

# the Foremarke Flyer



The Newsletter of Repton's Preparatory School

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## From the Headmaster

*Dear Parents*

*Wednesday afternoon this week was one of the busiest fixture dates we have ever had. Matches were played against Bromsgrove, Denstone and Warwick. In all 202 Upper School pupils represented the school. It was splendid to see six girls' Netball sides and seven boys' hockey teams competing.*

*Despite their valiant efforts the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Netball lost their fixtures but had much fun and encouragement in representing the school. The boys' 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> hockey teams fared better winning both games 1-0 against Bromsgrove. It is hard to find such block fixtures within a suitable travelling distance.*

*All represented the school splendidly and enjoyed their opportunity. Well done to all.*

*Kind regards,*

### Work in progress



The above photograph of the southerly formal garden, commonly known as the "Headmaster's Garden", was taken this week to show progress so far.

Work is well underway with the library refurbishment and we remain on course to reopen the library for the start of the summer term.

It is not only the internal decoration that is receiving an overhaul as every Head of Department has also been involved in reviewing the library stock as we look to enhance both our fiction and non fiction sections. The old books have been recycled and the first tranche are currently on their way to schools in Africa. We are sure that the outcome will be an impressive, stimulating study area.



Whilst driving things forward in the Library the Bursar and his team are looking to turn the clock back in the southerly formal garden. Having reached a stage where the remaining lines of cypress trees were a danger to the building, had started to dominate the garden and were both detrimental and disproportionate to the setting, the decision was taken (following consultation with the planners) to return the garden to its original size and form circa 1910. Our Bursar, Richard Fletcher commented "It's a considerable undertaking for our excellent gardeners, but we are hoping that this work will be complete in time for Speech Day."

## Pre-Prep Learning Objectives – Lent Week 8

### Reception:

#### Mathematics

To recognise coins, identifying colour, shape and value.

#### Literacy

To sequence the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and to write simple captions to explain the story.

### Year One:

#### Mathematics

To add by counting on in multiples of 10.

#### English

To write a poem, thinking about the first signs of Spring.

### Year Two:

#### Mathematics

To introduce multiplication as repeated addition.

To begin to understand division as grouping.

#### English

To write instructional texts using time language and imperative verbs.

### Pre-Prep Concert: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 8.50am

Join us in the Pre-Prep Hall for a concert that will last about 45 minutes. As well as the individual instrumental performers, you will also be able to enjoy hearing the Pre-Prep String Group and Year 2 Choir. Tea/coffee will be available in the Pre-Prep Library from 8.15am.

### World Book Day: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Children are invited to attend school dressed as a book character. They should be able to say which book their character appears in and /or bring the book in to school to show their form.

### PLAYTIME STARS AWARD Year 2



Indigo Astara-Ibbotson has lost her named painting apron, please check at home.



### "Work Hard" A Golden Rule



Golden Leaves are awarded to children who follow the 'Golden Rules' particularly well. Congratulations to:-

Nursery	Reception
Libby Gowar	Charlotte Dammers
Betsy Wilson	Lucy Sisson
Tobias Lloyd	Sienna Moss
	Lucy Wheeldon
Year 1	Year 2
Francesca Nowacki	Poppy Blount
Magnus Watson	Effie Moseley
Rafi Cooper	Zoé Barkey
Alfie Pitts	Harriet Lees

## Pre-Prep News

### Staff announcements

Due to Mrs Blackburn's relocation to Denver, we are delighted to announce that Miss Melanie Simmonds will be joining the Pre-Prep team from September. Miss Simmonds is an excellent, experienced teacher and is very excited about joining Foremarke. Miss Simmonds has been teaching for 20 years and is currently Head of Pre-Prep at The Manor Preparatory School in Oxford.

Mrs Joanna Hornsey, who has worked in the Pre-Prep for 12 years, is changing her role within Foremarke. Mrs Hornsey has taken a fantastic opportunity to join our Learning Enhancement team, working across the whole school, with particular focus on Pre-Prep and Lower School.

