



October 2017 Termly Tale

Heads' news

Welcome back everyone to a new school year. We hope you all had a wonderful summer despite the weather. The term seems to have whizzed by so quickly and it doesn't seem that long ago since we were on our summer holidays. We have had quite a busy term with the Macmillan Coffee morning, Harvest Festival and weekly music sessions with Lee Chaos.

The building work continues with only a small amount of disruption initially to the school. The pupils enjoyed watching and cheering on the digger knocking down the walls of the resources and speech and language therapy rooms. It's amazing how quickly it was demolished. Before the building could be knocked down there was an archaeological dig and some children in Class 4 donned hard hats and visited the archaeological site to watch the archaeologists digging very carefully to look for remains. They found a brooch, and some pottery. This has all been taken away to be cleaned up and examined. Thankfully it did not delay the building work too much.

Many thanks to Tina, Sarah and Kim, play scheme leaders for ensuring that pupils had a great time on the summer scheme despite the disruptions to the school. They had some wonderful outings on the Willow boat and to Bournstream and Westonbirt. Parents always appreciate the summer scheme and the staff who organise it.

Congratulations to our leavers who sat OCR exams in May. Ryan Lyne achieved Entry Level 2 in English, Entry level 3 in Maths and PE. Ellie Wilson achieved Entry level 2 in English and Entry level 3 in Maths. Entry level 3 is the highest level they can achieve so well done to both of them. Georgia Stoneman, Dominic King and Chloe Preece all achieved certificates in Life and Living Skills.

We look forward to seeing you all in school at many of the functions that are coming up in the run up to Christmas such as the Christmas plays and Carol Service.

Have a wonderful half term break.

Jennie Walsh and Julie Mantell

Harvest Festival

Paternoster Harvest Festival was held on 10th October this year. The focus was on harvest celebrations around the world and how we should all respect the diversity of celebrations and traditions. We were joined by a few parents to sing songs and listen to what the pupils had learnt about. Donations of food were collected for the food bank.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year's Macmillan coffee morning and parents' morning was held on 29th September. As usual pupils from Class 6 helped out in the hall to welcome parents and grandparents to the school. We raised £65 for this cause. Thank you to all who donated cakes.

National Poetry Day

Each year we celebrate National Poetry Day, which was 28th September this year. Classes worked on a variety of activities linked to the poems they chose.



Values day

This term the value was Respect and we started off with a day to focus on Respect and an assembly to share our thoughts. The board in the hall was decorated with art and work pupils had completed on this value.

Introducing your first Forest Green Rovers Football Club School Ambassador



We wanted to share with you some exciting news regarding one of our local football clubs. For those of you who don't know FGR are 2 miles up the hill from Nailsworth and have been in existence since 1889. Last year they successfully gained promotion to EFL League Two, playing against amongst others Swindon Town and Cheltenham Town.

William Fletcher is our first school ambassador - he lives in Forest Green and his family have historically played for the club. He and his Mum and Dad have started going to the home games on a Saturday and wanted to let you know what a great afternoon out it is. There are some disabled spaces for wheelchairs etc. and plenty of food for halftime (no meat I'm afraid as the owner of the club Dale Vince who owns Ecotricity too is a vegan). Don't let that put you off though Mum has assured me the food is delicious!!!

You'll see on the front door and notice board in the foyer at school details of the up and coming match dates together with copies of the Green Devil flyer produced by the supporters' club giving you more information about the team. They are also pocket size leaflets detailing all the games for the 2017/2018 season.

As part of the Ambassador package we are looking to arrange a visit to the club for our keen footballers as well as a player visit to the school.

FGR have kindly given the school some half price tickets to any game during this season and these will be handed out on a first come first served basis. Please contact Mrs Walsh if you are interested.

Lastly the only thing left to say is 'COME ON YOU ROVERS'.

Measles Alert

Public Health England has informed us that there have been a number of confirmed measles cases in Gloucestershire. Parents are being asked to remain vigilant for signs and symptoms of measles and keep themselves or children away from nursery, school or work if they display symptoms. You should stay off work or school for four days after the typical measles rash has developed. Measles is a highly infectious viral illness that can be very unpleasant and sometimes lead to serious complications. Most people recover from measles after around 7 -10 days.

Parish Carol Service

The annual parish carol service will take place at Cirencester parish church on Sunday 3rd December - all welcome.

Building works update

The building works at Paternoster are on track and moving forward swiftly. Plans have been drawn up for the new garden and the new sensory room. Pupils and staff had a talk by the archaeologists who were working on site ahead of the demolition works. Pupils had a great time watching the demolition of the old building.

