

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

Expectations

On Thursday, James Sheppard, our Deputy Headteacher, led a series of assemblies reminding students of our expectations at FPSS. Mr Sheppard's message focused on key areas:



- Following our Ready to Learn rules and ACHIEVE values.
- Ensuring students are equipped and in the right uniform.
- Being on time to lessons.
- Not dropping litter and food around the site.
- Engaging in positive breaktime behaviour.

I appreciate parents' and carers' support as we ensure our students achieve the standards we expect from them. As Mr Sheppard said in his assembly, students are privileged to be Furze Platt students and this means:

- Respecting the environment
- Respecting each other
- Respecting staff
- Respecting your wider community
- Making the most of every opportunity

As ever, I am keen that we reward the vast majority of students who are getting it right every day and I am sure that Mr Sheppard and staff have the support of our community in reiterating these messages and maintaining the standards we expect at FPSS.

Urinetown – a Musical

After many years in teaching I thought I had seen most things. However, this week I met a couple of sixth formers carrying a ceramic toilet and asking students and staff to pose on the loo for a photograph. How could I resist? The publicity stunt was promoting one of the highlights of any



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

Next Week (Week 1)

MON 10 - THU 13 FEBRUARY	School Musical (200 Club draw on the Mon or Tues performance)	7pm
THU 13 FEBRUARY	Year 13 Progress Reports Published	
FRI 14 FEBRUARY	End of Term 3	3.15pm finish

Forthcoming Events

MON 17 - FRI 21 FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY HOLIDAY	
MON 17 - FRI 20 FEBRUARY	P&R Trip - Rome, Italy	
	Term 4 starts (Week 2)	
MON 24 FEBRUARY	Year 12 Maths & Computer Science Trip - Bletchley Park	8.30am - 4.30pm
	Parents' Community Group Meeting	6pm - 7pm
FRI 20 MARCH	Next PTFA Quiz & Dinner	

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019/20 & 2020/21

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school year – our musical next week. Good luck to all our students who are performing. I look forward to joining many of you for what should be a very entertaining set of evenings.

SportsAble

Finally, thank you and well done to Miss Carty for arranging today's Mufti Day, which included a range of activities for students to try, in aid of SportsAble

Dr Andrew J Morrison (BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PhD)
Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

Outcomes of our recent consultation on Admission Arrangements for September 2021

The governors of Furze Platt Senior School would like to thank, and express their appreciation, to all those who have responded to our recent consultation on the admission arrangements for the academic year 2021-22 and beyond. Feedback was overwhelmingly in favour of our proposed changes.

Accordingly, the following amendments to the school's over-subscription criteria will be included in our admissions policy for September 2021:

- 1) The sibling category will be broadened to include children who have a sibling in Years 11 or 12 on the school roll at the time allocations are made and who will be on roll at the time of admission. This will make it more straightforward for families with older children in the school to gain places for their younger ones, as the current policy excludes Sixth Form students as siblings.
- 2) The sibling category will also no longer differentiate between those who live within and outside the Designated Area. Again, this change is designed to make it simpler for families with children already in the school to secure places for younger siblings.

It was clear that all the respondents to our consultation share the school's commitment to ensuring that an excellent education is provided for all children in their local schools. The feedback has been very helpful and will be used to inform our ongoing commitment to education in Maidenhead and our local community.

A copy of the final policy can be found on our website (www.furzeplatt.com) in the Our School / Policies section.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Gavin Tisshaw
Chair of Governors



TOP 75 REWARDS



Congratulations to all students who have made it into our 'Top 75'. There will be a film and popcorn next week for all those who have achieved this.

YEAR 12 REPORTS



The above reports have now 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 the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com and selecting Parents.

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

IMPORTANT INFORMATION MEDICAL DETAILS FOR OUR STUDENTS



If we need to get hold of a parent, we can only do so on the numbers provided by you. It is vital that we have the most up to date contact details, so if yours have changed, or your email address, please let us know here:

<http://furzeplatt.ng2.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Updating+Student+Details&pid=281>

Thank you.

URINETOWN – GET YOUR TICKETS SOON THURSDAY NOW SOLD OUT!



