

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #56.10



POETRY WINNERS

Well done to the following students who were announced as the winners of the recent English and Media department Poetry competition:

'AND STILL I RISE' - BY RIZAH KHAN



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'THE CLIMB' - BY AMELIA RUSSELL



AMELIA RUSSELL

'WHY I HATE AUTUMN' - BY ISABEL YOUNG



ISABEL YOUNG

Congratulations – it was a very tough decision.

Ms S Jayne, Head of English and Media

FURZE PLATT STUDENTS REACH FINAL OF



ESAA CROSS COUNTRY CUP

Congratulations also to the Intermediate Boys (Years 9 and 10) XC team for reaching the English Schools' Athletics Association (ESAA) Cup Final – SW Regional Round.

The team of Alex Bate, Nick Holdsworth, Edwin Isted, Euan Russell and Frank McGrath finished 3rd behind Bishop Wordsworth School and Reading Blue Coat to reach the final.

The ESAA Cup final will be held at Woodbridge School, Woodbridge, Suffolk on Saturday 24th November. We wish them all the best and thank you to Mrs Brennan for organising the team.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

Next Week (Week 1)

FRI 23
NOVEMBER

Big Quiz Night (Main Hall)

Starts
7.30pm

BOOK TICKETS

Forthcoming Events

TUES 27
NOVEMBER

Year 12 Warwick University (Biology in Action Study Day)

All Day

THU 29
NOVEMBER

Year 10 - Theatre Trip - Blood Brothers

4.30pm -
11.30pm

Careers & Higher Education Fair

6pm - 8pm

FRI 30
NOVEMBER

INSET DAY

All Day

Years 7, 8 and 9 Netball Olympic Park

12.30pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/19 AND 2019/20

Careers & Higher Education Fair

CHEF 2018

Thursday 29th November
6pm – 8pm

For more details, see page 6.



On Thursday 6th December there will be a consultation evening for Year 12 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:

BOOK APPOINTMENTS

Appointment slots will be available to book online from 6pm on Thursday 22nd November and will very quickly fill up. We advise you to book as soon as possible on this day. A further reminder communication will be issued on 22nd November.

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

Mr J Dollery

Head of Sixth Form

BREAK TRIAL

w/c 26th November

In the week commencing 26th November we will be trialling all our students having the same break times. Breaks will be at 11.15am and 1.45pm (current Year 9, 10 and 11 times) that week.

The reasons for this include:

- Following the completion of the canteen work there is extra capacity for all students to buy food.
- Less chance of noise around lessons when other students are on break.
- All students being able to socialise at break times.

After the trial we will be seeking feedback as to which break arrangement is preferable.



COLLECTING ART COURSEWORK AND EXAM WORK

If you are in Years 11, 12 or 13 and you have not collected your Art coursework or exam work from last year, you need to do so within the next two weeks.

Unfortunately, we have very limited storage so any work not collected will be disposed of at that point.

Please contact Miss S Curtis-Thompson to arrange collection or if you have any queries.

If you know of someone who this applies to and might not receive this newsletter please pass the message on. Thank you.



YEAR 7 RUGBY

BERKSHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FESTIVAL

Great fun was had by all plus an impressive number of tries at the Year 7 Berkshire County Rugby Festival at Reading Blue Coat yesterday.

Gold team – W2 L2 D2 – Star performers – Lucas Norton, Chris Tagne (10 tries) & Lennon Moore

Blue Team – W1 – D3 – L2 – Star performers – Jake Coomes (9 tries), Rashaad Derby & Arlo Challis

The boys were a credit to the school throughout.



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

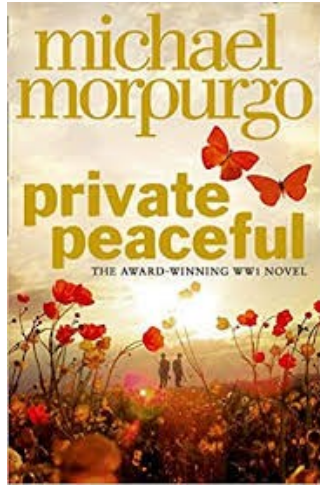
It has been antibullying week – thank you to everyone who contributed positive and supportive messages.



REVIEW – PRIVATE PEACEFUL

By Zachary Sheppard (Year 8)

The trip to the Waterside Theatre for Private Peaceful was a fun and interesting trip. Not only did it give me a better understanding of the book and also helped for revision, it was also more interesting watching the actor play all the parts as a solo, which showed his talents for performing.



It was also very compelling to watch the show in a theatrical atmosphere with the music which was very fitting to the story, which kept me engrossed throughout the entire performance. Overall the whole day was a very enjoyable experience.

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH
IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Please can you ensure any outstanding balances are paid in full via your son / daughter's WisePay account. Thank you.

**FURZE PLATT STUDENT IN REMEMBRANCE
DAY PARADE**

Ben Thompson (Year 8) took part in a parade for Remembrance Day with the Air Cadets last weekend. This parade was particularly important to the Forces as it celebrated the 100 year anniversary since the Armistice of WW1. We know many other students took part in this – we are proud of you all for attending such an important event.



LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

French

- Tobias Lattimer Year 12
- Oliver Powell Year 7
- Holly Bray Year 7
- Ben Hearsey Year 7
- Katie Slater Year 11
- Emma Herzog Year 8
- Sathya Sathananthalingam Year 8
- Nathan Hedges Year 7
- George Powell Year 7

German

- Kornelia Jankowska Year 8
- Laura Harritt Year 7
- Ashvath Ajith Kumar Year 9
- Tegan Storey Year 9
- Lara Torok Year 9
- Rhys Cox Year 9

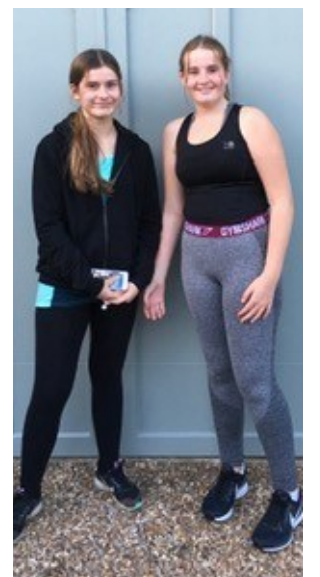
Spanish

- Lucy Tull Year 9
- Nicholas Holdsworth Year 9
- Naizel De Souza Year 8
- Josh Woodhatch Year 8
- Izzy Nobles Year 10
- Florence Checkley Year 10
- Abbi Hellings Year 10

**YEAR 9 STUDENTS DOFE
PHYSICAL CHALLENGE**

We have had some impressive news from some of our Year 9 students this week regarding their Duke of Edinburgh physical challenges.

Kate Lindley & Melissa Hing have embarked on a 'Couch to 5k' running course to complete their DofE physical element. They decided to register for a Santa Fun Run at Dorney Lake on Sunday 25th November in aid of the local Maidenhead charity Alzheimer Dementia Support, and have been completing training runs 3 times per week.



(Pictured Kate, left and Melissa, right)

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Alzheimers
Dementia
Support
Local support and guidance

If you would like to support the girls please follow this link to make a donation to this fantastic local charity:

DONATE

Santa Fun Run, Charity 5k Dorney Lake, Eton, Windsor 25th November 2018

Sunday, 25 November 2018 from 1pm to 4pm

You can register, pay and collect your suit ahead of the event at Lok'n'Store, Stafferton Way, Maidenhead, SL6 1AB

From 10am to 4pm on Friday 16th, Saturday 17th and Friday 23rd, Saturday 24th November.

Payments by cash only please.

Adult Team of 5 or more - £18 per person

Family Team (2 Adults, 2 Children) - £44

Adults - £20

Children £4

We Ho-Ho-Hope to see you there!



Our PTFA is very successful, raising thousands of pounds to purchase equipment and resources to further improve the school. At last week's meeting, the following requests were generously approved:

Drama	£777.75
Skeleton	£555.00
PE	£360.00
Science Club	£500.00

The £1,500 pledge for Greenpower has been ringfenced and will be released once the remaining £1,500 has been raised.

THANK YOU TO THE PTFA

Thank you so much to the PTFA for their generous funding of our new skeleton. This will prove invaluable in lessons across all year groups.

Dr M Scott, Head of Science



200 CLUB

We invite all our parents to join the 200 Club. Numbers are drawn 4 x per year (once per quarter). We now have over 100 numbers in play which means that three lucky winners will win £200 per draw. More numbers in play means even bigger prizes!

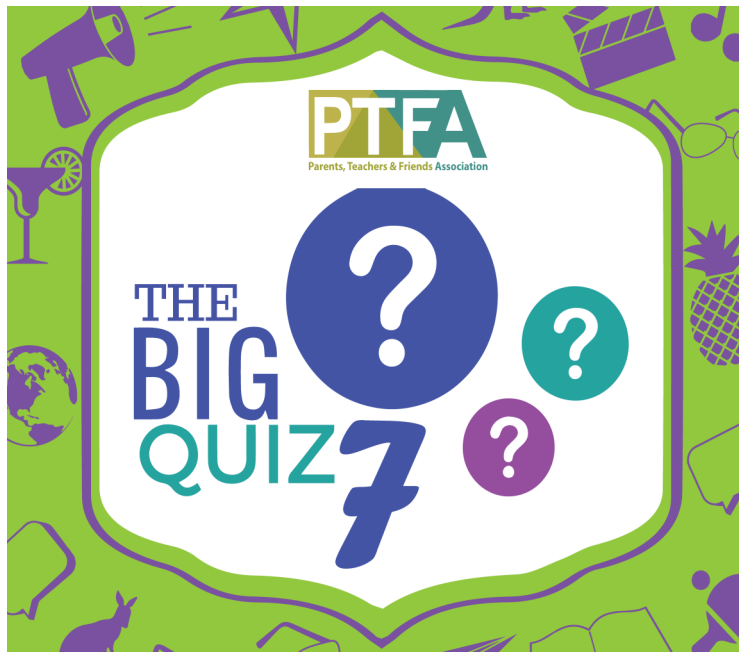
Please click below to purchase your numbers:

MONTHLY PAYMENTS (£5 PER MONTH)

ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

QUIZ NIGHT

Our very successful Quiz Night returns on Friday 23rd November at 7.30pm. Please see the advertisement below to book tickets and for more information. We always welcome raffle prizes to make the evening even more fun and to raise even more money for our school. We would welcome good quality unused gifts, alcohol or services such as cake baking, photography etc. Please email jeff@iifa.co.uk if you can help.



