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Running our full curriculum

All through the global pandemic when other schools were closed, we have kept going and it has been a long eighteen months. As a school we have worked hard to balance the provision offer and keeping everyone safe and against the odds I think you will agree we have handled it well. Our reviews over the last year continue to show that the children have made good progress and although restricted in some of the things we could do, we have maintained so much of our curriculum and where it has not been possible to go out in the community for shopping or some leisure activities, we have found school-based replacements. We have recently had our closing down sale for the school shop and we move back to tuck shop and community shopping. It has been great to get our external therapists back in school, although we did do yoga via zoom.



Healthy Living sessions with Howard have returned, although we continued with juicing throughout the year.



Horse riding is enjoyed by many of our students developing balance, strengthening core muscles and giving confidence to try new experiences. Our numeracy in play activities continues to thrive and taking the learning to the environment where the child feels comfortable is so important to our ethos. Our cultural curriculum is supported by teachers in weekdays and weekends as we create themed days around the national calendar.



Enriching our environment



Forest Oak now nestles comfortably on site as if it has always been part of the school. We are very happy with the buildings and having all children now on site. Planning permission for phase 2 is currently with the council and we aim to start building summer 2022, three new homes for Penguins, Robins and Ravens.



HMS Cornick our play ship has been created also during the lockdown period and is providing a wonderful new play resource.



We gained the highest award for our school's horticulture work from RHS.



Marion Cornick – major achievement – Ravens Teams (for having coped with being in isolation the most times as a house – and still smiling)
Team contribution – Teaching assistants
Best Newcomer - Ailsa Stockwell
Learning and Care – Marnie Franks
Improving the Children's experience - Catarina Viegas
Training and Development – Amy Braithwaite

Staff awards

Our awards this year went to:

Employee of the Year – Hollie McGreevey

Most supportive Employee – Nico di Peco

Employee great with the children – Rafa Santos

Service Excellence – All our support teams – we could not have coped without them.



Sports Day

What would have been our first family day was once again a school only event as COVID restrictions continued, but plenty of fun was still had by all. Long distance run/walk around the field and paddocks was well competed.



A glorious day for many track and field events, supported well by the children and staff.

Staff races – always well contested.



Swimming Gala



This year's swimming gala took the same format as last year being house based activities showing all the skills that they have learnt throughout the year. Racing on inflatables, volleyball, and swim football, as well as many water learning activities collecting shapes, rings around the pool as well as counting and number work. The two-day gala worked exceptionally well and we all had a lot of fun and exercise.



Teaching the classics through immersive theatre.

Once again, the arts team have delighted us with their artistic skills and created two immersive theatre productions. One based indoors with the theme of the elements and the second taking a selection of Greek mythological stories and forming Greek Week.



The children enjoyed taking part in activities linked to the Greek mythological stories and it was lovely to use the amphitheatre for a starting point for the story telling.



September 10th – Official Opening ceremony of Forest Oak Houses and celebration day



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