the Foremarke Flyer



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From the Headmaster

Dear Parents

This bumper issue of the Flyer is a reflection of the busy and productive half term we have had in all areas of school life. I hope you find the time to sit and enjoy reading our news over the coming week.

May half term is always a tale of two halves; time to relax, yet time for those in Years 5-8 to do some structured and focused revision. Please do take notice of all the advice that teachers have offered your children in this regard and limit revision to a sensible amount of time.

Let us prepare ourselves for the joys ahead of the second part of the summer term, brimming with fixtures, events and outings and building towards our wonderful Speech day at the end of term.

Here's wishing you a happy week.



The Annual Sports Presentation took place on Monday with almost 100 Yr 7 & 8 boys and girls in attendance that had represented the school at 1st/2nd team level or in IAPS events across the year. It was a lovely evening celebrating the sporting successes at Foremarke in 2014/15.

Mel Marshall, Olympic and Commonwealth Swimmer, was our guest speaker and what an impact she left, not least when picking up the Headmaster over her shoulder! She gave an inspirational talk to the children who all enjoyed the evening. It certainly left everyone feeling that they can achieve and aspire to be the best they can. A huge thank you to Mel and the PE team for organising such a wonderful evening.





Foremarke triumph at Repton Prep Schools' Tennis Tournament

A great achievement for Foremarke tennis as we win four titles this year once again.

Congratulations to all our players and many thanks to all the support we received from family and friends on the day.

See the Sports Page of this issue for a full review.

8S get thinking!

Now that they have finished their scholarship exams, 8S have been busy developing their thinking skills. In Science, they have been set a challenge to design and make a device that will lift a heavy cup by a distance of 10cm, using only the gas produced by a chemical reaction. Some interesting design ideas were produced!







From the Music School





Foremarke staff set top sporting standards

Mr Anderson - International Hockey Player



Congratulations to our hugely talented (and very bashful) Mr A who represented Scotland in three International fixtures vs Spain in Barcelona last weekend. This brings him close to 30 International Cap's but as you all know he keeps it all very quiet!

Mr Anderson is now training and hoping to be selected for the Euro's which will be held in July in Prague.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such an experienced hockey player on our team of Foremarke staff and we would recommend that all budding hockey stars listen very attentively to his words of wisdom as he really does know what he is talking about!

Mr Martin earns his GB Triathlon Vest



Mr Martin entered the Little Beaver Olympic Distance Triathlon last weekend at Belvoir Castle as part of his training for the Weymouth Ironman later this season. This was a national qualifier for the World ITU Olympic Distance Triathlon Age-Group Championships which is to be held in Chicago, USA and will be part of the final race of the World ITU Series, which will feature the likes of the Brownlee brothers in the professional series.

There are three standard distance national qualifiers held in the UK this season and the first four competitors in each age-group are invited to represent GB in Chicago. Mr Martin was in the 50-54 age group and was joined in the event by his eldest son, Sam in the 20-24 age group.

The open water swim was 1500m in the lake in the grounds of Belvoir Castle. Mr M received a few whacks early on whilst trying to establish a position. Then it was time for the bike, which is usually his strongest leg. It was quite a tough circuit because at one point the field cycled 7-8 miles into quite a strong headwind before climbing a sharp hill, but the tough Mr M managed to move through the field overtaking a large number of competitors in all age-groups and only being overtaken twice by any other competitors. Then it was off the bike and out onto the 10K run, which is usually the weakest of his three legs. Still working back to fitness after a hip operation in September and with a long drag of a hill to be negotiated on both laps this was tough but our steely Maths teacher dug in as his hours of long distance training began to pay off.

Onto the home straight and with some encouragement from Sam, Mr Martin finished in an admirable 4th place in his age group and thus a GB place to the Chicago event was now confirmed.

Son Sam had finished 5th in his age-group beating his father by 10 minutes and may gain a 'roll-down' place for the Chicago event in due course.

Mr Martin said, "It would be very rewarding as a father and son to both be selected to represent GB. With Leicester City securing their place in the Premiership for next season, it had been a great weekend!"

If you are interested in Triathlons PMA Racing are running the 2015 Foremarke Hall Triathlons here in our grounds:-

Junior Event 27 June 2015

Senior Event 28 June 2015

For further details and on-line entry visit www.pma-racing.co.uk or email events@pma-racing.co.uk

Pre-Prep News

I would like to wish you all a lovely and relaxing half term and look forward to seeing you at the various events in the second half of the Summer Term.

Miss K Cavill

Pre-Prep Learning Objectives Summer Week 7

Reception

Literacy:

To learn how to write all Curly Caterpillar Letters correctly.

