



# F&B NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term: Monday 6th November 2023

This week is week 3 of the dinner menu



Dear Parents, Friday's PSHE assembly was organised through an organisation called 'Education and Employers' who help young people discover their future.

Mr Gage came in to talk to the children about his work for the department of transport for the government. He told us what his job entails, showed us pictures linked to his work and explained that he makes sure that government websites are accessible for everyone, including people with eye impairment or disability.

The assembly ended with some good questions from the children like: 'What is the best bit about your job?' and 'Is your job the best job in the world?'. We already have our next 'Education and Employer' planned for next half term: a lady who's children came to F&B a while ago will come and talk to the children about being a civil

engineer!

Last week saw the launch of the Year 2 Forest School Club: the children had a range of initial exploratory activities. They made dens, shelters and art!



Year 2 memorable experience for Beat, Band Boogie, was a fantastic performance from the pupils at Leventhorpe 6th Form who visited F&B and played in a band! [A video can be found by scrolling down to the videos and clicking play.](#)



## Year 1 Memorable Experience.

The children enjoyed a visit from the Planetarium where they were able to find out lots of interesting facts about space. On Tuesday the children discovered that a spaceship had crash landed into the learning garden! Some of the children wondered if an alien was on board!

## PE: Subject Spot light

**EYFS:** At F&B, PE is a crucial part of the curriculum across all year groups. Not only does PE allow for the development of fundamental gross and fine motor skills, it allows children to gain many other physical and mental benefits of exercise. Children in EYFS take part in two structured PE lessons a week. In nursery, the children have been introduced to physical education and structured movement in their PE lessons through the topic 'all about me'. In Reception, children have been developing balance and co-ordination of their movement skills, learning how to negotiate space safely, working co-operatively and using different travelling actions through the topic of 'fantasy and adventure'. Next half term children will complete units in dance.

It has been great to see how much the children in nursery are enjoying their weekly Foxy Cycling lessons. The sessions are packed with fun activities centred on those fundamental bike-riding skills and it is always great to see how much progress the children make.



**KS1:** Children in year 1 and 2 have completed units in yoga and fitness this term. It is always great to see how much the children in KS1 enjoy physical activity and how focussed they are in their PE lessons. Children have particularly enjoyed learning a range of different yoga poses, developing their strength, flexibility and balance as well as creating their own yoga sequences.

We were lucky enough to have a specialist dance coach come in on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September to deliver a special dance session to Gecko and Otter classes in year 1. The children loved learning a brand new dance routine and showing off their dance skills.

**Sawbo Travel Challenge:** It was fantastic to see how enthusiastic the children were when taking part in the Sawbo Travel challenge in September of this half term. Of course, the fun, daily themes (including Wacky Wednesday and Funky Footwear Friday) were a great hit with the children but even more importantly was the promotion of active and sustainable travel. Please look out for more walk to school initiatives through-out the year!



**Upcoming PE Events:** Please do look out for and respond to the Google form sent by Mrs Curtis regarding your interest in completing a once half-termly morning mid-week mile with your child/children. We would love to see as many as people as possible getting involved in a bit of community exercise. Please also look out for information regarding a new dance club being launched next half term. It will run by a specialist dance coach on Wednesday mornings!

We thought we would include some short, fun fitness ideas for children to do at home as we approach our winter months. We know that going outside to exercise regularly can become a bit more of a challenge so we hope these ideas help!

- 1. Go on a bear hunt:** Act out the different motions: swim across the lake, climb up the tree and stomp over the bridge. This activity gets especially entertaining when you're scurrying away from the bear at the end.
- 2. Have a dance party:** Pop in your favourite tunes, turn up the volume and get moving and grooving! Kids can compete for best dance move, or you can simply make up a dance to an entire song.
- 3. Create a scavenger hunt:** Hide things all over the garden or throughout the house and have children race to find each clue. If you want to sneak even more exercise into this activity, include requirements with each clue, like "Do four cartwheels before moving on," or "Make up a funny dance."
- 4. Go on animal walks or nature walks:** Explore the outdoors! Go for a nature walk in a park, by a pond, or in the woods and investigate the landscape
- 5. Make an obstacle course:** Using couch cushions, pots and pans, and plenty of other household objects, construct an engaging and challenging obstacle course. Children can climb under blankets stretched between the couch and coffee table, or they can somersault across the living room. Take this kind of play outside if you want more room to move around.

**As well as these, there are some great exercise workouts online with Joe Wicks and Cosmic Yoga, specifically designed for children that are fun and engaging!**

# School Council Trip to the Palace of Westminster



School Council 2023 - 2024  
House of Parliament Trip  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023



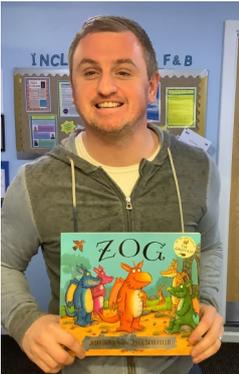
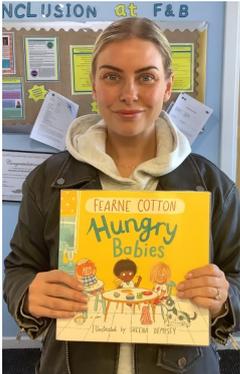
## Dexter the Bear



Dexter the bear has had a very busy weekend!

