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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it has been at Forres!

Last weekend, we were delighted to open our doors to prospective EYFS families for our September 2027 intake. It was a wonderful event, showcasing everything that makes our school such a special place to learn and grow. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our staff, pupils and current families for their support in helping to share information about our school and for creating such a warm and welcoming atmosphere. We have another Saturday open session on November 21st, 9.30-12pm and an evening event on Thursday 10th December 6-8pm, so please continue to spread the word within our local community.

On Wednesday we welcomed in the parents/carers of our Year 6 pupils so they would share some of the amazing learning from the year so far. We were incredibly proud of how confidently they spoke and how much they have learned already. Thank you to our families for joining us and for your continued support.

This week, I also had the pleasure of spending time in Year 6, where I was incredibly impressed by the quality of their persuasive writing. The pupils demonstrated not only

excellent writing skills, but also all of our Forres Five expectations in action. In particular, I was struck by the pride they showed in their work. It was a wonderful example of the high standards and positive learning attitudes we strive to foster throughout the school.

Together, we are making Forres a place where every child can achieve, belong and be proud of their success.

Just a reminder our Instagram is live, please follow, like and share our page!
@forresprimaryacademy

Mrs Rebecca Fitts

Headteacher

IMPORTANT DAIRY DATES

Monday 12th October

School Individual Photos

Wednesday 14th October

Parents evening 3.30pm-8.30pm

Friday 23rd October

INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

Monday 26th October-Friday 30th October Half Term

Monday 2nd November

INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

Saturday 21st November

New Starters 2027 Open Day 9.30am-12pm

Wednesday 25th November

Open Classroom 3.15pm-4.45pm

Friday 27th November

Occasional Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Thursday 3rd December

9am and 5pm EYFS Christmas Production

Monday 7th December

9am and 5pm KS1 Christmas Production

Friday 4th December

FOF Christmas Fete 3.30pm-5pm

Wednesday 9th December

Christmas Dinner

Thursday 10th December

EYFS Open Evening 6pm-8pm

Thursday 17th December

9.05am KS2 Family Christmas Carol Assembly - Parents and Carers are welcome to join us!

Friday 18th December

SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1.30PM

More dates to follow....

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Why we are proud of each class this week...



EYFS: Confidence Class

We are proud of Confidence Class for great recall on what makes a plant grow.

Year 1: Empathy Class

We are proud of Empathy Class for the progress they are making with their handwriting.

Year 2: Kindness Class

We are proud of Kindness Class for having tried hard to use new vocabulary in science this week.

Year 3/4: Imagination Class

We are proud of Imagination Class for the wide range of vocabulary the children have used within their poems about under the sea.

Year 3/4: Innovation Class

We are proud of Innovation Class for their enthusiasm when it comes to their learning. Especially with geography this week!

Year 5: Perseverance Class

We are proud of Perseverance Class for having written informative texts about creatures from Greek mythology, including centaurs, minotaurs, Medusa, sirens and cyclopes. They have used a range of topic-specific vocabulary, expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials to make their writing clear and engaging.

Year 6: Determination Class

We are proud of Determination Class for their hard work and dedication whilst writing and publishing their persuasive speeches. I am also proud of them for their confidence when delivering the first class assembly to the school.

Celebrating Achievements out of School

Aida- swimming

Vinny – Player of the match

Gabby Q for being top of the leader board in home learning for SATs Boot Camp.

Presentation Champions



***EYFS** - Kemal*

***Year 1 - Empathy** - Lilah Belle*

***Year 2 - Kindness** - Alyssa*

***Year 3/4- Innovation** - Maddie AP*

***Year 3/4- Imagination** - Kaziah*

***Year 5 - Perseverance** - Eva*

***Year 6 - Determination** - Casey C*

Attendance Focus

WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.2%

CLASS WINNERS: Perseverance Class with 100%

A big thank you to all our families for your continued support with school attendance. Every school day matters, and regular attendance gives children the best opportunity to learn, make progress, build friendships and enjoy all that school has to offer.

As a guide, we encourage children to aim for 95%+ attendance wherever possible. An attendance figure of 90% means missing around 19 days of school across a full 190-day school year, while missing 10% or more is classed by the Department for Education as persistent absence.

Our aim is to work positively with families to remove barriers and support every child to attend school as regularly as possible.

Let's work together to make every school day count!

Messages from the Office



Individual photos for all students will be taken on ***Monday, 12th October.***

Any children who have siblings in Forres School these photo's will be taken together during the school day.

If you would like your child, to have a photo taken with younger or older siblings who do not attend Forres School, we are pleased to offer this opportunity on that morning from 8 am until 8.45 am in the school hall.

World Mental Health Day

So far today we have collected £215.86. Thank you to everyone that donated

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Internet Safety

Smart Speakers - UK Safer Internet Centre[1]

Included in this article:

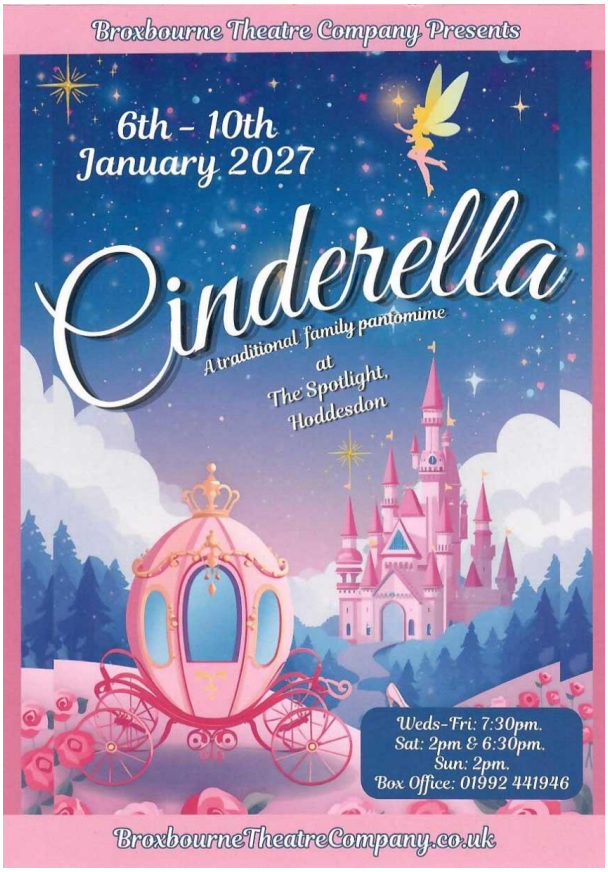
How to start a conversation with your child about using smart speakers safely.

Top Tips and exploring parental controls.

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[1] https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/smart-speakers

School Advertising



Evie F was successful in her audition for Sleeping Beauty at The Spotlight. Evie will be performing in the Wednesday and Friday night shows and Saturday matinee only.



Thank you to our wonderful families for sharing this via your Social Media platforms, we have already had several requests for tours.

PTA

I am writing with some unfortunate news regarding the Halloween disco we had planned for our amazing pupils.Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have to cancel the

Halloween disco. We know many of you were looking forward to an evening of fun, laughter, and spooky dances, and we share in your disappointment.

We are proud to be part of the Spiral Partnership Trust[2]



[2] https://www.spiral.herts.sch.uk/