Mathematics:

To recap on the recognition and formation of numerals to twenty and beyond.

Year One

Mathematics

To exchange coins up to 10p for the equivalent in smaller coins.

To find totals of sets of coins and give change.

English

To write a set of instructions about how to plant a seed.

Year Two

Mathematics

Estimate a capacity, recording estimates; read a simple capacity scale.

Estimate, measure and compare capacities in litres and millilitres.

English

To change verbs to the past tense, including irregular verbs. To write a letter to the Year 3 teachers, introducing themselves.

PLAYTIME STARS AWARD Reception





"Listening to people" A Golden Rule

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

Nursery	Reception
Daisy Manning	Henry Snooks
Emily Hanson	Sophia Langley
Lexi Corbett	Zainab Warsi
	Harneve Sandhu
Year 1	Year 2
Year 1 Jemima Blunt	Year 2 Max German
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Jemima Blunt	Max German

News from Year I

Last week Year I thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Tamworth Castle.

The children travelled back in time and had to be on their best behaviour when in the presence of 'Lady Ferrers', showing reverence by bowing and curtseying.

They also met the Squire and were shown the correct way to dress a knight in armour as well as learning many facts about battles.

Later, the children showed their magnificent marching skills and military abilities, using the lances in the 'Bill Drill'.

The children had a great day and came back with lots of new knowledge which enhanced their Summer term Topic work on 'Castles'.



Pre-Prep Notices

Pre-Prep Photo

The deadline for orders and payment in for individual and class photos is TODAY Friday 22nd May. Please follow the instructions in the pack and on the letter. Please make sure all payments are made by today, as photographs will not be processed without the payment. Thank you.

After School Activities:

The ballet activity is cancelled for all year groups on the 4th June due to the Nursery and Reception trip to Twycross Zoo. The ballet activity will be giving a demonstration for parents on the 11th June.

Football is cancelled on the 8th June as Mr Clarkson is unavailable.

Nursery Hedgehogs and Reception trip to Twycross Zoo Thursday 4th June

Please provide sunhat/waterproof in preparation for all weather and a small backpack to carry their lunch, which will be provided.

Lower School News

Ancient Greek Olympics Day

Year 3 had a very busy and exciting start to the week with another 'History Day', this time learning all about Ancient Greece and the Olympics.

"I really enjoyed learning the Greek dance that the girls had to learn and making my special headdress decorated with flowers" Jemima Leavesley 3M



"I thought the best bit of the day was when we pretended to do the Olympic Games. I had to make an offering to the statue of Zeus. I also really liked making my Greek helmet in the art session." Freddie Bailey (3C)

"I got chosen to dress up as a Greek hoplite. I had to wear a white t shirt type tunic with a leather breast plate and I had shin pads and sandals. I held a special shield called a hoplon and also had a sword and spear." Jacob Ingleston-Orme (3M)

"I was one of the javelin throwers in the Olympic Games and I won! I got given a red ribbon to wear around my wrist and a special crown of leaves." Sophie Haines (3C)



Year 3 Science Day

This is on the first Monday back after Half Term (Monday Ist June). Children will need to arrive at school in their tracksuits ready for a full day out in the school grounds. We are hoping for sunny weather so please ensure that shorts/suncream/sunhat are also in school. A packed lunch with drinks will be provided by the school kitchens. The day will finish at 4pm so normal after school activities will be on but there will be no set prep for the Year 3s on that evening.

Visit to Twycross Zoo

Last Thursday the Year 4s visited Twycross Zoo as part of their studies on different habitats. Despite the rather grey and cold day, the animals were all out and kept the children entertained, with the penguins being a particular favourite!



"I enjoyed looking at the penguins because they waddled and you could go look through the glass and see them underwater"

Luca Stanojevic, 4HU



"I liked walking with lemurs because I found it quite thrilling how they jump from tree to tree and how they listen when it's time to eat."

Stelios Dex, 4M

"I really enjoyed looking at the giant tortoises because I was amazed at how old they were! How can something live longer than two hundred years?"

Georgina Jackson, 4HU



"I liked the fact that I had the opportunity to touch a chinchilla and a tortoise. I thought I was very brave to touch the cockroach! I think we were lucky to be able to spend time with the zookeeper."

Leo Pollock, 4J

Lost Property

Georgina Jackson (4HU) has lost her named school coat.



