

Weekly Update: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016

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## NEXT WEEK (Week 1)

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents' Community Group Meeting (6pm - 7pm)
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert (7.30pm - 9.30pm)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term (12.30pm finish)
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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION – 'SCHOOLS THAT WORK FOR EVERYONE'

The government is currently consulting on its new education proposals. These include a proposal to return to selection at age 11 through the expansion of the grammar schools. Governors at Furze Platt are very concerned that the reintroduction of a grammar school in Maidenhead would have an impact on the strong comprehensive schools that serve the community currently. The consultation ends on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and if you also feel strongly about this we would urge you to respond to the consultation by following the link below.

Please be aware that it is a long consultation covering a number of topics but respondents are not required to complete every question.

Thank you in anticipation,

Ms T White (Headteacher)

### GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION

### PARENTS' COMMUNITY MEETING

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm**

We will be holding our next Parents' Community meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm in the school library. Topics for discussion will include Home Learning and Government Consultation 'Schools that work for Everyone'.

#### What is the Parents' Community?

Every parent at Furze Platt Senior School is a member of the Parents' Community. There are four meetings a year. They last no more than one hour, from 6-7pm on Monday evenings. The meetings are informal - hosted and minuted by the headteacher. Parents have the opportunity to email discussion items in advance. The headteacher will also raise items for discussion and feedback. All welcome.

(Please email Wendy Pritchard, Head's PA, at [wendy.pritchard@furzeplatt.net](mailto:wendy.pritchard@furzeplatt.net) if you plan to attend).



**REPORTS  
AVAILABLE**



[Home](#) > [Parents](#) > [Reports](#)

Please be advised that the Year 8 December Progress Reports for your children are now available via our online reporting service.

The new service is available either by going to our website [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com) and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools [www.go4schools.com](http://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](mailto:reports@furzeplatt.net).

Mrs S Watford (M.I.S. Manager)

### PUNCTUALITY AND WINTER WEATHER

As parents and students appreciate, it is vital that students are punctual to school. Over the past week there has been a decline in punctuality. This is clearly associated with the onset of winter weather, causing journeys to school to take longer. Please may I ask all students and parents to allow plenty of time for their journey to school, and thus ensure that all students once again arrive on time. I do appreciate there are some circumstances where this is beyond the control of parents and students, for example where trains are cancelled.

(Please email Mr E Towill (Deputy Headteacher)



## STEEL PAN WORKSHOP Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017



I am writing to advise you of an opportunity for your son/daughter to participate in an hour long Steel Pan Workshop that will take place during the school day on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. It would be beneficial to all Year 8 students to participate in this workshop, however there is a limit of 90 available spaces.

Year 8 will be studying World Music later in the school year and this workshop will give them the opportunity to experience playing in a Steel Pan band and an understanding of the context of Calypso music. It will also particularly be good experience for those wishing to pursue GCSE Music as there are elements of World Music and Fusion Music within the GCSE syllabus.

The workshop will be run by an external company 'Inspire-works' who are an established world music company offering many different musical experiences and workshops. More information can be found at [www.inspire-works.co.uk](http://www.inspire-works.co.uk).

There is no cost to participate in this workshop, however due to the limited spaces it is necessary for a reply slip to be returned to the Music Department. Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Please complete the slip below indicating whether or not you give permission for your son/daughter to participate in the Steel Pan Workshop and return it to Miss Johnston by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Miss K Johnston (Head of Music)

### STEEL PAN WORKSHOP PARENTS' REPLY SLIP

## CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR - QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to all parents who attended our recent Careers Fair. We are always keen to hear our visitors' comments, please would you fill in the brief questionnaire below. We look forward to your feedback.

[QUESTIONNAIRE](#)

## LOST PROPERTY

[Home](#) > [Parents](#) > [Useful Information](#) > [Lost Property](#)

If you think your child has lost or mislaid anything, you are welcome to come along to the Learning Resource Centre (Library) on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 3.15 - 4pm to have a look through the numerous items we have.

[CHECK LOST PROPERTY ONLINE](#)

## SCIENCE TALK FOR YEARS 10-13



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 3.30 -  
4.15pm, Room S5



Furze Platt's Science department is hosting a talk with special guest Jack Cooper, FP alumnus, who will be discussing auditory neuroscience, Oxbridge admissions and studying Biomedical Science at Oxford. All students in Years 10-13 are welcome to attend, please see poster below for full details.

[SCIENCE POSTER](#)



## EXAM CERTIFICATES



[Home](#) > [Parents](#) > [Exam Information](#)

Exam Certificates are now available for students in Year 11, 12 and 13 Summer 2016 exams.

They can be collected from the Exams Office by the students only or visit the school website (Exams Information) to download the Certificate Collection Form.

