

# WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

# Fairlands News

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## Dear Parents and Carers

Another busy half term! It has been great this week to see many of the children dressed up as they enjoy their half-termly WOW Days! We have had Dinosaurs in the Foundation Stage, Astronauts in Year 1, Superheroes in Year 3 and Mad Scientists in Year 4 and some very strange looking people with blue and green hair in Year 2 - all part of The Wonderful World of Dr. Seuss! Thank you to all the parents who have been supporting the children by helping them with their costumes - we know it takes a little effort but it really does bring their learning to life and makes memories that will last a lifetime.

I hope you have an enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing you all back at school on **Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Robert Staples**  
**Headteacher**

### YEAR 4 MAD SCIENTIST WOW DAY

Last Monday, Year 4 became mad scientists for the day and took part in experiments and investigations involving mixing and separating materials. They had an explosive time!

### YEAR 1 'INTO SPACE' WOW DAY

On Tuesday, Year 1 had an 'Into Space' Wow Day. The children came dressed as aliens, astronauts, shooting stars and even the planet Saturn!

A challenge was set to save Mrs Johnson (our Nursery Nurse), as she had been abducted by aliens! The children had to complete a number of challenges successfully in order for Mrs Johnson to be returned to Fairlands. There were numerous exciting challenges, including children locating and photographing all of the planets, in the order they appear in the Solar System. They also recorded a message using sound buttons and voice changers, to persuade the aliens to send Mrs Johnson back to Fairlands. They then had to zap aliens by using a beam of light from a torch, reflected from a mirror. Each group completed their challenges and Mrs Johnson was rescued from the evil aliens - mission accomplished!

In the afternoon the children played Space games in teams, developing their co-operation skills. We all had a Space-tastic day!

### YEAR 2 DR SEUSS DAY

Tuesday was Dr Seuss Day in Year 2.

The children all came to school with so much to do.

Banana art, performing our favourite rhyme, model making and making films online.

This topic was great, learning whilst having such fun.

We'll continue next term with the Fire of London!

### YEAR 4 MINI-OLYMPICS

Yesterday morning, Year 4 enjoyed a session of Mini-Olympics at Stevenage Leisure Centre, organised by the Stevenage Sports Partnership. They enjoyed a variety of activities including trampolining, wall climbing, cheerleading, hockey, tennis rugby and speed stacking. The children behaved impeccably and took part enthusiastically.

### YEAR 3 SUPERHERO WOW DAY

Year 3 had a great Superhero day today. The children looked fantastic in their costumes!

The children have been enjoying art activities - making a superhero comic as well as having fun with our Superhero obstacle course and making super imposed Superhero pictures. Thanks to all the wonderful Superheroes, Stevenage is safe once more!

## FOUNDATION STAGE CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR

This week the children in the Foundation Stage celebrated Chinese New Year. They took part in a range of exciting activities including: making lanterns, writing Chinese characters with a variety of tools and performing a dragon dance. They also listened to the story of how the years were named. They found out that this is the year of the snake. They then found out which year they were born in and the characteristics of each animal.

A big thank you to Gracie Wan's family for their donation of fortune cookies and for supplying lots of resources. Please come and look at our display in the lower hall.

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 28/01	w/c 4/02
ASH	90.4	94.3
BEECH	88.1	94.4
BIRCH	92.9	93.6
CHERRY	94.8	93.4
CHESTNUT	98	96.3
<b>ELDER</b>	95	<b>97.5</b>
ELM	95.2	97
HAZEL	93.2	94
HORNBEAM	91.4	92.7
<b>LIME</b>	<b>98.8</b>	94.8
LARCH	96.2	97.3
PINE	96.4	88.8
POPLAR	91.7	94.2
WALNUT	93.1	96.2
WILLOW	91.2	96.9

## CONGRATUATIONS

Very well done to Isabelle Paul (Walnut) who passed her RAD Grade 4 Ballet Exam with Distinction. Good luck to her in her ISTD Grade 3 Tap and Grade 4 Modern Exams at the end of March. Isabelle attends Premiere School of Dance.

Good luck also to Alex Paul (Pine) who is taking part in his first Taekwondo Competition on 24th February. He goes to Fairlands Taekwondo Club.

Don't forget to let us know if your child has achieved something they wish to share. Send us an email to [admin@fairlands.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fairlands.herts.sch.uk) or a note to the office and we'll include it in the next newsletter.

## IS YOUR CHILD STARTING NURSERY SCHOOL IN 2013/14?

**If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010** you can now apply for a nursery place for the school year 2013-14 - **application deadline 22nd March 2013.**

## HELP US WITH HEADLICE

Headlice continue to be an on-going problem, but if everyone takes note of the preventative measures, then the problem should be dramatically reduced.

**The wet-combing method is the recommended preventative method and head lice may be cleared over a two-week period:**

- Wash the hair in the normal way with an ordinary shampoo.
- Using lots of hair conditioner and while the hair is very wet, comb through the hair from the roots with a fine tooth comb. Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with every stroke, and do this over a pale surface, such as a paper towel or the bath.
- Clear the comb of lice between each stroke.
- Wet lice find it difficult to escape, and hair, which is slippery from conditioner, makes it hard for them to keep a grip – so removal with the comb is easier.
- If you find any lice, then repeat this routine every 3-4 days for 2 weeks, so that any lice emerging from the eggs are removed before they can spread.

## DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/2013 (NEW DATES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD)

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Half Term
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Mothers Day Present Room</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>3.30 – 6.00pm</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultations</b>
<b>Weds 13<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>5.30 – 8.00pm</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultations</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Class Photos</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2.45pm	Year 3 Parents' Class Assembly
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Easter Discos</b>
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2.45pm	Year 2 Parents' Class Assembly
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Term 2.15pm finish
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to School