



SCHOOL NEWS



CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2017

This week we held our annual Christmas Concert, organised by Miss Johnston and Mr Lewis.



Over a hundred students took part in this year's Christmas programme.

Featuring choirs, soloists, musicians, duets and bands performing a variety of genres to a packed audience, the evening was a great success.



Thank you to all students who took part, staff and students behind the scenes and especially to Miss Johnston and Mr Lewis for all their hard work producing a lovely festive evening.

[CHRISTMAS CONCERT PHOTOGRAPHS](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

[SCHOOL CLUBS LIST](#)

Next Week (Week 1)

FRI 15
DECEMBER

End of Term 2

12.30pm
finish

Forthcoming Events

MON 18
DECEMBER

Christmas Holidays

MON 1
JANUARY

TUE 2
JANUARY

INSET DAY

WED 3
JANUARY

Start of Term 3



BERKSHIRE ACADEMY CENTRE - HOCKEY



Congratulations to Emily Bristow and Lucy Thornton (both Year 11), who have been selected to go through to the Berkshire Academy Centre for Hockey. County squad is selected from this group - well done to both girls.



INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL NETBALL TOURNAMENT



Last Wednesday we organised and hosted a netball tournament for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 pupils from 9 local primary schools. Nearly 300 students participated in what was an exciting day of netball. Well done to St Edmund Campion for winning both finals. Furze Platt Senior School students umpired all the matches and were excellent ambassadors for the school. Thank you to Miss Tomlin and Miss Boseley.



GIRLS' HOCKEY



Last week our Years 7, 8 and 9 Girls' Hockey Team played Charters School away. It was a very cold evening, but the girls played with grit and determination, unfortunately losing 1-0.



Our Team:

- Ellen Gomersall
- Florence Checkley
- Freya Willcock
- Brooke Hanson
- Bethan Nicholas
- Amber Hemsley
- Sophie Sutton
- Ava Neeves
- Shannon Doyle
- Megan Green

Our Team:

- Tilly Adaway
- Izzy Arnold
- Alexis Rottier
- Grace Springle
- Hannah Thomas
- Zara Atkin
- Amelia Gilbert
- Tilly Pink Costello
- Gracie Fenemer
- Ava Neeves
- Abby Jones

FURZE PLATT STUDENT ACHIEVES FIRST CLASS JUNIOR CADET STATUS



Congratulations to Danny Lawrence (Year 7) who attends Maidenhead Sea Cadets and has recently been promoted to First Class Junior Cadet.



MOTHERCARE

On Wednesday, 5th December our Year 10 Child Development students went on an investigative trip to Mothercare in Slough. This research will help them in their coursework, where they need to design a perfect nursery room considering prams, cots, clothing and feeding items.



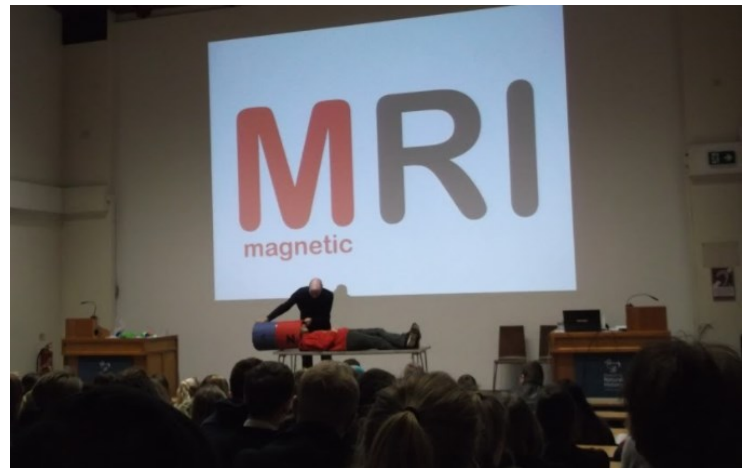
Students were very engaged in their investigation, including factors such as storage and cost of the equipment. The store assistants were very pleased with their exemplary behaviour. Thank you to Mothercare for having us.



OXFORD



Thursday, 6th Dec: A group of Year 12 Psychology students spent a fantastic day at the Museum of Natural History, a part of the University of Oxford. We listened to interesting lectures delivered by the university professors and took part in intriguing demonstrations. Well done to Yam Goldberg, who was brave enough to volunteer for a mock MRI scan. As well as the scanning techniques, we also learnt about



optical illusions and brain disorders, such as colour blindness, stuttering and encephalitis, which is an inflammation of the brain. Students left inspired not only by the amazing world of neuroscience but also by the charm of the town of Oxford. This experience will surely enrich their Psychology course experience and we'd like to congratulate them on finding the time and motivation for this opportunity. A big thank you to the Museum of Natural History for a very interesting day.



