

Springfield Newsletter

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A note from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

Pupils from **Year 6** attended the **Junior Citizen workshop at Walton fire station this week**, as an important part of their life skills curriculum. In **Year 4**, families joined children in our first **Family Learning afternoon**, building an impressive array of Viking boats.



Children feeling positive about themselves and each other is central to how well they learn. In support of this we run the Thrive curriculum for all children and have additional support in the form of Busy Bees and the Hive. This week the school hosted the **Fantastic Fred workshop**, helping children think about looking after themselves through:

- Food - eating the right food
- Rest – getting enough rest
- Exercise – taking exercise
- Devices – time on digital devices

More information about the workshop and support pupil wellbeing can be found on: <https://www.thefantasticfredexperience.com/>

Thank-you to all who were able to attend this week's **Parent Forum meeting**. The school values feedback from families, with informed review about current practice in the school and steps to consider in seeking to provide the best possible educational provision for the children.

To celebrate **GLF Schools' 10th birthday**, all schools in the Trust will be participating in activities across the same week in October. Funds raised through these activities will be split 50:50 between our school, and the GLF Schools' Foundation which was launched earlier this year. The GLF Schools' Foundation is an initiative within GLF Schools which provides opportunities for all young people within GLF schools to have exposure to additional opportunities and experiences regardless of their financial background. Funds raised will provide additional extra-curricular programmes for children. As part of this, Springfield will be having a **mufti-day on 7th October**, with all donations going to the GLF Schools' Foundation. Collection buckets will be at the front of the school on this day. Any donations will be very gratefully received.

Next week we have our first **Pastoral Coffee morning, on 30th September at 9.00am**. Jo Scott, our local community Family Support Worker will be in attendance. All are more than welcome to attend, meeting in the main school reception area.

Finally, we have our next **Open Morning on 29th September at 9.30am**. If you know of any families seeking a place at Springfield, we would be grateful if you could share this information with them.

I wish all a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 26th and Friday 30th September

Year 5 Bikeability Level 2 training

Wednesday 28th September
School Photographer – individual photos

Thursday 29th September
Prospective Parents' Open Morning, 9.30am

Friday 30th September
Pastoral Coffee morning, 9.00am

Monday 3rd October
Safer Internet Workshop, 3.30pm

Tuesday 4th October
Year 1 Family Learning afternoon, 2.00pm

Wednesday 5th October
Year 6 Family Learning afternoon

Friday 7th October
Prospective Parents Open Morning, 9.30am

Friday 7th October
Mufti Day – GLF 10th Birthday

English at Springfield

Young Writers have a poetry competition 'Poetry Stars'. If your child would like to take part, entry forms can be found at www.youngwriters.co.uk/comp/poetry-stars or please request a copy from the school office.



Year 6 Junior Citizen

On Tuesday, Year 6 attended the Junior Citizen workshop at Walton Fire Station. Junior Citizen has been running for over ten years and is organised by Spelthorne Borough Council with support from the Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner, Surrey Fire and Rescue, Surrey Police, RNLI, Southwestern Railway and St John Ambulance.

The children took part in interactive workshops, which taught them about staying safe and being good citizens. Topics covered included: first aid, stranger danger, fire safety, water safety and contacting the emergency services. The children displayed exemplary behaviour and were a credit to Springfield and our community.



Pastoral

Coffee Morning 30th September

We will be welcoming Jo Scott from our local Family Centre who will be attending our coffee morning to discuss additional support on offer in the community. Family centres support families to find solutions to the parenting and relationship challenges they face and to grow in confidence to manage future difficulties. The aim of the family centres is to help families build their own resilience and self-reliance. They support families, including parenting strategies and routines, reducing conflict, mental health and wellbeing, families struggling financially (foodbank, debt support etc), risk of homelessness and much more.

Any questions, please speak to a member of the Pastoral Team.

All welcome!

