



FOX WOOD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



December
2022

Important Dates

Friday 16 December
School closes for Christmas
Tuesday 3 January 2023
Inset Day for Staff
Wednesday 4 January 2023
School re-opens for pupils
20 January 2023
Epilepsy Awareness Day
Thursday 19 January 2023
Parents Evening
Friday 17 February 2023
School closes for half term

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair. We made £680 on the Raffle and Bottle Bola .

The classes all had a great time with their Enterprise projects, they made £300 profit.

We will keep you posted on what then children choose to spend their profit on!

Good bye

We have said goodbye to Teaching Assistants Louise Campbell, and Rebecca Tunney —they have both moved on to pastures new and we wish them luck.



Our Website address: www.foxwoodschool.org.uk

Message from Lucinda

As you know there is no 'quiet' time at Fox Wood – we like to forge ahead to create the most exciting, meaningful and rewarding experiences, learning opportunities and moments possible. 2022 has been another year full of vibrant, hopeful and awe-inspiring moments, and another year when our children and families have inspired us beyond words.

I have so many memorable moments from 2022 that I simply didn't know where to begin – and so, as so often, I turned to my team for help and support – this time in the shape of Robyn (Head Pupil) and JonJay (Deputy Head Pupil.) As always they (and the staff supporting them) leapt straight into action and provided me with their three favourite things from 2022.

Robyn was true to her election manifesto and highlighted - once again - the importance and joy of cooking activities (I'm sure that the 'free treats' that Caroline offers for those who consistently put their best effort into these activities isn't the only motivator, but Robyn's cheeky smile around this would suggest that they can be a factor!) Robyn also shared that she's continued to love Music lessons and experiences (and with Janet leading the way who can blame her!) Robyn's third 'magical moment' of 2022 was meeting and making a new friend in Emma, who joined Class 14 earlier this year, which highlights the importance and joy which our ever growing Fox Wood family bring to us all.

JonJay told me that this has been a very exciting year for him and Class 11, and so he too found it difficult to only pick three 'best' moments – however JonJay loves to fulfil his role and help me (and others) and so he gave it some serious thought and then shared the following three activities that he has particularly enjoyed this year:

The Sports Day at Orford Jubilee Hub where he most enjoyed rowing. Being part of making a film with his friends ('The Fox Wood Fiend') – and using this to help people feel good. Presenting during 'Enterprise Week' – Rita let me know that JonJay has taken a leading role in presenting on behalf of Class 11 three times this week (as several people were so keen to know about their product.) JonJay told me that he had enjoyed, and is proud of, the fact the he designed the character, logo and some additional 'fun facts' relating to the character to further enhance Class 11's marketing strategy – so watch out world, because Fox Wood may well be looking for further opportunities to show off our entrepreneurial skills in 2023!

I know that some of these moments (and many more) have been available for you to view at home via Evidence for Learning and/or Social Media: If you don't follow us already please remember to check out 'Fantastic Fox Wood' on Facebook and/or Twitter – and if you don't have an account on either of those but want to see our Christmas 2022 – Team Fox Wood greeting then you can also access this on YouTube via 'Fantastic Fox Wood.' This is another masterpiece of commitment and brilliance from our staff and pupils, most notably this year's Creative Director Becks, and I am, as always, beyond proud and grateful to be able to share our achievements with you in this way.

As I hang my hat up (just for now – apparently wearing it in January is not okay!!) I would like to wish you - on behalf of myself, our Governors and Staff - all a Very Merry Christmas . . . here's to many more awesome adventures together in 2023!



Uniform Bank

Our 'Uniform Bank' is now up and running. If you need any uniform, please let your child's class team know through the home school diary.

We are still after skirts and smaller sizes. We have lots of 9-10 which is fantastic. Thank you to everyone who has donated already, you have made a real difference to some of our families already. If you have any good quality uniform which you can donate, please send this in with your child or hand in at the school office.

Your School Lottery

Your School Lottery is still up and running and has been raising lots of funds for school. Thank you to everyone who is involved. If you would like to join, please use the link below or google 'Your School Lottery – Fox Wood School' [Support Fox Wood School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)

Clothes Bin

The clothes bin is still situated near the bins at College, this is another way which we are raising funds for school. If you have any unwanted clothes, please ensure that these are bagged before being put in. If the bin is full, please save your donations as they are unable to take bags next to the clothing bin.

Rachael, Pastoral Support Officer

Class 10 have been going to the park this half term to listen for environmental sounds. We have been able to listen and make choices using symbols. We have enjoyed hearing different animal sounds and reading stories in nature.



This term, class 11 have been exploring the theme "hobbies and interests". As part of this theme, they have had the opportunity to share aspects of their lives which they are particularly interested in with their peers and explain what it is about their hobbies that they like so much. Pupils have been developing their social skills, particularly active listening and question asking, to further develop their understanding of their friends' hobbies and further strengthen their friendships. The pupils have been enjoying this topic and are looking forward to the learning opportunities which it is going to present them with in the coming weeks.

Children In Need

Class 12 asked everyone to come to school wearing something different. Staff and pupils came wearing pyjamas, Pudsey outfits and lots of different clothes. We did lots of Children in Need activities - such as decorating biscuits, decorating Pudsey pictures and craft. We raised £85

Thank you



Community Champion

My name is Geta, I am excited about my new role as Community Champion. In this role, my aim is to support pupils with their well-being. I want them to experience and have access to the wider community to enhance their learning.

I will also be leading Forest School sessions offsite, where pupils will engage in nature activities. I'd like to get parent engagement in school and support me with lots of great ideas for pupils and parent well-being. I love organising school events. Our recent one was the Santa Dash, which was back at Woolston Park. It was a huge success, with parents/carers joining us in the fun. The pupils really enjoyed it, as staff did too. I have already made a good start this year in this role, and the pupils have benefitted massively.



DINNER MONEY

The cost is £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.