zgłosić swój udział emailem*

*If you would like to talk with our Polish speaking Advisor at the meetings, please notify us by email.*



# SEND/ Health and Wellbeing



## Luton and Bedfordshire Speech and Language Therapy Service

The Children's Speech and Language Therapy service in Luton and Bedfordshire provide training opportunities for ALL children of ALL ages.

## Virtual Workshops

Many virtual workshops are open to all, some are available for either staff only or parents/carers only, please check the website for details. Topics include;

- Introduction to SLC
- Pre-verbal Communication
- Early Language development
- Speech Sounds
- Makaton
- Questions
- Vocabulary and Narrative

Visit the link below for more information and please book early to avoid disappointment.

[childspeechbedfordshire.nhs.uk/training/](https://childspeechbedfordshire.nhs.uk/training/)

Email: [ccs.beds.childrens.slt.training@nhs.net](mailto:ccs.beds.childrens.slt.training@nhs.net)

# Community

## Design a Christmas Character Competition

### How to enter:-

- Design a Christmas Character on an A4 piece of paper
- Write your Name, Age, School and a contact number on the back
- Post or deliver your entry to Luton Point, Centre Management, 37 Luton Point, Bedfordshire LU1 2LJ



**L** Luton Point

## Win £1000 for your school Christmas Character Competition

The winning entry wins £1,000 for their school and a prize bundle for the winning artist. **Enter today!**

The overall winner's character will be used in our Christmas marketing campaign in centre and across our social media pages.

For full details please see our website.