

# Folly Hill Infant School

## Newsletter 5

### January 2022

Dear all,

Happy New Year!

We are all so pleased we are in school, remember this time last year! Such a relief that is not happening again (fingers crossed). Thank you all so much for the huge effort to keep us all safe and well and the school open. Staff will continue to be vigilant, testing twice or more a week, wearing face masks when required and encouraging good hygiene from the children and each other. As you are aware we have had a lot more cases of covid this term, please can you help us to remain open by testing your child if they feel unwell (see previous letters for further information) and wearing a face mask when you need to speak to an adult in school.

So much to look forward to this term, lots of recommended reads, and mystery readers (keep the videos coming), cake and book sale, discos, Easter, Sunshine lunch, team building, and Folly Hill skills. And of course **the amazing learning that happens all day.**

Rainbow class 



The children have got stuck into our new topic Super Stories. We started our topic with bedtime stories. We had great fun on pyjama day. The children had a wonderful time building reading dens and then sharing their favourite stories with their friends.

The children made their own cuddly toy based on the story 'Emily Brown and the Thing.' They used an old sock and chose how to decorate it. Lots of fun and concentration using the hot glue gun!

## Sunshine class

This Term Sunshine Class's topic is 'Dinosaur Roar!' It started with a palaeontology workshop where the children used brushes to dig up fossils and had to identify them using a handbook.

We have learned about different dinosaurs, made dinos from Tangrams and lego, programmed toys to move around a dino mat, made clay dinos and plaster cast fossils and are sewing felt dinosaurs.

We used a range of sources to find out about Mary Anning - please ask the Sunshines to give you a Mary Anning fact!



## Moonbeam class

Moonbeam have had a very busy term so far learning all about the Polar regions. We had a wonderful day at the Gilbert White museum where we learnt skills such as compass reading and learning basic semaphore. They acquired great knowledge such as how penguins adapt to their environment, and they even got to smell what penguin poo smells like! We have continued our learning about Captain Scott in history and the children have looked at how a Norwegian explorer ended up winning the race to the South Pole.

In geography we have compared and contrasted the two polar regions. In art the children have been learning how to manipulate clay using blending and joining skills. They have created some fantastic polar bears!

### Transition questionnaire:

A big thank you to all of the Rainbow parents who completed the transition survey. We really appreciate you taking to time to help us improve the transition going forward. We recognise the importance of this time for you and your child so are always looking at ways to improve.

### Inset Days:

Our two remaining inset days for this academic year are Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. We will let you know the inset dates for the next academic year as soon as we have had them confirmed.

## Gardening Saturday 12th February:

Your School Grounds Need You!!



The school grounds need a good tidy up and many hands make light work. If you could spare any time at all on Saturday 12th February between 10 and 3 please do pop up to school to lend a hand. There is a long list of jobs and no gardening knowhow is needed. If you can bring secateurs, wheelbarrow, spade, hand fork etc please do bring them along although we do have tools in school and your help, is what we need.

Children are welcome, however, the jobs that need doing will be for adults. If you do bring your children then they will be your responsibility as unfortunately we don't have any creche facilities. Tea and cake will be provided, and soup will be on offer at lunch time.

If you are planning to join us do just let school know [school@folly-hill.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:school@folly-hill.surrey.sch.uk) so we can decide which jobs we can tackle.

### Are you keeping your child safe online?

It is Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February and the theme for this year is 'all fun and games?' and 'exploring respect and relationships online'.

Please see the link below for information on how to encourage children to communicate online with respect and positively.

On this page there is a resource pack for parents to download for free. It includes fun family activities and great conversation starters.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/safer-internet-day/>



### [Safer Internet Day 2021 - Advice for Parents | Internet Matters](https://www.internetmatters.org/safer-internet-day/)

Safer Internet Day video showcasing children thoughts on what to trust online

[www.internetmatters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org)



## Sharing information about the curriculum:

### ART

#### Intent

At Folly Hill, the children will explore a wide variety of art techniques and media, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to create their own works of art and to express their thoughts and feelings. They will be inspired to record their observations and develop their individuality and creativity.