Maths Department

A record-breaking year in the National UKMT Maths Challenge



Once again this year, a number of our pupils in Years 6-8 took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. This competition is aimed at the top mathematicians in the country, and this year our pupils have achieved a record number of awards. Out of the 110 pupils who entered, 70 have achieved either a Gold, Silver and Bronze award standard:

Gold:

Katie Fulford*, Jacob Davies, Charlotte Luke, Molly Dytham, Scarlett Lloyd-Dickinson, Matthew Archer, Kian Modhwadia, Florence Schneck, Divya Devikinand, Shirley Yu, Fraser Davis*, Rohit Khosla, Julie Sikking

Silver:

Edward Warneken, James Wigglesworth, Yanis Chaibi, Will Toon, Max Atherton, Thiery Fan, Matthew Newstead, Oliver Whittingham, Thomas Tudor, Jacob Savage, Fran Cole, Lydia Staley, Sevakh Kang, Dasha Isakova, Filipe Costa, Zara Wedgwood, Joseph Presley-King, Conor Cushley, Noah Coulborn, Tajinder Thandi, Holly Davis, Harriet Coombs, Kiera Cooksey, Caitlin Grainger-Spivey

Bronze:

Alec Bramall, Ben Wheelton, William Draper, Oliver Hilton, Robert Swoyer, Teddy Fluck, Mia Swain, Louis Platts, Billy Collins, Sarah Murphy, Jemima Merriman, Anna Krasnova, Gabrielle Pope, Melissa White, Ren Tabata, Daniel Russell, Claudia Westwood, Zara Knowles, Henry Dunn, Lucy Williamson, Ethan Berlusconi, Alex Mair, William Orpin, Louis Cooke, Alice Markham, Michael Sinka, Jonty Reading, Oliver Weldon, Lucy Thacker-Martin, Belle Zhou, William Davison, Alex Coleston-Shields, Aaron Atwal

Whilst we did not have anyone achieving the required score to qualify for the National Olympiad Final, this year sees the introduction of a new extension competition. The Junior Kangaroo will provide the top mathematicians with another opportunity to show off their mathematical talents. This competition is by invitation only, and we are delighted that **Katie Fulford** and **Fraser Davis** have been selected to take part. We wish them good luck for the start of June when this will take place.

Huge congratulations to everyone who took part in the competition this year.

SPORTS NOTICES

Tennis Triumph

.....From the front page

Repton's Annual Prep Schools tennis competition took place last Sunday. This was a fantastic day, hosted by Repton, enabling young tennis players to compete across a whole day. There were 17 schools taking part, 177 matches were played, 885 games played and 29 matches were decided by tie breakers. Foremarke entered four age groups.

At UII level Rory Fitzgerald and Jasper Grace played some great tennis, they won their group and then the semi putting them into the final. They played some great points and won the match to take the title.

At U12 level Conor Cushley and Daniel Sidhom played together and again won their group and consequently went through to the semi- finals. Another great performance from them put them through to the final. They managed to keep their composure and win the match; a great effort as they haven't had much time to play as a pair.

In the UI3 section we entered Mae Fitzgerald and Ella Buffin who have previously won their last two outings in this competition; the pressure was on! The girls played well once again and reached the final, they won to take the title for the third consecutive year; a great achievement.

In the UI3 boys we entered four boys, all superb tennis players and a delight to watch. Alex Ottewell and Jobim Ffrench paired together and Sevakh Kang and Freddie Middleton were our second pairing in this age group. Both sets won their group convincingly but then unfortunately met one another in the semi-final. This game ought to have been the final. It was an absolute epic game with both pairs pulling out some quite outstanding points. It went to the wire and down to the tie break. The game finally came to a conclusion with Alex and Jobim finishing a quite superb point to take the tie break 10-8. Alex and Jobim then went straight into their final and although the game wasn't quite at the same level they managed to win comfortably 6-1 in the boys' UI3 Championship.

A great achievement for Foremarke tennis. Four titles won this year once again.

Fun Friday Hockey for parents and teachers!

Mixed Adult Hockey knock-about Fridays 7-8pm Foremarke Astro.

ALL Abilities welcome!

Cost: A small donation to the Theo

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If interested please contact Rhiannon on:

rhiannon@stormresearch.co.uk / 07984 268855

Boarder of the Week



Ariel

Ariel has really started to thrive and grasp the many opportunities that Foremarke Boarding has to offer. And she went on the scariest ride at Drayton Manor at the weekend. Well done Ariel!



Peter Moore

Trombonist

Youngest ever winner of the BBC Young Musician in 2008 at the age of 12

Co-principal of the London Symphony Orchestra

Wednesday, 10 June 2015 at 7.45 pm Beldam Hall, Music School, Repton

For tickets please contact:-

Mrs Sue Parker

Tel: 01283 702550 or email: se.parker@tiscali.co.uk

Science Department

Chemistry Success

I am delighted to announce that we won second place at the Salter's Annual Festival of Chemistry hosted by the Department of Chemistry at Nottingham University on Tuesday 19th May.



