

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank Languages Week

As many parents and carers are aware, we have an amazing range of languages spoken within FPSS. For example, last year our Year 11 students sat exams in French, German, Spanish, Chinese, Panjabi, Polish, Russian and Turkish.

This range of languages represents the diversity amongst our student, parent, carer and staff community. Next week we will celebrate this cultural variety through Languages Week. I look forward to our community pooling our skills and experiences.

While we may not all be natural linguists, it is important to value learning about other cultures and languages, so our students are young people of the world, not just the locality. We would be grateful if you could share your language skills and cultural experiences with your children.

Year 11 PPEs

Parents and carers will be aware that we use 'mock exams' (PPEs) throughout the examination years to prepare them for the final thing. For our Year 11 their first PPEs are next Friday for English and Maths. I am sure they are working hard preparing for their first PPEs and wish them every success next week.

Take care,

Dr Andrew J Morrison

Headteacher (BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PhD)



UPCOMING EVENTS

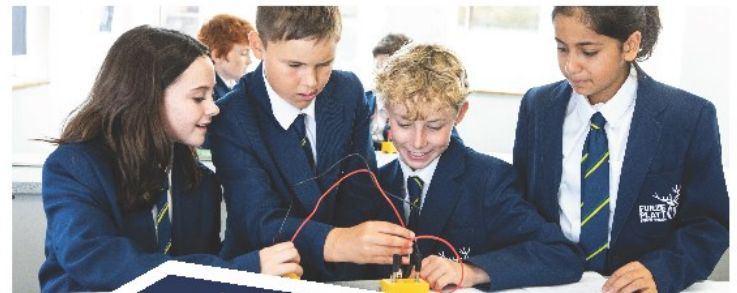
Next Week (Week 2)

ALL EVENTS

Forthcoming Events

THU 3 SEPTEMBER	Early School Finish	12.30pm finish
	Whole School Open Evening	6pm - 8.30pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES



Open Evening
Thursday 3rd October 2024
All welcome, no booking required.

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CHILD EMPLOYMENT

Getting a part-time job is often an important part of a young person's life, teaching them vital life skills, and providing their first step on the road to financial security and independence.

There are regulations in place to make sure children seeking work are safe and protected. The regulations ensure that the child is not working outside the legal hours, they are not doing any types of work that are prohibited, and that the school is fully aware of what they are doing. This way, we can all work together to ensure that our children are safe, that they are working legally, and that their school work does not suffer. This link explains the laws surrounding Child Employment:

[HTTPS://WWW.NNCEE.ORG.UK/](https://www.nncee.org.uk/)

The most important thing to remember, is that it is a legal requirement that any child from the age of 13 up to statutory school leaving age (This will be until the last Friday in June at the end of Year 11, after which they will no longer need a work permit.) needs a work permit if they would like to get a part time job, regardless of where they are working.

It is down to the employer to initiate the permit process, but unfortunately some employers may need a reminder. It is therefore important that parents are aware, so they can prompt the workplace to apply, get the ball rolling, or contact me for advice, if necessary.

I am happy to chat to parents or pupils over any aspects of this process.

I am the Child Employment Officer and my email address for any information, advice, and the issue of work permits is:

SUSAN.HARRIS@ACHIEVINGFORCHILDREN.ORG.UK

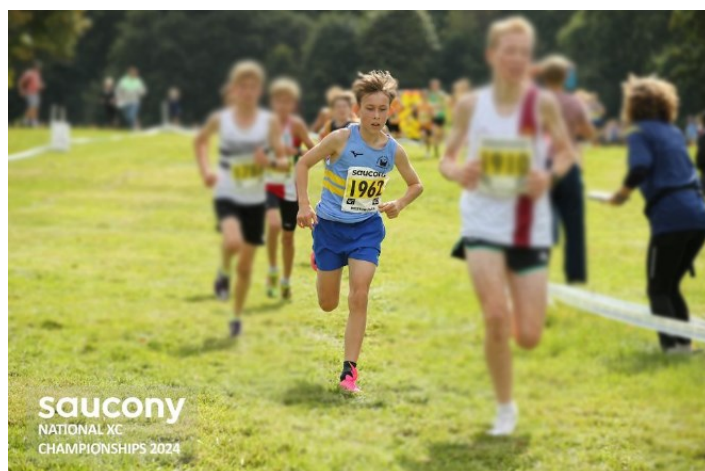
GOOD LUCK MR JACKSON!

We are wishing lots of luck to Mr Jackson, from the PE department, who is representing Team GB in the Sprint Triathlon at the European Championships this weekend in Vichy, France!