FUTURECHEF

Louisa Holborn (Year 10) and Abbie Stares (Year 10), the winners of Furze Platt's FutureChef competition, set off to compete in Aylesbury where they had to cook a two course meal for two within a budget of £7.00 and within 90 minutes.



The dishes both girls produced were outstanding and beautifully presented. The professional chefs gave feedback about the dishes. Louisa's dish was judged as the best main in the competition with Abbie being complimented on her chocolate orange mousse.

The standard of all thirteen competitors was high and unfortunately, Louisa and Abbie were not successful in proceeding to the regional competition this time. Although they were disappointed, they are keen to enter more competitions in the future.

Menu: Pea and Asparagus Risotto stuffed peppers. Served with homemade naan bread and side salad.

Chocolate orange mousse, orange segments and star shortbread.

Mrs Crisford, Head of Food and Nutrition



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REPORTS

Years 7,8,9,10 and 11 reports have been issued and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools. The service is available either by going to our website www.furzeplatt.com and clicking on Parents, then Reports or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com.

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

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DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

Thank you for your interest in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. I am very pleased to let you know we have 170 students enrolled on the Bronze & Silver Awards.

Confirmation letters were sent out last week. The students have chosen their groups, and I will now start to meet with each group after school, to log them into E DofE, and to upload their programme planners.

The deadline for your child to complete their 3 month activities is Friday 9th March.

We are keen to advertise our students' progress throughout the award. Please feel free to email me any photographs of your child completing their activities, and they may be selected to feature on our social media accounts, or in this newsletter.

The deadline for the remaining balance is Friday 15th December, and payments can now be made on My Little Box Office.

Please contact me at desrene.carty@furzeplatt.net if you have not received your confirmation letter, or if you have any questions.

Miss D Carty, Alternative Curriculum Worker

[BRONZE AWARD - FINAL PAYMENT](#)

[SILVER AWARD - FINAL PAYMENT](#)



ENGLISH GCSE QUOTATION BOOKS

Please click on the link below to view a letter from the English Department regarding English GCSE quotation books.

[ENGLISH GCSE QUOTATION BOOKS LETTER](#)

RUSSELL GROUP TALK

Thursday 4th January, 3.20-4.15, DS2

On 4th January Dr Joe Organ from Brasenose College, University of Oxford will be coming to talk to Year 11 students after school. He will be talking about Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell Group universities and telling students what they should be doing now in order to maximise their chances of going to a top university in the future.

RBWM WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERERS

Workshops for parents/ carers on the following issues are available:

Online Safety

- What children are accessing online
- What the outline dangers are
- How to reduce the risks
- Sexting
- Grooming
- What to do if there is an incident
- Where to get help

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

- What is CSE
- Signs of CSE
- Young peoples vulnerabilities
- Grooming
- Sexting
- Where to get help and supporting young people

Awareness & Substance Misuse

- Reasons why young people may use drugs
- Types of drugs that young people may use
- Effects of drugs and dangers
- Street names of drugs
- Drugs and the law
- How to talk to your child about drugs
- Links to peer pressure & how young people can be supported

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS - VENUES AND TIMINGS](#)

