

# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #53.7



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### PARENTS' AND STUDENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING



Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 4.30pm - 6.30pm

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November there will be a consultation evening for Year 13 parents.

We request that parents limit conversation to a maximum of five minutes with each member of staff. If you feel that you need to have a more in depth discussion, please would you make a separate appointment with the individual teacher. Attendance by your son/daughter is preferred, although not compulsory.

Parents who book up first will have the most flexibility. If you do not have easy access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

Please follow the Parents' Evening Bookings link under News and Events on the school website, or click on the link below.

Appointment slots are available to book online. We advise you to book as soon as possible.

If you have any problems, please contact the school office on 01628 625308 during term time.

We look forward to seeing you.

Mr J Sheppard, Deputy Headteacher

## BOOK APPOINTMENTS

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD PROGRAMME



Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent Information Presentation regarding our Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme.

Application packs for Bronze & Silver can be found in the links below. Please ensure these are returned to Miss Carty.

Please pay your £50 deposit via The Little Box Office which can be accessed in the link below or at



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ALL EVENTS
- SPORTS CALENDAR
- SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

### Next Week

SAT 21 - SUN 29  
OCTOBER Half Term

### Forthcoming Events

MON 30 OCTOBER	Start of Term 2 (Week 2)	8.40am
TUE 7 NOVEMBER	Senior Maths Challenge	
	PTFA Meeting (Library / Learning Resource Centre)	7.30pm - 8.30pm
THU 9 NOVEMBER	Year 13 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening (Main Hall)	4.30pm - 6.30pm

thelittleboxoffice.com/furzeplatt or via the website under the parents tab.

The deadline to submit the application and deposit is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Please contact Miss Carty on [desrene.carty@furzeplatt.net](mailto:desrene.carty@furzeplatt.net) if you require financial assistance, or if you have any questions.



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH MORE INFORMATION

BRONZE APPLICATION

SILVER APPLICATION PACK

BRONZE DEPOSIT

SILVER DEPOSIT



**'GO 4 SCHOOLS' LOGIN GUIDE**

**OUR REPORTS WEBPAGE**

## FAQs

I have lost my password – what do I do?

Go to the Go 4 Schools website, click the 'Parents' icon and follow the 'Forgotten your password' instructions.

My email address is not recognised / I have changed my email address?

Only email addresses registered with the school are recognised by Go 4 Schools. If your email address is not recognised it means that we do not hold your email address on our system. In order to update your information please contact us via email at [reports@furzeplatt.net](mailto:reports@furzeplatt.net). If you have changed your email address, when you next log in to Go 4 Schools you will need to go through the first time user process again as outlined at the start of these guidance notes.

Who can access my child's data on Go 4 Schools?

You, as the registered parent/carer, and school staff are the only people who can access your child's progress data.

When and how often should I access Go 4 Schools?

Student information is available constantly so that you can access it when you wish. Student progress data is updated on a half termly basis, so as the school year progresses more academic information will become available. We will notify you as and when new reports are published.

Further Support

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact [reports@furzeplatt.net](mailto:reports@furzeplatt.net). For any questions regarding your son or daughter's progress please contact Mr Sheppard, Deputy Headteacher.



overnight. We found that 3 out of the 12 traps we had placed in pairs, had successfully trapped small mammals, however all of them were of the same species: woodmice. This was a good introductory activity in being able to investigate the types of small mammal species that were in the fields next to where we were staying, and interesting to see them up close in an ethical manner.



Following the morning activity we travelled to Porlock Weir where we carried out experiments to see the variation of rock and water snail species along the coastline. Although this was not a required practical it helped in providing supplementary knowledge for our 'choice chambers' practical later on. Carrying out these experiments while being on the beach was a really nice way to learn and enjoy the views. Finally, in the evening we carried out a practical exercise, in which we used chromatography to separate the colours of leaves from dark and light areas to identify the different pigments within them.



