



Newsletter

Head Teacher Message

The new year has got off to a great start. Everybody returned from the Christmas break feeling refreshed and energized. The children are working hard and the results from the end of Autumn Term tests in reading, maths and GVPs were very encouraging indeed. We have just had our Academy Performance Review for the Spring Term. Maxine Clewlow, our Director of School visited the Academy for a full day to carry out a range of monitoring exercises including observing lessons, talking to members of staff, interviewing pupils and looking at the wider curriculum offer. The day was very successful and the school was judged as 'Good' in all areas. This is fantastic news and shows the incredible progress we have made in the last two years. This is great preparation for our pending OFSTED visit and we look forward to them coming to inspect our Academy in the future. Thanks for your continued support.

Dates for your Diary

FEB 5th	School Council at Forest Lodge Academy all day
Feb 11th	Y6 Height & Weight check
Feb 12/13	Y3 trips to Botanical Gardens
Feb 15th	School closes for Half Term

In the last Month...

- We had our Rock Steady Concert for the upper and lower school. Our school band, along with the choir performed a variety of songs which was a pleasure to listen to. Well done to our bands and the choir! If you would like your child to join the band then please contact the school office for further details about joining.
- On Friday 18th January, year 4 children took part in an enterprise day with other schools from across the trust. They learnt about the skills required to become a successful member of the community, took part in team building challenges and created a badge, magnet or mirror. They then had to work out their profit margin for their product. We hope to use these skills later in the academic year to design, create and sell a variety of products to make a profit.
- Children and staff have all received training to deliver the new Enterprise Award. This is an initiative designed by LEAD Academy Trust to promote the development of key attributes like resilience and creativity. Children will be able to collect points over the year when they are able to provide evidence from school or home to show they have met the criteria for that characteristic.
- Friday the 25th January was 'wear a funky scarf' day. We raised £260.58 for Charity Link which is a charity that supports local families. We had a fantastic day and the children really did wear some very funky scarves.
- The Dogs Trust spent a day with Year 6 teaching them about how to be safe around dogs when out and about in the community. They also delivered workshops on the scientific concept of inheritance and evolution.

British Values

21st-27th January

Mutual Respect

Our communities and families are made up of people of all ages. We can all benefit and learn from spending time with those who are both older and younger than us.

Important Notices

- We are still receiving requests for children to be taken out of school during term time for holidays. Any absence during term time can only be granted under exceptional circumstances and therefore time taken out for holidays will be unauthorised and you could receive a fine. Please support your child's learning and the school by only taking holidays during holiday periods. **Our overall attendance has dropped significantly due to holidays being taken during term time.**
- Please ensure that you check your child's book bag for important letters that we send out. Thanks in advance!
- You will have recently received a letter in the post requesting that you complete a simple form that allows us to use your email address. It is vitally important that you complete this and send it back to school ASAP. This will enable us to contact you via ParentAPP and therefore improve communication between school and parents.



Attendance Figures for 2018

Year 6 are the attendance champions for January 2019. Well done Y6! **Overall attendance for the school currently stands at 96.2%**

Year 3 – 94.62%

Year 4 – 95.95%

Year 5 – 94.66%

Year 6 – 96.12%



We value **your voice** and would like you to join us on our journey of improvement.