

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #69.11



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Building Bridges

On Wednesday we were fortunate to welcome Dr Noemie Lopian, whose parents lived through the concentration camps, and Mr Derek Niemann, whose grandfather was a Nazi officer, to our Theatre. They talked to Year 9 students in the afternoon before a public talk at 7pm where guests included the Worshipful Mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, Christine Bateson, Rabbi Jonathan Romain, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Seema Goyal and Nick Winton.



Thank you to all those who attended and supported the event. The stories were fascinating and your questions



TERM 4 EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

NEXT WEEK (Week 2)

MON 27 MARCH	Year 11 and Year 13 photos	
WED 29 MARCH	Spring Concert	7pm - 9.30pm
FRI 31 MARCH	END OF TERM 4	12.30pm finish
MON 3 - FRI 14 APRIL	SPRING HOLIDAYS	

SCHOOL TERM DATES

incredibly thought provoking. From recent historical events emerged questions about what humans can do to humans, what we learn from our ancestors and how we remember and perhaps forgive.

I would especially like to thank Chloe Smith, Learning Mentor, for arranging this event. Chloe started as an Ambassador for the Holocaust Trust while a Sixth Form student at FPSS and used her connections to invite Dr Lopian and Mr Niemann to our school. Thank you also to Marissa Holden, Theatre Manager, for the theatre organisation.

Examination Drama Performances

Congratulations to all those students who performed their examination pieces this week. I know there have been a lot of rehearsals and nerves in preparation. While sadly I was unable to attend, I hear our students did incredibly well. Many congratulations to all involved.

Uniform

This week we had a particular focus at FPSS on uniform. While we have had to make calls to some parents and carers to help ensure students are meeting uniform expectations, the week has also highlighted the vast majority of students who get it right day in, day out. Thank you to parents and carers who make sure their child is in the correct uniform each day.

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**WEDNESDAY 29
MARCH 2023**

**Doors open at 6.30pm
for a 7pm start**

Spring Concert

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Spring Concert next Wednesday 29th March starting at 7pm. It promises to be another fantastically entertaining evening.

[BOOK TICKETS](#)

Take care,

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

YEAR 10 REPORTS

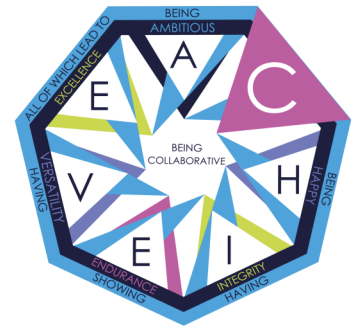
The above reports have now been issued and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools. The service is available either by going to our website www.furzeplatt.com and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com and selecting Parents.

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

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

[GUIDANCE TO GRADING DOCUMENT](#)

[VIEW REPORTS](#)



PARENTS EVENING FEEDBACK



Please see below links to two very brief questionnaires, one for our recent Year 8 and one for the Year 10 parents' evenings. We value feedback from all our parents and carers and would appreciate your responses.

Thank you.

[YEAR 8](#)

[YEAR 10](#)

YEAR 11 HOODIES REMINDER

YEAR 11

Deadline: Friday 31st March (orders and payment)

Year 11 leavers' hoodies are now available to order. These should be ordered via the link below with payment to be made via your child's ParentMail account, indicating hoodie size and colour (plus nickname if required). Hoodies cost £27.00 and are available in a range of sizes and colours. Both the order form and payment must be completed before your child's hoodie will be ordered. The deadline for orders is Friday 31st March.

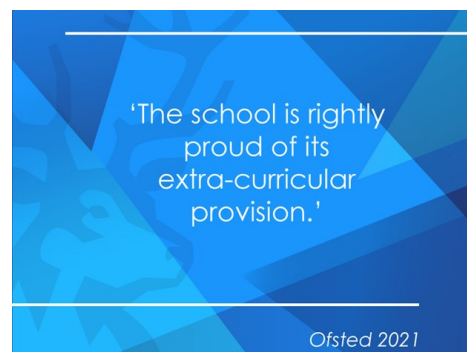
Please note hoodies will be given out in May, exact date to follow.

