



# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #70.3



#### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

#### **Greenpower at Goodwood**

Many congratulations to our Greenpower Racing Team who competed at Goodwood last week. This is a fantastic opportunity for all our budding engineers to prepare and race



a green powered car. Well done to the team: Ascanio Cuth, Heidi Grant. Jamie Seris, Cayde De Silva, Amy-Jayne Macey, James Lill Carrero, Deniz Akca, Luqman Jehangir, Alp Kose, Leon Orford, Talia Abou Saleh and Jackson Knott. I thank all parents and carers who support the team and a special thank you to FPSS staff Mr Wright, Mrs Stimson and Mr Barrett.





### Year 6 Induction Evening

Next Wednesday we look forward to welcoming parents, carers and students who will be joining FPSS this September. This is an exciting time and a notable step as children grow towards adulthood. Our team will be on hand to share information and answer questions.



#### **Examinations**

Well done to all our students who have been successfully completing their practical exams over the last few weeks. Just this week we have had Spanish, German and Chinese speaking exams, along with Textiles, Photography and the first of our external summer BTEC exams

Moreover, thank you to all parents, carers and staff who are continuing to support students with their revision. Please do keep enthusing and encouraging as well as providing the support and occasional treat. We are just 10 days away from the start of written papers so not long to go now!

## King's Coronation and Bank Holiday

Finally, this weekend sees the King's Coronation. For nearly everyone reading this newsletter this will be the first coronation in our lifetimes. Whatever our students' views on monarchy, I hope that they take a moment to understand the occasion and reflect upon the events that will unfold this weekend.

To all our students, staff and their families, I wish you a good Bank Holiday.

Take care,

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

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### YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING FEEDBACK

Please see below link to a very brief questionnaires for our recent Year 7 parents' evening. We value feedback from all our parents and carers and would appreciate your responses. Thank you.

### YEAR 7 PARENT FEEDBACK

## EARLY BREAK 2 W/C 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY



To accommodate exam timings, from Monday 15th May we will have an early Break 2 (12:45-1:15), with P4 running after Break 2 (from 1:15-2:15) rather than before.



# U13 Boys Football County Cup Quarter Final vs Holyport College – 12-5 Win!

The team: Casey Schuck, William Spinks, Ethan Sheikh, Tommy Tucker, Alfie Everson-Plant, Luke Wise, Ethan Terry, Luke Rice, Leo Russell, Finlay Briggs, James Maher, Ethan Heywood, Alexander Davison, James Balfe, Yvan Wilson.

Well done to the team on a convincing win against Holyport College. Every performance shone and students should be very proud of themselves for how well they represented the school. Now on to the County Cup Semi-Final!



# U16 Boys Football County Cup Quarterfinal vs Park House School – 2-1 Win!

The team: Eric Bayod, Max Bayod, Jayden Taylor, Amaan Munir, Dylan Williams-Lock, Freddie Astrup-McGuinness, Jayden Weier, Jude Rosten, Reece Ovens, Jake Coomes, Lennon Moore, Callum Brennan, Joshua Parrott, John Hern, Nicolai Harrit

Congratulations to our Year 11 Boys for making it through to the County Cup Semi-Final! As always, the boys played an extremely good game to secure the win – let's hope they keep up the momentum!



# Year 9/10 RBWM Athletics League

In the photo: Danielle Beckley, Bethan Hill, Anna Cook, Anna Greenland, Theo Streatfield, Ross van Eeden, Samuel Cranch, Bastien Correia, Kacper Wrobel, Finlay Hayward, Namfon Avellano, Sophie McLachlan, Millie Wallis, Courtney Harris, Harry James, Connor Fitzgibbon, Noah Thomas, Fabien Mormech

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Special mentions to:

Noah Thomas – PB in 300 m (42.29 secs)

Fabien Mormech – PB in 800 m (2 mins 39 secs)

Sophie McLachlan - PB in Long Jump (4.72 m)











#### **HOUSE TURING MATHS CHALLENGE**





- · This half term's House competition is a Turing Maths Challenge, in honour of Alan Turing.
- · Within each year group, the four Houses will compete against each other in teams of 4.
- · The Turing Challenge will take place during tutor time in a classroom with one of the Heads of House.
- · There will not be an audience.
- · The winners will win prizes and lots of House points:

Selected finalists will all get 10 points each.

