

# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #57.10



#### YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENINGS

Band 7F - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 4.15pm - 7.15pm

Band 7P - Thursday 28th March, 4.15pm - 7.15pm

Appointment bookings for parents of Band 7F students are currently open and can be made through the link below.

Band 7P appointments will open on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **BOOK APPOINTMENTS**

#### YEAR 11 SIXTH FORM APPLICANTS



We have set interview times for all Year 11 applicants to Furze Platt Sixth Form starting Monday 18th March. The short interview will be during the school day and discuss options chosen and the application form. Please ask students to check with their tutors if they are unsure of the timings.

Mrs J Wilson-Tromp

#### ADMISSIONS SEPT 2019

The Borough will provide our list of accepted school places, along with our waiting list, at the end of March. Please contact our Admissions team (Ext. 131) week commencing 1 April if you have any queries.

#### DUKE OF EDINBURGH

ASPIRING



We have a number of Year 9 Bronze

Duke of Edinburgh practice expeditions taking place over the next few weeks.

If your child is participating in one of these please fill in their medical details using the link below.

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH - OA4 MEDICAL FORM** 

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH - WEBPAGE** 

#### INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS SITTING EXAMS **IN SUMMER 2019**

**FPSS PUBLIC EXAMS HANDBOOK** 

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<b>FRI 14 - SAT 15</b>	Year 9 (Bronze) Duke of Edinburgh	
MARCH	Practice Expedition	
<b>THU 21</b>	Year 7F Parents' and Students'	
MARCH	Consultation Evening	

**UPCOMING EVENTS** 

2 - SAT 23	Year 9 (Bronze) Duke of Edinburgh
	Practice Expedition

#### **Forthcoming Events**

**FRI 22** 

<b>THU 28</b>	Year 7P Parents' and Students'	4.15pm -
MARCH	Consultation Evening	7.15pm
<b>FRI 29 - SAT 30</b> MARCH	Year 9 (Bronze) Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition	

#### SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/19 AND 2019/20

### WORLD BOOK DAY



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4.15pm -7.15pm

## Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

To celebrate World Book Day last week our English Department dressed up as famous characters from literature. Can you guess who they are?



# CONSIDERATE

#### HEATHROW SECONDARY SCHOOL CODING CHALLENGE 2019

# HEATHROW CODING CHALLENGE



Our Year 8 students took part in the Heathrow Coding Challenge over two days this week. The programme helps to build skills in coding, creativity and teamwork, whilst introducing young people to STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) and careers at Heathrow.



Working in small groups, our students built a Lego 'Pod' based on the driverless pods that transport passengers from the carpark to the terminal at Heathrow Terminal 5. Using computer coding they then programmed their Pods to travel a certain route to avoid obstacles - finishing with an exciting race off with other teams.

Thank you to the volunteers from Learning to Work who ran and organised the event and their sponsor, Heathrow.



Students really enjoyed the event and were fully engaged for the 2.5 hours. They had the opportunity to:

- Meet and work with people from the world of work
- Develop their coding skills
- Develop, and understand, the importance of employability skills, particularly team working, communication and problem solving
- Find out about the huge variety of careers available at Heathrow



Four students will be selected from each School to take part in the Heathrow Secondary School Challenge Grand Finale on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June, so please save the date!

The day will be an opportunity for students to learn more about the airport and careers at Heathrow as well as participate in an exciting race-off to crown the 2019 Champions.



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#### **RECYCLING HOUSE CHALLENGE**



This challenge has been all about making a sculpture of an animal out of recycled plastic to highlight how little recycling we do for our planet. Our form's sculpture is of a jellyfish and it is made out of old bits of plastic for example bottle lids, bottles and netting. By reusing these it is reducing the number of animals dying each year from plastic pollution.

As a school we decided to do this challenge to encourage other people to recycle and reuse rubbish. We also decided to do this challenge because it is one of the biggest problems in the world and is killing our animals daily- we feel this is very important to consider.



Windsor 2 - Sea Turtle Entry.

We think recycling is very important because it helps the global environment for example 100,000 sea mammals and 1 million birds die each year due to litter or plastic waste. We feel our oceans are in need of serious help.

Although plastic has changed the world drastically, there is a rapid growth in plastic consumption due to industrial economics, this results in a dramatic increase in plastic waste. Plastic waste does not belong in our oceans or anywhere in the environment, this is a serious global issue that should be taken into consideration. Plastics can provide us with safety, health, sustainability, hygiene, living standards etc. These are good for the world but not for our environment. This needs to change before it is too late.



Bisham 3 - Sea Bird Entry.

#### **Best Environmentalist**

I believe that one of the major ways in which the environment is being effected is by plastic pollution, so in order to try and help the environment my family and I have cut as much plastic as we can from our lives, this includes not buying products or foods that come in plastic boxes to



Windsor 3 - Stunning Peacock Entry. Designed by F Leo, won the award for the best plastic model.

even switching from daily contact lenses to monthly contact lenses in order to reduce the amount of plastic we throw

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By S Doyle

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away. We have even started recycling milk bottles into plant pots and keeping plastic boxes we gather from takeaways to use as pack lunch boxes. I believe that if all families adjusted their lifestyles to fit these small changes we could dramatically help our environment, not only this, but if schools started to reduce the amount of plastic they use, for example selling less foods and drinks in our cafeteria in plastic containers, it would have a major benefit on the schools environment . Also recycling any unwanted plastic into products that are beneficial for the school, such as stationary, would save the school money along with the environment.

#### By D Harris



Bisham 1 - Jellyfish Entry.

**Recycling House Challenge Results** 

**Congratulations to Cookham House!** 

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Cookham

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Bisham
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Eton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Marlow/Bray
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place Henley/Windsor
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place Dorney

#### **TOP 100 REWARD**



Levente Denes enjoying pizza with his friends, Joel Flood and Daniel del campo, as a reward for being one of the top 100 students in the school.



#### **COMMUNITY NEWS - MUMS BACK TO** NETBALL



Friends of Great Marlow School are running a "Mums back to netball" tournament on Sunday 12 May 2019 from 9.30am till 2.30pm.

The tournament is open to all abilities. We are really trying to emphasise this year the "Back to Netball" theme and to encourage people who used to play, or have never played to come to the event

We will be splitting the tournament into two pools - those that do not play regularly and want to give netball a go, and those who play regularly in a league.

The emphasis is on fun and for Mums who spend a huge amount of time on the sidelines supporting their kids in their chosen sport to be the ones the kids come and support for a change. So why not get a group of mums together start practicing and enter a team!!

It will be a fun event for all the family - we will be selling bacon butties and the usual tuck with hot and cold drinks.

If you are interested in entering a team or want to know more then please email jillhickey@hotmail.co.uk

Kind Regards

Jill Hickey

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If you have any news items you wish to feature in our newsletter please email: media@furzeplatt.net

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# Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019 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'.





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per person

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

people per table

FOOD

**Giant Pan Catering** from Ashridge Delicious Paella, Tartiflette, Champignons

Forestiere and Cassoulet

**BOOK TICKETS** 

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bar & prize

raffle