I think Dexter's highlight was getting to go to Saracens for the day yesterday! He was even on TV and had a cuddle with Owen Farrell!!

# Secret Reader

	<p>"It was lovely reading to all of Year 2. I chose a spooky book as if it was Halloween. They all sat and listened nicely and told me what they would be dressing up as for Halloween."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Laura P</b></p>		<p>"It was great fun reading to Koala class today. They were great at joining in all the actions and enjoyed discussing the characters. Thank you for having me"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ria D</b></p>
	<p>"It was really nice to read in front of the class. Everyone was really well behaved. What a great idea and great for parents to be in the classroom. Thank you"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dan H</b></p>		<p>"It was such a lovely experience to read to Hedgehog class. They all sat and listened so well and joined in with the story."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kelly W</b></p>
	<p>"It was great to come in to read to Squirrel class. They all sat down and listened nicely to me reading the story. Luckily for me they helped out with the singing parts. Thanks for having me, Squirrels."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kat M</b></p>		<p>"I was very pleased to have the chance to read to Otter class and especially to see the surprise on Jada's face. She had such a big smile all the way through. Everyone sat nicely and listened and it was lovely to read to them all."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Diane D</b></p>

## English Subject Spotlight: Focus on Oracy: Poetry and rhymes

Learning poetry is something we are focussing on this year at F&B. Through enjoying rhymes, poems and songs, and reciting poems or parts of longer poems together as a class, we can build children's strong emotional connection to language. The predictability of rhymes in poems and songs also helps children to memorise and re-use newly acquired words and phrases.

Each half term all of our classes have a poem that they learn, rehearse and then perform to you, our parents and carers as part of our end of topic celebrations.

**Starting from next week, in this newsletter we will share an additional poem each Monday that Mr Wells will have shared in assembly the Friday before with Year 1 and 2 pupils. This will be shared in class for pupils in Nursery and Reception.**

**We would like to encourage you to share them at home too. If your child is particularly keen, they may want to practise and recite it to me in school! Any pupil who chooses to do this will receive a special sticker.**

Mrs Brooker (English Subject Lead)



October Half Term – 23th – 27th October	
30th October	Year 1 Special Event: Planetarium
1st November	New Reception and Year 3 parent County Council applications open
2nd November	School Council: Houses of Parliament Trip.
2nd November	Reception Screening for pupils born September to March
3rd November	PTA: Break the Rules Day
8th November	Inclusion Workshop: Q&A with a Speech and Language Therapist @ 10:45
10th November	Joint Readings and F&B Memorial Event for Year 2. Year 1 and R to be held at F&B
13th November	Lantern Material Request to parents for Church
13th November	Joint Event: Readings and F&B Friendship week
14th November	Reception Special Visitors: Owl Visit
15th November	Optional Flu Jabs –PM
15th November	Set 1 Sounds: Read Write Inc. Phonic Parents Workshop Online book on ARBOR @19:30
16th November	Year 2 Allsorts Trip
17th November	Children In Need and Cake sale: Email to follow
20th November	Geography week
24th November	Lanterns to be displayed at St Mary's church or taken home
27th November	Parent Workshop 2: Speech, Language & Communication bookable on ARBOR
30th November	Special Magical Visitors for all pupils! Shhh!
1st December	Non-Pupil Day—school closed
4th December	External Panto coming to F&B
7th December	Christmas Performance – EYFS Tots allowed at 09:30
7th December	Year 2: to visit Readings to see Christmas Show
7th December	Inclusion Drop Ins & Parent / Governor Social 14:00 to 15:00– Hall in use.
8th December	Christmas Performance – Year 1 and 2 Tots allowed at 09:30
11th December	Christmas Performance – EYFS no tots at 09:30
11th December	Year 2 Allsorts Trip
12th December	Christmas Performance – EYFS no tots at 14:00
13th December	Christmas Dinner and Festive Jumper Day
13th December	Set 2 and 3 Sounds: Read Write Inc. Phonic Parents Workshop Online book on ARBOR @19:30
14th December	Christmas Performance – Year 1 and 2 no tots at 14:00
15th December	Christmas Performance – Year 1 and 2 no tots at 14:00
18th December	RockSteady and School Choir Concert – Year 1 and 2
20th December	Christmas Donkey Visit for all pupils
20th December	Special Festive Visitor
20th December	School ends at 14:00
Christmas Holidays 21nd to 3rd January	

# Term Dates 2023/2024

[Please click the link here: to find this years academic dates](#)



## Fawbert and Barnard Infants School Academic Year 2023-2024

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<b>School days</b>	<b>School holidays</b>	<b>5 INSET Days/ 1 Occasional day</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Weekend</b>
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

<b>Autumn Term:</b>	Monday 4 September 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 27 October</i> <i>School Occasional Day 01/12/2023</i>
<b>Spring Term:</b>	Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February - 23 February</i>
<b>Summer Term:</b>	Monday 15 April 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024 <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May</i> <i>May Bank Holiday - 6 May</i>