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## SCHOOL NEWS

### VISIT TO NETTLECOMBE



On October 8<sup>th</sup> our two classes of A - level Biology students, accompanied by Mr A Molin and Dr M Scott, travelled to Nettlecombe Court Field Centre. Our four day trip was based around carrying out our assessed required practical work along with a number of other field studies.

On the evening of our arrival we met Anelma our teacher for the next four days, and set up humane mammal traps to place in the fields surrounding Nettlecombe. The purpose of this was to hopefully find a variation of small mammals e.g. mice to identify the next morning, and therefore see the distribution of small mammals in that area.

On the next day, we travelled back out into the fields to see whether we had successfully trapped any small mammals



On Tuesday we travelled down to Embercombe in Exmoor after a brief introduction to the day's activities, to sample the abundance of invertebrates along different points of the river and compare quantities. During this we did our required practical 10 'choice chambers' with the mayfly larvae we acquired. By doing this in a field, we were able to experience assessed experiments outside the lab and obtain results that were a more accurate representation of real life biological investigations.



On the Wednesday morning we carried out our final required practical 12, in which we investigated the effect of steepness of a hill on the distribution of plant species on it. This final activity was a great way of putting our learning of different sampling techniques i.e. systematic sampling, into practice and carrying out statistical analyses of our results.

Travelling to Nettlecombe was a really nice contrast from carrying out experiments normally in a lab. But also, it was a great way of learning how ecology can be applied to real-life jobs. Overall it was a very positive trip which allowed every member of the group to learn and develop skills together, including those that apply to real life and not just school and studying.

By Jasmine Nowacki and Holly Roberts (Year 13)



PGL 2017 provided the opportunity for students to bond at the start of Year 7 and experience some outdoor adventure. Highlights included the Giant Swing, Jacob's Ladder and the Saturday night disco. With balmy weather on Saturday and a more wintry feel on the Sunday, students overcame their fears to try many different activities, making staff proud of their resourceful attitudes and willingness to learn.

### Year 7 PGL



Our Year 7 students visited PGL Osmington Bay in Dorset over a couple of action packed weekends. Students tried (many for the first time):

- Quad biking \* Rifle Shooting \* Fencing \* Jacob's Ladder \* Giant Swing\* Abseiling \* Zip Wire \* Aeroball

### PGL 2017 PHOTO GALLERY

## BOX HILL

Year 11 Geographers visited Box Hill, situated in the North Downs, Surrey on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Part of the new curriculum requirement include practising fieldwork techniques, as well as measuring the human influence on the local ecosystems. Box Hill is unique in its calcareous grassland ecosystems and therefore a very interesting place to visit. Luckily the weather stayed dry throughout which meant visibility was good.



Both groups put in lots of hard work for their coursework.

At the end of the day, students raced down to the bottom of Box Hill and then back up again which was exhausting!



Thank you to everyone involved in making these trips so successful.

## GLORY OF WOMEN POEM

Our Year 9 English students have been studying WW1 poetry by Siegfried Sassoon. Students took photos to capture ideas and feelings after reading 'Glory of Women'.

### Glory of Women - by Siegfried Sassoon

You love us when we're heroes, home on leave,  
Or wounded in a mentionable place.  
You worship decorations; you believe  
That chivalry redeems the war's disgrace.  
You make us shells. You listen with delight,  
By tales of dirt and danger fondly thrilled.

You crown our distant ardours while we fight,  
And mourn our laurelled memories when we're killed.  
You can't believe that British troops "retire"  
When hell's last horror breaks them, and they run,  
Trampling the terrible corpses—blind with blood.  
O German mother dreaming by the fire,  
While you are knitting socks to send your son  
His face is trodden deeper in the mud.



## RUGBY TOURNAMENT AT READING BLUE COAT SCHOOL

Great play by our Year 8 Rugby team this week, winners of their pool at a tournament at Reading Blue Coat School.

