

# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #68.4



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

### Open Evening and School Tours

Next Thursday starting at 6pm is our Open Evening and this week we started our school tours. These are important events for FPSS as we show prospective parents, carers and students our school.



I led the first tour on Wednesday and was incredibly impressed with what my group saw as we toured. We witnessed a whole range of engaging learning experiences. Our students happily shared their learning with our visitors and were articulate (and positive) in offering their views on FPSS.

In advance, I would like to thank all students who will be supporting the tours and our Open Evening next week whether as guides or within departments.

From experience we know that existing parents, carers and students are the best advocates for FPSS so please do encourage friends, neighbours or relatives to bring their children along and see what FPSS is all about.

### House Quiz

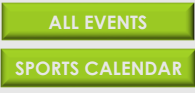
With the Houses now announced, the winners of the first competition (our Year 11 House Quiz) are Eagles! Good luck to all those competing - may the best House win.

### Languages Week

Congratulations to our MFL team and all those students who participated in the various activities this week. There was certainly a lot of enthusiasm for the events including the 'Speak My Language' sessions in a range of languages including Urdu, Chinese, Polish, Romanian, Panjabi, and Portuguese. It was great to see some of the languages



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Next week Week 1

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

## SCHOOL TERM DATES



spoken by the FPSS community being shared.

### Year 11 PPEs in Maths and English

Well done to our Year 11 for their revision and efforts in their recent PPEs. There was much talk afterwards with students analysing the papers and answers. In particular, the extract in the English paper was much discussed. Good luck to students with their results, but most of all in identifying their strengths and areas for improvement as we move towards the real thing next summer.

Take care,

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

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## HOUSE COMPETITION RESULTS



### Year 11 - House Quiz

This morning we completed the first of the whole-school House challenges starting with a House Quiz for Year 11 students.

The winner was decided with a tie break question - congratulations to Eagles on their first win!



1st	Eagles
2nd	Falcons
3rd	Ospreys
4th	Hawks



## OPEN EVENING: THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER



### Early finish for all students – 12.30pm

Our annual Main School Open Evening is being held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 6-9pm for prospective students and their parents. All current Furze Platt students will finish at 12.30pm that day. If your child is coming back to help please can you ensure they are in full smart uniform. Thank you.

### INSET DAY: FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

School will be closed for all year groups.



### TERM 1 CLUBS

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 sent 9th September to see clubs/clinics

2. Click 'create account' button.

The email was headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address [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.

[SCHOOL CLUBS LIST](#)



Please see the links below to videos from GCSEPod for students in Years 10 and 11 and their parents / carers:

### Year 10 Students' video - Goal Setting and Developing a Routine for Year 10:

[YEAR 10 STUDENTS' VIDEO](#)

### Year 10 Parents' video - How to Create a Growth Mindset When Studying (Part 1):

[YEAR 10 PARENTS' VIDEO](#)

### Year 11 Students' video - Nurturing Yourself and Your Future for Year 11:

[YEAR 11 STUDENTS' VIDEO](#)

### Year 11 Parents' video - How to Create a Growth Mindset When Studying (Part 2):

[YEAR 11 PARENTS' VIDEO](#)



Congratulations to Furze Platt parent Will Mellor and his dance partner Nancy Xu who lit up the floor at the weekend on the BBC's Strictly Come Dancing with their brilliant jive to Ricky Martin's 'Livin' La Vida Loca'.

Their impressive score of 34 put them joint top of the leaderboard in the very first week of the competition and was described as the 'best start ever!' by judge Motsi Mabuse.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS RIDGLEY AND FAMILY!



On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 5:46pm, Isla Rose Ridgley was born weighing a healthy 9lbs 7 ounces. Isla and her mum PE Teacher Mrs Ridgley, dad and older brother Oscar are doing very well and all the Ridgleys are enjoying settling into becoming a family of 4.



Will, father to Renee (Year 10), has a message for students at Furze Platt. Originally from Greater Manchester and describing himself as not academic at school, he wants to inspire students at Furze Platt to have self belief. Speaking to us during a break from rehearsals, Will said, "Kids don't have the confidence these days to achieve their dreams and I want to tell them to believe in themselves."

Will signed up to do Strictly after his father died in 2020. He said, "I would generally say no to these things because I was always worried about what other people would think and what they would say. But then I lost my dad and everything changed. I just thought I've got to grab life and do things. It really changed my mindset."

This week they will be performing a salsa to 'Never Too Much' by Luther Vandross and voting will be enabled for this week onwards. We wish him the very best of luck!

NATIONAL TRUST LITTER PICKING EVENT



National Trust

The National Trust would like to thank everyone who attended this event, the next one will cover Pinkneys Drive Common and the Little Thicket. Feedback of the previous event is welcomed: [kevin.yearley@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:kevin.yearley@nationaltrust.org.uk)



The Mellor Performing Arts School will be presenting a show called 'Let's Celebrate!' to be held at Furze Platt in December. Tickets for the show, which features performers of all ages (from 3 to 70!) will be available to purchase nearer the time.

For more details please visit [www.mpaschool.co.uk](http://www.mpaschool.co.uk)

## FOUR WEEKS IN SCHOOL ALREADY!



### UNIFORM REQUESTS

Please place your orders by email and we'll get back to you.  
[ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

PTFA Meeting – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm, in school, all welcome

200 Club Draw – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October, during PTFA Meeting – join or renew your membership NOW!