CROSS COUNTRY SUPERSTAR

Congratulations to Joe Brooker (Year 9) who finished 27th out of 227 boys in the English Cross Country Championships, on Saturday 14th September.



OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER 6 - 8.30pm

Early finish for all students – 12.30pm

Our annual Open Evening is being held on Thursday 3rd October for prospective students and their parents. All current Furze Platt students will finish at 12.30pm that day; helpers will be invited back before the event starts. More details will be sent out in due course.

INSET DAY

FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER

School will be closed for all year groups.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING




THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

This event will take place from 6-9pm and will be followed by a 9.15am start for all students on Friday 22nd November. Further details will be sent out in due course.





Congratulations to our winners

-  Scarlett E Stevens – Year 10, Falcon
-  Nicole Mizikova – Year 11, Hawk
-  Jack Taylor – Year 8, Osprey

Well done to the following students who also completed the challenge and were awarded a R3 for Sustained ACHIEVE

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| Annabel Sweeney | Grace Walker |
| Bernardo Dinardi | Beatrice Poulter |
| Pedrosa | David Yakubovich |
| Seb Sutehall | Albie Cozens |
| Hussain Asghar | Poppy Gethin |
| Hayden Appleyard | Amy-Jayne Macey |
| Jan Piankowski | Abigail Apcio |
| Gretel Anagho | Joshua Mott |
| Durusah Gulmez | Illies Hamdad |
| Simon Worley | Leon Orford |
| Fraser Roberts | Owen Lattimer |
| Andreea Timotin | Eliza Cannon |
| Ethan Winton | James Lill Carrero |
| Alice Young | Zachariah Zaman |
| Piper Webb | Zarifuddin Mohammed |
| Thea Winrow-Davies | Leo Russell |
| Edward Dawson | Freddie Faires |
| Charley Smith | Quenisha de Abreu |
| Denelda Pinto | Kasper Majchrzak |
| Abbie Connell | |

Next week is Languages Week featuring our

International Bake Off, Teacher Competition, 'Speak My Language' sessions & more...!



Look out for information about more Languages Week activities in tutor time next week!

TERM 1 CLUBS (SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER HALF TERM 2024)

Clubs for Term 1 2024-25 (September - October half term) invitations from Evolve were sent out on Friday 6th September 2024.

Full details about our school clubs and academic support clinics can be found on our website under 'News & Events', 'School Clubs'. A quick link to this webpage can be accessed through the link below.

SCHOOL CLUBS WEBPAGE



GARDENING CLUB

This week gardening club transferred self sown forget me nots out of the nature garden paths and into the borders. We also harvested runner and borlotti beans plus tomatoes.

Gardening club welcomes all year groups and we meet after school on a Tuesday in S12. Volunteering with us can count as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.



Contact us Email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

facebook.com/fpssptfa Website: [click here to access](#)

WELCOME (BACK) TO SCHOOL!

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Friends

Thank you to everybody who has already emailed volunteering to help the PTFA - we will be back in touch again shortly.

We don't need anybody to make a huge time commitment but if you are able to help in any small way or have ideas or suggestions then please do contact us.



Right now we would particularly like to have a 200 Club coordinator. You would be running one of our biggest fundraisers but it's a very light touch role which can be done entirely from home and takes probably an hour a month working on a computer, with extra little flurries of activity around the time of the quarterly draws (the nice bit of telling people they've just won £200). We would love to hear from you if this is something you would be interested in.

Please email us at ptfa@furzeplatt.net. Or drop us a message through our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/fpssptfa>.

200 CLUB

Who will be our next lucky winner?

Join today for a chance to win!



Please consider joining the 200 Club as an easy way of supporting the school. For £5 a month, you can purchase a number which will be entered into our quarterly draw and gives you the chance to win £200. Tax-free! Please sign up using the link below:

JOIN OUR 200 CLUB



We are registered with Easyfundraising.org to receive online donations when you access your favourite online retailers via Easyfundraising. Doesn't cost you anything and is literally free money for us. Sign up or re-direct your current causes to us on the link below:

[HTTPS://WWW.EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

EASYFUNDRAISING: FIND OUT MORE HERE

We would also love to receive your donations of clean, saleable uniform which your children have outgrown - please leave them in the crates in school reception.

