# *the* Foremarke Flyer

The Newsletter of Repton's Preparatory School

# From the Headmaster

## Dear Parents

As I wandered around the school this morning, a number of the pupils (and indeed the staff) had gone to extraordinary efforts with their book character outfits and the sight of them has brought a smile to my face. Where else would you see children dressed as bears, cowboys, 'Where's Wally' and Oompa Loompas rehearsing the lyrics of 'We Go Together' from Grease whilst being directed by an enthusiastic Irish French teacher? It is this commitment to the cause that makes the time here at Foremarke so special.

The Grease production is fast approaching and I must give a special mention to Sue Tucker whose ideas, time and preparation for the set enabled up to twenty staff from all sections of the School to give up their free time last Sunday to bring the design to life in a paint-bynumbers exercise co-ordinated by Becky Bussey. This week's Flyer no doubt reflects what a busy week it has been, the Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day, the Pre-Prep Morning Concert, the Year 7 visit to the National Space Centre, success in the UKMT Team Maths Competition, World Book Day and almost twenty sporting fixtures and tournaments in hockey, netball and rugby, and as many of us approach the weekend to draw breath, the boarders are then off to ice-hockey on Saturday evening and then go-karting and the cinema on Sunday!

There truly is something here for everybody if the opportunities are grasped and I would like to thank the staff for their energies in delivering the programme and also to you, the parents who support us and your children in all of these ventures.

Paul Martin Assistant Head (AKA "Cubby Buster")



The Headmaster is away on a school inspection visit



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We asked the children to celebrate this day by coming to school as their favourite character from a novel and as usual they surpassed our expectations! (And so did the staff!)







# **Pre-Prep News**

# Pre-Prep Learning Objectives – Lent Week 9

## **Reception:**

## Mathematics

To continue to learn about subtraction, looking at what happens to a number when we take away.

## Literacy

To write a shopping list of what Little Red Riding Hood might take to Grandma's house.

# Year One:

## Mathematics

To count on and back in 1s or 10s from any number up to 100, saying the number that is more or less.

## English

To read and understand 'The Gruffalo' in order to devise simple questions relating to the story, using a variety of punctuation.

# Year Two:

Mathematics To know the names of common 3D shapes. To sort 3D shapes and describe their features. English

To develop children's knowledge of the past tense.

Sainsbury have started to give out the Active Kids vouchers and the collecting box is in the Pre-Prep Reception should you have any vouchers that that wish to donate.

## PLAYTIME STARS AWARD

Reception





Nursery	Reception
Alessandra Langley	Aaron Ari-Kainth
Euan Mackenzie	Theo Birkin
Evelyn Szabo	Millie Harrison
	Henry Snooks
Year 1	Year 2
<b>Year 1</b> Jemima Blunt	<b>Year 2</b> Elliot German
Jemima Blunt	Elliot German

# Morning Concert is a delight

On Tuesday, Pre-Prep held their Lent Morning Concert. We had a record number of children performing pieces for Pre-Prep parents and children. The audience was amazed and thrilled by the exceptional talent from Reception to Year Two. With music being performed on a wide variety of musical instruments, the Year Two Choir entertaining us with a fantastic 'Strictly Medley' and a beautiful solo performance of 'Morning has broken', everyone was in awe of the confidence and standard of all our performers.

We were very proud of all the children, who showed no sign of nerves despite a large audience, even those with non -compliant cornets! Well done, Pre-Prep!



## World Book Day in Year I

In Year I, World Book Day brought a host of colourful characters as staff and pupils dressed up in some amazing costumes.

During the day we enjoyed reading stories about our characters and wrote character profiles, trying hard to use powerful adjectives.





# **Lower School News**

## World Book Day fun

Can you recognise your favourite character from Alice in wonderland?



