



# Newsletter No. 7



**Jesus said 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples.'** John 13:34-35

**Our Value this Half Term is to show COMPASSION**

## May



Dear Parent/ Carers,

Another full and fabulous month we have had at Forty Hill, taking advantage of the sunny weather with lots of outdoor learning and happy playtimes on the field. I cannot believe we only have one half term left until the end of the year! Our Global Neighbour Week concluded with a Celebration Assembly today where every class shared the purpose and the impact of their Global Neighbours project, and what a joy it was to witness the compassion and understanding from every class who have made a difference (however small!) to our community and our world. I am proud of each and everyone of you! Summer 2 brings lots of lovely events such as Sports Day, our Dare to be Different Day, the after-school Summer Fayre and lots more! Wishing you all a very happy half term and see you on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

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## NURSERY—Miss Bissett, Mrs Golebiowska and Mrs Courtney



This half term, our Nursery children have loved exploring the topic People Who Help Us! We've had lots of exciting real-life experiences, including visits from a doctor, nurse, dentist, and even the police, helping the children learn all about the important roles these people play in our community. Our creativity has flowed as we made fiery artwork inspired by firefighters and even explored how our bodies work through fun X-ray activities. The role-play areas have been a big hit too—children have loved dressing up and acting out scenes as doctors, police officers, and firefighters, fully immersing themselves in their learning through play. We also learned about road safety and made our own stop signs, helping us understand the role of people who help us stay safe on the roads. This hands-on activity supported our understanding that print, the

signs, has meaning. As part of our RE lessons, we also visited Jesus Church, a special place where we discussed why it is important to many Christians. The children showed wonderful curiosity and respect, making it a meaningful experience for all. Well done, Nursery—what a fantastic few weeks of learning and discovery you have had!



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## RECEPTION – Mrs Munt and Mrs Toumazou

This term, Reception have enjoyed their learning as we journeyed into space! We've been exploring the story *Whatever Next*, using our imaginations to write and innovate our own versions. It's been wonderful to see such creativity and enthusiasm in their storytelling. In maths, we've looked beyond numbers to 20, diving into addition and subtraction stories that help develop fluency and problem-solving skills. Our creative curriculum has taken us to the stars as well! The children have started to make papier mâché planets and have used oil pastels to create beautiful pictures of the solar system. In addition to this the children have thoroughly enjoyed their junk modelling, it's been rockets galore! In PE, we've been building resilience through a range of physical activities, and the children have particularly enjoyed their additional sessions with our PE coach. As part of our



Global Neighbours programme, we have been learning about the experiences of refugees. Through carefully chosen stories, the children have developed empathy and a deeper understanding of what it means to be welcoming and inclusive. We are now busy preparing for an art exhibition, creating thoughtful and expressive pieces that reflect our Global Neighbours message that Everyone is welcome. In RE the children have enjoyed visiting Jesus Church and comparing this with

Rev Mandy's Baptist Church alongside sharing some of their own baptism pictures. They have really enjoyed beginning to learn about Islam and thinking about the similarities and differences between different faiths and worship. It's been a wonderfully busy time in Reception, full of discovery, creativity, and compassion!

## YEAR 1 – Miss Campion and Ms Bowery

It has been a very exciting half term for Year 1. In Science, our topic has been "Plants" and we have spent



lots of time investigating different types of plants. They identified garden and wild plants within the school grounds and also explored the meadow to look for roots. The children found both tap and fibrous roots. The children completed some observational and scientific drawings of plants throughout the unit. In Topic, our focus has been on Celebrations, and they have learnt about why King Charles III has two birthdays and which Monarch started this tradition, the Trooping of the

Colour and the fly-past. This continued in Literacy where the children created their own poems to mark King Charles' birthday celebration this year. The poems were brilliant and the children really thought about their nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs to use. To end this lovely unit of celebration, we made celebration cupcakes!



## YEAR 2 – Miss Wisbey, Mrs Sofroniou and Ms Darby



Year 2 have had an exciting and enriching term, filled with hands-on learning, creativity, and thought-provoking discussions. Our Topic and Literacy work has been focused around *The Great Fire of London*. Using a whole-class model, we explored the events through the eyes of someone who lived at the time and innovated a diary entry based on this. We even learned to sing and sign a song about the Great Fire – in two parts! The children thoroughly enjoyed bringing history to life through music and storytelling. Our RE lessons have focused on understanding the *Five Pillars of Islam*. We've discussed what these mean to a believer and how they influence everyday life. The children showed great

empathy and curiosity as they reflected on the significance of faith and commitment. In Global Neighbours, we read *No Money Day*, which sparked meaningful conversations about wants and needs. Inspired to make a difference, the children made muffins and organised a sale to raise money for the local Foodbank – a fantastic act of compassion and community spirit. In Maths, we revisited fractions, deepening our understanding of halves and quarters, and learned to find equivalents. We've also been building confidence in telling the time, now working with five-minute intervals – a big step forward. **Science** has taken us outdoors, where we've been working scientifically to explore living things and their habitats. The children loved discovering more about the food chain and how different creatures rely on one another in the natural world. Well done, Year 2 – a brilliant term of learning, growing, and caring!