Winners of the final will all get 25 points each.

Winning House will get 1000 points, 600 points for 2nd place, 400 points for 3rd place and 200 points for 4th place.

The winning team will also win some sweet treats!

The individual with the highest score in each year group will win a £10 Amazon voucher, + 60 House points.

# It's not just our students who are taking on House Challenges...

...taking on exactly the same challenge as our students, congratulations to our winner Mr Lindsay (Teacher of Maths) - representing Hawk House (1000 points) with a superb time of 2 mins and 44 secs.

In second place (600 points), from Falcon House, and honouring the computational memory of Alan Turing in a time of 3 mins 35 secs is Mr Earle (Head of IT & Computing).

In joint third place joint winners Mrs Feather (Raising Achievement Manager) also from Hawk House and DR MORRISON (Headteacher, no assigned House) with a time of 3 mins and 38 secs. Osprey House are awarded third place (400 points).

Pictured – Mr Earle, Mrs Feather, Mr Lindsay

















#### MORE SUPER FPSS STAFF SUCCESS



Huge congratulations to Mr Tipp, Teacher of PE, who ran this year's London Marathon in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. You can read more about his reasons for choosing the charity and how to donate here:

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## **SKI TRIP 2024**



# YEAR 12 VOLUNTEERING AND WORK EXPERIENCE



1. For those who are interested in History, this could be an interesting project to get involved with as part of the youth panel at Reading Museum They meet every 3rd Thursday of the month either on-line or in person from 4.30 to 6pm to help make the museum relevant to young visitors and gain behind the scenes insight into how the museum works. It is of course excellent for the CV, UCAS and future job applications

### **READING MUESUM YOUTH PANEL**

2. Work experience for students interested in Art and Drama at Norden Farm.

Calling students who are interested in Art! Norden Farm is offering 2 lucky students the opportunity to do 4 days' work experience from 8th-11th August. You will help with the summer gallery installation, assist with workshops, work alongside professional artists and lead your own art workshop to local children and their families. Find out more and apply:

# NORDEN FARM YOUNG LEADERSHIP SCHEME









### **CLIMATE HUSTINGS**

Candidates for the local council elections in May - a Conservative, Green, Independent and Liberal Democrat – recently took questions from a live audience in this 'Question Time' style hustings in our Theatre. Arranged by the local Climate Emergency Coalition and presented by Peter Gibbs from Gardener's Question Time (pictured), speakers



gave an address on their concerns, plans for the future and answered questions on their parties' climate policies.

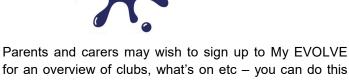


'School leaders are ambitious for the school. They enjoy positive relationships with the rest of the staff and work with them to ensure the success of the school.'

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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 as usual to see clubs/
- 2. Click 'create account' button.

SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT CLINICS
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# APPRENTICESHIPS RECRUITMENT FAIR, LANGLEY COLLEGE, 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY.

Langley College is putting on an apprenticeship recruitment fair, aimed at connecting local employers with students who may be thinking about doing an apprenticeship post-16. It is particularly aimed at Y11 students who are thinking of finding an apprenticeship for after their GCSEs, and their parents.

The event is taking place during half-term week on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May, from 10:30am-2pm, and anyone who is interested in attending can register via the QR code on the flyer attached.





# THANK YOU FOR ALL OUR 60<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATIONS SUPPORT



Thank you to everyone who supplied us with delicious cakes banners, balloons and more for our 60th anniversary. This delicious cake was given to us by Wayne Dixon, our CCIS – thank you Wayne!