### Our Team









Charlie Myall  
Alfie Bristow  
Rohan Zambarda  
Janosz Revers  
Finlay Crawford  
Ellis Ovens  
Ben Wilson  
Tom Nicholls  
Nick Holdsworth  
Matt Cooley  
Josh Dilley  
Jack Staunton  
Victor Harrit

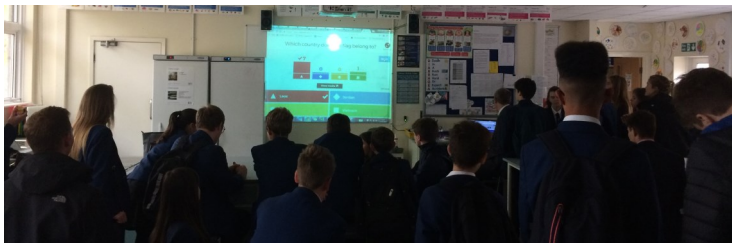


## FLAGS AND CAPITALS HOUSE CHALLENGE









Please find below the results from this term's House challenge. Congratulations to Eton, the winning House.

### Year 7 Result:

13,015 pts.	9,325 pts.	8,909 pts.	10,0097 pts.
			
14,905 pts.	12,682 pts.	12,161 pts.	14,521 pts.
			



### Years 8 - 13 Result:

27,316 pts.	17,451 pts.	24,579 pts.	10,863pts.
			
27,744 pts.	26,840 pts.	19,989 pts.	21,927 pts.
			



## SCULPTURE COMPETITION

Tendo Nyerenyere (Year 12), Marlow - won second place in the 'Sculpture' category in the Windsor Festival Schools' Programme 2017.

His sculpture cleverly combines the dangers of obesity and smoking in a visually striking display.

## THIS WEEK'S STAR STUDENTS

Congratulations to Henley students:

**Mimi Gray** (Year 10) - for being selected for Team GB for synchronised swimming. She will be in the Junior team.

**James Okonkwo** (Year 9) - for being selected to join the Regional Basketball South Team.

**Haroon Rasib** (Year 9) - for being picked for the men's team for North Maidenhead Cricket Club.

## LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

**Charlie Ferriman** (Year 9) for Spanish

**Tayab Bashier** (Year 7) for French

**Tilly Pink-Costello** (Year 10) for German



## COMMUNITY NEWS

## HALLOWEEN AND BONFIRE NIGHT - POLICE ADVICE

HALLOWEEN

BONFIRE NIGHT

## ARE YOU THINKING OF BOOKING YOUR 2018 SUMMER HOLIDAY?

If you book through any of these retailers, please use [EasyFundraising.org.uk](http://EasyFundraising.org.uk) to log in first and choose Furze Platt Senior School as the cause you support. It does not cost you a penny but we have raised over £2300 so far and can raise a substantial amount more from major purchases such as holidays, cars and home appliances.

Experia \* British Airways \* Love Holidays \* Thomson - TUI / Thomas Cook \* First Choice \* Disneyland Paris \* Haven Holidays \* Jet 2 \* Legoland and over 80 more!

Please also consider us when purchasing Business Deals \* Entertainment \* Electricals \* Fashion and Beauty \* Home and Garden \* Insurance \* Finance \* Mobiles \* Travel \* Utilities

Click on [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and choose to support Furze Platt Senior School.

Thank you.

SUPPORT US THROUGH EASYFUNDRAISING

## 200 CLUB

FIRST DRAW WILL BE MADE AT THE BIG QUIZ ON FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER - SEE DETAILS BELOW TO ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

The PTFA will be reinstating the popular 200 Club this month with large cash prizes for the lucky winners.

With 200 numbers in play there will be 3 prizes of £400 each, and the PTFA could also make £6,000 per year to help fund requests for the school, so we are keen to ensure as many numbers are sold as possible.