Dear Parents/Carers,

The Performing Arts department would like to invite you to come and see this year's production of Urinetown.

In a Gotham-like city, a terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year drought, has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The citizens must use public amenities, regulated by a single malevolent company that profits by charging admission for one of humanity's most basic needs. Amid the people, a hero decides he has had enough, and plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom!

There will be four performances, Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February. All performances will begin at 7pm in the Drama department.

You can purchase tickets through your child's Wisepay account. You will find the booking page in the 'Seat and Events Bookings' area. Tickets are priced at £5 for students/children/OAPs and £10 for adults. This year, you will have

the opportunity to pay for a programme through Wisepay.

Refreshments will be available to buy from the PTFA during the interval.

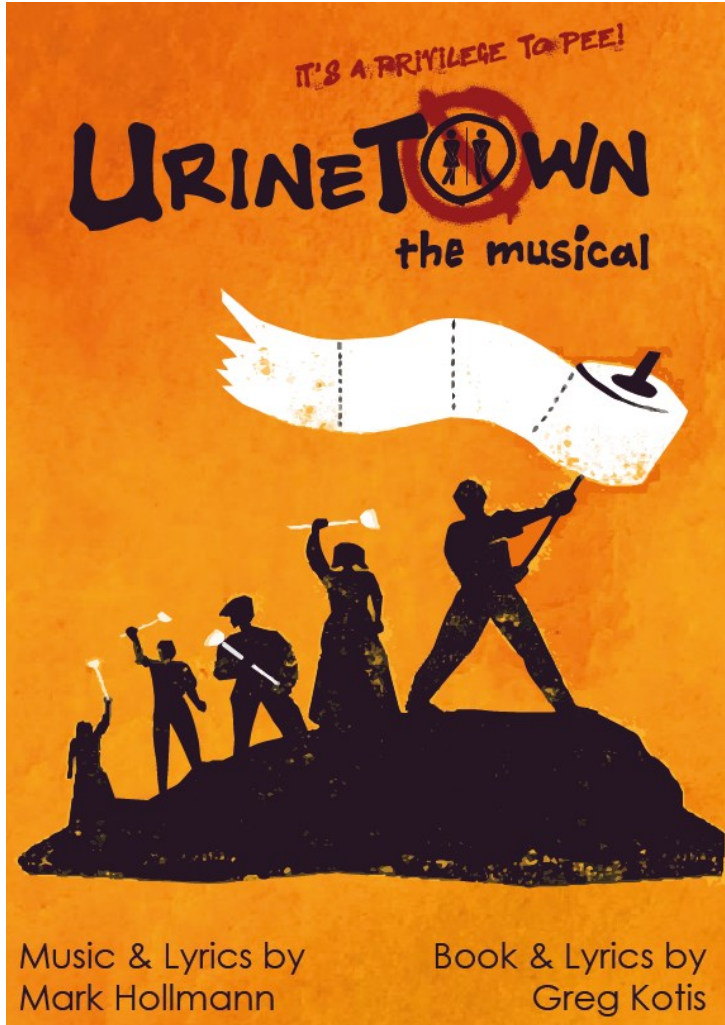
Yours sincerely,
Mrs A. Bradley
Head of Performing Arts



OFFICIAL OPENING OF OUR ENGLISH/ SCIENCE BLOCK

Thank you to our guest of honour the Rt Hon Theresa May MP for kindly agreeing to officially open our new English and Science teaching block. Thank you also to everyone else involved in making this wonderful space a reality for our students and staff.

