



# Fir Tree News

Academic Year 2017/2018

Date: Friday 20th October 2017

For the final week of this half term, it has been Science week. The theme this year has been 'Exploration'. Each class selected their own environment and learnt about this from different perspectives. The themes chosen were space, mountains, autumn, oceans, rainforests and polar exploration. Year 4 even managed to get the whole school involved in the conservation of our wooded area which resulted in a protest by our Year 6 pupils. I'm sure you'll agree that the Science fair this afternoon, was really interesting.



Next week is half term. We will see you back at school on Monday 30th October, ready for our Halloween disco in the evening.

## Polar Explorer Programme



This year, Fir Tree has joined the Polar Explorer Programme which encourages and supports schools to raise aspirations and attainment in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) and inspires the next generation of scientists and engineers. This is Jeremy, our Polar Ambassador who will be sharing this experience with us.

Mathletics

**Mathletics**—As you are aware, this is the platform we are using for our Maths homework. Once the children have completed their homework tasks they are able to play maths games against the computer or their friends. They earn points towards certificates and these can be used to style their own avatar. The children are loving this new experience.

## After School Club

I am sad to say, that despite my efforts, I am unable to open an After School Club before Christmas. Our registration must be completed before we can enter into this and so I had to postpone until after the Christmas break. I apologise to those parents who had been expecting it to open after half term.

## Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics meeting



Last week, parents from Foundation and Key Stage One were invited to an open morning about phonics. During this time parents were given an understanding of the importance of this aspect of reading



## Attendance Challenge

Congratulations to Willow class, with 97.8% attendance, they won the challenge last week.

## World Mental Health Day

On 10th October Fir Tree celebrated World Mental Health day. The children wore yellow and enjoyed lots of work related to their emotions and how they felt.



## Sporting News



This week we took a team to the alternative sports competition at Park House. Luke, Reece, Ingel, Mia and Rocco participated really well and won **GOLD**. Congratulations.

## Year 5 and 6 Boys—Do themselves Proud

On Wednesday 18th October, Fir Tree Year 5 and 6 boys played in the finals of Trinity 5-a-side indoor football tournament. They played excellent football, with one win, four draws and only one defeat. We earned ourselves 4th place. Had we taken more of our chances, we could have finished a lot higher. Speenhamland went on to win the tournament. I would like to give a special mention to Kwesi, our goalkeeper who was outstanding. Thank you Mr Nobes for coaching us and well done Fir Tree.

By Connor Rowe—Sports ambassador

## Gold Book

Congratulations to last week's winners:



**Foundation:** Riley & Rishi

**Year 1:** Ace & Daniel

**Year 2:** Winter & Mamdou

**Year 3:** Rocco, Rocky, Kirsten & Lakshitha S

**Year 4:** Alfie, Rowan & Taylor

**Year 5:** Isabel & Connor

**Year 6:** Casey, Fiza & Willow

**Please do NOT block our neighbours driveways**

# Science Week

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