

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Update: Monday 6th March - Friday 10th March 2017

SCHOOL WEBSITE	PARENTS' CALENDAR	SPORTS CALENDAR	AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	ONLINE PAYMENTS	APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS	TWITTER	PTFA FACEBOOK PAGE
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NEXT WEEK (WEEK 2)

Monday 13 th March	Debate Club Trip to Eton (5.15pm - 8pm)
Tuesday 14 th March	Year 11 Parents' Information Evening (7pm - 9pm)
Thursday 16 th March	Year 7 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening (4.15pm - 7.15pm): Bisham, Bray, Cookham and Dorney Houses
Friday 17 th March	Late start: school starts at 9.10am

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 23 rd March	Year 7 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening (4.15pm - 7.15pm): Eton, Henley, Marlow and Windsor Houses
Friday 24 th March	Late start: school starts at 9.10am



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

LATE STARTS TO THE SCHOOL DAY

FRIDAY 17TH AND 24TH MARCH

On the following days **school will start for students at 9.10am**. They will miss registration and assembly and go straight to Lesson 2.

- Friday 17th March
- Friday 24th March

This adjustment is in recognition of the fact that we have doubled the number of parents' evenings that teachers need to attend for students in Year 7 and 8. Parents' Evenings are so well attended that parents told us they were struggling to make appointments with all the teachers they wished to see.

We hope this arrangement will allow every parent to meet all their child's teachers.

Ms White (Headteacher)



REPORTS OUT THIS WEEK



Thank you to parents and carers who attended the Year 10 Parents' Evening last night. Please be advised that the Year 10 Progress Reports for your children are now available via our online reporting service.

The service is available either by going to our website www.furzeplatt.com and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com. Please click **here** for instructions to log on. Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

Mrs Watford (M.I.S. Manager)

PTFA EVENT THIS SUNDAY: PLEASE SEE FLYER ON PAGE 6 FOR FULL DETAILS



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**'The Sixth Form is a strength
of the school'**

– Ofsted 2016



6th

VISIT TO UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

6th

A group of Furze Platt Sixth Formers attended a 'Congress to Campus' programme at the Rothermere American Institute, University of Oxford this week, covering very topical subjects such as 'American Politics in 2017'.

Thank you to Miss Lewis and Mr Towill for organising this fascinating visit, and to the staff at the Institute for making us so welcome.



Team Indonesia

Hello, my name is Maya Diaper and I am one of the students taking part in the Operation Wallacea expedition to Indonesia in 2018. I am currently in Year 11 and on top of my core subjects I am studying German, History and Drama. For A-Level, I would like to study Maths, Chemistry, Biology and hopefully AS Psychology.

When I first heard about the trip, I knew that I had to take part. I had heard about what an amazing experience the expedition to Mexico was last year and about the work they had done. I have not done any of these things before and feel this trip would be a great opportunity to do so. It will really help me gain some valuable skills.

In the first week, we will be living and working in the cloud rainforests of Sulawesi, collecting data on bats, butterflies and frogs using various methods, and will also be surveying the trees themselves both from the forest floor and the canopy. For the second week, we will be at the coast doing surveys around the coral reef where we will learn to open water dive around the reef.

A major part of the trip is the fundraising. One way we are doing this is through selling raffle tickets that Operation Wallacea has given us, we have sold these to friends, family and to parents during parents evening. We have also sold coffees at the PTFA Table Top sales and the next one is this Sunday 12th March. Another way we plan to fundraise is through events such as a quiz night and an open mic night as well as cake sales and car washes.

One of our fundraising activities is to collectively cycle the distance from Maidenhead to Sulawesi, which is 7620 miles and we would really appreciate if you could donate to our Just Giving page to support us - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/FPSSIIndonesia2018>.

We would love to hear from anyone with any possible ideas about how the team could continue to raise funds for the expedition. If so, please contact either

Mr. Molin andrew.molin@furzeplatt.net

Dr. Scott michele.scott@furzeplatt.net

If you would like to make a donation you can either do so online into account sort code 309536, account 59194168 or by writing a cheque to Furze Platt Senior School and delivering it to School Reception. In both cases please ensure that you give the reference IND18.