THE BIG QUIZ - BOOK TICKETS

MONTHLY PARENTS' PACK

APPRENTICESHIP RESOURCES

The first National Apprenticeship Service Parents' Pack is now available and is full of resources aimed at helping parents understand the benefits of apprenticeships.

The pack can be downloaded for free on the Amazing Apprenticeships.

AMAZING APPRENTICESHIPS

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Singing Taster Sessions

Ryan Hunt, our singing teacher from Berkshire Maestros, will be holding Singing Taster Sessions (open to all) on Friday 16th November. If your child is interested in weekly singing lessons and they would like to have a taste of what singing lessons entail, please email anna.bradley@furzeplatt.net to sign up. This taster session will be free. (Prices for singing lessons through Berkshire Maestros are £9.60 per group lesson or £17.30 per 20 minute individual lesson).

Music Clubs programme:

We have an exciting programme of Music Clubs every morning in the Music Department. We always welcome new faces. For more information, please see Mr Forster in MU1.

Time	Place	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Registration 8:45 – 9:10	MU1	Choir ALL year groups	Chamber Choir Year 9-13		Ukulele Group ALL years	Girls Choir ALL years (Student Led)
	Studio				Jazz Band Year 9-13 (Grade 3 or above)	Boys Choir ALL years (Student Led)
Break 2	Studio			GLEE Invitation only (Student Led)	GLEE Invitation only (Student Led)	Ladz Choir Invitation only (Student Led)

REMINDERS

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Expedition Information

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent meeting with BXM about the expeditions for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. At school, students can speak to Rose, our DofE Ambassador and Paul, our DofE Young Leader if they would like further information. Bronze and Silver Assessor's reports have been uploaded to the website and can be found here, along with information about each level:

DUKE OF EDINBURGH INFORMATION

SCHOOL TRIPS AND VISITS

For information on any of our school trips and visits, please click the link below.

SCHOOL TRIPS AND VISITS - INFORMATION

Careers & Higher Education Fair



CHEF 2018

Thursday 29th November 2018
6pm – 8pm

Our sixth Careers and Higher Education Fair will be held across the school with representatives from a number of universities, employers and apprenticeships showing how our students can access various career and higher education paths.

This event is designed to bring students from Years 9-13, and their parents, together with a wide range of employers and universities. This will enable students to consider which jobs and university courses they are most interested in, and to work out which qualifications and skills they will need to develop. Of course, students' ideas constantly change and evolve; the purpose of this Fair is to give students new opportunities to test out their latest thoughts by hearing from industry and university experts.

Our Careers and Higher Education Fair offers presentations and workshops, information on gap years, overseas development, apprenticeships, careers advice and visits from a number of prestigious universities and employers. We have representatives from a wide range of employers including architects, bankers, building services, computing, construction, Emergency and Armed Forces, engineering, estate agents, fashion, healthcare, journalism, law, retail, science, social care and teaching.

We welcome a range of keynote speakers this year on the following topics:

Why go to university? - Portsmouth University. The benefits of Higher Education; Life as a student.

Apprenticeships - ASK Apprenticeships. Find out how apprenticeships have changed. They are now available at four different levels, up to degree level, and in 1500 job roles.

Careers in Computing - British Computing Society. Hear about the sort of jobs likely to be available in Computing/IT in the near future.

The NHS - make a difference, be compassionate- community and mental health services - Berkshire NHS Trust. Find out about the variety of careers, both medical and non-medical, available in the NHS

Talks last for 15-20 minutes and are repeated over the evening for maximum attendance.

Presentations, talks and workshops will be held in the Main Hall, Gym and Library, with the talks in H1-4. PTFa refreshments will be available from the Café.

We look forward to seeing you there.

PRELIMINARY CHEF PROGRAMME



COOKHAM DEAN FC

UNDER 15s



ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS

Cookham Dean FC is a local, family football club with 139 years of history, it boasts its own ground, dedicated clubhouse and changing rooms.

This friendly and social team play in section B of the East Berks league and are looking for new players to start this season.

Training takes place on Wednesdays 8-9pm at Furze Platt astro alongside the mens' first team. Matches are played on Saturday mornings with home games hosted at the Alfred Major recreation ground.

If you're interested in joining the team or would like more information, please contact Danny:



07958 273663



danny@stonephotos.co.uk



www.cookhamdeanfc.co.uk



THE BIG QUIZ 7

Friday 23rd November 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'.

£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

BOOK TICKETS

PTFA
Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

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