## YEAR 3 – Mrs Fernandes and Ms Bishop

Year 3 have had an enriching half term in which they have made great progress in their writing of newspaper reports. The children have truly enjoyed their class text 'Fantastic Mr Fox' this half term, and have used their understanding of the text to write exciting and lengthy reports which they later edited to further develop. It is clear from the outcomes of their learning, that they have all developed effective plans which supported their independent writing. In their learning about the local history, the children have been looking at Sir Nicholas Rainton as one of the former owners of Forty Hall and I was blown away by the quality of their informative posters that they developed collaboratively



as a group, and later presented to their engaged peers. As stewards of the world, Year 3 have been looking at the charity Oxfam and the work that they do to tackle and end poverty. To support their work, these admirable role models decided to make a positive impact by raising money to support Oxfam's fundamental work. It is certainly a privilege to see children of such a young age striving to make a positive change in the world. They ran 5 laps of our wonderful school field and raised a huge amount of money which we are sure will change a life.



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## YEAR 4 – Mr Kansara and Mrs Buller



What an exciting and enriching month it has been in Year 4! The children have been immersed in a wide range of learning experiences that have sparked curiosity, creativity, and collaboration. One of the highlights was our inspiring Art Day, where pupils created imaginative shoebox theatres based on our class text for the half-term, *Ice Trap*. They later shared their performances with the Nursery class and followed up with fantastic diary entries and letters, writing as if they were part of Shackleton's crew aboard the Endurance. In R.E., our topic "What does it mean to live



as a Hindu?" came to life thanks to a special visit from Mrs Kansara, who spoke warmly about her experiences growing up Hindu. Her visit offered a valuable opportunity for children to ask questions and gain deeper insight into Hindu beliefs and practices. In Maths, we have been working hard to strengthen our understanding of decimals, while in P.E., we explored the skills and techniques behind dodgeball and tennis, with a focus on teamwork, strategy, and movement. Forest School continues to be a firm favourite—children have shown great enthusiasm for outdoor learning, making interesting discoveries and embracing the natural world around them. The effort, resilience, and enthusiasm shown by the children this term has been exceptional, and we couldn't be prouder of all they have achieved. We wish everyone a restful and well-deserved half-term break and look forward to an exciting final term ahead!



## YEAR 5 – Miss Hills and Mrs Watson

This half term has flown by with lots of exciting experiences and projects in Year 5! The children have really enjoyed their RE unit on Sikhism, in which they have learnt about the final five human gurus and their role in shaping the religion. To round off their learning this year, the children visited a Gurdwara and were given a special talk by a volunteer, as well as enjoying a drink and biscuit in the langar (kitchen). The children asked some fabulous questions and were fantastic representatives of our school! This half term, the children were joined by some new additions to their class - five new additions in fact! To help them in their Science Unit, Living Things and their Habitats, Miss Hills thought it would be helpful to watch an animal go through its life cycle and so some caterpillars were welcomed! The children have loved watching these amazing creatures transform before their very eyes and after a very patient few weeks, the class released their beautiful Painted Lady butterflies after they emerged from their chrysalises! Finally, as part of their Global Neighbours project, Year 5 spent a day making and decorating many cupcakes, using surplus fruit from KS1. These were sold at



a Bake Sale in the playground and as a result of their hard work, the children raised **£100.20!** This money will be sent to 'The Felix Project', an amazing charity that works to tackle food waste across London. A big thank you to everyone who bought a cake and contributed to this wonderful day! As always Year 5, we are very proud of you!



