



# FOX WOOD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## Important Dates

Our Website address: [www.foxwoodschoo.org.uk](http://www.foxwoodschoo.org.uk)

## Message from Lucinda

### Friday 31 March

*School closes for Easter*

### Monday 17 April

*School re-opens*

### Monday 1 May

*May Day—School closed*

### Monday 8 May

*School closed for Coronation*

### Friday 26 May

*School closes to pupils*

### Monday 5 June

*School re-opens*



Every time I start writing a piece for our newsletter I take the opportunity to reflect – and marvel if I am honest - upon all that we have done and achieved together in a matter of weeks. I also always (sometimes!?) try to curb my enthusiasm, plans, and pace, to remind myself that we can't do everything we might want to, well not always as quickly as we'd like, and that maybe we will have to slow down a bit . . . and then I remember who my Team are, and know that we will continue to shine together, to create possibilities, and to work at a pace that is truly awesome – and that we choose to do this for our children, young people and families, because you inspire us, and you make the world a better place for us . . . and for that we Thank You!

So – over the Spring term we have enjoyed a variety of musical, physical, creative, therapeutic/wellbeing, outdoor experiences and adventures outside of the scope of our core curriculum, and pupils have engaged in learning within school, in forest school, in the community, and in the world of work – this is an area in which we are making huge strides across school, but particularly within Key Stages 4 and 5 (at college.)

Yesterday we hosted a variety of events – including our Live Music Now Easter Concerts, our Easter Egg Hunt and an Inclusive Breakfast Meeting for business representatives – it was an incredibly busy day, and probably not the best planning for so many things to happen on one day, however – as always – everyone stepped up to play their part, and created the most wonderfully positive atmosphere in all of the events. Within our breakfast meeting (which we arranged with our partners at The Cheshire and Warrington Pledge) I had the opportunity to present to business leaders, and those who champion Inclusion within their workplaces, about the career-related learning that happens for all pupils/students at Woolston Learning Village, and beyond. I was also extremely proud of pupils and staff from Classes 11 and 13 who supported the hosting of the refreshments, and in particular to Joe and Sarah, who shared their views about their work experience opportunities to a large audience- no mean feat at all – but as always they made me incredibly proud and proved how much our pupils can achieve when we give them the opportunities and the strategies/tools to shine. I was told afterwards by audience members that they were “amazed”, “inspired” and “astonished” and one of the audience members was particularly keen to learn more about the communication aids that many of our pupils use to support them in sharing their views. This is, in many ways, a first step into a slightly different world to ours – the world of Business, and I can't lie it is a step that is incredibly exciting, but also a little daunting. I am committed, however, to breaking down barriers for our pupils/students and the wider SEND community in terms of the world of work (where this is meaningful, appropriate and in line with our pupils' aspirations), and so we will be leaping forwards to see what further possibilities we can create – if this is something you/your family think you could assist with, or which your workplace could, then please do get in touch!



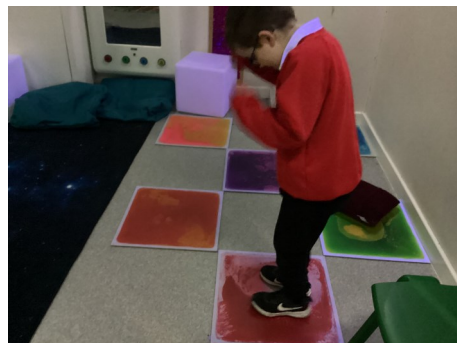
## ECO Schools

This half term, we have been very busy behind the scenes working hard towards our ECO schools Green Flag renewal. We have completed a whole school litter pick and made our pledge to Keep Britain Tidy. All pupils engaged really well in the event and took pride in ensuring our school grounds are litter free and kept tidy.

The ECO committee have set their action plan and working hard towards our targets, gathering evidence, engaging in events and evaluating what we have been up too. We have designed an ECO suggestion sheet to enable children to put forward any suggestions they have to develop our ECO Schools here at Fox Wood. We also have a new curriculum document to support our learning which can be located on the ECO tab on the website. We will keep you updated with our progress towards the Green Flag.

This year for **World Book Day**, Class 3 arranged that we all celebrated the contribution that books made to our lives, by inspiring others to pick up a book and read. We brought books in from home to share with our friends and we came into school dressed in our comfiest clothes. Some classes studied Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - based around lots of immersive chocolate experiences and others went into the Forest Schools area to explore The Stick Man. We all had a great day .

Pupils are enjoying the new resources and equipment added to the multi-sensory room. We use the multi-sensory room for a range of lessons which helps to increase pupils independence as well as meeting sensory needs. Here are some pictures of our pupils exploring the new resources. Thanks, Alice



## GOOD NEWS

We have been trying to get Parent Pay for the last couple of years. Finally the Local Authority have agreed we can do this.

We are keeping everything crossed and hope to get this up and running next term. We will keep you posted.

**Other Notices - Dinner Money—Just a reminder that Dinner Money has increased to £2.40 per day, (£12.00 per week) This is still payable on the Friday for the following week and must be paid on a weekly basis or termly in advance.** Any monies sent into school must be in a sealed envelope with the pupil's name, the amount, and what the money is for, written clearly. School cannot take responsibility for any loose cash.

## **Pastoral Support**

### **Your School Lottery**

We are still involved with the 'Your School Lottery' - Well done to all our winners! If you would like to be involved, please follow the links on our social media page or please phone and speak to myself to ask for more information. The funds raised help go towards lots of love resources for our pupils.

### **Uniform Bank**

Our Uniform Bank is being well used - if you have any good quality used uniform, please pass this across to school or if you are in need of anything please reach out to school.

Remember that we have recently shared that pupils in lower school are also able to wear red polo shirts and upper school pupils blue (along with the white ones which you may currently have) This was from feedback from parents that the white polo shirts stain easily.

### **Friends of Fox Wood**

Anita (OT) hosted a positive coffee afternoon last half term which was attended by many of our parents. It was lovely to see so many of you attend.

### **Clothes Bin**

Please remember that we have our clothes bin which is situated to the right as you come through the school gates. Any clothes which you are donating are able to go in and will help to support school with additional funds.

If you are in need of any support, please remember I am contactable by email [rjohnston@foxwoodschool.org.uk](mailto:rjohnston@foxwoodschool.org.uk) or through the school office.

**Rachael, Pastoral Support Officer**

## **Movement Opportunities Via Education (MOVE)**

The MOVE programme at Fox Wood School meets the needs of those who are still developing the skills of: sitting, standing, walking, or transferring to the best of their ability/potential. MOVE helps to improve: the control of physical impairments, bone density, muscle tone, breathing, circulation, and digestion. MOVE enables children to lead more inclusive, healthy, happy meaningful lives.

Our MOVE team work with classes to support the pupils on the MOVE programme. We have a cohort of pupils who work towards their targets regularly, and are making great progress. We are proud of the hard work our pupils are doing and the progress they are making.

Well done MOVE superstars.



