

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #54.10



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



MUFTI DAY

Monday 19th March

There will be a Non-Uniform Day on Monday 19th March. If students wish to wear their own clothes, they must purchase a ticket during form time for a minimum donation of £2. All monies raised will split equally between helping to fund additional break time equipment and Cookham's house charity; The Brett Foundation who support the homeless and families that are living in poverty and those who have fallen on hard times. Tickets will be on sale during tutor time on Monday.

Mr A Morbey and Miss L Lewis, Associate Assistant Headteachers

REPORTS

Year 8 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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YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING – BAND P

Thursday 22nd March 2018, 4.15pm – 7.15pm

On Thursday 22nd March there will be a consultation evening for Year 7 (Band P) 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- [ALL EVENTS](#)
- [SPORTS CALENDAR](#)
- [SCHOOL CLUBS LIST](#)

Next Week (Week 1)

MON 19 MARCH	Whole School Muffi (Non-School Uniform) Day	All day
THU 22 MARCH	Year 7 (Band 'P') Parents' and Students' Consultation	4.15pm - 7.15pm
FRI 23 MARCH	Late school start	9.10am

Forthcoming Events

THU 29	End of Term 3	12.30pm finish
FRI 30 - FRI 13 MARCH - APRIL	Spring Holidays	
SAT 31 - SUN 8 MARCH - APRIL	Ski Trip 2018	
MON 16	Start of Term 4 (Week 1)	8.40 am start

If you do not have easy access to the internet, please contact 01628 625308 ext.350 (9am-3pm Monday - Friday) who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

Appointments can be made now, please follow the Parents' Evening Bookings link under News and Events on the school website, or click on the link below.

[BOOK APPOINTMENTS](#)

LATE SCHOOL START

Friday 23rd March at 9.10am

I am writing to inform you that school will start at 9.10am on Friday 23rd March.

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Students should go straight to period 2 which starts at 9.10am. The reason for this late start is because the Year 7 parents' evening takes place on the previous evening.

Mr E Towill, Associate Headteacher

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS INFORMATION

All students taking Bronze or Silver Awards must get the assessors reports in for their 3 month sections.

Training for the Silver group is this Saturday 17th March - meet in the Maths block

Training for Bronze group is next Saturday 24th March - meet in the School Gym

Students will need to bring a packed lunch, pen and paper and arrive at 8.50am for a 9am start with the day ending at 4.30pm.

We still have a number of Medical consent forms outstanding. Please could these be handed into Main Reception as soon as possible. Students will not be able to participate in the physical assessments without completed forms.

Please may I remind you that students can access their D of E ID number when they log into EDofE

We would love to share your child's progress of their award. If you have any photos, please forward them to dofe@furzeplatt.net

BRONZE ASSESSOR REPORT PACK

BRONZE BMX MEDICAL CONSENT FORM

SILVER ASSESSOR REPORT PACK

SILVER BMX MEDICAL CONSENT FORM



LEGO DONATIONS THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated Lego for the students in Shine. We now have a super stock of Lego.

Miss C Lewis, Shine Administrator



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O2 TRIP

A group of our Sixth Formers had a wonderful time visiting O2 Telefonica on the Bath Road as part of the company's exercise in offering apprenticeships.

After a tour of their impressive building and meeting some of their current team, our students took part in Team Building challenges against all the other schools visiting and won – well done to them and a huge thank you to O2 Telefonica for offering us the opportunity to visit.

Mrs M Pasa, Sixth Form Manager





YEAR 9 STEM VISIT TO GSK, MAIDENHEAD

A team of six Year 9 girls visited GSK in Maidenhead on Monday for the launch of a 10 week environmentally-themed STEM project called Go4Set.



This is run by the EDT charity with the aim of inspiring students towards STEM-based careers by linking education and industry in real life situations using hands on learning and skills development. In order to achieve this, the team has been assigned a mentor who is an automation engineer with GSK and who will advise on the project through regular meetings with the team.



The project will culminate in a presentation and awards day at GSK's headquarters in London when all 13 teams competing will be judged on their project, which will either be entitled "Energy and your school" or "The Eco Classroom". The girls have to produce a model, a written report of up to 50 pages, a visual display and a five minute presentation to be judged by a panel of experts. The day involved explaining how the project should run, the

importance of good project management and of assigning different roles to different team members based on their skills set. In addition, we had a tour of the GSK factory which produces oral hygiene products for distribution all over the world. Watch this space for further updates as the project proceeds...



YEAR 7 NETBALL

Our Year 7 Netball Girls' team played their final netball fixtures of the Netball this week. Both teams finished third in the borough. Well done to them all.