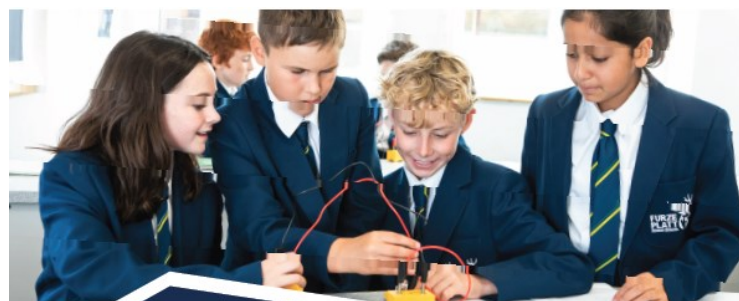


Diary date - we are planning our first PTFA meeting of the year, and the first 200 Club draw- for the evening of **Wednesday 9th October**. We would love to see you there.

Best wishes

Your PTFA





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'Pupils are friendly, courteous and polite. They say that they are happy and that they feel safe.'

- Ofsted 2021

Furze Platt Senior School offers:

- ▶ An inclusive education which is broad, stimulating and rewarding for all.
- ▶ Superb academic, sporting and arts facilities which create an aspirational learning environment for students.
- ▶ Our Tutor Groups to give students identity and belonging and includes dedicated staff, mentors and leaders who will support and help with students' development.
- ▶ Our Houses to encourage friendly competition and a sense of community.



Students are able to **ACHIEVE** excellence and successfully progress to the next stage of their lives as well-educated young adults we are proud to know.



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

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How to find us:

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Maidenhead,
Berkshire SL6 7NQ



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INFORMATION EVENING

**TUESDAY 1ST
OCTOBER**

**5:30PM TILL
8:00PM**

#QUESTIONSEEKGROW



CANTORUM CHOIR PRESENTS

CANTORUM CANTATAS



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BUXTEHUDE



BRUCKNER

7pm Saturday 12th October 2024
St Nicolas' Church, Taplow SL6 0ET

Tickets: £20 adults, £10 under 18s, Free for under 10s
Online at www.cantorumchoir.org.uk

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1136210



Sunday 13 October, 10am-5pm
Nicholsons Centre and High Street

MAKING, COOKING, BARKING, CRAFTING, SINGING, DANCING & GENERAL FAMILY FUN

The BIG Raffle

Dog Show

Competitions

Food & Drink

Petting zoo

Music & Performances

Artisan & Craft Stalls

Workshops

Community Stalls

Children's competitions: **FREE** to enter, sponsored by **hobbycraft**
Each category winner gets a £5 Hobbycraft voucher, plus the children's
'Best in Show' wins a family Legoland voucher!

- Make something out of fruit & vegetables - for example - animal, car, house, ugly bug
- Painting - Primary and Secondary school age classes
- Best pumpkin - real or crafted
- Lego or duplo model - not using a kit
- Decorated poem - write your own or choose your favourite, then decorate it
- Bake your favourite treat
- Any other craft

For more information on how to register your entries, the adult competition categories, the dog show and much more, please visit

www.maidenheadshow.co.uk



RAISING FUNDS FOR THAMES VALLEY ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND



SEP 8TH: XENOPOULOS & EDIS QUARTET

Renowned UK jazz artists Vasilis Xenopoulos (Sax) and Paul Edis (Piano) bring their quartet to perform original jazz compositions from their new album 'Feels Like Home'.

FUNKIN' SOULED OUT : SEP 21ST

Funkin' Souled Out are an 8-piece funk, soul and disco cover band based in and around Maidenhead. Expect hits from Chic, Bee Gees, James Brown & more!



OCT 13TH: GEORGINA JACKSON TRIO

Singer & Trumpet player extraordinaire, Georgina Jackson is a musical force to be reckoned with. This session with her trio will feature a swinging mix of vocals and brass with numbers from Peggy Lee and Frank Sinatra to Dusty Springfield and everything in-between.

DOM PIPKIN : OCT 26TH

Alongside a glittering session career (David Byrne, Ray Davies, Morcheeba), piano player and songwriter Dom Pipkin has been described by Blues in Britain as "one of the world's greatest exponents of New Orleans piano".



NOV 10TH: ANDY MEARS OCTET

Consisting of 5 horns and rhythm, this versatile ensemble showcases some of the UK's finest jazz musicians working today. It has an extensive repertoire of intricately crafted arrangements of jazz and big band classics, as well as some original material.

CLARINET & SAX WEEKEND : NOV 30TH/DEC 1ST

We're hosting a weekend of Clarinet & Sax related workshops, masterclasses and live performances. Come and be inspired by a range of visiting professionals!



DEC 1ST: EMMA RAWICZ

Emma Rawicz is a young saxophonist, bandleader and composer with an astonishing musical maturity. At just 22 years of age, Rawicz has achieved a huge amount, including the release of two critically acclaimed albums 'Incantation' & 'Chroma' and extensive headline tours across 15 countries!

MORE INFO ONLINE BOOK NOW!

