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# The Flich Green Academy

## NEWSLETTER - 12th January 2024

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### **Principal's Message**

Happy New Year to you all.

If you like the rain, then 2024 has started brilliantly! On Friday 5th I ran the trail from the bus stop at Onslow Green to be faced with a rather tricky last section - the flooded Stebbing Brook. The knee deep water near the bridge was certainly rather chilly at 07:15!

I hope you all had a good Christmas break, whether you entertained or were entertained (or both). I am sure for most of us, a quieter January awaits.

The children have come back in good spirits if not in brilliant numbers (yet) - more in the attendance section.

Well done to Class Moon for a super assembly yesterday, it was great for them to share their recent learning from the Autumn term 2023. Whilst we may expect continued floods and storms in the UK, we are confident that earthquakes at Flich Green are unlikely!

Please read the School Games section - it would be great if you could help support the fundraising when I run the London Marathon in April - it is for a children's charity.

Have a great weekend, the rain has finally relented!

Mr Burden.

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# Headteacher Award

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# Curriculum

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Class Moon - well done for a splendid class assembly yesterday. The children and the visiting family members enjoyed learning about natural disasters (albeit we hope there will not be an Earthquake at Fritch Green!) and the Anglo Saxons. You learned and spoke your lines very well and the news reports were super too. Well done to the staff and children.

New (or continued) experiences for this half-term:

Pluto and Mercury - A Wander in the Woods

KS1 - A Blast from the Past

Neptune - Where do I live?

Mars - Let's Explore our Local Area

Moon - Grand Designs

Sun - Ancient Greece

Comet - How the monarchy has changed

Earth - World War II

Well done to YR and KS1 for braving the very cold weather this week for Forest School, their layered clothing was very much needed

As mentioned in the last newsletter we are aiming to make more regular use of Twitter across the school year - please follow us at:

<https://twitter.com/TheFritchGreen>



Class Neptune out walk in Fritch Green, learning about where they live.

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# Attendance

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There have been quite a few press reports about school attendance in the last week. It is clear there has been a huge change since the Covid 19 pandemic and we have seen a big reduction in attendance. We want to work in partnership with families to make it better. What is very clear, academic progress is better supported with good attendance.

As you know, our attendance at the end of the autumn term was 93.39% which is below the national average. The attendance trend since the end of the Covid 19 pandemic has seen numbers drop.

Our attendance just for this term so far (until 11.1.24) is 95.38% which is much better of course, we hope it can remain above 95%.

To promote good attendance we are trialing a new initiative - '**The 98 Club**', children who get to 98% attendance or better each term will receive a sticker in Celebration Assembly. By doing this termly it allows children the opportunity to be rewarded for consistent attendance over a period of time. For example, if a child missed a couple of days in the autumn term they could still try to get to 98%+ in the spring or summer terms.

Class attendance winners since the last newsletter:

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| Week 15 1/1/24 (2 days) | Class Pluto   | 100%   |
| Week 16 8/1/24 (5 days) | Class Neptune | 99.29% |

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# School Games

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Well done to the children who represented the school today at the swimming gala. There will be a report in the next newsletter.

As stated in a previous newsletter, Mr Burden is running the London Marathon in April in support of The Wooden Spoon charity - which supports disadvantaged children.

Next week, Mr Burden will explain to the children how they can try to complete their own marathon by running around our new track. If they complete 140 laps they will have achieved the 26 miles (42 km distance). It would be fabulous if the children's families could make a contribution to the charity to support the pupils running at school. They would need to run around 14 laps (300m per lap) per week to accomplish this feat before the London Marathon weekend in April. Just Giving Link here for anyone who is happy to donate - thank-you.

[Mr Burden London Marathon](#)

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# Media Group

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We would like to inform you that we are part of the Y6 Media Group and we will make contributions to this newsletter every fortnight. We look forward to sharing news with you soon.

From,

Erin L, Alisa W, Katie C and Tommy P

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# Important Dates for Spring Term

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Thursday 18th January - Comet Class Assembly - 9am

Thursday 15th February - FFG Valentines Disco (details to follow)

Friday 16th February - Non-Pupil Day

Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February - HALF TERM

Monday 26th February - Pupils return to school

Wednesday 6th March - Earth Class Assembly (9am)

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day (details to follow)

Monday 18th March - Year 4 Residential Information Evening (15:30)

Wednesday 20th March - Book Fair starts

Thursday 21st March - Neptune Class Assembly (9am)

Saturday 23rd March - FFG Quiz Night

Tuesday 26th March - Parents Evening (15:30-17:30)

Wednesday 27th March - Parents Evening (15:30- 19:30)

Thursday 28th March - Term finished at 1pm.

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# Parking

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Please could we remind you to park with consideration for our neighbours when dropping/picking up your children from school. The parking area between the two houses opposite the school is private and should not be used by anyone other than the residents.

Additionally, please can we ask that you do not use the staff car park. Access is required at all times by the staff, along with the disabled parking bays.

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# Notices

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**Please remember to check the 'Community' tab of our website regularly, as we upload community groups and events that we hope you may be interested in.**

[www.theflitchgreenacademy.co.uk](http://www.theflitchgreenacademy.co.uk)

This week you can find information on:

Crossley Palmer Dance Classes

Notley Youth Football Club

Alex Hart Kaizen Karate and Kickboxing

Salad Days Magazine

Kizaround Magazine