Orders can be placed via this link:

[PLACE YOUR ORDER](#)

and a reminder that payment should be made separately via ParentMail.

Thank you.



PARKING REMINDER



Please can parents and carers be considerate of local residents whilst waiting to collect your children. Cars should have engines switched off, and should not be parked on grass verges or on the grass opposite the school entrance as the latter is particularly unsafe for students to access.

Thank you.

NEWS FROM PERFORMING ARTS



Theatre trips - Noughts and Crosses with Year 9 and 10

On Tuesday 7th March 2023, 40 students from Year 9 and 10 went to Oxford Playhouse to see the production Noughts and Crosses. Year 9 students are currently exploring the text as part of their curriculum. Originally a novel by Malorie Blackman, the play is essentially a reverse-race love story set in a dystopian society. All were impressed with the use of ensemble and physical movement to tell the harrowing and relevant story of segregation and conflict.

Theatre trip - Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead with Year 12 and 13



On Thursday 2nd March 2023, 15 A Level students visited the Oxford Playhouse to see Complicite's production of this unusual tale. Complicite produces the most creative and captivating theatre using physical theatre and ensemble work to capture spell binding moments of brilliance. This was an excellent experience for students to see how movement can tell a story.

GCSE performance examinations



Our 30 GCSE students did themselves proud on Monday and Tuesday evening when they performed their two extracts to the visiting examiner from AQA. It was the first time we have had a visiting examiner for 4 years and nerves were high, but every student settled into the examination and all should be proud of their effort and the hard work on their pieces over the last 8 weeks. We had a mixture of performers, set designers and costume designers and although it was an examination, it was an enjoyable evening of theatre displaying the amount of talent we have here at Furze Platt. Well done to Year 11.

A Level performance examinations



Tuesday 28th March

Students have been working hard to perform extracts from 'The Pillowman' by Martin McDonagh, 'A Streetcar Named Desire' by Tennessee Williams and 'I Think We Are Alone'

by Sally Abbott in collaboration with Frantic Assembly. These will be performed to a visiting examiner. Anyone is welcome to come at watch - pieces will be performed in DS1 at 6pm ending at 7pm.

MONDAY 27TH MARCH

A day to celebrate the art form of theatre.

Come to DS1 in break 1 or break 2 where there will be theatre to watch and activities to do to celebrate!

World Theatre Day Activities

Monday 27th March is World Theatre day. The Performing Arts Department has put together a tutor time activity for students to complete in school; students are also welcome to come to Drama at break to watch some theatre on 27th March.



PANIC lounge

ON TONIGHT: PURCHASE TICKETS

FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2023

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start



SPORTS NEWS

U14 Girls Football vs St Crispins on Tuesday 21st March

Team: Amelie Cooper, Talia Abou Saleh, Grace Walden, Ellie McCaffery, Nicole Mizikova, Aamani Chopra, Nelly Bartkowiak, Isabella Keane, Sophia Mormech, Sophia Fernandes, Danielle Cox, Lilly Lyne

The girls did a brilliant job in the game managing to hold a strong opposition off in the first half! Two great goals scored by Nelly and Aamani put us in the lead but unfortunately the girls conceded in the last few minutes of the game. A final result of 2-2 for the girls and we're proud to say their gameplay has improved so much. POM: Nelly and Talia.

U16 Boys Football vs St Bartholomew's on Monday 20th March – Second Round of County Cup

Team: Jayden Taylor, Freddie Astrup McGuinness, Oliver Basford, Lennon Moore, Reece Ovens, Jack Britton, Callum Brennan, Dylan Williams-Lock, Jayden Weier, Max Bayod, Jake Coomes, Amaan Munir, John Hern, Joshua Parrott, Nicolai Harrit

The boys played St Bart's in the second round of the U16 County Cup and won 6-2. The team played phenomenally to come back from being 0-2 down. POM: Freddie for his double save from a penalty at a crucial time in the game!



