

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Red Weather Warning

Parents and carers will have received a communication from FPSS today regarding home learning for all students Monday and Tuesday due to the forecast high temperatures. Students should check the homework section on Class Charts. Our school site will re-open for students on Wednesday.



Maidenhead Concert Band

On Thursday evening, we had the pleasure of welcoming Maidenhead Concert Band to FPSS for a fundraising show. The Band created a fabulous sound in our air conditioned Theatre playing a mixture of music from various genres and decades.

Particularly special was the opportunity they gave our students to perform within an adult Band, as well as the chance to showcase their abilities in a section of the show. Our students played brilliantly and I would like to congratulate all of them.

Moreover, everyone gave up their time to raise money for FPSS. Thank you to Maidenhead Concert Band, our PTFA, local councillors and all the volunteers and theatre staff who made this happen.

Gavin Tisshaw – Chair of Governors



Organising the fundraising concert was Gavin Tisshaw, our Chair of Governors and member of Maidenhead Concert Band.

Gavin will be leaving his post after 18 years as a governor and nearly 7 as Chair of Governors in September.

Over his many years associated with FPSS, Gavin has voluntarily given huge amounts of time to help our community and improve the school. For example, our new Theatre is testament to Gavin's commitment to ensure FPSS is the



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

Next week (Week 2)

WED 20
JULYEnd of Term 6 (Monday and Tuesday
now home learning for all students)Finish at
12.30pm

Results Days 2022

THU 18
AUG

A-Level Results Day (Theatre)

8am -
11amTHU 25
AUG

GCSE Results Day (Theatre)

8am -
11am

September 2022

FRI 2
SEPT

Welcome to Year 7 and Year 12

8.45am

MON 5
SEPT

Welcome back Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13

8.40am

FRI 16
SEPT

Back to School with 'Funkin' Souled Out'

7.30pm

best possible place for students to be educated.

I would like to thank Gavin for all his contributions and, on behalf of our entire community, wish him all the best in the future.

Take care,

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

YEARS 8 AND 9 REPORTS

YEAR
8YEAR
9

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.

Please see here for our Guidance to Grading document:

GUIDANCE ON GRADING

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

Year 12 reports will be issued on Tuesday 19th July.




Mrs K Avery, Data Manager



Over the last two weeks students have been participating in field events which culminated in this week's track events. Our amazing PE team organised and adjudicated over 1028 runs, jumps and throws!

Many congratulations to Bray House, this year's Sports Day Champions!

OVERALL SPORTS DAY RESULTS

 1 st = Bray	5 th = Marlow
 2 nd = Cookham	6 th = Windsor
 3 rd = Dorney	7 th = Henley
4 th = Bisham	8 th = Eton



Pictured: the start of our House mascot race

Here are the winners of the Victor and Victrix Ludorum prize for each year group (our top performing athletes):

Victor Ludorum

Victrix Ludorum

Year 7 – Alex Davison

Year 7 – Lois Sellman

Year 8 – Noah Thomas

Year 8 – Marley Quinlan-Gardner

Year 9 – Sam Cranch

Year 9 – Sophie McLachlan

Year 10 – Lucas Norton

Year 10 – Sadie Huddleston



Our Year 7 and Year 8 Drama star students performed an amazing production of 'Ernie's Incredible Illucinations' in just six weeks - this was a tremendous effort and showed real dedication and collaboration.

Well done everyone!



TERM 1 CLUBS (SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2022)

Bookings for Term 1 will be sent out on Friday 9th September. Clubs will start the following week and we encourage students to attend as many as they are interested in. Bookings should be made via the EVOLVE email link as usual or by using your My EVOLVE account.

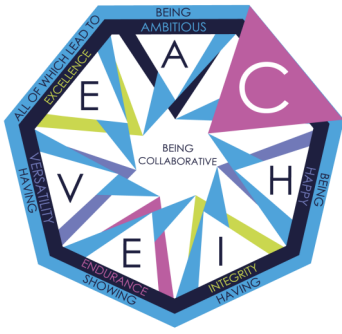


DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

Apologies to any parents who were waiting for the Teams meeting this week, this has been rescheduled and details will be sent out in due course.

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all at Aik Saath and Maidenhead Magpies for their invaluable support this year.





FURZE PLATT STUDENTS - SPORTS SUPERSTARS



Diving National Champion

Harry Healey

Year 13



Harry Healey, Year 13, was crowned Swim England National AG Diving Champion following a highly competitive boys' final.

In the 3m synchronised diving he finished in 2nd place despite a last minute change of partner; he subsequently finished 4th in the 3m individual with a personal best, and then came 2nd on the 1m individual with a massive pb of over 300 points, qualifying him for the senior events.

On the final day he won the platform event, meaning he was in 1st place overall.

Well done to him and we wish him the best of luck in future events. Keep in touch Harry!

YEARS 9 AND 10 CUPCAKE BAKE-OFF



This week we held our Year 9 and Year 10 'Cupcake Bake-Off' competition.