WISEPAY LOGIN PAGE



Music & Lyrics by Mark Hollmann

Book & Lyrics by Greg Kotis

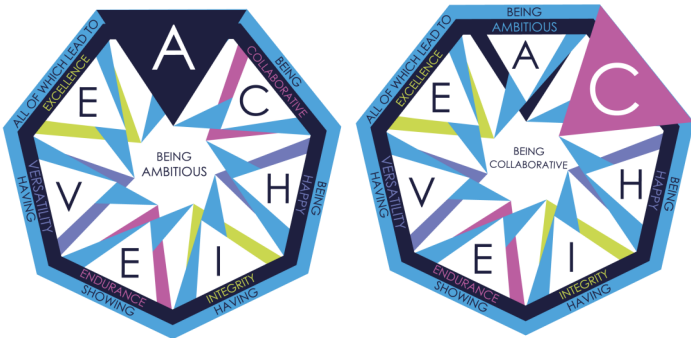


OPENING OF THE NEW BLOCK BY YUCEF AIT-KACI, YEAR 9



On Friday 31st January, the school took great pride in officially opening the new English/Science block. However, this event was extremely special, as our school welcomed our guest of honour, the Rt Hon Theresa May MP! Mrs May was given a very warm welcome by Dr. Morrison and the Governors of the school, as the building was inspected. Many students were very pleased to have Mrs May in school, but were also rather nervous, as she is a very significant Member of Parliament. Along with members of staff, Mrs May proceeded to enter the English classrooms, where she enjoyed watching the presentations that our Year 9 students had worked very hard on.

We are all very grateful to Mrs May for finding the time to participate in this event, as I imagine she has a very busy schedule, however everyone in Furze Platt is honoured to have such an important person visit our school, and open a new building with us!



SUPPORTING THE MORE ABLE AND STRETCH AND CHALLENGE FOR ALL



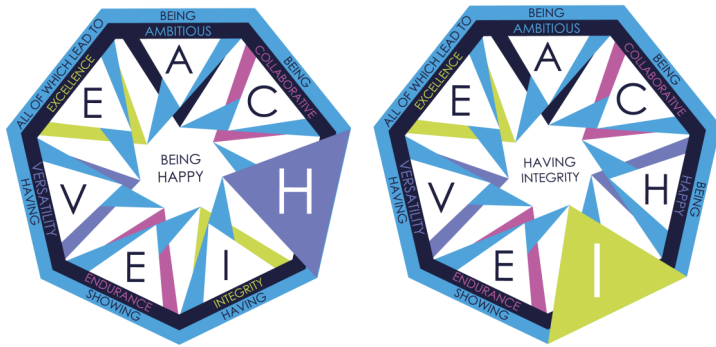
This term I am evaluating Furze Platt's provision for supporting 'more able' students, to ensure that they are taught with an appropriate level of stretch and challenge and that they have access to the wider curriculum. I

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believe having parental input on this improvement is beneficial and so I would like to hear your views on our current provision and the opportunity to have your say on what we could do to improve in this area. You can participate in this survey by clicking on the following link: <https://forms.gle/LnTawjQ5QoyxNcEU8>. Your responses will be anonymous and will help to inform development of our programme for the 'more able'.

Thank you for your participation,

Ms Inwood, More Able and Talented Coordinator



OLIVER DARLINGTON

Last week Dr Morrison wrote that Oliver's family were keen that we are all more aware of the condition that killed Oliver. Details of Oliver's story and sepsis are available here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-51176438>

(if you have issues with the link above, please copy and paste it into the URL box on your web browser)

Further to this, we were contacted by our ex PTFA Chairman and popular DJ Jeff Lloyd who hosts a vinyl playback evening every month, called The Vinyl Frontier, at Norden Farm. On Saturday 8th February he will be hosting the first Vinyl Frontier Charity Auction. At the event he will be playing a selection of memorabilia in aid of the Sepsis Trust. The first two tracks he will be playing and auctioning will be 'Learn to Fly' by The Foo Fighters and 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley which were Ollie's two favourite songs and were featured at his funeral.

All profit from the evening will go to Sepsis UK and tickets, which cost £8, are available directly from Norden Farm Box Office on 01628 788997.

Please do support this worthwhile event if you are able.

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to remind all parents about the Parents' Information Evening on Tuesday 31st March 2020. The talk will start at 6pm in the Main Hall so we ask that parents arrive from 5:30pm in order to complete some of the administrative tasks.

It is very important that you should try and attend as you will be given information on the activities, rooming arrangements and find out about the daily itinerary and general running of the trip and ask any questions you or your child may have. You will also be given the opportunity to try on sample hoodies and place your order for your child's Furze Platt PGL hoodie.

