



Heart of the Forest Community Special School Newsletter

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Mission

Engage, Enrich and Inspire, together for now and the future

Vision

Create relevant opportunities to build skills and knowledge through an aspirational and personalised curriculum, inspiring meaningful experiences and connections with the wider world

School Value:

Heard

Empowered

Achieving

Respected

Trusted

Safe



Star of The Week goes to:

Class	Child	Reason
Little Apples	All	All of little apples for welcoming their new teachers into their class (Molly and Chloe).
Chestnuts	Grace	For having a fantastic first week back in school.
Maple	All	All of Maple class for having an amazing first week back and coping so well with changes of staff.
Willow	Rocco	Rocco for working really hard in his multiplication questions this week.
Hazel	Samuel	For good participation in forest schools – you found the Gruffalo.
Peregrine	Maddie	She was off the start of this week but has worked super hard to catch up.
Osprey	Ajinth	Ajinth has worked really hard during our English and Maths lessons this week developing his listening skills and he's been learning all about growing seeds into flowers.
Kestrel	Noah	For engaging well with his lessons this week.
Caracara	Jazmine	For fantastic engagement during PE lesson this week. Well done Jaz
Buzzard	Max and Chase	Super handwriting.
Hobby	Cameron	For continuing to work really hard using the Eye Gaze and being less distracted by what is going on in the classroom. Well Done Cameron.
Goshawk	Kane	Kane for some fantastic English and Maths work this week.

Polite Reminder to parents

If you arrive at the school gates after 9am or 3pm please do not pull up in front of the gates, please could you pull into one of our laybys and await all traffic to exit the school grounds.

Thank you. 😊



Key dates for your diary:

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May - Pied Piper Appeal Pyjama Day

27th – 31st May - Half Term

19th July – End of Summer Term



Friends of Heart of the Forest Summer Fete will be taking place on Saturday 29th June 2024 starting at 1.00 pm on our school field. More information to follow.

**FREDPLUS
FOREST EASY READ DEAL**

FRED+ is a FREE service for people who live in the Forest of Dean and surrounding area and would like to improve their reading and early writing skills. This is a free one-to-one (not classes) service that is confidential and not connected to the school in any way, some of the services they offer are:

- Applying for jobs
- Helping children and grandchildren with their learning
- Joining in with social activities and community life

More information is available on their website www.forestreadeasydeals.org.uk



Attendance
Matters



Half term Class Attendance 8th to 12th April 2024

Little Apples	86.67%
Chestnuts	92.50%
Maple	74.17%
Willow	89.17%
Hazel	81.11%
Cherry	77.14%
Hobby	80.00%
Buzzard	80.00%
Osprey	65.71%
Caracara	84.17%
Kestrel	80.81%
Goshawk	87.50%
Peregrine	91.00%



Congratulations to Chestnuts with 92.50% you are this weeks attendance winners!!



Family Liaison Workers

Reminder to our families we are available at school daily our email addresses are at the top of the newsletter. We also have a 'drop-in session' each week on a Wednesday between 9-10:30am in the Conference room within school tea/coffee will be available.

Please see the link below for Gloucestershire family information service they have updated their SEND local offer for families. There are some useful links within their page.

<https://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glosfamilies/family.page?familychannel=21>

Awards Ceremony

The School Leadership Team were honoured to support Lizzie at the Forest of Dean Lions Champions Awards presentation this week. Lizzie was nominated by parents of Heart of the Forest Community Special School, for the Special Recognition Award. Guests and fellow nominees were invited to The Speech House to hear the impact of Lizzie's dedicated work with our families in the community. We are proud to share that Lizzie won the award in her category. Congratulations Lizzie 🍷🏆👏

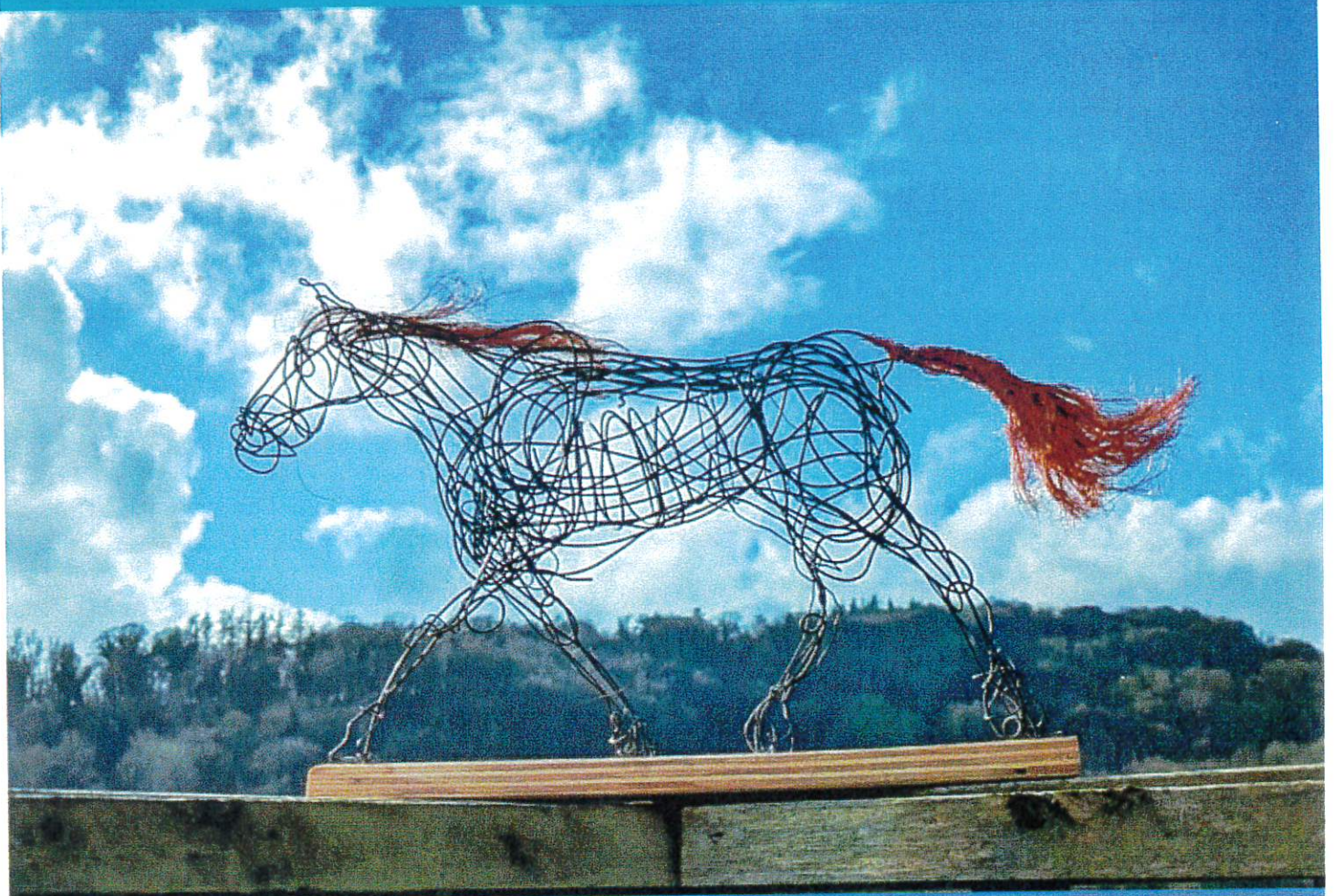




Forest and Rivers Open Studios

ART TRAIL

6-14 July 2024



83 studios + 1 exhibition in the Forest of Dean

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