

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

## Celebration Evening

Yesterday saw one of the highlights of the school year, our Celebration Evening. It was an absolute pleasure to share the evening with students, staff, parents and carers. There was a lot to celebrate including students' examination results, places at Sixth Form, Colleges and Universities, in the workforce and on apprenticeships.



However, alongside the academic success we celebrated the many students who live our FPSS values and achieve excellence each and every day in their contributions to our community. It was great to share the evening with them.

Special thanks to our special guest, Judy Khan, Kings Counsel, who shared many lessons from her work as a barrister, along with Gavin Tisshaw, for whom this was his last official engagement as Chair of Governors.

## Houses

This week also saw our new Houses unveiled with students meeting their Heads of House. Competition has begun and I look forward to seeing which House wins in the challenges ahead.

Our new Houses are:

House A – Red / Falcon - Miss L Dowell

House B – Blue / Hawk - Mr B Corbett

House C – Orange / Osprey - Mrs E Holmes

House D – Green / Eagle - Mr J Harrison

Good luck to all our students!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

## Next week Week 2

## Forthcoming events

THU 6 OCT	<b>Main School Open Evening</b> (students finish at 12.30pm)	6-9pm
FRI 7 OCT	INSET Day - school closed for all year groups	All day
TUE 11 OCT	Preparing to Succeed in Year 9	6.30-7.30pm
THU 13 OCT	Year 7 Meet Your Child's Head of Progress	4.30-6.30pm

## SCHOOL TERM DATES



## Greenpower

Many parents and carers will know that we have a Greenpower racing team who compete on circuits across the country. Often getting up early on a weekend to race shows great endurance from staff, parents, carers and students. I would like to commend all staff and students on their ongoing commitment seen just last weekend at the Top Gear test track.

## Special Guest Performer!

On Tuesday, our Year 9 and 10 students were treated to a special concert and focus on mental health with performer, Aaron Martyn. Judging by the number of

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signed postcards afterwards, the event was a huge success!

### Languages Week

I am looking forward to celebrating the many languages spoken at FPSS next week. There are many activities so please do encourage your child to take part.

### Thank You

Finally, thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising for the Pakistan Floods Red Cross Appeal. Here is the link if you would like to donate further: <https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/pakistan-floods-appeal>.

Take care,

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



### RECORD WINNERS AT FURZE PLATT

Students participated in a wide range of competitive activities held in their Form groups.

Each winner was awarded 25 House points and their names will be entered into our brand new Furze Platt Book of Records.



#### Year 7

Sean Turley 7HNB  
Princess Adebuseye 7KER  
Nikko Garcia 7SH  
Jack Bushell 7KER  
Albert Henwood 7SH

#### Year 8

Simran Vadher 8MIG  
Calvin Charles 8LED & Aimee Gallagher 8AJE  
Josh Rowe 8LED  
Laith Jehangiri 8AND

#### Year 9

Joe Challis 9TAH  
Noah Moss 9TAH  
Kirill Healey 9JAS  
Megan Dewbury 9ELH  
Jaden Brown 9TAH

#### Year 10

Jake Wilson 10SEA  
Brayden Winsor 10RHT  
Ibby Ali 10JOH  
Sophia Carter 10SEA  
Charlotte Soden 10LC &  
Rose Kemp 10JOH

#### Year 11

Lucas Norton 11JNW  
Austin Ka 11BLC  
Yusuf Ahmed 11NOY  
George Lykov 11JNW  
Hassan Tariq 11ZHM

#### Sixth Form

Eoin El-Hawary 6FGN  
Henry Drew 6FGN & Joel Halstead 6AEB  
Oliver Stone 6CSW  
Raf Orford 6CT  
Ellis Ovens 6CSW  
Ho Man Yui 6LAH  
Sabrina Lee 6MNW

### HOUSE CAPTAINS



We are looking for 2 House Captains per House, per year group, including 2 per House in the Sixth Form. As House Captain you will support your Head of House and all the students in your House, particularly the students from your year group. You will need to consistently model and demonstrate the ACHIEVE values to encourage others to make choices that support these values. You will seek feedback from students in your House and provide feedback and ideas to your Head of House on the ACHIEVE tutor programme; events; competitions; rewards; and all aspects of the House system. You will help to organise events, and competitions, as well as supporting effective communication across the House.