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



My favourite part was when I got to be pharaoh- I even got to be fanned by my friends! (Amanpreet Thandi 3C)

I was the Goddess Maat and liked it when I got to put the feather of truth on the scales and weigh the heart. (Bertie English 3C)

My favourite part was when we did the crocodile mime because it was fun to just act and not talk! (Gil Grace 3C)

I enjoyed the dances because they were so different from ours! (Georgina Hiatt 3M)

When we bowed we had to put our heads on the floor and I found the dancing really strange because when we did the flood it didn't look like waves! (Isla Fitzgerald 3M) Full marks to Lower School pupils (and parents) for making such a wonderful effort with their costumes on World Book Day.



## The imaginary island of Rundersmere

In their English lessons, Year 4 have been writing stories which take place on an imaginary island called the 'Isle of Rundersmere', where three children have a treasure map which they must use to locate some unknown treasure. Year 4 had to describe a series of events and use descriptive language to create a sense of mystery.

Louis took out a rope from his backpack. He swung the rope, like a lasso, over the wall. It wrapped around the rampart. He pulled to make it tight. He gripped his hand onto the rope, then climbed. "One at a time, climb up," reminded Louis. Lilly went next and finally James. When they had reached the top of the wall, Louis swivelled the rope around and they climbed down, one at a time. Ahead of them they saw.....'Swamps of the Slugwort!' They were close to the treasure!' Siena Hartdegen (4J)

They eventually reached the edge of the forest and, spread out like a gigantic blanket, they saw Brunder's Lake. It was still dark and thousands of ominous fireflies floated on the water, surrounding the children. The air was thick with magical sense and everything was making music. In the distance was a silver castle with blue points and golden windows as bright as the sun. Evelyn Brough (4M)

Suddenly they saw a towering mountain which was bigger than a skyscraper and as sharp and pointy as the tip of a sword. Treasure Mountain, a beautiful sight with rivers flowing down like an angel coming down to earth. But it had flaws in its beauty, scars from the rockslides, cracks in the brittle boulders and a cloudy fog circling the mountain. Adam Khan (4M)

They looked down there was a huge drop to the swamp in the valley below. Lilly picked up a stone and threw it at a tree. The sound echoed around the trees that were standing as straight as soldiers. Just that second lights appeared throughout the swamp. Everyone froze! There was silence! Luca Stanojevic (4HU) Year 7 visited the National Space Centre this week





## DOG WALKERS

If you are exercising your dog anywhere on school grounds please ensure you use poo bags and take your waste away from the site. Thank you.



# **Boarder of the week**



Ivan

Continues to be helpful, well liked and to lead by example. A real credit to Francis House. JH

## **SPORTS NOTICES**

Any changes to published fixtures can be found on our web site here:

http://www.foremarke.org.uk/School-Calendar

#### Netball success for UII's



This talented bunch won the Foremarke Netball Tournament last week and won the Regional IAPS Tournament yesterday at Uppingham. National Finals are at Rodean Brighton next week.

#### **National Cross Country**

Congratulations to Alex Coleston-Sheilds, Jolyon Leavesley and Fran Cole who took part in the National Cross country Competition earlier this month. All competed superbly in this huge event.

In the UI3 boys' event Alex came 87<sup>th</sup> and Jolyon 97<sup>th</sup>. In the girls' UI3 event Fran finished 270 out of 500 competitors. A great achievement for all three Foremarke pupils, Alex still has a number of years left competing in this age group too.

### REPTON EASTER TENNIS COACHING COURSES

This Easter break will again see our ever popular and successful Tennis Coaching Course at Repton. Run by Repton School Enterprises the Course offers Foremarke students, and others, the perfect opportunity to start, or to brush up their tennis skills with some coaching before the



forthcoming season – with the guarantee of that inclement weather will not affect time on the courts!