FURZE PLATT STUDENTS WIN ROWING GOLD

The Oarsport Junior Sculling Head is a National competition and takes place every year at Dorney Lake. It's organised by the Scullery, an independent organisation dedicated to the support and development of Junior rowers at all levels across the UK. Maidenhead Rowing Club were represented by a number of FPSS students with Abby Jones and Ellen Gomersall (Year 9) winning Gold medals in their quad in a field of 44 crews.



Last Monday Victor Kleshnev, (Year 13) – as part of Maidenhead Rowing Club Juniors Quad - won the largest Head race for juniors in the country. He and his squad won the Schools' Head of the River at Tideway with a

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record breaking time of 26.5s faster than the previous record, set in 2012. On Tuesday Victor with the same crew won another National event at Dorney Lake, the Oarsport Junior Sculling Head.

Victor has been training using the equipment in the new school Gym, which has enabled him and his team mates to improve their fitness in peak areas.

Congratulations to all our rowers for their amazing achievements.

- Francesca Dale
- Brogan McCafferty
- Amelia Gillbert
- Martha Garner
- Daisy Hellings
- Hannah Breese
- Hannah Britton
- Lily Bushell



HOCKEY CLUB

Another very busy afternoon of extra-curricular sport for our students. Here are some of our students enjoying indoor hockey. Please see our clubs list for a wide range of after school activities.

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST



U14 GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Furze Platt's U14 Girls' Football team sadly got knocked out of the Berkshire County Cup having been defeated by Maiden Erlegh School in the third round. It was a great achievement for the girls to reach this stage and they all played brilliantly. POM was awarded to Amelia Gilbert and Lily Bushell, both of whom battled through injuries and influenced the game until the very end.



Full team:

- Maya Ciesielska
- Morgan Dean
- McKenzie Davison
- Abigail Dorrat
- Ava Neeves
- Eloise Nessling
- Maizy Scott

LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

French

- Katie Langford Y7
- Zach Sheppard Y7
- Grace Wilkinson Y7

Spanish

- Fraser Quin Y9
- Anna Howley Y9
- Mariana Gouveia Y8

German

- Holly Bird Y10
- Tom Kirtland-Knott Y10
- Lucy McCarthy Y9

RECYCLING HOUSE CHALLENGE

Each form was set a Recycling Challenge by Mrs Crisford (Head of Food Tech). Every week, form groups had to complete a given task. The first task was a Pasta Challenge, where students were timed on how quickly they could put 5 penne pieces on a spaghetti string; then the Circle Challenge that revealed who can draw a perfect circle without taking off their hands of the paper. This week was the Recycling Challenge, where students had to make something creative out of empty tins/cans. Congratulations to Windsor 3, Dorney 1 and Bisham 3 for their extremely innovative winning ideas. Next week's challenge is Origami Making, when students will be timed on how quickly they can fold an animal out of a piece of paper.



Windsor 3: Mobile phone speakers



Dorney 1: Drum kit



Bisham 3: Pen holder



INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE RESULTS 2018

 = Qualified for the Pink Kangaroo paper.

GOLD AWARD

Kyle McDonald (Yr 10)	 	87
Amber Hemsley (Yr 10)		76
Mihalis Despiniadis (Yr 10)		73

SILVER AWARD

Thomas Marland (Yr 11)		70
Kai Drenski (Yr 10)		67
Adam Gambrill (Yr 11)		66
Rachel Kirtland (Yr 10)		66
Jamie Ashworth (Yr 9)		66
Daisy-Leigh Thompson (Yr 11)		65
Alex Webb (Yr 11)		65
Elliot Wilson (Yr 11)		64
Aaron Kew (Yr 10)		64
Daniel Juden (Yr 11)		61
Paul Alberts (Yr 9)		61
Ollie Stares (Yr 11)		60

BRONZE AWARD

Sophie Caldwell (Yr 11)		58
Ifeoluwa Ogidan (Yr 11)		57
Kirsty Emmett (Yr 10)		57
Sam Davies (Yr 10)		57
Liv Howley (Yr 11)		56
Benjamin Sheppard (Yr 9)		56
Pat Russell (Yr 10)		55
Adam Cuva (Yr 9)		55
Frederic Stevens (Yr 9)		55
Ethan Merwood (Yr 9)		55
Jamie Dobson (Yr 9)		55
John Baker (Yr 11)		54
Jayne Newman (Yr 10)		54
Nick Conacher (Yr 11)		52
Jude White (Yr 11)		52
Tom Sutton (Yr 11)		50

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BRONZE AWARD



Jonathan Shaw (Yr 11)	50
Zain Rafiq (Yr 11)	50
Cameron Cassels (Yr 11)	50
Adam Thomas (Yr 10)	50
Philip Harrit (Yr 10)	50
Isabel Young (Yr 10)	50
Oliver Fitzgerald (Yr 9)	50
Charlotte Williams (Yr 11)	49
Nathan Smith (Yr 11)	49
Lauryn Tagne (Yr 9)	49
James Quin (Yr 9)	49
Jamie Lloyd (Yr 11)	48



COMMUNITY NEWS



WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE SUPPORT STAFF TEAM OF AN EXTREMELY POPULAR AND EXPANDING SECONDARY SCHOOL?

