



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Open Evening

Thank you to all students, parents and carers who supported our Open Evening last night. Our students were amazing whether touring families or participating in subject displays around school.



We had many visitors who were incredibly complimentary about how your children led activities, answered questions, and assisted our visitors. I would like to express my appreciation to all the students involved. They were excellent ambassadors for FPSS and showed the values that underpin our community.

Parents and carers who could not attend can see our prospectus here:

MAIN SCHOOL PROSPECTUS 2022

VIEW OUR NEW
MAIN SCHOOL PROSPECTUS 2022



Take care,

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

Next week (Week 2)

THU 13
OCTOBER

Year 7 Meet your Child's Form Tutors for
Parents and Carers

4.30pm -
6.30pm

Forthcoming Events

MON 17
OCTOBER

PTFA Meeting and 200 Club Draw - all
welcome. Venue: Large Reception
meeting room

7.30pm -
8.30pm

THU 20
OCTOBER

Year 11 Parents' & Students' Consultation
Evening

4.15pm -
7.15pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES



School Tours Available
Please call **01628 625308**
to book a tour

INTRODUCING OUR 4 NEW HOUSES



HOUSE QUIZ RESULTS

We have had a fun week with students from all year groups competing in our House Quizzes this week. Well done to them all – every House came top at least once! (Where two Houses are showing the same score, the highest placed House won a tiebreaker.)

YEAR 7	House	Place	Score	Points
	Hawk	1st	19	1000
	Eagle	2nd	17	600
	Falcon	2nd	17	600
	Osprey	4th	13	200

YEAR 8	House	Place	Score	Points
	Eagle	1st	17	1000
	Falcon	2nd	14	600
	Osprey	3rd	13	400
	Hawk	3rd	13	400

YEAR 9	House	Place	Score	Points
	Falcon	1st	13	1000
	Osprey	2nd	13	600
	Hawk	3rd	12	400
	Eagle	4th	11	200

YEAR 10	House	Place	Score	Points
	Osprey	1st	16	1000
	Hawk	2nd	15	600
	Eagle	3rd	12	400
	Falcon	4th	12	200

YEAR 11	House	Place	Score	Points
	Eagle	1st	14	1000
	Falcon	2nd	13	600
	Osprey	3rd	11	400
	Hawk	4th	7	200

YEAR 12	YEAR 13	House	Place	Points
		Falcon	1st	1000
		Eagle	2nd	600
		Hawk	3rd	400
		Osprey	4th	200

AMBITION IN ACTION



This week Dr Morrison had the pleasure of presenting the first of our ACHIEVE badges. Congratulations to Ben Peck (Year 9) on being the first Ambition badge winner.



'The curriculum is broad and personalised. It is designed well to meet the needs of all pupils.'

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PE SPORTS LEADERS

The PE department are delighted to finally reveal our new team of Sports Leaders for this academic year. Many of our students have continued in the role as a result of their excellence last year while others wrote ambitious and impressive applications in order to be appointed this year.

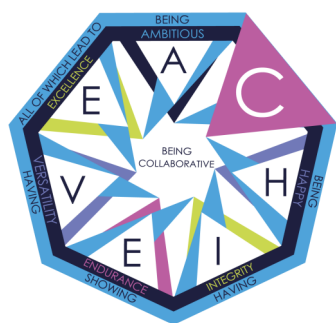
The Sports Leader initiative is an integral part of the PE department with students organising and officiating all our termly inter-house sports events, leading Primary School festivals and designing and editing the Furze Platt Sport Review to name just a few. We are excited to see what our new team bring to the department.



We would also like to give a special thank you to the PTFA who kindly funded the Sports Leader t-shirts for students to wear during all events. We all agree they look rather professional.

Evie Rowe
Anna Cook
Danielle Cox
Piper Webb
Amelie Cooper
Fabien Mormech
Zuzanna Dabrowny
Holly Bennett
Thomas Atkinson
Bastien Correia
Namfon Avellano
Peter Nicholas
Courtney Harris
Misty Fernandes
Sophie McLachlan
Samuel Cranch
Emma Astrup McGuinness

Connor Fitzgibbon
Annabelle Stratford
Emmy Ionescu
Louis Mormech
Sadie Huddleston
Lucas Norton
Kya Davis
Laura Harrit
Jayden Taylor
Alex Delahaye
Ashlyn Fray
Tilly Adaway
Phoebe Forward
Hannah Britton
Martha Garner
Tom Cannon
Charlie Sinnot



LANGUAGES WEEK 2022

The MFL Department were really impressed by students' ambitious and collaborative engagement with Languages Week this year!

In tutor time, students were tasked with a European Day of Languages quiz and a Hunt the Teacher challenge – congratulations to 10NIC for winning the quiz and 7HNB for winning the Hunt the Teacher challenge!

During break times, students had the opportunity to share their language and cultural experiences at Speak My Language sessions for Mandarin, Cantonese, Urdu, Polish, Romanian, Punjabi and Portuguese. The MFL Department were so pleased to see not only students who speak these languages showing integrity as they shared their culture with us, but also the students who came along to learn more about these languages.

FPSS staff were also in fierce competition to win the Staff Linguist competition voted for by students. Congratulations to Mrs Crisford who students thought 'tried really hard to use a wide variety of languages and really impressed with how many languages she could say 'hello' in.