The course takes place from Tuesday 7th – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April at Repton's Indoor Tennis Centre (or outdoors if weather permits) and is headed by Course Director, Matt Lambert. The Course is designed to assist young players (from 3 upwards!) with improving tennis strokeplay, techniques and tactics or introduce tennis to those completely new to the sport. Further details of this course and a programme of summer courses run by Repton School Enterprises are available from the Enterprise office on 01283 559322 or by e-mailing <u>enterprise@repton.org.uk</u>



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

4M	Adam Khan	English
4J	Sienna Hartdegen	English
	Harriet Harte	English
	Henry Wagstaff	English
4HU	Lottie Fletcher	RS
	Saffron Hibbert	English
	Polly Sisson	Maths
5EL	Alice Colclough	French
	Rebecca Diksa	French
	Issy Hobson	Maths
	Harriet Jackson	History
	Katherine Marshall	French
5JC	Sienna Atkins	Maths
	Murren Barker	History
	Alice Kelly	Maths
6GK	Aaron Atwal	Science
	Alexander Coleston-Shields	Science x 2
	Noah Coulborn	Latin
6NW	Matthew Fulford	English
	Cameron Wagg	French
6RN	Lydia Cooper-Ewin	Maths
	Ellie-May Derry	Maths
8SO	Millie Cann	English
8JVV	Isabelle Hankins	French
8ST	Ella Hopkins	English, French
	Josie Mitchell	Maths, French

## Foremarke and Repton combine for mathematical success



On Tuesday Foremarke and Repton sent a combined team to compete at the regional finals of the Team Maths Challenge. A team must consist of two year 8 pupils and two B block pupils from Repton who work as a four or in pairs to complete a series of demanding mathematics problems. From Repton Serena Cole (3F) and Sophie Palmer (3A) were selected, alongside Florence and Jacob from Foremarke.

As usual, our local heat falls in the Easter break so the team had to travel to Rugby school to compete in a competitive field. Over the first three rounds they excelled, taking the lead after the group round, mini-relay and cross number. The final larger relay proved a little tougher but the team hung on to claim a very impressive 2nd place. The winners of each heat qualify for the national final outright, but places are offered to the best runner-up scores across all the heats so we will be keeping our fingers crossed.

This is the third year now that the two schools have combined for this competition finishing  $I^{st}$ ,  $3^{rd}$  and now  $2^{nd}$  in the regional heats. Here is a sample problem to see what they were up against!

#### QUESTION 8

The length of a rectangle is five times its width. The rectangle is divided into three smaller sections by two vertical lines. The areas of the three smaller sections are in the ratio 3:7:15. The area of the middle section is  $35 \text{ cm}^2$ .

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What is the base length of the original rectangle?

# Lost Property

**Daniel Sidhom:** Tracksuit bottoms, White PE top, Opro Gum shield, White and Blue Nike trainers

Kate Knight: named Gilet, last seen last Tuesday. Amelie Naylor: Named school coat, last seen before Christmas!



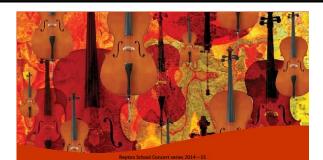
Any parents who find that they no longer require tickets in their possession, please return them to the office so that they may be reallocated to others on our waiting list.

Many tickets are awaiting collection in the school office. Please pick them up as soon as you can.

## REHEARSALS FOR WEEK 9-ONE WEEKS TO GO!

All rehearsals this week are in the theatre

- MONDAY: 4.15 6.00pm ALL PRINCIPALS
- TUESDAY: 8.30 9.10am STAGE CREW
  - 4.15 6.00pm FULL CAST
- THURSDAY: 8.30 9.10am STAGE CREW
  - 3.00 6.00pm FULL CAST
- FRIDAY: 2.00 5.00pm FULL CAST
- SATURDAY : 8:30 11:00 am DRESS REHEARSAL



Pupils from Chetham's School of Music, Manchester

Wednesday, 11 March 2015

## 7.45 pm

Beldam Hall, Music School, Repton



For Tickets, please contact:-Mrs Sue Parker tel: 01283 702550

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