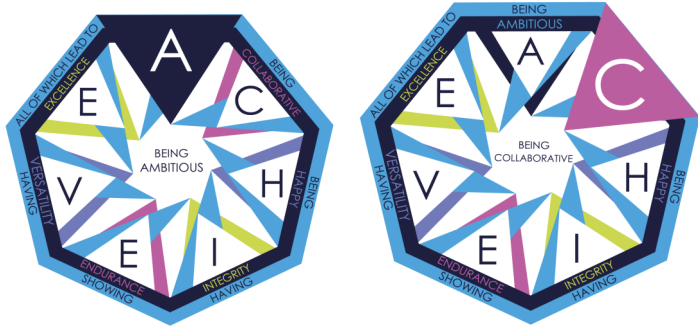
**If you would like to apply, please email your Head of House by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.**

You could include:

- Why would you like to be a House Captain?
- What skills do you have that would make you good at this role?

How are you a good role model of our ACHIEVE values for your House?

Good luck!



## MENTAL HEALTH CONCERT

WITH AARON MARTYN



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**OPEN EVENING: THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 6-9pm**

**Early finish for all students – 12.30pm**

Our annual Open Evening is being held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

School will be closed for all year groups.

Please note the INSET days for this academic year are on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

This week we had the privilege of 18 year old Aaron Martyn an artist-songwriter/producer and DJ from East London delivering an assembly/concert on the importance of good mental health and the pressures of social media, to students in Years 9 and 10. Aaron has been developing his craft from the ripe age of twelve, debuting his first EP on his thirteenth Birthday. Aaron will be supporting a big artist on their arena tour later this year (this is currently under wraps!). Having had his own mental struggles and being discriminated against at school Aaron was the perfect advocate to deliver such a positive message to our young people. A great morning was had by all and I hope this promotes some healthy discussions at home about such an important topic. If you need any advice or support on mental health issues please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's relevant pastoral team or myself.

Mrs L Bull, Senior Mental Health Lead

## LANGUAGES WEEK - INTERNATIONAL BAKE OFF

**STAR BAKER**

### Languages Week 2022 International Bake Off

*Have you ever made churros, a tarte tatin or even a Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte?*

*Or are you a creative cake decorator?*

*The MFL Department challenges you to bake a cake from a different culture or to decorate a cake with an international theme for Languages Week!*

*Please remember to take a photo before enjoying your tasty treats and send it to Mrs Budgett before Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October ready to present to the judging panel.*

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After a 6:30 start in the morning the team arrived at the Top Gear test track with plenty of Ambition to do well. The team had an initial set back at the start of the day though, as the car failed scrutineering due to the body work (despite passing at the previous 2 races) and it looked like they wouldn't get to race.

However, the team showed Endurance and after a bit of Collaboration with other teams and one hacked up Really Useful Box later, they fixed the problem, got the car passed and on to the track.

In the first race of the day the team came 36<sup>th</sup> out of 52 entries. Race 2 was a bit more eventful as there were a few collisions with our car (not the fault of our drivers) but this did drop us back to 38<sup>th</sup> position.

Despite the long day the team remained Happy throughout and represented the school brilliantly.

Well done to Heidi Grant, Anna Donaldson, Clarissa Brewer, Luqman Mehrban, Deniz Akca, Wyatt Parkinson, Ascanio Cuth, Dilraj Rooprai, Orson Collins, Deniz Seyurek, Jaime Seris, Cayde de Silva and Amy Jayne Macey.

Mr R Wright, Greenpower Leader



## FURZE PLATT THEATRE'S FIRST FUNDRAISING GIG

Thank you to everyone who attended, danced, and got 'Lost in Music' at our first fundraising gig in the theatre last Friday night.

More than 100 people enjoyed the fantastic live music, while raising money for the school.

Headliners Funkin' Souled Out played a mix of funk, soul and disco from artists including the Supremes, Donna Summer, the Bee Gees and Jamiroquai.



They were supported by another local band, Watershed, who rocked out with tracks from the Doors, Rag n Bone Man and Tina Turner.



We are still working out the exact fundraising total, but it is understood to be in the region of £1000.

A big thank you to Simon and Lynne Moore, Mark Hartley, our site team, and the hardworking bar staff for all their help in making this a success.

