

Fort Royal Journal

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Music Sessions with Nicola

The children have had lots of fun while learning about music



EYFS Stay and Play Sessions

The reception children starting school in November have enjoyed their stay and play sessions. The children have had opportunity to explore play dough, painting, home corner resources, building with duplo, number activities, puzzles, small world play and a soft play obstacle course. The children have also had snack time and group time.



Letter from the Head

Dear parents the term has sped by and almost all the children are now well settled into their new classes and making new friends. The new reception classrooms will be opened as planned at the beginning of next half term. The wheels are turning slowly but our meeting with Worcester Children First about getting some extra capacity off site are continuing. We had our safeguarding audit this week, we have not yet seen the report, but the external assessor seemed to be very impressed with all we are doing to keep the children safe. It was great to see many of you at parents evening and we will be writing after half term with dates of some Christmas events in school. I hope you all have a great half term. Best wishes

Ed Francis

Friends of Fort Royal

Hi👋 It was lovely to meet some of the new parents recently...for those who are unsure of who we are and what we do, please see our section on the school website: <https://www.fortroyal.co.uk/friends-of-fort-royal/> Here, there are links to add **easyfundraising** and also chance to sign up to **Worcester Community Lottery** which gives you the chance of winning big prizes for an amount you set each month and we get 50% back - so it really helps!

Thank you to those who had a sort out and sent in bags for our **Bags2school** collection. We raised £80 and the next one is Thursday 25th April 2024 for all the heavy winter clothes you'd like to get rid of! 📦📦 If you're wanting to get rid of any scrap metal, we now have an account at **Jensen Metco Ltd** on Shrub Hill industrial estate so you can drop it off and quote our charity number: 504033 to help us raise more. Their website has more details: <https://www.jansenmetcoltd.co.uk/> On the theme of recycling...please send any old printer🖨️ **cartridges** you have to the box in the front foyer at school 😊

We have recently spent money on class wish lists, enabling children to have some lovely new toys and resources. Don't forget to look at all the equipment available to borrow from the **sensory library**: <https://www.fortroyal.co.uk/sensory-library/>

A huge thank you to **David Andrews** from school, his band, family and friends who put on three Fort Royal Rocks 🎸 gigs and raised over £1000 for new outdoor clothes for the children. Amazing! 😊

Hopefully I will see lots more of you at our Autumn disco and parents evening. We would really love more joining us in any capacity! Our next meeting and AGM (quite informal so don't worry!) is Friday 10th November at the cafe in Redpoint Climbing on Midland Road at 12.30pm. For any more information please see our closed 'Friends of Fort Royal' Facebook page or e-mail: friendsoffr@fortroyal.worcs.sch.uk Annie x

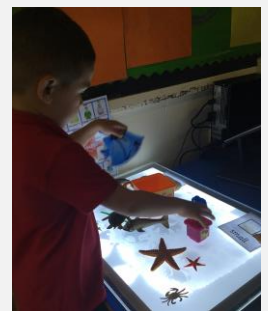
Governors' Corner

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Early Years - Reception

All about Me

Class 4 children have settled well into full time school in their new reception class and are already starting to understand the daily routine and class expectations. The children have shared a selection of stories including 'We all have belly buttons' and '10 little fingers and 10 little toes'. In communication and language, they were focusing on following instructions using the doll's house and washing dolls. We had fun painting with our hands and feet in Expressive arts and design and getting to know Nicola who comes to do some music sessions with us. It was great fun when we were able to explore shaving foam and jelly with our hands in Understanding of the World.



Key Stage 1

We are all very proud of how well the children have settled into the new term! 😊

In Literacy we have studied the text 'Someone Bigger' by Jonathan Emmett. This story requires help from the people in the town and animals to try and get the kite down. The children have focused on sequencing and retelling the story, recounting a journey and exploring the characters. In Maths, the children have learnt about counting and number through number songs and rhymes, and size through practical activities. The children have learnt about their bodies and exploring their senses in Knowledge, Skills and Understanding of the World. In addition to this, the children have looked at using different tools to help them make and design kites. In Expressive Arts, the children have learnt about exploring sounds through listening to songs about movement and within our music sessions led by Nicola. In PSHECC the children have explored the topic of self-awareness: the development of a sense of individual identity, using their senses and thinking about what makes them unique.

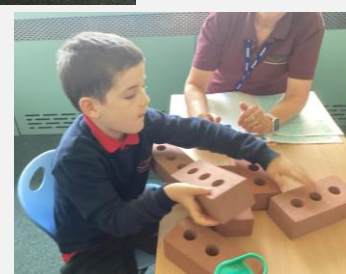


Lower Key Stage 2

Our theme this next half term has been "Location, Location, Location" and we explored this through Knowledge, Skills and Understanding of the World and Expressive Arts. We investigated our school and the local area and looked at famous interior designers including Laura Ashley and Charles Renee Mackintosh creating our own wallpapers to decorate and design our own houses.

In our literacy lessons we explored the text 'This Is Our House' by Michael Rosen looked at following and giving instructions to complete set tasks. In Maths the children have continued to develop their number skills through songs, games, challenges and written tasks. We explored number, addition and subtraction and positional vocabulary.

In PSHECC our focus this half term has been self-awareness, looking after ourselves and looking at what we are good at.



Upper Key Stage 2

Subways and Skyscrapers

UKS2 children have had a great first half term. Our exciting topic, 'Subways and Skyscrapers' has been focused on key architecture in New York with a comparison to Worcester. In Literacy our focus text has been 'James and The Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl. The children have enjoyed retelling the story through role play, exploring the different characters, and creating their own settings and character profiles for their own stories. In topic the children have been designing and making skyscrapers! In maths they have explored number and practised their counting skills, explored addition, subtraction and contrasting quantities. The children have also explored weight.



Other News

School Eco Council

Eco Council members have been voted for and had their first meeting Friday morning.



School Council

The new School Council members have been voted for and will soon be named.

Governors' Corner

A big thank you to Teresa Dodgson for leading The Governing Body through the last academic year and I am delighted that together with Margaret Jones, they will be Joint Vice Chairs with us going forwards. We are all looking forward to coming into school on 24th November for the day and meeting as many children as possible and seeing the great work that our staff do to ensure the best possible experience for your children. Alongside our usual responsibilities this term will see us supporting Ed and the Senior Leadership Team in pushing for more capacity for the school. It is essential that we have a diverse and multiskilled group of Governors and we are currently seeking new members so please do consider asking any friends/colleagues you may have that could add value by joining the good work of The Governing Body to contact Adrian Ward – adward@fortroyal.worcs.sch.uk for more information.

Emma Evans

Governor, Fort Royal School



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Our new Chair of Governors is Emma Evans

Emma is the director of People for [Sense | For people with complex disabilities](#) and comes with a wealth of valuable experience and a passion for working with disabled people and their carers.