ASSISTANT SITE CONTROLLER

RECEPTIONIST

CLEANERS

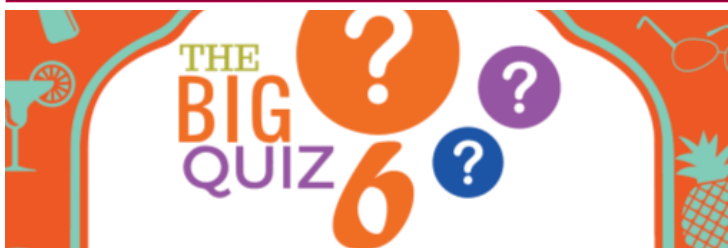
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BIG QUIZ 6

7.30pm, Friday 11th May

After the record-breaking turnout of 20 teams for Big Quiz 5 make sure you book early for our next quiz on Friday 11th May. Jeff and Oz will be your quizmasters, with questions, music and fun team challenges. Teams of up to six, food and bar available. The next 200 Club winners will be drawn at the quiz.

CLICK HERE TO BOOK TICKETS



JOIN THE 200 CLUB TODAY!

Many congratulations to our three 200 Club Winners who are £170 richer after our last draw which took place just before the Finale performance of The Addams Family.

To be in with a chance of winning hundreds of pounds by joining our 200 club, please click the link below.

200 CLUB

Winning numbers for Draw 2
on Thursday 8th February 2018



HOW DOES THE 200 CLUB WORK?

ANNUAL PAYMENT

MONTHLY PAYMENTS

LAST YEAR, 13 STUDENTS FROM FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL TOOK PART IN THE NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE.

Now it's your turn!

I am delighted to inform you that this year your teenager is being given the opportunity to sign up to the NCS Summer 2018 programme, a government-funded programme for 15-17 year olds.



NCS is a part-residential programme that lasts for 18 days over the Summer holiday, focusing on physical, personal and creative challenges. This once-in-a-lifetime experience empowers young people, enabling them to build the skills and confidence to get ahead in work and life, whilst engaging with their local community.

Furze Platt Senior School has invited NCS representatives to conduct PSHE sessions in March 2018, in which your young person will learn everything there is to know about NCS and have the chance to express an interest in the programme.

The dates for Summer 2018 are available online, and places have started to fill up already! I would therefore recommend anybody who is excited by this opportunity should head online and book their place as soon as possible.

To find out more about NCS and to book your place, visit www.ncsthechallenge.org or contact our dedicated customer services team via the details below.

Jessica Batty, NCS Coordinator
0203 510 5050

INFORMATION PROJECT

We are looking at the different ways in which we as a school communicate with you electronically and how we collect online payments, and the different systems we use to do this. If you have any comments or feedback on this please click and complete the attached survey or send comments to mila.coombs@furzeplatt.net. Thank you.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION SURVEY

**NEW TEACHING BLOCK AND NEW HALL:
FREE EVENT - INVITATION TO PARENTS'
INFORMATION EVENING**

We are delighted to confirm that construction of our new teaching block will commence during the Easter holidays. This is the first of two phases of site improvement and expansion:

Phase 1: April 2018-February 2019

Construction of new teaching block, with 4 new Science classrooms and 12 teaching rooms. This is being built towards the rear of the school, on the site currently occupied by one Science laboratory and two Philosophy and Religion classrooms.



Phase 2: February 2019-November 2019

Construction of second, additional hall. This will replace the current (old) gym and will also result in the demolition of four classrooms.

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REMINDERS

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NEW TEACHING BLOCK AND NEW HALL: FREE EVENT - INVITATION TO PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING (CONT.)



These are very exciting developments that will considerably enhance students' experience in and out of lessons. Great care and attention has been taken to minimise the impact on students and staff during the construction process. Four classrooms will be re-roomed, and new timetables will be issued to all students after Easter. We are working very closely with the contractors to ensure that any noise is kept to an absolute minimum, and that both lessons and, of course, examinations, are unaffected. New routes around school have already been devised, and will be shared with students after Easter.

I would like to invite interested parents to a Parents' Information Evening, to be held on Tuesday 27th March at 6pm. This will be in the Hall or a designated classroom, depending on numbers. If you would like to sign up, please do so via the link below.

