



Featherby Junior School

Newsletter

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Aspiring, Learning &
Achieving within our
Featherby Family

25 Week ending Friday 18th March 2016

Dear Parents

It has been a particularly enjoyable week for all of our Scientists and Sports children.

This week was our Science Week and we have also been heavily involved in Sports



Relief. As I walked around the school, many classes have been undertaking exciting experiments, including Chromatography with the colours from Skittle sweets and do you know what happens when you put a plant in red food colouring? If not, ask a member of Kestrel Class!

Also, all of our children have spent some time this week seeing how many skips they can do in a given amount of time and we thank everyone who has sponsored their child. The children found out who had been the most successful skipper in their class during assembly this afternoon.

As I stood in front of the school this morning for Special Mentions, I thought I was in the wrong School Hall as the usual blue uniforms were replaced by many shades of red. Thanks again for all the donations and for entering into the spirit of this very worthwhile event.

During all of this excitement, your children were very sensible and hardworking during the termly assessment tests. Thank you to all the children for their hard efforts.

I hope you have a very restful weekend and please remember that next week we will be finishing on Thursday for the Easter weekend. We will be back in school on Tuesday 29th March for just 4 days before our two-week Spring Break.



David Brenton



Aspiring

Last week's Special Mentions went to...

... Ollie in Kestrel for a fantastic Ancient Egyptian non-chronological report. Great presentation and content. Well done Ollie!	... Leo in Firecrest for his perseverance and hardworking attitude towards his learning and being a brilliant friend.	... Millie in Merlins for always being a positive, helpful and hardworking presence in class. Keep it up Millie!
... Kacee in Herons for showing a brave and mature attitude in life and school.	... Chloe in Pipit for an improved attitude towards her learning.	... Amy in Skylark for her outstanding effort in Maths.
... Kai in Doves for great contributions in discussions in writing lessons.	... Joshua in Penguins for his improvements in reading with Mr Deaves.	... Harrison in Bluebirds for a new mature and sensible attitude to learning that has you getting noticed by all teachers.
... Charlie in Puffins for good progress in all areas of the curriculum, improved confidence and is a pleasure to teach.	... Mia in Woodpeckers for consistent hard work in all areas, a pleasant, bright disposition and just for being Mia!	... Farria in Buzzards for growing in confidence and being a delight to teach—Well Done!

This week's Special Mentions went to...

... Esprit in Kestrels for a super improvement in handwriting. Well done Esprit!	... Sharna in Firecrest for her more positive attitude and outstanding manners.	... Summer in Merlins for always working with a smile to the best of her abilities.
... Sophie in Herons for being an all round Superstar and a perfect role model for our school.	... Jaden in Penguins for his consistent, enthusiastic approach to learning, especially during singing.	... Ashton in Bluebirds for phenomenal progress in Maths with your new behaviour for learning.
... Erin in Pipit for always being a good friend.	... Katie in Skylarks for being more organised and being a pleasure to teach.	... Makenzie in Doves for her great attitude towards her learning.
... Chloe in Puffins for excellent effort across all subjects with perseverance and a good attitude! 😊	... Shakila in Woodpeckers for always being perfect in every way.	... Jaeden in Buzzards for working hard towards improving his presentation and sharing his great humour at appropriate times—Well Done!

Attendance week commencing 8th February

Firecrest	85.3%	Kestrel	94.3%	Merlin	96.7%
Heron	93.3%	Pipit	94%	Skylark	98.7%
Bluebird	92%	Dove	94%	Penguin	95%
Buzzard	91.1%	Puffin	95.9%	Woodpecker	91.8%



Well done Skylarks!

Attendance week commencing 22nd February

Firecrest	75.7%	Kestrel	85.3%	Merlin	72.7%
Heron	92%	Pipit	95%	Skylark	81.3%
Bluebird	87.3%	Dove	85.3%	Penguin	95.7%
Buzzard	90.4%	Puffin	94.1%	Woodpecker	89.3%



Second Week Penguins!

365 days a year	175 non school days to spend with family, holidays & appointments.					
	In school 190 days.	10 days missed.		20 days missed.		29 days missed.
	100%	In school 180 days.	95%	In school for 170 days.	90%	In school for 160 days.
				85%	In school for 152 days.	80%
					In school for 143 days	



Learning

Maths in Year 6

Lately, in Year 6, we have been learning percentages and how to find a percentage of a number. For example, 12% of 56,000—you would do $56000 \div 100$. That would be 560 and then you would do $560 \times 12 = 6720$ and that would be 12% of 56,000.



All of Year 6 have been enjoying percentages. We have been doing it for one week. Hopefully you will enjoy it when you learn percentages.
By Chloe in Puffins

Science Week in Year 6



On Tuesday, we investigated what effect Skittles have in water.

We placed the Skittles in a petri dish and poured 25ml of cold water over them.

We watched what happened every two minutes up to ten minutes. It was an amazing experience.

By Kayleigh in Puffins



Notice board

Class Assemblies

Every Thursday at 3.00pm

All Parents Welcome

Thursday 24th March

Hérons

Thursday 31st March

Skylarks

Message from FOFJSA

Our next event is the whole school Easter Discos taking place on Wednesday 30th March—letter will be out soon!

Thank you to all Parents

We would like to thank all parents for their perseverance with our new cashless system, School Money. We have even had encouraging comments from parents of children from other schools who have been booking our Half Term Holiday Clubs. As per the email I sent on Tuesday, I apologise for this week's influx of texts and emails. I would like to reassure you that we pay a flat rate for these messages no matter how many we send. When we all know what we are doing (including the Office!) this new system will be amazing. Thank you for your patience.
Gayle Holmes

DATES FOR NEXT WEEK AND BEYOND

Thursday 24th March—Rainham School for Girls—Mini Youth Games Netball

Easter Break—Friday 25th March to Monday 28th March. **Back in School Tuesday 29th March.**

We are **back in school for 4 days** and finish for the Spring Break on Friday 1st April.

Monday 18th April—Staff Development Day. **Children back in school on Tuesday 19th April for Term 5.**

The next edition of the Featherby Junior Newsletter will be out on Friday 22nd April