



Special News!

Mrs Foxwell will be going on maternity leave in February. We are delighted for both Mr and Mrs Foxwell and wish them both every happiness with their 'bundle to be' – our first Beacon Baby! Mrs Foxwell will return to us after her maternity leave, with final dates yet to be confirmed.

Plans are being implemented to ensure that a high quality replacement for Mrs Foxwell is arranged, ensuring a smooth experience for our children. We have a very effective and talented staff team and we look forward to welcoming a new staff member into our Academy.

I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Mrs Foxwell, and her husband, all the best for the exciting times that lie ahead.

Reception (EYFS) News!

This week in Reception, the children have had a problem to solve! On Wednesday poor Humpty Dumpty fell off the wall and made a mess on the playground! The children had to work as detectives to solve the problem and came up with some fantastic ideas to fix him together again. The next day we were all very excited when a parcel arrived in the classroom. It was Humpty Dumpty and he was fixed! The boys and girls were so excited that their ideas had worked and celebrated for the rest of the day.

In phonics, the children are continuing to work very hard and we are making huge progress with blending. In Maths, we have also been learning about repeating patterns and making our own. In our topic work, the children are discussing the changes in weather and what we need to wear now the weather is getting colder.



Head lice

Please ensure that you check your child's hair regularly (boys and girls) and use the special comb on a weekly basis.

If you do spot any eggs or lice, please ensure that you then treat this thoroughly to prevent any further spread. In addition to the hair lotion, the most effective way to eliminate the lice is to comb your child's hair twice a day for at least two weeks with the special narrow comb, available from any chemist. If you do not go through this process for the period of time suggested, they will return. Repeat cases of head lice are often a result of not ensuring that they have been fully removed on the first occasion.

Please support us to keep the cases of head lice to a minimum. This does require everyone to be following the advice above and working collaboratively to deal with this issue. It can be a common problem in all schools but this will help us to continue keep the number of cases to a minimum at BPA.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Year 1 News!

In English we have had our first attempt at story writing. We are re-telling the story 'Giraffes Can't Dance'. The children have been trying very hard to remember our class sentence potion (capital letters, finger spaces, full stops) and to also include conjunctions, to write on the line and to our form letters beautifully. So far, Miss Short and Mrs Porter have been very impressed!

In Maths, we have looked at how to solve worded subtraction problems. We need to remember to circle the key information in our worded problem to help us write our calculation that we need to solve. Year 1 are Maths wizards!

In History, we are learning about Queen Elizabeth I, her cruel ways and disgusting habits; something the children have really relished hearing about!

In RE, we attended a mock Christening; some of the Year 1 pupils acted out the roles of the parents, vicar and godparents. We learned that a Christening is to welcome the baby into God's family and that the parents and godparents promise to support the baby and teach them about God as they grow older. The class then returned back to the village hall (Year 1 classroom) for a Christening party where we all enjoyed a yummy piece of Christening cake.

Another busy week in Year 1! Enjoy some well-deserved rest over the weekend!



Skegness Rotary Club Appeal



Please send in as many buttons as you can to support this appeal. The buttons will be used to raise money to send to the relief effort in the Caribbean, following the recent devastation in this area of the world.

Year 2 News!

In Year Two this week, we have been writing a narrative based on a picture Miss Struggles found on Pobble, a website full of amazing images. The photograph that we used on this occasion was of a secluded beach. We created a story map to help aid our writing but we only did part of it together, we then had to do the rest independently. Throughout the week we used our story maps to change our pictures into words and what a great job of this we did.

In Maths, we have been looking at multiplication and repeated addition. We have moved our learning on to using the number line to help solve multiplication problems and we even went on to further develop our skills by solving some pretty tricky problems. In the words of one of class, 'This week has been awesome, I love Year 2!'

We hope this continues throughout the year and carry on impressing our adults with our amazing work, great attitude and enthusiasm for learning.



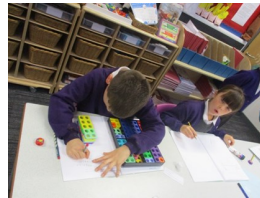
Year 3 News!

In English, we have been identifying the features of a Kenning poem. We have also written our own Kennings based on our topic work, all about famous landmarks in the UK. We have written about Stonehenge, York Minster and Angel of the North.

In Maths, we have been focusing on division and solving division calculations using a variety of methods. We have also been solving division problems by using our own 'problem solving checklist'.

In Topic, we have been designing our own information guide all about famous landmarks in the UK. Ask us all about it!

In P.E, we have been improving our football skills and putting them into practice during break times. Mr Parker is very impressed with us and we hope to play a match next week.



Year 4 News!

We've had another busy week in Y4 with everyone working very hard. The Lemurs have been studying the style of persuasive writing, using teachers' pink and green pens to mark Larry the Lemur's work. Their poems and prayers for harvest are also coming along brilliantly with some children writing them at home too – wow! In Maths, we have been practising our times tables as well as problem solving with 4-digit numbers. We are developing our map reading skills by finding and comparing the compass direction of our homes from BPA. In Art, we have been learning about Gustav Klimt's 'Tree of Life' and have started planning our own in our sketch books. Our football skills are really developing now. It was certainly a fresh day out there too, so don't forget your tracksuits next week!



Other News and Reminders

- On Friday 20th October (the last day of term), we will be taking part in an event called, 'show racism the red card'. The children will be able to wear non-uniform but will need to wear something red and donate £1 to this charity event. Promoting tolerance and being accepting of difference is so important and something we promote heavily at school.
- Please remember to donate any non-perishable food items for our harvest collection. You are all invited to join our Harvest Assembly on Tuesday 17th October (9am) that will be led by our Y4 children, with all of the year-groups joining in with performance of the songs.
- We will be opening up our developed woodland area so that you can have a quick look around this brilliant space that is now used regularly by all of the children.
- If your child does come home with the wrong jumper or cardigan, please return these as soon as possible to your child's class teacher so that they can be reunited with their owner. Thank you.

Our PTFA Group

Our PTFA group has always been a hugely successful team of parents (and staff) who work very hard to raise money and arrange special events for our BPA children. The group was initially created and led by Mrs Wright/Mrs Crow and a number of other staff and parents, but now that this group is so well established and the Academy is constantly growing, it has been appropriate, and only right, for this group to evolve and develop. A new Chair Person has now been elected and I am delighted that Mrs Greig has taken on this role. She is already getting the existing group of amazing parents involved in new projects and she, along with the other group members, are keen to get more of you involved and part of the group. EVERYONE is welcome and I hope that you have been able to join the PTFA team in the Hall after school today to hear more about how you could contribute to this exciting work, greatly benefiting all of our BPA children. It is also an opportunity to share your ideas and get to know some new people who are also part of our school community. If you haven't been able to make it to the Hall today but would like to be involved, please see any member of the PTFA, or Mrs Crow, and they will point you in the right direction. Any help and involvement is gratefully received.