Mrs Rachael Birmingham, who has worked in Pre-Pre since Lent 2014, will continue in her role as form tutor in September. Mrs Birmingham is a super teacher and a great asset to Foremarke.

Congratulations to Melanie, Joanna and Rachael.

### Reception News

We have had an exciting start to our new topic, 'Traditional Tales'. We have enjoyed listening to and acting out the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and have experienced lots of fun activities around the story.

In Craft Circus, we have been busy making troll cakes, designing a troll mask and creating a clay tile. We have also been exercising our problem-solving skills in designing and building a stable bridge structure to allow the goats to cross safely out of the reach of the troll, out of lego and wooden blocks.

During Forest Schools we headed out to the troll bridge in the grounds at Foremarke. When we arrived, the troll had gone on holiday but he had left a letter to invite us to play in his stream. We made a bridge using wood and managed to all cross it safely. We did find some fantastic muddy puddles though and could not resist jumping in them!



# Lower School News



## Year 3 Good Work Assembly

Last Friday all of the children in Year 3 took part in a Good Work Assembly.

This is an opportunity to show the rest of Lower School some of their work that they have been busy with since the start of term.



All the children talked confidently and were able to explain clearly about their topic.

Well done!

## Ancient Egyptian Day Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

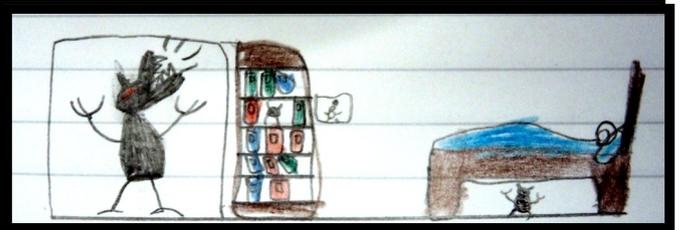
As part of their History topic this term, Year 3 will be having an "Ancient Egyptian Day" on Monday. They will be involved in drama workshops and craft activities, dressing up in costumes and putting on a small performance in the afternoon. They are to arrive at school in their normal uniform but will change into PE kit for the day. Egyptian Day will finish at 4pm so normal activities will be on but there will be no prep set for that evening.



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## Year 4 Musical Concert

A reminder that it is 4J's turn to perform a musical assembly next week on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 12pm in the theatre. Please do come along and support them if you are available.



Year 3 have been using their imaginations to describe what they think different night time sounds could be via their "Night Time Nasties" poetry.

**The creak of my Mum and Dad's door  
Is a demon with a big crushing jaw  
Stomping closer towards my bed  
But I know it's only in my head.**

(Charlie Blunt 3M)

**The horses galloping and rolling in the mud  
Are really vampires coming to drain my blood  
Thumping closer towards my bed  
But I know it's only in my head.**

(Charlie Colclough 3C)

**The dog howling by my bedroom door  
Is a demon roaring under my floor  
Charging closer towards my bed  
But I know it's only in my head.**

(Jake Pawley 3M)

**The barking of the dog in the kitchen yard  
Is a wolf scratching the door loud and hard  
Creeping closer towards my bed  
But I know it's only in my head.**

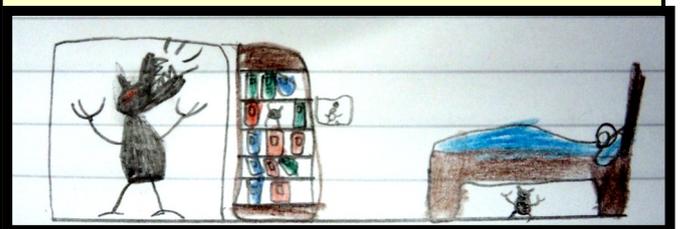
(Daniel Moore 3C)