Quiz and Buffet Hot Dinner – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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!

### HELPERS STILL REQUIRED – WE CAN'T RUN WITHOUT YOU – EMAIL US TODAY!

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
Bar Team	Ad hoc, to run and sell hot, cold soft and alcoholic drinks during Concerts
Theatre Bar Crew	Ad hoc, dedicated casual staff for performances in the Theatre

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

Are you aware of this Club? This is our primary fundraiser. Here's an overview:

The Club runs 4 draws per year and you could win £200 cash per number. Your winnings are made by bank transfer very soon after each draw so there's no hanging around. You're in control of the payments by direct debit, there's no contract (like your energy or phone!) and there's no spam emails either (we haven't got time to send them!).

It's a win win situation and we hope you'll click through on the links below to join.



You've got to be in it to win it!

**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](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net) and through our Facebook Page [facebook.com/fpsstfa](https://www.facebook.com/fpsstfa)

OPEN EVENING - ALL WELCOME - BOOKING NOT REQUIRED

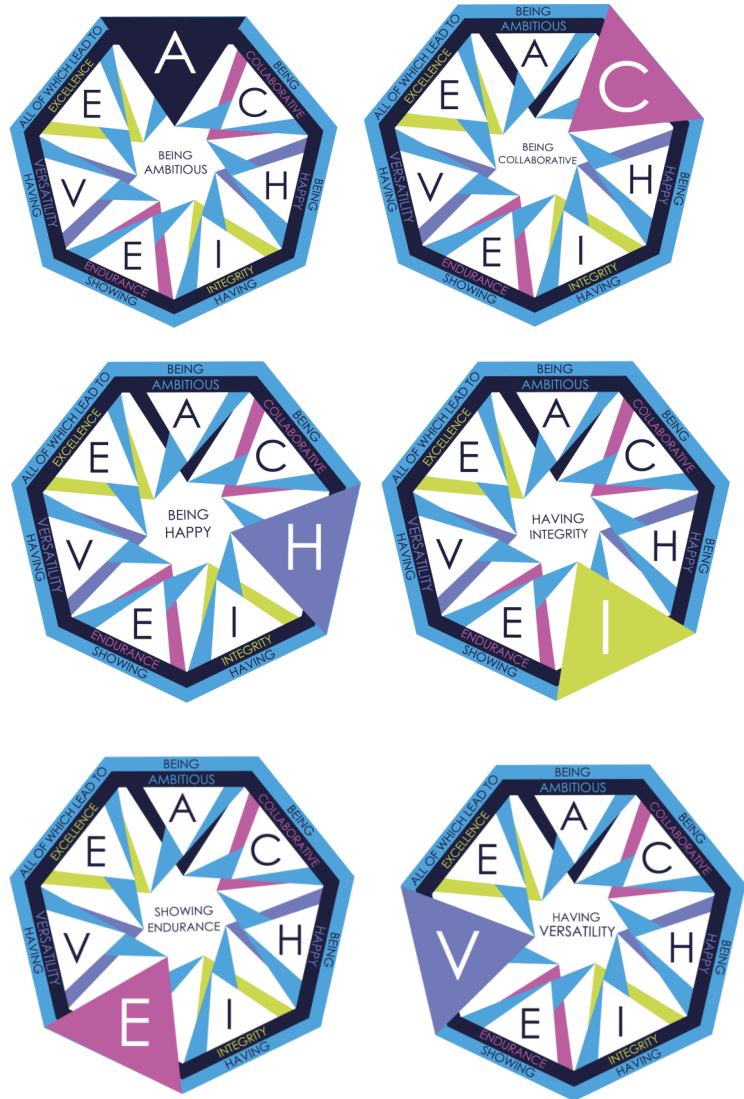
OUR ACHIEVE LOGOS

**FURZE PLATT**  
SENIOR SCHOOL

**Open Evening**  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
6pm - 9pm

Booking not required  
Headteacher's Talks at  
6.30 & 7.30pm

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'All pupils spoken to enjoyed school and showed pride in being part of the school community.'

*Ofsted 2021*



# WALKING NETBALL

## COME AND JOIN US




FOR FUN AND LAUGHTER TASTER SESSION

### WALKING NETBALL

TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 7pm to 8pm

Furze Platt leisure centre

1<sup>st</sup> session free to new players, cost £4

### SHOES WERE MADE FOR WALKING




#### Wildlife Club for Teenagers in Maidenhead

Be a Wildlife Warrior and explore, discover and protect our amazing reserve! We are running a monthly wildlife club for teenagers up to 17 years old.

- 🐾 Mix with others into the same things as you
- 🐾 Learn about and discover wildlife, whilst in nature - that's animals and plants
- 🐾 Learn, in an upbeat way, about valuable conservation
- 🐾 Develop scientific knowledge and bush craft skills as you build up experience.

Our next session is October 8<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-3pm

Click [October Teen Rangers](#) to book or find out more

#### Visit our website to book or for more info:

- [bbowt.org.uk/events](http://bbowt.org.uk/events)
- 01628 829574 ext. 214 or [berkshireeducation@bbowt.org.uk](mailto:berkshireeducation@bbowt.org.uk)

[bbowt.org.uk](http://bbowt.org.uk)

More nature everywhere

# 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)



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