Judges were really wowed by the high standards and all the effort students put into their creations, we're sure you will agree the decisions were tough ones!

Year 9 winners: Rose Kemp and Sophie McLachlan

Year 10 winners: Florence Leo and Ellis Binnington

Judges: Mrs Barney, Miss Barney and Mrs Carpenter

Organisers: Mrs Hirst (Head of Food & Nutrition), Mrs Robbins (Food and Nutrition Technician)



Berkshire's #1 High Jumper

33rd U15 in the UK

Connor Fitzgibbon

Year 9



On Sunday, Connor competed in an Alder Valley Athletics Competition in Bracknell. He finished 2nd in javelin but for the first time ever he competed in the high jump. His final height cleared was 166cm which gave him 1st place.

Connor is now ranked 33rd U15 high jumper in the UK and number 1 in Berkshire.

This is a fantastic result - well done Connor!

REQUEST FROM OUR ART DEPARTMENT



Can you help?

Do you have any old shirts that we can use in the art department for when our students paint? We would really appreciate any that you may have lying around, all sizes are very welcome.

In addition, we also have a project coming up where we need old large cereal boxes and Amazon envelopes A4 and A3. We would love as many as possible before the end of term.

Thank you!



Back to School with Funkin' Souled Out

Come and celebrate after the long summer break on Friday 16th September at a gig at Furze Platt Theatre.

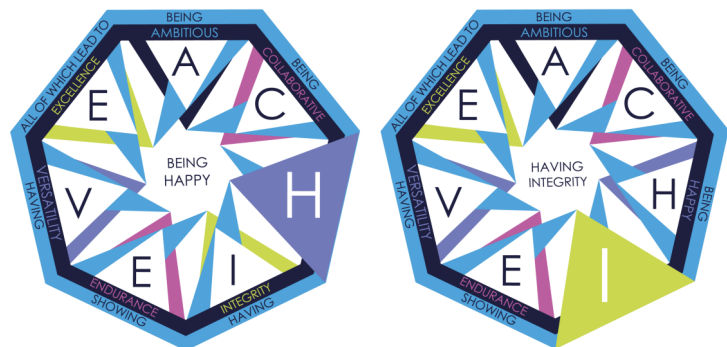
Local band Funkin' Souled Out will be performing everything from James Brown to Donna Summer, Rose Royce to Diana Ross, The Jackson 5 to Jamiroquai, and lots more in between. This promises to be a fun filled chance to boogie, have a drink and enjoy this eight piece band playing a range of funk and disco hits. The band will be supported by another local group, Watershed, and tickets are just £12.50 each, so book your tickets here:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/furzeplatttheatre> We're hoping to hold more gigs at the theatre this autumn, so watch this space.

VOICES ANON CHOIR RAISE OVER £2,000

We received a lovely email on behalf of one of our Theatre hirers, the Voices Anon choir, who raised £2,000 for the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Charity following an event held in our Theatre. Co-ordinated by our Theatre Manager Mrs Holden, and Mrs Moore, Head of Operations and Business Development, the evening was a huge success and the organisers said: "we would like to thank you all for the help and cooperation in setting up the event, operating the lighting and helping make the concert such a success. The evening went so well and we have had excellent feedback about the organisation and venue."

For more details on how to hire our fully air conditioned theatre, please contact our Theatre Manager, Marissa.holden@furzeplatt.net or 01628 625308 ext:169



FREE POST EXAM HELP AND ADVICE

Post GCSE, BTEC and A-Level results Webinar for young people and their parents/carers on Friday 26th August from 11am -12 midday. Careers Advisers from Adviza and local colleges will discuss options and offer free careers advice and guidance.

[TVB 26th August online event - Your Next Step.pdf](#)

Free online appointments with a Careers Adviser from Adviza.

[My Choices Berkshire flyer.pdf](#)



With hot weather forecast, this is another reminder to students and their families to please stay safe near water.

Please remind your son / daughter of the dangers of swimming in open water, jumping from bridges etc and let's all stay safe this summer.

Here are two short videos on water safety:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OBCFEEZe1U>

<https://www.rbfrs.co.uk/your-safety/out-and-about/water-safety/>





MESSAGE FROM INNOVATE

Dear Parent / Guardian

As we approach the end of our summer term and another eventful year, I am sure we are all looking forward to some well-deserved family time and a break from the normal school routine.

The challenges of Covid-19, whilst by no means defeated, seem to be a diminishing memory and we have helped schools return safely to a "business as usual" service pattern and enjoyed seeing our students making use of the food provision, across all catering areas and service times. It has been heartening to see the reintroduction of breakfast clubs, first break services, full lunch offers and the much missed after school menu range.

We must, however, acknowledge the challenging times we all face economically, with inflation rising to 9% and forecasted to reach double figures very soon. We are also witnessing unprecedented hikes in the prices of individual products, like chicken, for example, with poultry increases soon to hit 10%.

At this time of the year we review our tariffs, in preparation for the new academic year in September.

