

Phoenix Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

14th October 2023

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We are really pleased to announce that we are enhancing our outdoor provision with the addition of our very own Phoenix Forest School! Mrs Henson and Mrs Shepherd achieved their Level 3 Forest School Leader Accreditation over the summer and the sessions will begin after half term for our Foundation 2 children. This builds on Welly Wednesday that was introduced last year for our Nursery children.

We have a very skilled and creative team supporting this development - thank you to Mrs George for creating this amazing entrance sign and Mr Harper for creating an exciting area within the provision.

What is Forest School?

Forest School is a unique educational experience and process that offers children the opportunity to succeed and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland / outdoor environment. Children engage in motivating and achievable tasks and activities throughout the year and in almost all weathers, with the appropriate footwear and clothing. Children will work with tools, play, learn and begin to understand the boundaries of behaviour, both physical and social. They will grow in confidence, self-esteem and motivation whilst developing an understanding of the natural world. The Forest School concept originated in Denmark, originally aimed at pre-school children, where it was found that children who attended forest school then arrived at school with strong social and communication skills, having the ability to work in groups effectively, generally had high self-esteem and a confidence in their own abilities. These foundations helped them to raise their academic achievements. We will share lots of photographs on our Forest School webpage over the coming months...



We love living at Phoenix!
We get lots of attention and lots of treats. On Wednesday we go on a little holiday to the farm, but we will be back after half term.

Language of the Month

The children at Phoenix Infant and Nursery School come from a range of cultures and backgrounds. As a multi-cultural school, it is vital that we prepare children to grow up to make a positive contribution to society. At Phoenix there are children and adults who speak many different languages. The languages spoken include English, Punjabi, Italian, Polish, Bulgarian, Spanish, Urdu, Arabic, Cantonese, Telugu, Farsi and Bengali. We also have children who use a sign language called Makaton. There are many reasons we should know about each other's languages, including the following: -

- To show respect for each other's languages and cultures
- To give parents the chance to be actively involved in their children's learning
- To broaden the language skills of all the children and staff.
- To give bilingual children the opportunity to demonstrate their language skills
- To enhance the status of bilingual children

The children take part in short, fun activities to teach several words from the language. This month the language is Turkish. See below for numbers 1-10 and see if you can begin to learn them with your child.

[Language of the month | Phoenix Infant and Nursery School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](http://secure-primariesite.net)



Language of the Month display in the main entrance

Numbers 1 to 10

One - Bir

Two - İki

Three - Üç

Four - Dört

Five - Beş

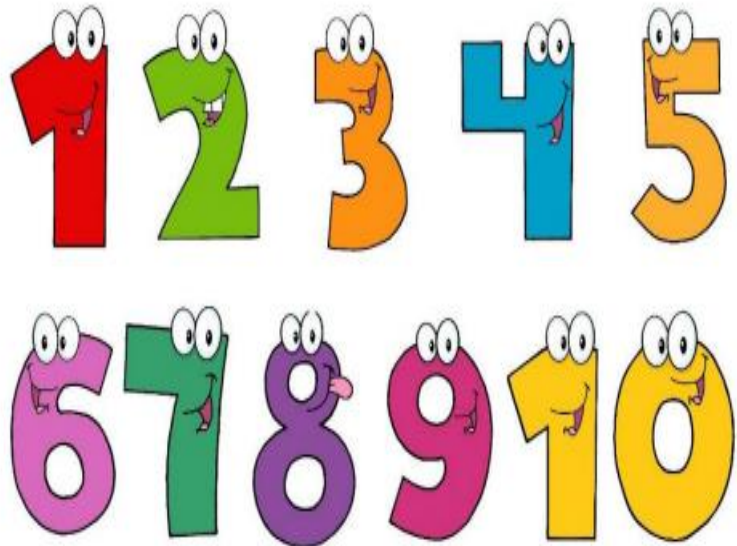
Six - Altı

Seven - Yedi

Eight- Sekiz

Nine - Dokuz

Ten - On





Saturday 11th November 2.00pm - 3.30pm
Saturday 2nd December 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Diary Date

Autumn

- Monday 16th October and Wednesday 18th October 2023 - F2 Parents evening (Classes 1 and 2)
- Tuesday 17th October and Thursday 19th October 2023 - Key Stage 1 Parents evening (Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6)
- Friday 20th October 2023- Last day of term Saturday 21st October 2023 - Open Morning for families starting September 2024 (Moved from 11th November)
- Monday 6th November 2023- INSET DAY
- Friday 17th November 2023 - Children in Need (Details TBC)
- Friday 8th December 2023 - Christmas Jumper day
- Wednesday 13th December 2023 - F1 (Nursery) Christmas performance 10.30am / 2.00pm
- Thursday 14th December 2023 - F2 (Classes 1 and 2) Christmas performance 2.00pm
- Week Commencing 18th December 2023 - Christmas dinner (Date TBC)
- Monday 18th December 2023 - KS1 (Classes 3,4,5 and 6) Christmas performance 2.00pm
- Tuesday 19th December 2023 - KS1 (Classes 3,4,5 and 6) Christmas performance 9.30am
- Wednesday 20th December 2023 - Pantomime in school and party day
- Friday 22nd December 2023- Last day of term

Spring

- Tuesday 6th February 2024- Safer Internet Day
- Friday 9th February 2024- INSET DAY & Last day of term
- Monday 19th February 2024 - First day of term
- Thursday 7th March 2024 - World book day
- Monday 11th March and Wednesday 13th March 2024 - F2 Parents evening (Classes 1 and 2)
- Tuesday 12th March and Thursday 14th March 2024 - KS1 Parents evening

Have a

- Friday 15th March 2024 - Easter disco for children
- Thursday 28th March 2024- Last day of term

Summer

- Monday 6th May 2024- Bank Holiday- School closed
- Friday 24th May 2024- Last day of term
- Monday 3rd June 2024 - First day of half term
- W/C 3rd June 2024 - Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
- W/C 10th June 2024 - Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
- Thursday 20th June 2024 - Year 2 Residential to Gulliver's Valley
- Tuesday 25th June 2024 - F1/F2 Sports day 10am / 2pm
- Wednesday 26th June 2024 - KS1 Sports day 2pm
- Wednesday 3rd July - Visit new classes morning
- Friday 5th July - Garden Party
- Monday 8th July 2024- INSET DAY
- Thursday 25th July 2024 - Year 2 Leavers assembly
- Friday 26th July 2024- Last day of term- END OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

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NEW PARENT OPEN EVENT

SATURDAY

21st OCTOBER

10am-12pm



Will your child
be starting
school in
September
2024?



Come and join us for a look around and
for more information about Phoenix.

For further information or to register
your interest contact

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