**The wind crashing on the leaves  
Is a scary gang of murderous thieves  
Coming closer towards my bed  
But I know it's only in my head.**

(Alfie Baines 3M)

**The heating getting hotter as it clicks in the hall  
Is a creepy ghost floating over the back wall  
Creeping closer towards my bed  
But I know it's only in my head.**

(Lily Clancy 3C)



### Do we have your up to date email address?

If you are not receiving an email link to The Flyer then your email details may not be up to date on our files. We receive many "undeliverable" notifications each week which means you may also not be receiving important mail from us. The Headmaster sent out a letter by email last week concerning the summer holidays and this can also be found on the web site if you have not seen it.

<http://www.foremarke.org.uk/Letters-to-Parents>

Please do ensure you contact the school office with your current email address if you are not receiving email from us. Please email: [office@foremarke.org.uk](mailto:office@foremarke.org.uk)

Thank you

## Parent-Teacher Meeting

The following Parent-Teacher meeting is scheduled to take place during this half term:

<b>Year 6 (Day)</b>	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>6.30 – 8.30 pm</b>	<b>Sports Hall</b>
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Full details of this meeting have sent out by letter. Please would you let us know if you are able to attend by replying to the office as soon as possible, either by email to:

[office@foremarke.org.uk](mailto:office@foremarke.org.uk)

or by using the reply slip at the bottom of the letter.

We hope that this meeting will provide you with an opportunity to discuss all aspects of your child's progress this term and we are very much looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible. Should you have any concerns at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Paula Bushby  
Assistant Head (Academic)  
[pbushby@foremarke.org.uk](mailto:pbushby@foremarke.org.uk)



## Boarders of the week



**Julia**

Julia has been a real star since half-term. She is always smiling, no matter what challenges are thrown her way!



**Samson**

For his most excellent work in Geography and his success in the Fruit Challenge.

JH

## Foremarke Hall Cricket Course 2015

### Easter Holidays:

Dates: 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, March (Inclusive)

Open to all ages and abilities: Girls and Boys;

Times: 10.00am - 3pm

Staff: Mr Holmes, Mr Hobson, Mr Clark

Cost: £120 for the week, £30 per day

Cheques payable to: Repton Prep. School and dropped off in the School Office F.A.O. Mr Holmes

Drop-off and Collection Point: Portico Steps  
Please bring a packed lunch

The school will provide kit but if you wish please bring your own.

First come, first serve - limited spaces available!!!

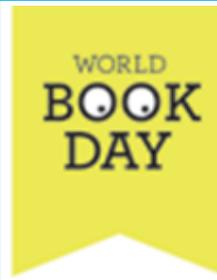




## Academic Stars

Miss Bushby has seen some fantastic work over the last week and is pleased to announce the following Academic Stars!

3C	Léa Barkey	Maths
3M	Charles Blunt	English
	Gabriela Costa	Maths
	Caoimhe Kirtland	Art
	Niamh Leahy	Art
	Jemima Leavesley	Art
4M	Evelyn Brough	Maths
4J	Daisy Wong	French
5SD	Henry Geutjens	Science
	Luke Russell	Science x 2
5JC	Sam Pawley	History
6GK	Alexander Coleston-Shields	Latin
	Daniel Sidhom	Maths
6NW	Tajinder Thandi	English, Latin
6SG	Freddie Lake	English x 2
7IC	Evie Lownds	Maths
	Alex Mair	English, History
7PW	Michael Sinka	French x 3, History
7SJT	William Orpin	Science, History
7NB	Joseph Presley-King	English x 2, Science, Latin
7GW	Daniel Russell	English, Latin x 2
	Claudia Westwood	French, History
7JD	Aman Ari-Kainth	History, Latin
	Zack Brough	English x 2, Science, Latin
	Zara Knowles	Maths x 2, Latin x 3
	Emma Mansfield	French
8KC	Douglas Robinson	English
	Ellie Smith	Maths
8SW	Molly Dytham	English
	Melissa White	Latin
8JW	Fran Cole	History, RS
8ST	Ella Hopkins	Maths
	Ivan Kozlov	Maths
	Josie Mitchell	Maths



## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Last year we asked the children to celebrate this day by coming to school as their favourite character from a novel and they surpassed our expectations! Alex Rider, Peter and the Wolf, Goldilocks and the three bears have all visited school. On Thursday they may become Katniss Everdeen or Stella and her Awful Auntie...