Thank you

Mr E Towill, Associate Headteacher

INFORMATION EVENING - SIGN UP (FREE)

MUSIC TOUR - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Music Tour is taking shape however there are still payments to be made. Some payments are now really quite late – please note the due dates below:

- 3rd instalment was due by Friday 2nd February 2018 (£110)
- 4th and final instalment is due by Friday 23rd March 2018 (£110).

Please can you ensure that you pay these in the same way you paid the deposit (either by Squid or Bank Transfer).

Please note: places on this trip are depended on payment being made in full by the final instalment date of Friday 23rd March.

I will be in contact in the near future with information about polo shirts, passports, EHIC and OA4 documentation.

Thank you for your continued support of the Music Department. If you have anything you would like to discuss regarding payments please contact me at katie.johnston@furzeplatt.net.

Miss K Johnston, Head of Music



Interested in a career in teaching?

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Train to Teach Information Evening 19 March 2018

7.00 – 8.30pm, talk at 7.15pm

AT MAIDEN ERLAGH SCHOOL - Silverdale Rd, Earley, Reading RG6 7HS

This information evening is for anyone who is considering training to teach, including current teaching assistants, career changers, teachers trained overseas, and those graduating in summer 2018.

If you are interested in finding out more about getting into primary or secondary teaching, come along to meet recent, locally trained, beginning and newly qualified teachers and talk to our specialist school mentors. The evening will be mainly informal with a short presentation and the opportunity for Q&A.

Training is provided in our schools working together with the University of Reading. All our programmes lead to Qualified Teacher Status with tuition fee programmes also earning PGCE (and 60 masters credits). You may be eligible for a salaried place or a bursary.

Please confirm your intention to attend by emailing teachingschool@maidenerleghschool.co.uk

The information evening will be hosted by Maiden Erlegh School, Silverdale Road, Reading, RG6 7HS 0118 9262467

www.berkshireteachingschoolalliance.co.uk





Learning Together

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Website: www.furzeplatt.com

Would you like to join the support staff team of an extremely popular and expanding secondary school?

Due to expansion we have the following exciting opportunities to start as soon as possible:

Assistant Site Controller

Full time, 37 hours per week. Actual salary range £16,993-£17,728 pa depending on experience (pay review pending)

We are looking for a team player, with good communication and time-management skills who is able to undertake minor maintenance activities such as repairs, painting and cleaning and other general maintenance, to join the site team as the school embarks on an exciting expansion project. You will assist the Site and Facilities Manager in ensuring that the school buildings and site are maintained to a high standard and are secure. Working hours to be considered within a daily time period of 8am to 9pm.

Receptionist Thursday and Friday preferably with an 8am start (negotiable)

Term time only, 15.5 hours per week. Actual salary range £6,390-£6,765 pa depending on experience (pay review pending)

We are looking for someone ideally with some experience of using switchboards, IT systems and working in a customer based environment. As well as operating the switchboard you will be the first point of contact with visitors in school. You will also support the student services team by triaging medical assistance requests from students and carry out ad-hoc administrative tasks when time permits.

Cleaners, Monday to Friday before and after school - £9.50 an hour (pay review pending), casual relief basis

Term time only although opportunities for holiday work may be available

We are looking for people who are physically fit, able to work independently as well as be an effective team player and interested in helping us to maintain a high standard of cleanliness within our school? You will have a cleaning rota to follow and be given the necessary training to ensure that you can operate the cleaning equipment confidently and effectively.

For further information about these roles and in order to complete an application form please refer to our school website www.furzeplatt.com. Application forms should be returned to Gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net . Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

Closing date: Monday 19th March at 9.00am • Interviews: w/c 19th March onwards

Furze Platt Senior School is committed to the protection and safety of its students. Posts are subject to an enhanced disclosure by the Disclosure Barring Service.

SKI TRIP 2019

TO LA THUILE, AOSTA VALLEY

SATURDAY 13TH – SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2019

Skiing £1,015
Snowboarding £1,025

This includes:

- Extensive 6 day lift pass that covers both La Thuile in Italy and La Rosiere in France.
- Five hours of ski/snowboard lessons per day.
- Full board accommodation including dinner out at a different restaurant every night.
- Exciting après ski programme.
- Travel to and from the resort on a luxury coach.

Open to all current Year 7-12 students who will be at the school in April 2019.

Application forms available from Reception, PE department or Drama department.

[CLICK HERE FOR PDF SKI TRIP 2019 LETTER AND APPLICATION FORM](#)

Deposits due by 23rd March 2018



THE BIG QUIZ

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Friday 11th May 2018

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'.



per person



people per table

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



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



bar & prize raffle

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK TICKETS](#)

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