I have attached three mandatory forms to this letter:

- Behaviour Agreement
- Mobile Phone Agreement
- Medical Form

Please complete these forms and bring them with you to the Parents' Information Evening.

If you have any questions about any of these forms, please do contact me and I will be able to offer assistance. If you are unable to attend the Information Evening, please return all completed forms to reception or Miss Boseley by Monday 30th March 2020. It is imperative that these forms are returned to ensure your child is able to attend the PGL trip.

We can now confirm that the final payment of £100 must be made by Wednesday 25th March 2020. Payments should be made online via WisePay and when paying, you will also be able to select to attend the Information Evening.

For further information on the trip do not hesitate to contact me, or look on the PGL website at <http://www.pgl.co.uk>.

Yours sincerely

Miss D Boseley, PGL Trip Leader 2019-2020
Email: danielle.boseley@furzeplatt.net

PGL BEHAVIOUR AGREEMENT

PGL MOBILE PHONE AGREEMENT

PGL MEDICAL FORM

LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

FRENCH

Jack Britton (Year 8)
Holly Bray (Year 8)
Charles de Jaeger (Year 7)
Kritin Chatterjee (Year 8)

GERMAN

Elena el Campo Year 7
Andrei Alexandrescu Year 7
Tegan Storey (Year 10)
Lara Torok (Year 10)
Sean Montgomery (Year 10)
Mia Willcocks (Year 10)

SPANISH

Lizzie Johnstone Year 7
Poppy Jones Year 7
Sean Worthington Year 7
Callum Marques Year 7
Uri Weitz Year 11
Chantelle Gates Year 10
Josh De'ath Year 10

CRIMINOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY TRIP TO LONDON

On Monday, we took thirty one Year 12 students to London for a Criminology and Policing conference hosted by a famous offender profiler and TV presenter, Professor David



Wilson. Students had a chance to listen to a variety of lectures from university professors, police officer and an offender himself. They particularly enjoyed Prof. Graham Pike, who conducted some experiments on our learners to prove to them how unreliable eyewitness testimony can be as evidence in court. Another interesting piece was a story of Joanna Dennehy, a spree killer from Cambridgeshire, which we will be using as a case study later in a year. To finish the day, students had a chance to interview Noel 'Razor' Smith, an ex-offender who served 33 years behind bars. Two of our pupils, Anya and Jodie, were brave enough to ask some interesting questions regarding his life both as a criminal and as a free man. Well done to them. There was also a chance to purchase a signed copy of Prof. Wilson's new book 'My Life with Murderers', which should make a good read. It wasn't easy to get tickets for the event, so a big thank you to our Psychology teacher, Mr C Marris, who managed to secure them for us three months in advance (!).



Our Criminology & Psychology Department **needs you!** We always aim at giving our students opportunities to speak with people from different professions. We would be delighted to invite in parents or carers who work in the field of **forensics, criminal justice, police or penitentiary service, psychotherapy (CBT, psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, hypnotherapist, mental health nurse, etc.)**, or similar, to come in at a convenient time to share their experience with our Sixth Formers. Perhaps we could even visit your workplace with a group of students. If you can help out and meet with young people, please get in touch with Miss R Paradowska, Head of Criminology and Psychology at renata.paradowska@furzeplatt.net



YEAR 9 INTERHOUSE

Our girls competed against each other in football and our boys played hockey. The results are as follows:

Girls' Football

- 1st Dorney
- 2nd Bisham
- 3rd Windsor
- 4th Marlow
- 5th Cookham
- 6th Bray and Eton
- 7th Henley



Boys' Hockey

- 1st Eton
- 2nd Bisham
- 3rd Marlow
- 4th Bray
- 5th Cookham
- 6th Windsor
- 7th Henley and Dorney

have in their team. It was impressive to see how they helped motivate each other on court and coach each other after each game. They won 1 game and drew 1. Player of the tournament goes to M Brati for a fantastic effort throughout and a strong performance.