Year 8 Boys Rugby 7s Tournament on Friday 10th March

Team: Oliver Murray, William Spinks, Rhys Holmes, Daniel Sturgess, Luke Wise, Jenson Jones, Casey Schuck, Blake Cockram, George Kinder

Our boys travelled to Great Marlow School for a 7s tournament and came away with second place! Amazing

rugby was played throughout and the boys should be very proud of themselves! POM: Will!



Year 8 Boys Football vs Slough and Eton on Monday 6th March – Second Round County Cup

Team: William Spinks, Casey Schuck, Luke Rice, Luke Wise, Finlay Briggs, Tommy Tucker, James Balfe, James Maher, Alfie Everson-Plant, Ethan Terry, Ethan Sheikh, Ethan Heywood, Alexander Davison, Yvan Wilson, Tyler Lovett

The boys had a cracking game winning 6-1 against Slough and Eton Boys. POM: Alfie for scoring 4 excellent goals.



Year 8 Netball Tournament on Wednesday 22nd March

Ariana Whittaker, Alissia Thomas, Star Hart, Grace Walden, Edith Neeves, Anna Webster, Isolde Sakka.

The girls played some tough teams and worked hard to score goals in each game they played! POM: Ariana for sticking with her player and making great interceptions and deflections throughout all of the games.





Spelling Bee



SPELLING BEE RESULTS

Well done to all our super spellers this week! Here are the House results...

YEAR 7:

House	Position	Score	Points earned
Hawk	3	56	400
Eagle	4	54	200
Falcon	1	68	1000
Osprey	2	60	600

The top individual speller was Amna Arif Syeda (Falcon House) with 19/20 who will win a £10 Amazon voucher – well done! Congratulations to the rest of the team, Gus Beattie, Subhan Rabbani, Antionette Lucas and Amna Arif Syeda.

YEAR 8

House	Position	Score	Points earned
Hawk	4	53	200
Eagle	1	71	1000
Falcon	2	69 (Won the tie break)	600
Osprey	3	69	400

The top individual speller was Matthew Chew with 20/20 who will win a £10 Amazon voucher. Well done also to Ali El-Guoshi, Sophia Mills, Matthew Chew, Asmi Deorukhkar.

YEAR 9

House	Position	Score	Points earned
Hawk	1	71	1000
Eagle	4	58	200
Falcon	2	69	600
Osprey	2	69	600

The top speller overall was Noah Moss with 20/20 who will

receive a £10 Amazon voucher. Great work also from Nicole Mizikova, Aliyan Mirza, Noah and James Kinrade.

YEAR 10

House	Position	Score	Points earned
Hawk	1	40	1000
Eagle	3	37	400
Falcon	2	38	600
Osprey	4	26	200

The top overall scorer is yet to be decided but they will receive a £10 Amazon voucher, a tie breaker will take place next week. Well done to Alice Parsons, Alex Breen, Rowan Sellman and Rose Kemp.



ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY HOUSE COMPETITION RESULTS

KS3:

House	Position	Points earned
Hawk	2	600
Eagle	4	200
Falcon	3	400
Osprey	1	1000

KS3 1st place: Arshia Choudhury

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KS4:

House	Position	Points earned
Hawk	2	600
Eagle	4	200
Falcon	3	400
Osprey	1	1000

KS4 1st place: Laura Harrit

KS5:

House	Position	Points earned
Hawk	4	0 (no entries)
Eagle	1	1000
Falcon	3	400
Osprey	2	600

KS5 1st place: Ella Stevenson

The overall winner was Arshia Choudhury – well done!