Finally, the MFL Department were inundated with pictures of our students' fantastic Bake Off entries. Congratulations to all students who entered for being ambitious, it was an extremely hard decision when choosing the winners! The Languages Week Bake Off Star Bakers for 2022 have their creations pictured below.



'The school is rightly proud of its extra-curricular provision.'

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ECO-SCHOOLS AWARD

Many congratulations to our hard working Eco group students who have successfully achieved the Green Flag award. We will be flying the flag soon (pictured, our Eco Club Leader Mrs Holmes).



SISTER ACT

All students involved in Sister Act are working hard in rehearsals. We rehearse twice a week after school and 3 lunchtimes a week. There is a lot to get through, but the songs are excellent, and it is a very witty script! We cannot wait to share the end product with you all. Information about ticket sales will be sent out in due course; see our ad below and save the dates!



We have introduced some new clubs this year. The first is Technical Theatre Club, which takes place on a Monday after school. Over 30 students are attending and are learning about designing costume, set and lighting. Mrs Holden, our Theatre Manager, has also delivered a workshop on Stage Management. This is excellent experience for students to gain a wider understanding of performance.

Over 30 students have joined Year 7 and 8 Drama club on a Tuesday after school and will be working towards a showcase at Christmas time and then again in the summer term.

After half term we will be running a new club for Year 9 students only on a Thursday break 2 called 'Improvisation'. Here, we will explore the work of Keith Johnstone and Mike Alfreds, key 20th Century theatre practitioners. This club will help develop key performing skills perfect for any students thinking about Drama GCSE.



FRIDAY
15.15 – 16.15
AR2
YEARS 7 - 12

Our Current Eco Team:

Oliwia Drozdowska	Nick Holdsworth
Fred Fletcher	Jay Keyte
Stephanie Gibbs	Owen Lattimer

Members of the eco-club will form the school's eco-committee, a team of students who are invested in looking after and protecting our school environment through a manner of tasks and activities around the school site.

Examples of activities could involve helping with the planting of our new wildflower garden in Spring, looking after our current school garden, making bird feeders and insect houses, litter picking around the school site, raising awareness around school of ways students can help in the battle against climate change etc.



WE ARE RECRUITING!

Do you want to work at a successful and flourishing secondary school in Maidenhead? We currently have some exciting opportunities at Furze Platt Senior School.

Take a look at our website for more information on these vacancies and details on how to apply:

TERM 1 CLUBS (SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER HALF TERM 2022)

We encourage students to try as many clubs as they are interested in – with over 75 clubs and academic clinics we are sure they will find a number of activities they really enjoy!

MY EVOLVE

Parents and carers may wish to sign up to My EVOLVE for an overview of clubs, what's on etc – you can do this from the club or academic support clinic emails sent to you in two easy steps:

1. Click on the link in the email as usual to see clubs/clinics
2. Click 'create account' button.

A list of clubs is updated every Friday afternoon on our website here:

SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT CLINICS SCHEDULE 2022

YEARS 8 AND 9 A2L REPORTS

The above 'Attitude to Learning' 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

GUIDANCE TO GRADING

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AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

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Excellent pension schemes for teachers and support staff.

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Available 24/7 for all your work and personal needs.

BE PART OF OUR HOUSE SYSTEM

PAPERLESS PAYSIPS
Easy to access from home, no need to print, support a sustainable environment.

INNOVATE CAFÉ
Serving healthy tasty food. Easy to use Cashless System. Free lunch on first INSET day, Xmas lunch, and afternoon tea in the summer term.

BEAUTIFULLY FURNISHED & EQUIPPED STAFFROOMS

STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY

FREE EYE TESTS
For staff using Display Screen Equipment.

GEMS AT WORK - REGULAR FREEBIES & PRODUCT SAMPLING

COLLABORATION REQUIRED!

WHAT'S COMING UP, WHEN AND WHERE...

PTFA Meeting and 200 Club Draw

7.30pm – 8.30pm: Join us from 7pm in school.

Please come along and see who we are (we won't bite!). We won't force you to commit to a job, PROMISE!

We'll discuss fundraising ideas, funding requests, plans ahead and how to achieve them. Plus we'll draw 3 winning numbers for those members in the 200 Club.

Would anyone like a £200 Cash Prize? If so, please join our 200 Club!

Don't forget to renew or join the Club by Saturday 15th October

YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)

ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

**Big Quiz and
Buffet Hot Dinner (see our advert on page 7)**

Friday 11th November, 7pm – 10pm.

A social, informal, fun night, coupled with caterers cooking fresh French dishes in Giant Pans and a bar – ticket app coming soon!

****ONE ROLE FILLED** HELPERS STILL
REQUIRED – EMAIL US TODAY!**

200 Club Administrator

Media Secretary

Uniform co-ordinator - **FILLED**

Bar Team

We appreciate your feedback and welcome comments and ideas by phone call **01628 625308**, by email ptfa@furzeplatt.net and through our Facebook Page facebook.com/fpsstfta



UNIFORM REQUESTS

Please place your orders, with sizes, by email and we'll get back to you.



THE
BIG
QUIZ



Friday 11th Nov 2022
7.30pm for 8pm start

At Furze Platt Senior School

Raising funds to enhance
our children's schooling

Tickets

online soon

MAX.6

people per table

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

FOOD

Incredible Big Pan
Catering

Fresh French Dishes
Three options (inc. veggie)
plus dessert!

PLUS

a bar!

SAVE THE DATE!