YEAR 7A NETBALL



On Wednesday 5th February it was the third round of the Netball league for the Year 7A Team. The team consisted of H Cannon, S McLachlan, M Brati, E Napier, E Reina, O Owen, A Stratford and M Fernandes. The team played incredibly well together, performing the best they ever

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

On Wednesday 29th January our Year 7 football team played an excellent match against Theale Green School, winning 2-0.

The team consisted of A Wiggins, P Nicholas (C), F Hayward, D Higley, J Wardle, R Van Eden, N Weitz, R Sellman, A Palmer, H James, A Alexandrescu, M Doe, M Nawrocki, J Wilson, M Mununga and F McLaughlin.

This win means that the team go through to the 2nd round of the County Cup - they should be proud of their truly great efforts and tactical performance. Well done to them all!



U12 FOOTBALL TEAM



Great result from the team this week, beating Holyport College 3-0.

PE EXTRA CURRICULAR



We had over 150 students at PE extra curricular clubs on Tuesday last week, in some glorious weather!



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SOUTH EAST SCHOOLS INTER-COUNTIES XC CHAMPIONSHIPS



Congratulations to Callum Bleazard (Year 9), Frank McGrath (Year 10) and Ben Reynolds (Year 12) who represented Berkshire Schools at the SE Schools XC Championship. They ran extremely well against very strong opposition from Essex, Hampshire, Surrey, Kent and Sussex Schools.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME



If your child has assessor reports outstanding, please could you remind them to upload them as soon as possible.

ASSESSOR REPORT – JACK STAUNTON – SILVER AWARD



'Last night we ate the best dinner that i think i have ever had prepared by Jack. Jack offered to come and cook a meal for me. I had my elderly father visiting so this was perfect as it gave me more time to relax with him.

Jack prepared a meal to cater for my vegetarian diet. I often eat a plant based diet and he happily catered for this with his menu. Our starter was stuffed mushrooms and he did an amazing job. The presentation was of a very high standard and there was lots of flavour, my father thoroughly enjoyed it.

For our main, Jack made vegetarian meatball pasta, he made all the sauce from scratch and as i had told him we both like a little spice, he added a kick of chilli to it which was just the right amount, not overpowering, but gave a nice heat to the dish. Again, the standard of presentation was impeccable.

For dessert, Jack presented us with pretzel balls with cinnamon and the taste was just decadent, they were absolutely divine.

Throughout his time in my house, Jack was a friendly, courteous guest and a pleasure to have around.

Come again soon Jack. Your company is charming and your food is gourmet.'

Mrs Worthington

WORK EXPERIENCE AT FURZE PLATT JUNIOR SCHOOL



BY MARIANA GOUVEIA YEAR 10

For our six month volunteering section of our DofE Awards the Year 10 Travel & Tourism group of students have volunteered to do work experience at Furze Platt Junior School. We have all been scattered around each year group and we have our own separate classrooms which we help out in, there are three of us who help out in Year 3, three helping in Year 4 and two helping in Year 5. We spent a whole school day to help them with their work and they were all appreciative of our help and they felt comfortable with us very quickly. We built strong bonds with them and they were upset when it was time for us to leave. I was volunteering in a Year 5 class named JS with Miss Scott the teacher, the timetable for every day we went there was the same so I helped out with their lessons such as maths, comprehension and PSHE. I made good bonds with some children, I had a lovely time helping them out as in the future I would like to work with children.



Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

Role To Fill: Secretary required asap. Not 'heavy duty' or full time. Role entails maintaining records, minute taking, following up actions and running the diary. Please contact Lorraine at ptfa@furzeplatt.net

Next Quiz & Dinner – revised date of Friday 20th March 2020

Tickets on sale soon, keep your eyes peeled! To be also in the Calendar section as well.

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200 Club - Next Draw for 3 winners of £200 will be on Mon or Tues during Urinetown performance. add to the Calendar on front page as well.

The 200 Club - 'Why join and what's in it for me?'
The Club runs 4 draws per year and you could win £200 cash per number. Your school could earn £6000 per year if everyone joined paying £5 per month. You're in control of the payments by direct debit, there's no contract (like your phone!) and there's no spam emails either (we haven't got time to send them!). So it's a win win situation and we hope you'll click through here to join:

MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)

ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

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Thank you from the PTFA.