The children do not need to spend lots of money on a costume as there are lots of characters in novels who look just like them. The important thing is for them to think about the books that their character features in. We do ask that they do not use hair dye or face paints, as these can cause problems in some lessons, and that they are warm enough to cope with the cold weather in early March.

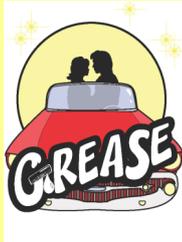
We shall be giving out the £1 book tokens on Thursday and details of how and where to use these vouchers can be found on the back of the voucher itself. The World Book Day website is well worth a visit too.



## Music School News

Daniel Sidhom recently progressed from the European Piano Teachers' Association National Competition regional round (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire) to the Intermediate I (grade 4-5) final category at Chetham's School of Music - Daniel gained first place! Many congratulations Daniel!





Tickets going like "Greased Lightning!"

There are very few tickets left for the production of GREASE and a waiting list will soon be started for the Mon/ Tues/ Wed performances.

Any parents who find that they no longer require tickets already booked, please return them to the office so that they may be reallocated to others.

REHEARSALS FOR WEEK 8 -TWO WEEKS TO GO!

**MONDAY**

8.15 – 9.10 FULL CAST MUSIC ROOM

4.15 – 6.00 ALL PRINCIPALS – FULL RUN THROUGH – WORD PERFECT!

**TUESDAY**

4.15 – 6.00 FULL CAST (YEAR 7 to THEATRE as soon as you come back from Science Trip)

**THURSDAY**

8.30 - 9.10 (Immediately after you register) THEATRE – FULL CAST – FINALE / CURTAIN CALL.

4.15 – 6.00 FULL CAST

**FRIDAY**

4.15 – 6.00 ALL PRINCIPALS

Please note there may be extra rehearsals for some over lunch times.

**GREASE – Gala Performance**

*Erratum*

Invitations were posted on Wednesday to parents of cast members.

Unfortunately, the invitation quoted the incorrect date. To confirm,

the Gala Performance will take place on **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Costumes**

Many thanks to all of you who have supplied the wonderful Grease costumes which have been flooding in this week – it is truly appreciated. Last call for the few remaining please. RN

# Friends of Foremarke

Stock Exchange open this Saturday 12 till 1pm

## Friends of Foremarke

# BINGO Chocolate Bingo

Saturday 14th March

Dining Hall

Doors open 18:00 – Bingo starts 18:30

Family ticket £17 (2 adults/2 Children)  
Single Tickets £5



For tickets:

Email: friends\_of\_foremarke@yahoo.co.uk

Alternatively,

Fill out the slip below and post into the Friends Blue Box in the Assembly Hall or Pre-Prep with a cheque made out to "Friends of Foremarke"

### Chocolate Bingo Booking Form

Name of Family: \_\_\_\_\_ Email/Tel No \_\_\_\_\_

Type of ticket	Quantity	Food Choice	Quantity
Family (2 Adults + 2 Children)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Beef burger & Chips	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hot Dog & Chips	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Veg burger & Chips	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Friends of Foremarke

# Chocolate Donations

Donations of chocolate treats would be much appreciated for our popular upcoming event.

The main school and Pre-Prep offices will be happy to keep them safe for us.



Thank you very much in advance



**Saturday 26th September 2015**

More information to follow soon