

# Forest Approach News

## Message from the Head teacher:

Hello everyone,

It's the end of the first full week back at school for all of our students and staff and I couldn't be more pleased and proud of every one and the way they have settled back in to the routines.



The children have been excited to be back in class and to see their friends and classroom staff again. We've taken advantage of the lovely sunny weather and have made sure to enjoy the playgrounds as well.

Check out our welcome video here:

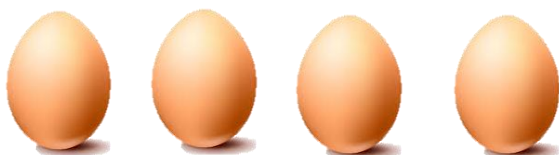
<https://twitter.com/ForestAppAcad/status/1368994027706724361?s=09>

Well done everyone on a successful first week back and have a lovely weekend!

Mary Bickmore

## Maple Class

Maple class enjoyed completing an egg smash challenge. They worked in pairs to create a protective case to stop the egg from cracking when dropped from a height. Well done to maple class who managed to save their eggs from cracking!



## Message from the Deputy Head:

Dear All,  
What a fabulous week of book's we have had!  
I have enjoyed seeing all of your wonderful costume ideas around school today.  
You all deserve congratulations, even if you didn't win the first prize!  
Well Done!  
Laura Clements



## World Book Day!

Our students and staff had great fun dressing up as their favorite book characters in honor of World Book Day! Here are some photos of their wonderful costumes....



## International Women's Day

This week we celebrated International Women's Day!

"There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish."

"Human rights are women's rights, and women's rights are human rights."

<https://twitter.com/MakatonCharity/status/1368889996044869635?s=09>



## Gang Exploitation Awareness

**GANGS & EXPLOITATION AWARENESS**  
A 3-week online programme  
for parents and carers



Hosted by DC Anoushka Dunic,  
East Area Gangs Engagement Officer



This commended FREE course is available online for ALL parents and carers in Barking & Dagenham Havering and Redbridge! The course is 3 weeks long, with a 2 hour ONLINE session per week. This round will be delivered on Microsoft Teams (This App can be downloaded on phones, tablets or laptops). You can remain anonymous and be as interactive as you feel comfortable with.

The dates for this course are **THURSDAYS 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL at 7-9pm.**  
(All sessions to be attended)

**Gangs & Exploitation Awareness Training for Parents and Carers**—  
We will be discussing the following topics—

- What street gangs are and what they do.
- To understand some of the language/social media used by gangs and young people.
- Looking into the term "county lines"
- The different stages of exploitation and recognise some of the signs and symptoms of children who may have been exploited.
- Stress responses and behaviour.
- Some of the reasons children may be more vulnerable to exploitation by gangs and the link to childhood trauma.
- The trauma experienced by children and young people involved in gang lifestyles.
- "Attachment" and the need for strong, nurturing attachments between parent/caregiver and child.
- Resilience in children.
- Parenting tools.
- Why our children may resist help/support from services.

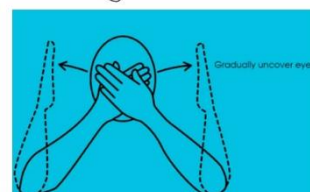
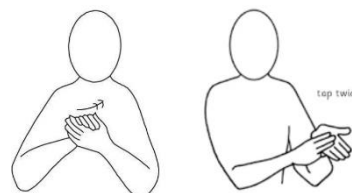
To book your space please follow- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gangs-exploitation-awareness-for-parentscarers-3-week-online-course-tickets-142936846957>



## Makaton 'Sign of the Week'

This week's sign of the week is... Mother's Day!

Check out our website for Sam's Makaton clips



Happy Mother's Day!