Foremarke were the only preparatory school competing against a number of senior schools in a series of Chemistry practical tests that are marked through the day. The day ended with a number of 'high energy' demonstrations, including the loudest explosion any of us had heard indoors.

The event is designed to inspire potential future Chemists to see what a great subject this is to study at university.

Each year we pick a team of four students, from our Chemistry Club, who show a talent for the subject and invite them to represent Foremarke at this national event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thanks Mrs. Dunion (our resident Laboratory Technician) who supports me in the Chemistry Club and helps teach the children practical Science skills that eventually get assessed at a competition like this and indeed in their common entrance & scholarship exams.

I would also like to thank the rest of the Science Department for the excellent grounding our students get with Science as it is these skills that the judges are particularly looking to see.

I am very proud of Emma, Barnaby, Ben & Bilal our successful team!

Mrs Waldock



Lost Property



Oscar Adams O'Rorke is missing pair of white ASICS Trainers named last seen in Chaggers last week



Academic Stars

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

3C	Roberta English	Geography
	Gil Grace	History
	Sophie Haines	English
	Amanpreet Thandi	History
	Louis Trafford	History
	N'Sira Wills-Diawara	Geography
3M	Alfie Baines	English
	Louis Errington	English
	Georgina Hiatt	Geography
	Caiombhe Kirtland	English
	Joshua Parish	History
4M	Freya Bruno	Maths
	Adam Khan	Maths
	Sophia Middleton	Maths
	Louis Watson	RS
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4J	Harriet Harte	Science
	Daisy Wong	Science
5SD	Charlie Buffin	Maths, Science, French
	Manav Chitkara	Maths
	Jenna Davies	Science, French
	Henry Geutjens	Science, Latin
	Sienna Swoyer	Science, History
5EL	Phillippa Jowett	Science
5JC	Sam Pawley	French
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7IC	Michael Ainger	Maths, Latin x 4
7PW	Conor Cushley	History
	Sophie Haigh	Geography, Classical Studies











7SJT	Enya Kildare	Maths
7NB	Tabitha Johnson	English, Latin
	Ane Saenz de Buruaga	Classical Studies
7JD	Alice Markham	History, Latin
8SO	Millie Cann	RS
	Dasha Isakova	English, Classical Studies
8KC	Maxim Krivonogov	English
8J V V	Eleanor Bond	History x 2
	Isabelle Hankins	Latin
	Milan Stanojevic	Science x 2
8RA	Christina Jowett	History
	Shirley Yu	Maths x 5
8ST	Ella Hopkins	History
	Joshua Thompson-Dykes	English, Science



School Exams for Years 5-7

This year's school exams are due to take place during Weeks 7 and 8, starting on Friday 5th June.

Pupils are already being given guidance on revision by their subject teachers, and directed revision has been set as prep.

During this last week, pupils have been issued with a revision guide that contains specific information for each subject, as well as an examination timetable, and also guidance for parents.

Should you require any further information at this stage, please contact:-

Miss Bushby (Assistant Head - Academic). pbushby@foremarke.org.uk

Foremarke Pupils take charity fund raising into their own hands

Our Gapper, Sam Mellor, delivered a hugely inspirational talk in assembly last week about his work in Africa for the Charity "Stand by me". After the assembly Mrs Kelly was swamped with requests from the children asking how they could donate and consequently we have placed a large pot to collect any loose change in the main school office.

Mr Merriman appears to have delivered a good dose of reverse psychology when he announced; "There is no way we will fill that!". Subsequently the office have seen a stream of pupils emptying their pockets of loose change.

Some children are also planning to do activities over half term and Mrs Kelly has been hugely impressed with the enthusiasm of the children taking the initiative to help.



Repton and Foremarke combine to support two charities

This Charity Cricket Match being played at Repton School on Tuesday, 30th June this year should be a great occasion with the Lord's Taverners team being organised by Paul Aldred, a former Derbyshire County player and also featuring our Headmaster Mr Merriman.

Both Charity web sites are worth a look and both have as their theme helping the disadvantaged and in particular helping young people. Do collect friends and make up a table of ten but single/double tickets holders are equally welcome and will be allocated to good viewing areas.

The Event Flyer and booking form is printed below (press control and scroll with your mouse to enlarge the size) for completion and despatch to Ken Hair at his Repton address as shown on the form. If you require any further information do contact Ken Hair by email: kenhair28@aol.com





















