



Fairstead Life

06/11/15

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term holiday with your children. They have all returned to school refreshed and ready for the exciting and busy weeks ahead.

Nursery



A happy Casper who has joined Nursery



Harry concentrating on his artwork



Erin creating firework pictures

Reception

Reception children have been enjoying the myriad of colours and shapes of leaves on our grounds.





Careful measuring and counting



Year 1

Year 1 have been busy writing letters this week and enjoyed posting their finished work. Hopefully, they will be arriving at their destinations very soon...



The children have been developing their programming skills using the beebots and the matching app on the iPads.





For the start of their new topic on Toys through the Ages, please may your child bring in a favourite toy to discuss on Tuesday.

Year 2

As part of their Living Well topic Year 2 have listened to their hearts beat and felt their pulses in Science. In their Gymnastics PE lesson with Miss Woodyatt, Year 2 then checked their pulses before and after exercising on the boxes. Year 2 have worked scientifically to describe what happens to their body when they exercise and discussed how they feel after this exercise.



Year 3 and 4

Today, as part of their History topic, Years 3 and 4 visited Norwich Castle Museum. At the start of the day, the children were asked to discuss whether they felt that the Romans had a right to invade or whether Boudicca was right to rebel. During the course of the day, they came across two Iceni women and two Romans who tried to persuade them to their way of thinking. Despite the Romans having the most impressive weapons, the children continued to side with the Iceni against the Romans.



Brutus!



The children were fortunate to be able to handle genuine Roman artefacts.



Georgina was interested to learn that all Roman Soldiers had to be right handed.

Years 5 and 6

Blowing away the cobwebs after half term, Years 5 and 6 travelled through dense fog to Coldham Wind Farm at Wisbech in anticipation of their trip to the windfarm. To start, the children enjoyed a presentation describing the work carried out at Coldham

with a particular focus on issues with non-renewable energy. They then learnt how the wind powered turbines are a renewable alternative to fossil fuels. Following this, each child made their own wind turbine and tested it worked!

After lunch, the children donned hard hats, goggles and hi-vis jackets and jumped on the minibus for a short drive to see some of the wind turbines on the farm. The children took measurements using an anemometer to record wind speed and position on the Beaufort scale. They were even lucky enough to see the turbines changing direction! The trip was not complete without hugging the giant towers.





On Friday 20th November, Years 5 and 6 will be visiting Gressenhall as part of their studies of the Victorians. The children have taken home details of the clothing required for the day. Many thanks for your help in making the day even more memorable.

Match Reports

'The Fairstead U11 Girls went to Cherry Trees for a High Five Netball match on Wednesday, 4 November. Fairstead House won the toss and we were off to an amazing start, scoring within the first few seconds.

Fern, Emma Louise and Adele did a great job passing and moving the ball. Samantha and Lily did some good intercepting and keeping themselves open. Charlotte

defended really well, winning the ball back for Fairstead.

Eunsong, Emma Louise and Phoebe did some great shooting. In the first two periods the Fairstead Girls scored 9 goals, to Cherry Trees 1. Then in the next three periods Fairstead scored 17 to Cherry Trees 1. The final score ended with Fairstead 32, Cherry Trees 2. Phoebe was named Woman of the Match.

Well done team, keep up the good work!

Phoebe Carver, Sports Captain

On Wednesday the U9 boys travelled to Cherry Trees for their rugby match. The weather had been poor all day, but luckily we only suffered with some light rain during the match. Both teams played well in the tag game and took it in turns to score with excellent attacking. Both defences took time to gather their structure, but once formed the scoring slowed. The boys played with enthusiasm and encouraged each other well. The match was a draw and our thanks to Cherry Trees for such positive play and support.

Michael Radford

The U9 girls gained a lot from their match against Finborough on Wednesday who put up a strong all Year 4 team. Our girls learnt a lot about playing as a team, as the game progressed, their defense improved significantly.

Story Club

This week in Story Club, the children have been using the ipads to make their own animated stories. They used their own audio, great ideas and teamwork, along with the many setting and character options that the app Puppet Pals offers. Isabella and Matilda enjoyed sharing their funny animation with their friends and Luca was very proud of his William Shakespeare as a Cowboy in The Pyramids fantasy story!



Breakfast Club

This facility is now available from 7.30 am. Please may all children be accompanied into the Hall for Breakfast Club through the side entrance. Charges for this club are available from the office.

Uniform

Children in Nursery need their coats in school at all times. All other children will need their blazers and coats.

Children in Need – Friday 13th November



Children are invited to wear a spotty accessory to their school uniform to support this charity next week. Donations for the privilege will be greatly appreciated and given to the charity.

Autumn Glow – tomorrow, 5.00-7.00pm



Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us for this lovely evening tomorrow and I look forward to seeing many of you here. The Parents Association have put a huge amount of work into creating a fun and exciting evening for everyone.

Christmas Decorations



Plans are underway for the annual Tattersalls Christmas Concert in conjunction with Racing Welfare. If anyone is updating their Christmas decorations, I know that Racing Welfare would be thrilled to receive your old decorations and that they will be put to good use. Any donations of Christmas decorations can be left in the school office. Thank you.

Christmas Concert – 4th December, 6pm, St Mary's Church

In slight alteration to the calendar, this concert, in which Years 1-6 all take part, will be held at St Mary's Church and just one performance. Parents and children in Nursery and Reception are very welcome to join this family service.

Remembrance Day

Next week, our Heads of School will be selling poppies to all of the classes. We will all be observing a two minute silence next Wednesday.

U11 Netball and Rugby v Riddlesworth Hall - Home on Wednesday 11th November

Netball

Emma-Louise Barrett
Fern Rix
Samantha Moore
Lily Smith
Eunsong Seo
Phoebe Carver
Adele Shaw
Charlotte Haigh

Rugby

Jamie Lee
Jonathan Dark
Luie Hall
Nathan Hassall
Thomas Hartley
Adam Foster
Scott Grassby
Alexander Hazell
William Smith
Paul French
Mohammed Al-Attiya

Best wishes for a lovely weekend

Lynda Brecken



Next week we say Happy Birthday to:

George Cook (5)

Prince Davis (5)

Alexander Hunt (6)

Evie Hedley (7)

Lyla Jaina (8)

Finlay Ash (9)