Thank you.



FOOTBALL

Year 9 Boys' Football lost 3-2 to St Crispin's

NETBALL



Team Gold won their pool to play in the final of the B league. Following a nail biting contest they finished in second place. **Team Gold:** F Checkley, A Hellings, I Considine, A Sanchez, A Neeves, L Tagne, O Brienza, F Wilcock.

Team Blue also played extremely well and girls in both teams should be very proud of themselves. **Team Blue:** G Rawlings, A Jones, D Stibbs, T Pink-Costello, G Springle, I Arnold, I Nobles, E Nessling, M Dixon, G Antinoro, S McBride, A Howley.



U15 SOUTH-EAST SPORTSHALL CHAMPION

Congratulations to Harrison Thorne (Year 10), U15 South-East Sportshall Champion. He will be representing Berkshire at the Nationals in Manchester in April.

NEXT WEEK

Monday

No Girls' Football

Tuesday

Year 7/8 Girls' Football away - Waingels

Year 8 Hockey away - Charters

Year 7 Boys' Football

Year 8 Boys' Football

Wednesday

Sixth Form Football away - Bullmershe

Year 10 Boys' Football away - Charters

Year 7 Netball home

Thursday

Year 8 Boys' Football home - Holyport

BERKSHIRE COUNTY HOCKEY SQUAD

Well done to Lucy Thornton (Year 10), selected to represent Berkshire in the U15 (2002) age group after a rigorous selection procedure.



This week's Maidenhead Advertiser featured a number of Furze Platt students - well done to you all.

'Cookham's juniors amassed a haul of trophies and medals from the final fixture of the North west London Cross Country League at Wormwood Scrubs on Saturday.

Adam Gambrill and Siena Brancato both starred for the club, winning their races on the day to become overall league champions.

In what's been a tremendous debut season Brancato, 11, secured yet another victory, holding off her teammate Amelie Taylor to take the tape. The girls team never looked like losing the team trophy they won last year.

Gambrill, a Furze Platt Senior School pupil, ran a well judged race and powered through to win the u15s boys event by 10 seconds. Sammy March was third and Elliot Lowe was sixth meaning the boys team took silver overall.

In the boys u11s race Henry Johnson finished first as the team took silver, with Tom Ellington coming through for fourth overall.

Frank McGrath was the sole Cookham representative in the u13s boys race and recorded another top 10 finish while in the equivalent girls event Cara Terry came third to take individual bronze and lead the team to a silver medal.

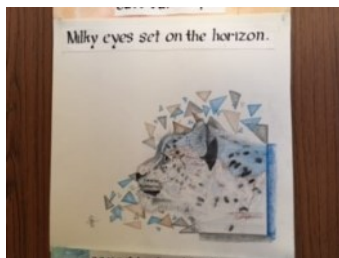
Sandie Pohlman took bronze in the u17s girls race.

Six of Cookham's juniors are now set to represent their county at the UK Inter-Counties Championships in Loughborough this weekend.

Harry Turner and Sonny Lewis in the u17s men, Adam Gambrill and Sammy March in the u15s boys, and Frank McGrath in the u13s boys will all compete for Berkshire while Flo Braybrooke is in the Bucks u15s girls team.'

Yr8

FURZE PLATT STUDENT TO HAVE ARTWORK DISPLAYED AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM



Talented artist Harry Shrimpton, Year 8, will have a piece of artwork displayed at the National History Museum as part of a competition themed on 'Our Precious Planet'. The competition, details of which can be found [here](#), is part of David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation's Art for Survival programme and was established in 2004 to encourage young people to express their concern for the environment through art and poetry. Harry attends a group called [Artspiration](#) which focus on teaching Fine Art to children and students and is pictured with his fellow competition winners (Harry is wearing a red top at the back of the picture). Also pictured is his winning entry (top left)) and more of his artwork.

