

# Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## Newsletter

It's been another busy week here at Falcon Junior where we had the pleasure of hosting at science activity afternoon for Year 1 pupils from Cecil Gowing School on Thursday. This was led by Mrs Irvine and our excellent science ambassadors. We have also been making use of our new minibus to drive pupils to after school events; we hope to use the minibus to facilitate more out of school activities for pupils in the summer months.

**Year 3** have been practising hard this week for the Music Festival and the songs are beginning to sound great. In science lessons, we have learnt the difference between transparent, translucent and opaque materials as well as applying our knowledge of light so far to explain why light cannot travel round a corner. In English, we have continued to learn about non-chronological reports and discussed the features ready for when we start writing our own reports next week. In Maths, we have looked at measures **and if children could do some baking at home this would really help with teaching them how to weigh things using kitchen scales**. Finally, we have been doing our Spring term assessments which will inform our teaching for next term and we are really proud of how hard the children have tried this term.

**Year 4** have been making cup telephones in science to learn how sound travels. And in DT we have started our designs for light boxes. To end the week, Year 4 have had an excellent trip to Norwich Castle museum where we learnt all about the Iceni Tribe and Romans. We met lots of different characters and heard from both sides of the story.

**Year 5** have had another great week. The children began a new topic in Science - Living Things - and started by **recapping their knowledge of the parts of a flower. See if your child is able to recall these**. In English we have been looking at how to convey character in writing and have created shortened similes around a character's physical appearance. In History we have been looking at Mayan objects and thinking like archaeologists to work out what they could have been used for.

**Year 6** have sat Mock SATs this week... they have all worked so hard, tried their best each day and we are proud of all their efforts. In art, they have been enjoying exploring different ways to make sculptures using clay and foil. In history we have been looking into life in Britain after WW2 and why people were encouraged to come to Britain on the Empire Windrush.

Next week is our Science Week and children will have lots of fun taking part in workshops that allow them to test their ingenuity and scientific skills. On Tuesday, Year 6 will spend a day at the UEA Sainsbury Centre as part of their art unit on sculpture. On Wednesday, some pupils from Years 3 and 4 will take part in the Norfolk County Music Festival. They have been rehearsing for weeks so we wish them lots of luck! On Thursday we have class photos and on Friday it is non-uniform day to raise funds for Comic Relief.

We wish you all a fantastic weekend!