Finalists will receive 25 points each, each key stage winner will receive 50 points, and the overall winner will receive 60 points plus a £30 Amazon voucher.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH MEETING RECORDING

Please see below for the recording from the recent DofE meeting:

DOFE MEETING RECORDING



Parents and carers of students in all year groups will have received invitations at the end of last term for their son or daughter to attend clubs during March. A list of clubs is updated every Friday afternoon on our website here:

SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT CLINICS
SCHEDULE 2023

MORNING FITNESS

Our Fitness Club students demonstrated endurance and integrity during a morning lesson on the Sumo Deadlift.



YEAR
11

YEAR 11 EASTER REVISION

Parents and carers have been sent information this week on a variety of revision resources and Easter Revision sessions.

If you have any queries please email office@furzeplatt.com.



YEAR 11 AND YEAR 13 PHOTOS

MONDAY 27TH MARCH

A reminder that Year 11 and Year 13 students will be having their photos taken on Monday and should be in clean, smart uniform as usual.



FPSS AT 60!

On 23rd April, Furze Platt Senior School will celebrate 60 years! We are looking at ways to celebrate and are asking students for ideas. Should you be an ex-student, teacher, governor or friend of the school and wish to share memories or ideas, please do share by contacting us at alumni@furzeplatt.net

FURZE PLATT
SENIOR SCHOOL



years of excellence
1963 - 2023



AUTISM ACCEPTANCE WEEK

As part of Autism Acceptance Week, the school will be holding form assemblies for all students next week.

The assemblies will consist of some short films and a Powerpoint presentation on autism and interactive activities.

If you have any concerns about your child attending these assemblies, please contact the Learning Support Office via office@furzeplatt.com.



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**WINDSOR &
MAIDENHEAD**
WWW.RBWM.GOV.UK



MESSAGE FROM RBWM

Dear Parents and Carers

We know that we are not getting it right for every child or young person right now, but we are committed to improving services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

We will be submitting an application for a grant to improve the SEND service in late June.

We want to put children and young people at the heart of this plan, and your views as a parent or carer are really important to make sure we're focusing on the right areas.

Please fill out the below survey to help us understand your views and experiences about your child or young person's current educational setting.

If you have more than one child with a special educational need, please fill out the form for each of your children individually. This is aimed mainly at parents and carers of young people currently under 25.

This survey closes on 5th April and should only take 5 minutes to complete.

Please click on the following link to complete the survey:

[COMPLETE SURVEY](#)



Do you want to be in the next number one pop band, a performer in the best classical orchestra in the world or you just want to be a better hairbrush singer?

The Music Department are giving you the opportunity to let your dreams come a reality!

At Furze Platt Senior School we offer a huge range of lessons through our specialist instrumental teachers. From violin and flute to electric guitar and drums we have it all available to every Furze Platt student.

To find out more about lessons please see Mr Forster or drop him an email stuart.forster@furzeplatt.net



NON UNIFORM DAY DONATIONS



**DISASTERS
EMERGENCY
COMMITTEE**

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated to our recent non-uniform charity days.

A number of additional donations have been received for the DEC Turkey Earthquake appeal, bringing the total to a fantastic £1775.

**Cystic
Fibrosis Trust**

We are delighted to let you know that so far the amount raised for today's non uniform day in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust is already over £1800; donations can still be made via ParentMail (Payments - Shop).

THANK YOU!



1. Bar Helpers - 4 needed for next Wednesday, the Spring Concert, anytime from 5.30pm - 9pm. Bar will be busy throughout.
2. Preloved Uniform - we have stock looking for new homes! Use our Click and Collect service now. Email your order and sizes to: PTFAuniform@furzeplatt.net
3. PTFA Meeting - week commencing 24th April - 7pm, details to follow.
4. Easyfundraising -

Who's your favourite brand to shop with through easyfundraising?



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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/fpsptfa

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH



UPER HERO
PARTY



BRAYWICK LEISURE CENTRE
DOORS OPEN 5PM | SHOW 5.30 - 7.00PM

BOOK TICKETS