

Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are now over half way through the school year! I have been speaking to all of the pupils in school assemblies this week about our school values. Those of you who have had children in Old Ford for some time will remember that we used to have 6 school values. When we joined with the other 5 schools in Paradigm, the decision was made to combine our school values and for us all to have the current 3 values of Integrity, Community and Excellence.



We have spoken this week about how these values are good ones to live by in every aspect of our lives - not just in school. I was really proud this week when I saw my daughter pick up a piece of rubbish on the street completely by herself, without being asked. I thought this showed true integrity and community spirit! Feel free to cut out the values and stick them to your fridge to remind everyone to live the Paradigm values in all aspects of their lives!

Integrity

doing the right thing even when no one is watching

Community

working together; learning from, and supporting, others

Excellence

enabling everyone to achieve more through education

WORLD BOOK DAY

Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day. On **Thursday 5th March**, children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please try and be creative and use what you have around the house - there is no need to go out and buy a princess or superhero costume!



Each child will get a book token to get one free book from Tesco!



YEAR 4 PUPILS WIN OFPA TIMES TABLE CHAMPIONS COMPETITION!

Well, we had the most competitive times table champions competition yet! I was really impressed with the speed and accuracy of recall of all our pupils - and I am super impressed with year 4 who beat off some tough competition from the other year groups to make the final 4!

Well done to our 4 finalists and a special congratulations to Achil who was the ultimate champion! See you next year!



DID YOU SEE THIS ON TWITTER THIS WEEK?

Y3 are reading 'The Queen's Nose' by Dick King-Smith, and we got the following response from his family! If you're not following us on Twitter, make sure you sign up for this and more news!



ACADEMY COUNCIL MEETING

A reminder that our regular half termly academy council meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd March at 9.00am. Come and meet our new councilors!

MAY BANK HOLIDAY

Please note. The national May Bank Holiday this year falls on **Friday 8th May**, rather than on the usual Monday. School will therefore be closed on **Friday 8th May**.

NEWSLETTERS

Reminder that we will be going paperless from April. All newsletters will be available on our website.

SECURITY

We have had a new secure entry system installed at Old Ford Primary Academy. All staff now have personal entry cards to enter the main gate and building. This will ensure that your children are kept safe when on site. **Please can you assist us in making sure that you always close the main gate behind you, and do not hold open any inner doors.**

Thank you.



DODGEBALL COMPETITION

Well done to all our students who won in the dodgeball competition this week against Bigland Green!

ATTENDANCE POSTER WINNERS!!

Well done to Millicent NE, Maria 3E and Pinar 6E for winning the attendance poster competition!!



RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION, SEX EDUCATION AND HEALTH EDUCATION ENGAGEMENT

Friday 14th February - Friday 13th March

The RSHE engagement is now live and all relevant documents are available on the school website. The survey can be completed online from your phone, tablet or computer and only takes a few minutes. We also have hard copies available at the school office if you would like them. If you need support completing the survey, please let us know and we can provide translators or other help.

I hope you will take the time to read the information and share your views with us on this very important area.

YEAR 5 WORK

This week year 5 have been making bird hides as a part of their design and technology.



WEEKLY VALUES

Marwaan (1I), Mike (RE), Yagmur (1C), Yusra (1E), Uthman (2I), Monira (2C), Zaiba (2E), Saqib (3I), Cai'ron (3C), Mikhail (3E), Timur (4C), R' Jae (4E), Maria, Ishaq (5I), Surayyah (5C), Dawud (5E), Nawal (6I), Yaseen, Leli, Hisham (6C), Pinar (6E)

SPORTS VALUES

Safiya (3E), Zahra (4C)

9 QUESTIONS

9 Questions! Every week we will be interviewing a member of the Old Ford community and asking their views on life, the universe....everything!
This week it is **Hena** from Reception!

1. Who are you and what do you do at Old Ford Primary Academy?

My name is Hena. I am a reception teacher

2. What is the best thing about working at Old Ford?

All of you wonderful little people and how much you teach me everyday.

3. Pick 4 words which describe you

open minded, kind, loving and passionate

4. What is your favourite meal?

Ooo tricky. I'd say it's between a roast dinner and a medium rare steak.

5. If you were a cartoon character, who would you be and why?

I would probably be a loony tune (lol) but I aspire to be Mulan or Moana.
They are great role models for young girls!

6. What is your favourite book?

The Gruffalo

7. What is your favourite film?

I cannot choose! My favourite animation is Hercules

8. If you were stranded on a desert island, which one item couldn't you live without?

Do my family count? I don't think it would be worth having anything else if they weren't there.

9. Do you have a piece of inspirational advice for everyone at Old Ford?

No one successful or interesting is 'normal'. Be weird, be different.

CAKE WITH KEVIN



RICH MIX BOOKSWAP

Saturday 7th March

12:00PM - FREE

Roman Road Trust Common Room - E3 5NS

"Simply come along with your pre-loved books and swap them for a brand-new adventure at a special free bookswap.

We're working with the support of local schools, young people and parents to bring you our very own Bookswap. As enthusiastic book lovers, we will be on hand to help you choose books for and with your children!"