Mrs M Holden, Theatre Manager

*Photos courtesy of Fin Cozens*

Our Year 10 Construction groups have had a fantastic start to the year. Well done to them all! Pictured: Daniyal Ali, Danish Mahmood, Mason Weekes, Jayden Shaw-Griffiths, Charles De Jager and Aamina Ashraf.



## TERM 1 CLUBS

Parents and carers of students in all year groups should have received invitations on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September regarding clubs for their son/daughter. The email was headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email ad-

dress [evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk](mailto:evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk) and the links will be safe for you to click on to confirm your child's attendance. If you have not yet received an email please check your junk / spam folders.

We do encourage students to try as many as they are interested in.

## SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

## NATIONAL TOUCH RUGBY FINALS

We are delighted to announce that three Furze Platt Senior School Year 9 boys represented the West of England at the National Touch Rugby Finals in Nottingham.

Kurtis Wood, George Norton and Noah Thomas had been selected through regional trials and a series of regional training camps throughout the summer months to play for one of the two teams at the finals.

Both George and Kurtis were selected to play for the West Wildcats Black team who placed 4<sup>th</sup> and Noah was selected to play for the West Wildcats Orange who finished as champions in the U14's.

Lucas Norton Year 11 also played in both the seniors and U17's.

Congratulations to the boys on their sporting success!





**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR SUPPLYING THEIR CONTACT DETAILS THIS WEEK. WE'LL BE IN TOUCH BY EMAIL SO PLEASE CHECK ALL YOUR MAILBOXES.**

**PTFA ROLES TO FILL – YOUR COMMITTEE WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY HELP OFFERED**

200 Club Administrator – 1 or 2 hours per week at home on your own computer.

Media Secretary – 1 or 2 hours per week for Facebook updates, Newsletter pieces, advertising.

Uniform co-ordinator – 1 or 2 hours a week to pack orders, check donations, update inventory.

Refreshments & Bar Team – to run and sell hot, cold soft and alcoholic drinks during Concerts.

Theatre Bar Crew – dedicated casual staff for performances in the Theatre.

Committee Members 2022/2023 - Chair: Lorraine Hughes | Treasurer: Neil Wilson | Secretary: Katrina Sell

Feel free to get in touch, anytime, by email: [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net) or message via [Facebook.com/fpsptfa](https://facebook.com/fpsptfa)

**COMING UP**

200 Club Draw & PTFA Meeting – October, date tbc

Buffet hot dinner and Quiz:

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm – 10pm.

**UNIFORM**

We are building stock and have room for more, so please donate your logo'd uniform if you are clearing the cupboards. Please drop clean, undamaged, saleable goods into the containers in School Reception. Please place your orders by email, anytime, [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net) and we'll get back to you.



**ONLINE, NON-EVENT, FUNDRAISING - Free cash up for grabs!**

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<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/287878-0>



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# KIDS OFF THE BLOCKS

## Half Term Camp!

Multi-Activity, fun for ages 5-13

Book onto our October half term camp and join in with a range of games and sports, as well as Halloween themed arts & crafts!

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October 2022  
9am - 3pm everyday

£125 week per child	£30 per day per child
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£10 for extended hours  
\*8:00am - 5pm\*



Thames Valley Athletics Centre  
Managed by Datchet & Eton Leisure

For more information or to book head to our website:  
[www.deleisure.com](http://www.deleisure.com)



[kidsactivities@deleisure.com](mailto:kidsactivities@deleisure.com)  
Thames Valley Athletics Centre  
Pococks Lane, Eton,  
Windsor, SL4 6HN  
01753 770037







## Great Big Green Week Pinkneys Green – Litter Pick

24<sup>th</sup> September 2022 10:00 – 13:00

Come for a stroll around Pinkneys Green and the surrounding area for an hour or so, and help protect nature by picking some litter as you go. All ages are welcome to help us kick off Great Big Green Week. Meet at Pinkneys Green ranger shed. We will supply Bags, Grabbers and Gloves but please bring your own if available

Free event

**For more details:**

**[nationaltrust.org.uk/maidenhead-and-cookham-commons/whats-on](https://nationaltrust.org.uk/maidenhead-and-cookham-commons/whats-on)**

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