



# Firbeck News



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*Working hard and aiming high.*

26<sup>th</sup> July 2016



- 26.7.16 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE SUMMER BREAK

*Please refer to our school website (parents / useful information) for a range of holiday activities and programmes being offered in coming weeks.*

- 5.9.16 CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
- 8 & 9.9.16 Music camp (Yr4 & 5)
- 12.9.16 Year 2 begin swimming
- Wednesday mornings – Ali Biller (Dance specialist) returns
- Wednesday lunchtime activities
- 23.9.16 Bikeability (Yr6)
- 11.10.16 – Book Fair
- 16 – 18.11.16 Yr 6 Residential – Edale YHA (Derbyshire)

Dear Parents/Carers and Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making this a productive, rewarding and successful year at Firbeck Academy.

Firstly the staff and governors have been fantastic. They work incredibly hard and constantly do everything they can to ensure that the experience of the children at school is a positive one. You could not wish for a more dedicated and caring group of people.

Secondly I would like to thank you as a parent body. Your support, both of your children and of the school has been without question a huge strength.

Finally I would like to thank the children. In what has been my first year at Firbeck Academy the children have made me feel incredibly welcome, as they do for all newcomers to the school. They are hardworking, not just academically, but in relation to their social and emotional skills also. They are an absolutely wonderful group of young people, who we can all be very proud of.

I would also like to draw your attention to our recent monitoring visit from Ofsted in June. The completed report is both on the school website and on Ofsted's own website. It once again outlines that we are well on our way to the removal of special measures.

On behalf of the governing body, staff and myself I wish you all a fantastic summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Kind regards,

J Osprey

## Parking & Traffic...

My thanks to the vast majority of parents who have respected the safety of our children on the roads around our site.

My thanks also to our community and their patience and understanding as we have had so much building traffic over the year.



## Building update

The new building is now all but completed and I would like to formally thank M & O Builders and particularly Steve Relton (site manager) for all their hard work over the months.

Not only this, but they have helped our children with their learning within their building topics, even supplying prizes (Lego) for our 'Build a Future' day. With this in mind I would like to congratulate the following children for winning those prizes: Mia-Leigh (Yr1), Jameel (Yr2), Dominika (Yr3), Harry (Yr4), Nicole H (Yr5) and Noah (Yr6).

Finally I would like to invite our parents and families to the official opening day for the new build on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September (afternoon). We have an exhibition on show from our 'Build a Future' day and the children will be showing our guests around.

More information to follow when we return.

## Achievements

### Science competition:

Congratulations to Daniel (Yr6) for being nominated for an award at the Primary Scientist of the Year awards at the University of Nottingham at the beginning of July.

### City Primary Sports Awards:

Congratulations also to Asha (Yr5) for being nominated and then winning the Achievement and Excellence award on the 13<sup>th</sup> July for his amazing work with kickboxing. Asha continues to make us proud with more international competitions on the horizon.

### My beautiful Nottingham competitions:

Well done to Kailen and Lacey (Yr3), who came 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. for their beautiful art work, which received special mention from the organisers.

## Friends of Firbeck

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of Firbeck for all their hard work this year. It has not always been easy to organise events with the amount of disruption due to building works but this group have done well.

One recent example has been the Friends of Firbeck picnic, which despite unpredictable weather, did still happen and raised £175 for the school.

I know FoF will be looking for additional members, so if it is something you are interested in please let the school office know and they will pass on your details.



## “Bits and Bobs...”

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Miss **Katie Cheetham** all the very best for the future. Miss Cheetham has secured a teaching position much closer to where she lives and will begin there in September. It has been an absolute pleasure working with Miss Cheetham and I wish her every success in her new role.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> June the **Speedkick challenge** was held in Firbeck

Academy. A fantastic £467 was raised for the charity. Those Children that raised more than £25: Elijah, Mohammed, Ali, Benjamin, Isabelle, Millie, Harry, Adam, Talia, Torie and Mason.

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July **Firbeck choir** performed at the Wollaton Arts Festival at Wollaton Hall. They performed in front of hundreds of

people, including the Sheriff of Nottingham. They did us all proud.

As the grand finale to their joint science topic 'Living Things and their habitats', **the children in Chestnut and Silver Birch became scientists** for the afternoon. Armed with clip boards, containers and magnifying glasses, they investigated plant and animal life in the school grounds.



*A very special congratulations and well done to all our Year 6 pupils who have worked so hard over the course of the year and have recently finished their SATs.*

*You can all be incredibly proud of what you have achieved, as we are.*

*Well done also to all the other children who are working and have worked so hard across the year groups to achieve the very best that they could.*