



THANK YOU TO SPOORE MERRY RIXMAN FOUNDATION

Responding to numerous appeals from the School Council for additional outdoor seating, Ms White, Headteacher submitted a request to the Spoor Merry Rixman Foundation for a significant amount of funding to enable us to increase the seating in our outside areas.

We said that 'further outdoor seating is desperately needed to encourage all our students to use the most of all our outside spaces. Some of our existing wooden seating has rotted and some has had to be removed for health and safety reasons.

Furze Platt has 1270 students and only had external seating for 100. We wanted all our students to have a comfortable environment at break times in which to sit, chat, eat their lunch, and relax. We think this makes a positive difference to their emotions, welfare and as well as helping them be fully prepared for learning when they go back in lessons. We are lucky, to have a large site where children like to congregate at break time – we just need more seating! We have already provided some picnic tables and benches in some of these areas, and these are very popular with students – indeed, they can get very crowded.

We have provided investment into outdoor leisure facilities (table tennis, footballs etc) but these but students need more spaces to sit comfortably.'



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

Next Week (Week 1)

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

Forthcoming Events

WED 15 NOVEMBER	Year 12 Drive Safe Stay Alive Conference	All Day
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The bid was successful, and the additional seating funded by SMRF will provide seating for over 200 extra students in our outside seated areas. Tony Hill, representing SMRF, said;

"We are delighted to be able to offer so many Furze Platt students such high quality outdoor seating during breaktimes. Students who use these areas will not only benefit from fresh air all year round but can return to lessons feeling refreshed and ready to learn."





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

200 CLUB

THE FIRST DRAW WILL BE MADE AT THE BIG QUIZ NEXT FRIDAY 10TH 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.

Each number costs £5 per month or an annual cost of £57 (this is for 4 draws, 1 per quarter).

Please retry the links if you have problems connecting.

ANNUAL PAYMENT

MONTHLY PAYMENTS

THE BIG QUIZ 5

Friday 10th November 2017
7.30pm - 10.30pm
At Furze Platt Senior School in the Main Hall

CLICK HERE TO BOOK A SPOT AT THE BIG QUIZ

GCSE PREPARATION – PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS

YEAR 11

Friday 10th – Friday 17th November 2017

We are entering a very important time for Year 11s, as they prepare to excel in next summer's GCSE exams. Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) are a crucial part of that preparation 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 on the attached letter.

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 11 PPE LETTER AND TIMETABLE

CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR 2017

YEAR 9

YEAR 10

YEAR 11

YEAR 12

YEAR 13

Thursday 23rd November 6-8pm

This year our Careers and Higher Education Fair, open for all students in Years 9 to 13 and their parents, will be taking place on Thursday 23rd November from 6-8pm.

There will be over 20 universities here and around 40 stalls representing a wide variety of careers from Accountancy and Architecture to Teaching and Veterinary Science. There will also be the opportunity to attend some short talks, on the topics including the advantages of going to university, apprenticeships, careers in the law and careers in IT/ Computing.

Further information and a programme for the evening will be available soon.

POPPY APPEAL

House captains will be visiting forms every day from Monday 6th November up until Friday 10th November 2017 selling poppies and wristbands in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Donations required range from 50p to £1 depending on the item.



SIXTH FORM LEARNING RESOURCES

6th

YEAR 12 LEARNING RESOURCES

YEAR 13 LEARNING RESOURCES



SCHOOL NEWS

INSPIRATIONAL ENGLISH LESSONS

YEAR 8

After inspirational lessons last term, examining Autumn leaves and creating learning grids on our new student whiteboards, our Year 8 students wrote some wonderful poems. Poems by Charlie Sinnott and Ben Parrott attached.

Further to a request from our English department, Furze Platt's PTFA funded a number of whiteboards for the department. These have been extensively used as revision boards, quote boards, mind maps, interactive poetry, collaborative editing and much more.

Our PTFA raises funds through a number of events and activities and your participation really does count. This year we have the 200 Club (with large cash prizes), donations via Copas Farms and www.easysfundraising.org.uk and our Quiz Night on 10th November, to name a few.

Please do support us – as you can see from the poems overleaf, our students do benefit directly.

Thank you.

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**YEAR 8 GIRLS NATIONAL SUCCESSES
GYMNASTICS**

Maddie Bird and Amy Lillywhite, both Year 8, recently attended the UK gymnastics National 'All Around' finals, competing on all apparatus. There were 29 gymnasts in total competing at Level 9, which is a tough level.

Both girls did very well with Maddie winning the Gold medal on beam. Congratulations to both girls. (pictured, Maddie Bird.)



*The bitter breeze shook my body
My lifeless friends underneath me
Suffering, as they are trampled on by the
monstrous creatures
My arms shaking, I clench onto my mother, as
she stands tall and brave in the golden glazed
sky
Every second, my friends, brothers and sisters
Fall, fall, fall
To their death
Soon it will be my turn
My hands slip
I can't hold on any longer
I hear the crispy crunch as my hands let go of my
mother and I fall, falling towards the colorless
heap of pain and death
The giant egg yolk in the sky, blinds me as I
watch my skin crumple into a crispy brown wreck
Thud as I join my family and friends in the bland
pile of suffering
Thud as I join my family and friends to die...*

By Ben Parrott



COMMUNITY NEWS



**READING WOMEN V CHELSEA LADIES:
FREE TICKETS**

Sunday 12th November 2017

On Sunday 12th November, Reading Women host Chelsea Ladies at Adams Park, High Wycombe, in the Women's Super League One, kick off 12.30pm.

Here at Reading FC, as part of our commitment to help grow the Women's game we see this as an excellent opportunity to invite local schools to this fixture, completely free of charge.

To register for your complimentary e-tickets, please click the link below! It will take less than a minute.

COMPLIMENTARY E-TICKETS

Once registered, we will aim to send you your tickets via e-mail within 7 days.

These complimentary tickets have been sent onto local Buckinghamshire schools and a select number of grassroots football clubs in the High Wycombe area.

Lifeless

Old leaves dying on the frost,
We fall down slowly,
Landing bruised, hurt,
I am lifeless, lifeless.

A warm blanket of leaves over us,
Our veins freeze and our angry colours start to fade.
Our fiery feelings no longer show,
I am lifeless, lifeless .

As the animals and living things crawl over me,
I crumble, crunch and my delicate limbs disintegrate.
I soak into the rich soil like water in to sand ,
As my new life begins, no longer lifeless and will live once
again.

By Charlie Sinnott

BUY TICKETS
FOR THE 2017-18 SEASON NOW

A LEAGUE OF OUR OWN



GUIDANCE NOTES FOR PARENTS ON ACCESSING GO 4 SCHOOLS



'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. 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. For any questions regarding your son or daughter's progress please contact Mr Sheppard, Deputy Headteacher.

PARENTS' AND STUDENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING

Thursday 9th November 2017, 4.30pm - 6.30pm

On Thursday 9th 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.

We look forward to seeing you.

Mr J Sheppard, Deputy Headteacher

BOOK APPOINTMENTS

YEAR 9 YEAR 10 YEAR 12 DE

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD PROGRAMME

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER

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

The deadline to submit the application and deposit is Friday 10th November.

Please contact Miss Carty on desrene.carty@furzeplatt.net if you require financial assistance, or if you have any questions.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH MORE INFORMATION

BRONZE APPLICATION

SILVER APPLICATION

BRONZE DEPOSIT

SILVER DEPOSIT

BONFIRE NIGHT - POLICE ADVICE



BONFIRE NIGHT

THE BIG QUIZ

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Friday 10th 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'.



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

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