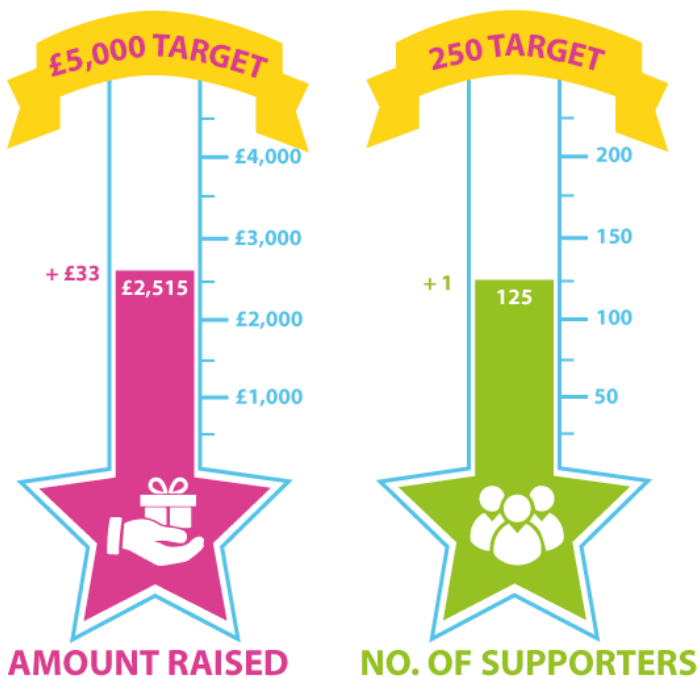


COMMUNITY NEWS

EASYFUNDRAISING UPDATE



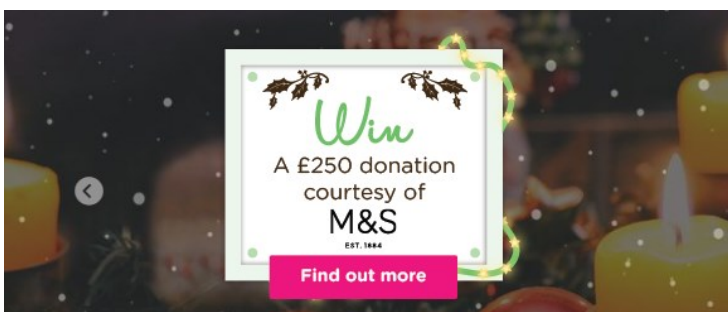
EASY FUNDRAISING TOTALISERS



The total raised so far is over £2500, thank you to everyone who has supported us so far. Remember, it doesn't cost you a penny more. Simply:

1. Log in to easyfundraising.org.uk and choose Furze Platt Senior School as your cause
2. Choose your retailer or shop
3. Carry on with your online shopping as normal

Thank you.



REMINDERS

GCSE PREPARATION – PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS

Monday 15th – Friday 19th January 2018

Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) are a crucial part of our students' preparation towards excelling in their GCSEs in 2019 both testing students' progress across their different subjects and familiarising them with the rigours of exam papers and the environment of the exam hall.

Details of timings for the PPE Week are in the link below.

If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone (01628 625308) or email (james.sheppard@furzeplatt.net).

Mr J Sheppard, Deputy Headteacher

[YEAR 10 PPE DETAILS AND TIMETABLE](#)

YEAR
11YEAR
12YEAR
13

COLLECTION OF ARTWORK

All Art, Design and Technology students from Years 11, 12 and 13 (2016-2017) must collect their Art, Photography Graphics, Resistant Materials and Product Design before December 2017. All items will be recycled from January 2018. Please bring a suitable item to carry your projects home in.

REPORTS

Year 12 reports were issued last week and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools. The service is available either by going to our website www.furzeplatt.com and clicking on Parents, then Reports or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com.

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR STUDENTS

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December

Christmas lunch will be served on Tuesday 12th December and Wednesday 13th December during both Break 2 sessions (Year 7 and whole school). Meat and vegetarian options will be served (with all the trimmings - pigs in blankets, stuffing, sprouts, cranberry sauce etc). Dessert will be traditional Christmas pudding and custard.

Mr Duplock, Catering Manager

ONLY £2

CHRISTMAS TREES

Many thanks to Stubbings Nursery for our wonderful Christmas trees this year which are on display in our Main Reception and our Main Hall. The school is looking very festive!



PTFA FUNDS LIFESIZE BOOK

Thank you to our PTFA for funding a lifesize book for our Child Development students – it has already been a wonderful addition to the class.



Learn to teach in some of the country's most successful secondary schools

Secondary Teacher Training Opportunities in Maidenhead

Our next School Experience day takes place on

Monday 29th January 2018

TEACH MAIDENHEAD

In partnership with the
Institute of Education



Teach Maidenhead is the foremost teacher training provider west of London, providing over 60 tuition-fee and salaried secondary School Direct places. The partnership, which consists of five secondary schools in the Maidenhead area, offers a unique school-based learning opportunity in partnership with the University of Reading where intensive subject based training is delivered. Trainees gain QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) and PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate in Education) as well as 60 credits towards a Master's Degree.

Bursaries and Scholarships are available in many subjects. For further information please refer to our website or call Debbie Harding on 01628 762231.



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- Christmas Trees
- Decorations
- Indoor/Outdoor Lights
- Gardening Gifts
- Artificial Trees
- Beautiful Wreaths
- Bird and Wildlife Gifts

Christmas Boutique

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Christmas at Stubbings

DON'T MISS
FATHER CHRISTMAS
ARRIVING BY
HELICOPTER ON
SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER
AT 11AM PROMPT
GATES OPEN 10AM
BOOK TICKETS ONLINE