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## YEAR 6 – Miss Dale, Mr Pennock and Mrs Brewer

The month of May has mostly been about SATs for Year 6. Every child has been an absolute superstar both in the lead up to, and during these assessments and I just know how brilliantly they all have done. To celebrate, we took a picnic and some games over to Forty Hall. Despite the slightly chillier day, the children still had a great time and myself and Mrs Brewer got to relax whilst watching them play, chat and laugh. It really was joyful and the whole year 6 team couldn't be any prouder. But it hasn't quite all been about tests....we have also continued with our PE and RE curriculum, and done some Art too! Our RE unit this half term has been looking at how the Christian message has survived for the past 2000



years. We have been learning all about Pentecost, the Apostle's Creed and also considering how the translation of the Bible has played a key role in keeping Christian beliefs alive. The children found it particularly interesting finding out about how Christianity survives in countries



where Christians are persecutes, and also learning about missionaries and what an important role they play. In Art, the children looked at the pre-Raphaelite movement and used grids to sketch proportionate portraits of themselves, concentrating on light and dark. A huge well done Year 6!



## Vision For the World Speech- Arts Trophy

Our Arts Trophy focus for the Summer 1 was to write you vision for the world as a short speech. The finalists ranged from Year 1 to Year 6 and each child presented their speech to the whole school and the judging panel- Ms Izard and Mrs Moore- the Chair of Governors. We were astounded and delighted by the range of subjects that were addressed and the incredible confidence and eloquence of every child in the final. Each child demonstrated our Vision in action by putting into words important issues we face in our world and what we can do to overcome these and make a difference. Their aspirations were inspirational and modelled 'Living in Faith, Hope and Service' alongside all our values of Compassion, Responsibility, Respect, Reflection, Resilience and Confidence. Well done to our winners Kieran from Year 5 and Tessa from Year 2- both representing Orange Willows, as well as a highly commended to Zayne from Year 3.



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# BOOK REVIEW WINNERS 2025



**Look for Forty Hill reviews by our pupils in Waterstones, Enfield Town!**

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# DARE

## TO BE

# DIFFERENT

## JUNE 13TH

### WHICH DARE WILL YOU CHOOSE?

## WE DARE YOU TO...

- Have crazy hair
- Wear odd shoes
- Wear fancy dress
- Wear clashing clothes
- Wear odd socks or bright tights
- Wear a silly hat or wig

We dare the parents donate a bottle of something for the 'Bottle Tombola' that will be held in the playground at pick-up in exchange for taking part in this fun day!

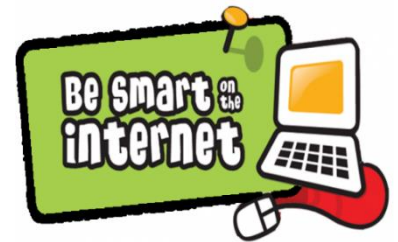


## Information

Whilst we will continue to email lots of information, don't forget that our calendar and curriculum information can all be found on website, [www.fortyhill.com](http://www.fortyhill.com). The information from the meet the teacher meetings, as well as spelling lists and extra information as it comes available can all be found here.

**Curriculum Booklets (Nursery- Year 6) and Homework Grids** (for Years 2-6) can be found in the Class News section of the website. These include a variety of different learning activities for your child to complete over the next half term.

As part of our ongoing commitment to **Online Safety**, the children will be talking about staying safe online. It is such an important life skill to understand the impact their digital footprint has and also the ways to keep themselves safe whilst experiencing all of the wonderful opportunities the internet can provide. If you haven't already seen the online video, please do click on one of the picture links below:



**Reception, Year 1 and 2  
(Grab the Banana)**



**Year 3 and Year 4  
(Band Runner)**



**Year 5 and Year 6  
(Jigsaw)**



For more information on Online Safety, click here: <https://www.fortyhill.com/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=51>



Forest School Sessions	
Year 1	Autumn 1
Year 2	Autumn 2
Year 3	Spring 2
Year 4	Summer 1
Year 5	Spring 1
Year 6	Summer 2

### Forthcoming Dates

Week commencing 2.6.25- Maths and Art Week  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June- Reception and Year 2 to the Science Museum  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June- Year 6 Forest School starts- old clothes and wellies  
 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June- Year 6 PGL Meeting for parents 9am  
 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June- Arts Trophy Launch- Spelling Bee  
 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June- Spurs workshops all day  
 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June- Pentecost Service at Jesus Church 10:30- all welcome  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June- Year 6 Old Vic Workshop all day  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June- Nursery New Parents Meeting 5pm then Reception New Parents Meeting at 6pm.  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June- Year 1 Class Assembly 9am  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June- Dare to Be Different Day

### **Forthcoming Key Dates**

Sports Day Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
 Afterschool Summer Fayre Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July on the Meadow  
 Year 6 Production with Year 5- 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July  
 Y6 Leavers Event 17<sup>th</sup> July pm  
 End of Year Service 18<sup>th</sup> July 12:30

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