If you would like to join, please do click on the links below for either annual or monthly payments - it is a very easy and straightforward process. Each number costs £5 per month or an annual cost of £57 (this is for 4 draws, 1 per quarter).

ANNUAL PAYMENT

MONTHLY PAYMENTS

## UPDATING STUDENT DATA

Any amendments for student details such as change of address, contact numbers, medical information or emergency contact details should be emailed to [studentdetails@furzeplatt.net](mailto:studentdetails@furzeplatt.net).

Please note that this information is used by staff on any school trips or in the use of an emergency and it is therefore paramount that the information provided is correct.

Thank you.



## REMINDERS

### OPEN EVENING PROSPECTUS 2017

The school prospectus is now available to view on our website.

VIEW OUR  
NEW PROSPECTUS



### REPORTS

Year 11 and 13 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](http://www.furzeplatt.com) and clicking on Parents, then Reports or by going directly to Go 4 Schools [www.go4schools.com](http://www.go4schools.com).

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at [reports@furzeplatt.net](mailto:reports@furzeplatt.net).

Mrs K Avery (Data Manager)

VIEW REPORT

YEAR  
11

YEAR  
13



# THE BIG QUIZ

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## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

7.30pm - 10.30pm

At Furze Platt Senior School in the Main Hall

Featuring music, trivia, and picture questions as well as two 'team challenges'.



**£15**

per person



**MAX.6**

people per table

But you can book in  
any numbers from  
1-6 and we'll find  
teams for you.



**FOOD**

Giant Pan Catering  
from  
**Ashridge Delicious**  
Paella, Tartiflette, Champignons  
Forestiere and Cassoulet



**PLUS**

bar & prize  
raffle

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**PTFA**  
Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

**FURZE  
PLATT**  
SENIOR SCHOOL

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

Secondary Teacher Training  
Opportunities in Maidenhead

Train to Teach Event

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

# TEACH MAIDENHEAD

In partnership with the  
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University of  
Reading



Teach Maidenhead is the foremost teacher training provider west of London, providing over 60 tuition-fee and salaried secondary School Direct places. The partnership offers a unique school-based learning opportunity in partnership with the University of Reading where intensive subject based training is delivered. To find out more visit us at the following Train to Teach Event:-

Date: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017

Time: 4.30pm to 7.30pm

Place: University of Reading, London Road  
Campus, Building L11, Room G07



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pantomime  
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THEATRE**  
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Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th December 2017 at 7.30pm  
Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th December at 12 noon & 4pm

**Bring a family of 4 for £40!**

Tickets: £11 adults £9 children  
Discounts available for groups of 10 or more (conditions apply)

Box Office 07900 863699  
[www.thelittleboxoffice.com/mdg](http://www.thelittleboxoffice.com/mdg)

The Nation's Favourite Panto!

# CINDERELLA

by Peter Denyer

This amateur production is  
by arrangement with  
*noda*  
Produced by a Theatre Trust

Adele Contreras  
as Cinderella

Scott Kitson  
as Mama

Steve Craft  
as Grizelda

Beth Wood  
as Prince Charming

Patrick Ashe  
as Buttons



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# HALLOWEEN








## Halloween - Great Fun for the Young?

Halloween is great fun for the young. It can also be an upsetting time for our more vulnerable or elderly residents.

Take a moment and think about which doors you knock on this Halloween.

When trick or treating please stay safe

Follow the 'Halloween Code':

-  **Please Only** call at houses you know! Don't knock on doors where there is a 'No Trick or Treat' sign
-  **Be visible** – your children may be dressed as dark beings but they need to be seen by other road users
-  **Take** a torch with you
-  **Stay** in areas lit well by street lights
-  **Be careful** not to frighten vulnerable people, especially the elderly
-  **Don't let your children** talk to strangers on the street
-  **Don't** let your children go into any houses.

**No Treat** means **No Trick** - don't let a good night go bad.  
Please respect other peoples wishes!