The children will use the correct vocabulary associated with different disciplines.

They will learn about the work of artists and craftspeople, some who visit the school, and appreciate a range of talents and styles. They will be motivated to use other's work to create their own and see links between the two.

#### **Friends of Folly Hill:**

We have lots coming up in the term ahead for both the parents and the children. We have already kicked off with the Moonbeam Movie Night, thank you to the Moonbeam parents who supported the event. The children were very excited and had a great time watching The Croods 2 in their pyjamas. We raised £51.07.



We have also had our wear your own clothes to school on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you to those who donated books for our up-and-coming book sale.

The half term will be ending with our cake and book sale, which will be running in classes and starts with Rainbow on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Sunshine on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February and finishes on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February with Moonbeam. Please donate nut free homemade or shop bought cakes on the day of the sale. If you are making homemade cakes, please can we ask you to provide a list of the ingredients. The book sale will be running in the hall. Please can we ask that parents to wear masks as we are following the government guidelines: **Public health guidance will remain in place, suggesting individuals should continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, where you may come into contact with people you do not normally meet.**

Up and coming events include the School Disco on the 11<sup>th</sup> March, Parents Social on the 18<sup>th</sup> March and the Easter Egg Hunt on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Following on from the success of our fundraising events last year the school are compiling a shopping list and we are committed to helping them buy £500 worth of equipment and supplies. We will share the details with you as soon as we have them.

Our next Friends meeting will be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 7.45pm – we would love to see there.

From all of the Friends committee thank you very much for all of your ongoing support!

#### **Nut Free School:**

Folly Hill is a nut free school. Please **do not to send any peanut or nut containing products to school** with your child. Please **avoid products that state they may contain nuts and sesame seeds**. This includes snacks sent for after school clubs with external providers. If your child has eaten peanuts or nuts before coming to school, please be sure your child's hands and face have been thoroughly washed before entering the school.

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**After school events with or without children are also nut free. Items that 'may contain nuts' are acceptable at cake sales and parent socials as long as they are clearly marked as such. Please check food items that you send into school for these events.**

**Thank you for your co-operation.**

#### **Dates for your Diary:**

##### **February**

- 9<sup>th</sup> Cake Sale and book tombola – Rainbow class
- 10<sup>th</sup> Cake Sale and book tombola – Sunshine class
- 11<sup>th</sup> Folly Hill Skills
- 11<sup>th</sup> Cake Sale and book tombola – Moonbeam class
- 11<sup>th</sup> Break up at 3.00pm for half term
- 21<sup>st</sup> Children return to school
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Friends meeting and social 7.45pm at The Alma

##### **March**

- 1<sup>st</sup> St David's Day– children can wear their club uniform e.g. Beavers, Rainbows.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> World Book Day – wear pyjamas to school and bring in your favourite book.
- 11<sup>th</sup> School Disco
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> British Science week
- 15<sup>th</sup> Team building afternoon – whole school

- 15<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations by Zoom 5.00pm – 7.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations by Zoom 3.15pm – 5.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Day - children can wear their club uniform e.g. Beavers, Rainbows
- 18<sup>th</sup> Parent Social
- 29<sup>th</sup> Folly Hill skills and Golden Clubs
- 30<sup>th</sup> Sunshine parents invited to Easter lunch and assembly 12 noon.

#### **April**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Egg hunt
- 1<sup>st</sup> Break up at 1.15 pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Inset Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> Friends meeting 7.45pm at The Alma
- 20<sup>th</sup> Children return to school
- 22<sup>nd</sup> St George's Day– children can wear their club uniform e.g. Beavers, Rainbows
- 27<sup>th</sup> SATS meeting for Moonbeam parents 2.30pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Pizza Night