It's been a particularly challenging piece of analysis this time around, given the volatility of the food market and associated factors which affect costs, such as petrol, for example.

To summarise, we have kept our proposed tariff increases across our range to just below 2.5% for the next academic year, well less than the predicted rate of inflation. Any increase is not an easy decision to take, but I know many of you may have been expecting a larger rise in prices.

Innovate need to balance the difficult challenge of keeping all our staff employed and fairly paid, supplying an impressive range of menus to our students, and meeting our commitments to the school which is why we are doing our absolute best to keep increases to a minimum and are solely covering rising costs but, if inflation persists, we will consult with you should a further increase, or other measures, be required.

We have a difficult period to navigate through but, we will continue to serve food of the highest quality, at the best possible pricing and we give you our undertaking to not alter portion sizes or reduce our menu range!

[Please see our tariff on the school website here](#) and may we wish you all a lovely summer.

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★ MISSING ★

LIBRARY BOOKS & TEXT BOOKS!



HAVE YOU SEEN ANY FPSS BOOKS LYING AROUND THE HOUSE?

PARENT SEARCHER REQUIRED TO SEARCH BOOK SHELVES, UNDER BEDS AND BEDROOM FLOORS FOR LOST SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS.

AMNESTY FOR ALL THOSE RETURNED!



200 CLUB DRAW: THE WINNING NUMBERS!

Thank you to all our wonderful helpers last night.

Winning numbers were **21**, **41** and **76**.

Three lucky members won £200 each!

To be in with a chance of winning in our next draw, please visit:



MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)

ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

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/fpsstfa



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

Ofsted 2021

Cleaning Supervisor required to start September 2022

Permanent, Full Time, 37 hours a week, all year round (Term time only will be considered)

Split Shift: 6.00am - 9am / 3.00pm - 7.30pm Monday to Friday (early finish once a week and start / finish times are negotiable)

Shift times to differ outside of term time 28 days annual leave as well as Bank Holidays

Actual salary £21,977 - £23,789 depending on experience

Furze Platt Senior School is a successful and oversubscribed secondary academy school on the northern edge of Maidenhead. We are proud of our attractive school estate including a recently constructed three-story English/Science block, a state of the art theatre seating 384 people, a fully equipped gymnasium, refurbished café facilities, a dance studio and classrooms with up-to-date IT equipment.

We are seeking an exceptional individual to take on the role of Cleaning Supervisor. The successful applicant will work closely with the Estate Manager to deploy our dedicated team of cleaning staff to continue the enhancement of the learning environment for our students and staff. Your priority will be to ensure the school buildings are welcoming, smart and cleaned to a high standard for all students, staff, parents/carers and visitors.

You will provide day to day supervision of the cleaning staff team to ensure a high standard of cleaning is maintained throughout the school. This role requires someone who is physically fit and able to bend and do light lifting or moving of furniture. In addition good communication, organisational and time management skills are required with the ability to work independently and as part of a team. You must be trustworthy and able to demonstrate high levels of integrity.

If you have experience of cleaning duties and supervising a team of people, are a team player and relish the opportunity to contribute to creating an excellent working environment at our school, this would be an exciting opportunity for you.

To discuss options and flexibility of hours please call Jordan Jedrzejczyk on 01628 625308.

In order to complete a **Support Staff Application Form** please refer to our school website www.furzeplatt.com. Application forms should be returned to joanne.latham-brash@furzeplatt.net. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

Furze Platt Senior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Closing date: Ongoing
Suitable candidates will be contacted regarding interview dates

CURRENT VACANCIES



Bikeability Level 3 Summer Holiday course Booking now

Level 3 Bikeability - Riders in Years 6-10

If your Child has just finished Year 6 or is in Years 7 to 10, cycles regularly or is likely to be cycling to school or friend's houses on a regular basis then this course is essential to their cycling safety. For Year 6 riders they should have completed Bikeability Level 2 within the last school year.

IMPORTANT: This course is for regular riders: imagine riding from Maidenhead to Slough on the A4: Multiple lane junctions, roundabouts and speed limits in excess of 40mph.

If your child is assessed to be below a level 2 standard, then they will not be allowed to continue on the course.

The course is completed over 2 hours.

All children booked on the course will need to provide their own bike and helmet. Please bring a snack and plenty of water and clothing appropriate for the weather on each day.

The four main elements for Level 3 are:

- Plan a journey
- Maintain a suitable riding position
- Cooperate and respect other road users
- Ride Assertively

The cost is **£15.00** per child OR **free** to a child who is in receipt of free school meals.

Time: 9:00am to 11:00am

Wednesday 27 July 2022 from 9:00am at:
All Saints Junior School, Westborough Rd, Maidenhead SL6 4AR

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals, please state this at time of booking to ensure that the fee is waived.

To book: Email: spokescibookings@gmail.com stating in the email heading the course title (Level 3) then in the email your name, your child's name & your contact telephone number. You will then be sent a Consent form and details for payment which must be made as soon as possible to secure the booking

www.spokesci.com





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For more informatoin or to join please contact
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