Yr8

Yr10

D of E SUCCESS

Yr10

Well done to our Year 10 D of E group who passed their First Aid course. This course is mandatory for their upcoming expedition.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Upcoming events:

• PTFA Table Top Sale THIS SUNDAY 9am-12pm

- Big Quiz (No.4) on Friday 21st April (food, bar and raffle available). Tickets £15 a head.
- 200 Club – only £5 per month, cash prizes available.
- **Can you help?**
- Two more volunteers required for our Indoor Table top sale. (Any parent who has a stall at the event and is willing to assist in the set up and set down will receive 50% off their stall fee)
- Does your company offer Match Funding? We are keen to hear from parents whose companies offer this. If you have any other ideas that may support our PTFA please do get in touch.
- For further details on any PTFA related queries please email: jeff@iifa.co.uk



2017 PTFA MEETING
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tues 13th June

**Starts 7.30pm in the
library, all welcome.**

**Thank you to the parents
who attended the AGM
this week.**



CURRENT VACANCIES

If you would be interested in working at Furze Platt Senior School please visit our website and follow the links to our Vacancies page.

[Home](#) > [Vacancies](#) > [Current Vacancies](#)

GSK OPEN EVENING, THURSDAY 23RD MARCH

GlaxoSmithKline plc are holding an Open Evening at their Maidenhead site on 23rd March from 6-7.30pm. The event is for students aged 15 and over and their parents and will give an opportunity to see inside a high performing manufacturing site based in Maidenhead. Along with the chance to informally chat to apprentices and leaders, there will be short presentations talking about GSK apprenticeships, the courses on offer and the benefits that an apprenticeship can give to young people. The event is particularly suitable for Sixth Form students who are not planning to go to university. Please [click here](#) for further information and contact details to register your interest.



REMINDERS



PARENTS' AND STUDENTS' INFORMATION EVENING



TUESDAY 14TH MARCH

Please note: This important event will now take place on Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 7pm.

[Home](#) > [News & Events](#) > [Parents' Evening Bookings](#)



PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS



The Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) will take place from Thursday 9th to Friday 17th March. They take place during the normal school day.

Details of timings can be found below. Your son/daughter's teachers will be providing them with specific information about what is going to be assessed in each of their exams.

Mr J Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)

[Year 9 Pre-Public Exams Letter](#)



British Science Week (BSW) is a ten-day programme of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths events and activities across the UK for people of all ages.

In celebration of this the Science Department at Furze Platt will be running a number of activities over the next two weeks to celebrate this including science quizzes and in class challenges. On **Tuesday 14th March**, we have an after-school engineering challenge open to students in Years 9 and 10. If you haven't signed up yet then please see Dr Scott as we may still have a few places available. This is a team event being run by Isabel Mostyn CEng MICE, Major Works Project Manager for Frimley Health NHS Trust. Currently Isabel is project managing the construction of a new car park, a new Women's Services Wing and a new Emergency Department totalling £60M+ at Wexham Park Hospital. Teams will be given a budget and a UN remit to come up with a design to build a "Peace Bridge" between two previously warring cities in order to forge a lasting peace between them. They must build and then pitch their design explaining why they decided on this design to the "UN" panel of judges. There will, of course, be a prize for the best presentation and the best overall design. Hopefully, this activity will encourage pupils to think about a potential career in engineering.

For more information on events across the country, please visit the British Science Week website: www.britishscienceweek.org

CONSIDERATE PARKING

Please be considerate of our neighbours when dropping off or picking up from school. There are some roads nearby that are private parking - please do not park on these roads. Parents or carers should not be driving into school (unless you have an appointment to see a member of staff) as this is dangerous for our students. Their safety is our priority and the fewer vehicles on site, the safer we can keep everyone.

Thank you.



INDOOR TABLE TOP SALE

Furze Platt Senior School Main Hall

**Sunday 12th
March 2017**

Time: 9am-12pm
(sellers from 7.30am, buyers from 9am)
Entry: Adults (over 16) 50p per person
Children go free

**Table spaces can be booked for £10 per table by
contacting jeff@iifa.co.uk**

- Bring, buy and sell your unwanted gifts, clothes, toys, books, DVDs and general jumble.
- It's like a car boot sale, but indoors without the bad weather!
- All entry and table hire money goes to the Furze Platt PTFA.