Mrs S Hemsley (Student Support Manager)

## SIXTH FORM TOURS 2017

Tours need to be booked through our Main Reception on 01628 625308. All tours are scheduled for the following dates:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017



## SCHOOL NEWS

### CHRISTMAS TREE

Thank you to Stubbings Nursery for providing our lovely Christmas trees this year.



### SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to our Year 8 badminton team who won the Partnership Amateur Tournament this week. Gregor Webster, Will Cullum, Leon Best-Martinez, Todd McLintock.

Year 7 football team played in a tournament in Woking, special mentions to Charlie Stinton and Ben Parrott. Well done to our Year 10 netball team who played their matches in some bitterly cold weather.

Year 7 football starts next Thursday after school 3.15-4.30pm. Come along, have fun and you can try out for the school team.

Reminder: clean boots are required for the astro turf and indoor PE.



## SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE 2016



Congratulations to our students who took part in the Senior Maths Challenge.



### GOLD MEDAL

**Best in Year 12:** John Conacher

Yr 12 **101** *Invited to participate in*

**Best in Year 13:** Alex Hill

Yr 13 **99** *the Senior Kangaroo*

Jamie Rhucroft

Yr 13 **91** *on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.*

Jonathan Knowles

Yr 12 **88**



### SILVER MEDAL

Joshua Davies	Yr 13	85
Idris Al-Ghabra	Yr 13	83
Daniel Hazel	Yr 12	83
Samuel Sheppard	Yr 13	79
Louise Hampton	Yr 13	78
Polly Batstone	Yr 12	76
Elliot Gay	Yr 13	75
Hannah Turner	Yr 12	75
Sterling O'Donohue	Yr 12	71
Katie Finnigan	Yr 12	71

### BRONZE MEDAL

Layth Al-Wakil	Yr 13	70	Jake Eaton	Yr 13	61
Chris Berger	Yr 12	70	Tony Wilson	Yr 12	61
Ethan O'Brien	Yr 12	68	Georgina Shaba	Yr 12	61
Tommy Clifford	Yr 13	67	Rowan Trivedi	Yr 12	60
Benjamin Jordan	Yr 13	67	Oliver Okonkwo	Yr 12	60
Will Parsons	Yr 12	66	Thomas De Courcy	Yr 13	59
Georgia Sellwood	Yr 12	66	Louisa Snape	Yr 12	59
Jonathan Sneller	Yr 13	65	Troy O'Donohue	Yr 12	59
Will Davies	Yr 12	64	Olivia Wright-Paramio	Yr 13	58
Robert Messias	Yr 13	63	Findlay Cassels	Yr 12	58
Eliot Avellano-Khan	Yr 12	63	Tom Schilling	Yr 12	58
Siu Cheung	Yr 12	62	Amit Avtar	Yr 13	57
Shay Bottomley	Yr 12	62	Cameron Mann	Yr 13	56
Lowri Baul-Lewis	Yr 13	61	Daniel Abrahamson	Yr 12	56
Tom Sellers	Yr 13	61	Olivia Flood	Yr 12	56



## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Cookham, Maidenhead and the Lawns Nursery School Federation**  
C/O Maidenhead Nursery School, School Lane, Maidenhead, SL6 7PG

Telephone: 01628 623551

Email: [maidenhead-nur@rbwm.org.uk](mailto:maidenhead-nur@rbwm.org.uk)

**Require a Learning Support Assistant**



## REMINDERS



### PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Any students who are interested in the attached competition, please contact Miss D Carty (Alternative Curriculum Support Worker ) at [desrene.carty@furzeplatt.net](mailto:desrene.carty@furzeplatt.net)

[PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION DETAILS](#)

## Bracknell Forest Partnership

12 December  
2016  
6:00 - 7:30pm

**Venue:**  
**Garth Hill College**  
**Bull Lane**  
**Bracknell**



### Further information:

[Bracknellforestschooldirect.co.uk](http://Bracknellforestschooldirect.co.uk)



[Getintoteaching.education.gov.uk](http://Getintoteaching.education.gov.uk)



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## Get into Teaching Information Evening



### Considering a career in teaching?

Whether you are changing career paths, a recent graduate, in a different role in education, or trained over-seas, discover the excellent opportunities to train to teach in our secondary and primary school-centred programmes.

Train with the best in our successful Partnership schools in collaboration with University of Reading (one of the top teacher-training providers nationally). Understand why we are passionate about teaching and what you need to do to become a teacher. Meet our school-based trainers and mentors, university tutors, current trainees, newly qualified and experienced teachers.

Live outside Bracknell? Primary and Secondary teacher training providers from across Berkshire will also be there.

For further information and to confirm your attendance, please email: [teacher.recruitment@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:teacher.recruitment@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)



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*Beautiful Wreaths*  
*Bird & Wildlife Gifts*

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