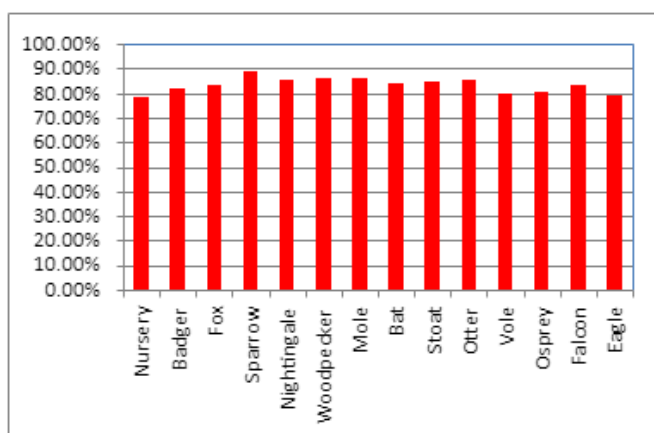
Awards

This week's **Lead Learners** were celebrated today, the focus being **'Working hard on handwriting skills'**:

Sparrow	- Yuugesh	Stoat	- Photizo
Nightingale	- Reyan	Otter	- Lucas
Woodpecker	- Eileen	Vole	- Leah
Mole	- Laila	Osprey	- Julia
Bat	- Aket	Eagle	- Preston
		Falcon	- Rayyan

This week's **Super Citizens** were celebrated today, the focus was **'Considering other children's rights'**:

Sparrow	- Matilda	Stoat	- Callum
Nightingale	- Penny	Otter	- Tiger-Lily
Woodpecker	- Tillie-Rose	Vole	- Nancy
Mole	- Xaphia	Osprey	- Matthew
Bat	- Tilly	Eagle	- Lola
		Falcon	- Giorgio



Attendance – Winners of the attendance cup for the week commencing 12th September:

EYFS/KS1: Sparrow – 86.7%

KS2: Otter – 85.1%

Reading Raffle:

The winners of the reading raffle week commencing 12th September are: Falcon class

TT Rockstars – Our top 3 TT Rockstars with the most improved in accuracy are Maci (Y4), Leighton (Y4) and Alfie (Y5)

Numbots – Our top 3 Numbots Stars with the most correct answers are Lucas (Y2), Siyan (Y2) and India (Y2)

Housepoint winners – 1st place Pine – 77, 2nd place Chestnut – 73, 3rd place Willow – 70

The focus for Lead Learner after half-term is, Good sportsmanship.

The focus for Super Citizen after half-term is, Caring about other children's feelings.



Attendance

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher is required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. Government Regulations state that parents who take their child out of school during term time for five days or more, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority and in Surrey it has been agreed that Penalty Notices will only be issued where five days or more unauthorised leave of absence is taken. These absences do not have to be consecutive but could be accumulated over a 3-month period.

The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the penalty is not paid by the end of the 28-day period, the Local Authority will prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure the regular school attendance of their child under section 444 Education Act 1996.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences. For example, if there are two parents and two children, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices.

Penalty notices may also be used by the Local Authority in the following circumstances: -

When a pupil is stopped during school hours by the Truancy Team, and there is a history of unauthorised absence, a warning letter will be sent to the parents informing them that their child's attendance will be monitored for the following 15 school days. If there are further unauthorised absences, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration, a Penalty Notice will be issued.

Where a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration, and is failing to engage with any supportive measures proposed by the school or Inclusion Service. Before a Penalty Notice is issued, the parent will be sent a formal warning of their liability to receive such a notice. Their child's attendance will be monitored for the following 15 school days and if there are further unauthorised absences, a Penalty Notice will be issued to each parent.

Fantastic FRED

We were lucky to have the team from Fantastic FRED in school today, leading workshops with pupils from Year 1 – Year 6 promoting the importance of physical and mental wellbeing.

"It was fun." – Keith

"I liked all the costumes." – Freya

"Fred is very funny!" – Hasindu

"I liked it when Fred took a picture of his bum!" - Lucas

