

Weekly Update: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017

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## NEXT WEEK (WEEK 2) FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Spring Concert (7.30pm - 9.30pm)



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### SUMMER TERM SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

An updated school clubs list can now be found on our website. Please follow the link below for full details.

[SCHOOL CLUBS LIST](#)

### FOUND - WEDDING RING

Please ring Mrs Johnstone on 01628 625308 ext 347 for further details.

### SPRING CONCERT

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

Tickets are now available for this event on our website. Please click the link below for full details about the School Spring concert on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017.

We look forward to seeing you there.

[BOOK TICKETS](#)



## SCHOOL NEWS

### SCHOOL TRIPS OVER EASTER

This Easter Furze Platt offered two exciting trips that took place abroad. The first was our annual Ski trip, open to all students from Year 8 upwards. The second, to the stunning natural landscapes of Iceland, was linked to the GCSE/A2 geography course.

#### La Thuile, Ski trip

*"I have instructed a lot of schools over many years and I don't know what you do differently with them at Furze Platt, but this group has been one of the most collegiate, caring and enjoyable bunch of kids that I have had the pleasure of spending a week with"*

Ski Instructor

With fantastic weather throughout our stay, the cloudless sky and perfect visibility made for great conditions for skiing and snowboarding, as well as enjoying the beautiful scenery of the Alps.

It has been great to see the progress that everyone has been making, with all of our 43 students pushing themselves to the next level. Their instructors have been full of praise - and their progress has been notable, none more so than for our beginner skiers and boarders. Seeing some of them, you would not have known that it was their first time skiing.



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As the week progressed it was great to see new friendships develop and a real sense of teamwork in each of the groups - everyone has been helping each other along. This, combined with some lovely snow on lots of the runs has really speeded up everyone's progress.

Other than the exemplary behaviour of all our students and in particular our Sixth Formers who showed leadership and care for their younger counterparts, what was also noteworthy was the number of instructors who personally sought out the teachers to tell us just how great your sons and daughters were, and what a pleasure they had been to instruct over the week.

*"I don't know what culture you produce at Furze Platt but it's quite something"*

Ski Instructor



[SKI TRIP PHOTO GALLERY](#)

## ICELAND

Many students (and staff) found it very hard to leave the UK on the Sunday to leave for Iceland, especially with the weather being forecast to 23 degrees and sun! However, after a flight over amazing scenery, we arrived in Iceland where, despite the 22 degree drop in temperature, we were all extremely excited by the forthcoming days of exploration. With 5 staff and 41 students travelling around airports, hotels and landmarks, we managed to pack in a lot during our few days in the land of ice and fire. This included a chance for the students to stand between two tectonic plates at the Bridge between Continents, walking with Eurasian plate on the left and North American on the right. To make it extra special it started to snow there too. In the next few days we also saw the Black Sand Beach on the south shore with its giant basalt columns and experienced some bitterly cold winds. A highlight for all was the chance for us to go walking on Sólheimajökull Glacier, kitted out with crampons, ice picks and helmets. We even had a chance to visit some of the huge picture-postcard waterfalls and walk behind them (whilst getting soaked!). Before we left Iceland, we went to Thingvillier National Park and saw the infamous geyser park. We packed lots of activities in to our visit, and it therefore it made perfect sense to enjoy a dip in the geothermally heated secret lagoon and relax a little a little before coming home.



[ICELAND TRIP PHOTO GALLERY](#)

[ICELAND TRIP VIDEO](#)

Video courtesy of Jacob Tanner, Year 9.



Hello, my name is Anna Gregory and I am one of 16 students planning to take part in an expedition to Indonesia in summer 2018. I am currently in Year 11 and I am studying for my GCSEs, my chosen subjects being Music, History and French, as well as the other main subjects. Unlike many of my fellow travellers, I do not plan on taking either Geography or Biology at A level and instead I would like to take French, History, Chemistry and the Extended Project Qualification.

I heard about this trip during one of my Biology lessons last year and it immediately grabbed my attention. I have an undeniable passion for nature and the great outdoors, which motivated me to sign up to, take part in this once in a lifetime opportunity. The idea of taking part in wildlife studies and conservation work sounded incredible and I knew then that I had to go. Out of this trip, I hope to get to know many new, interesting people and I hope to come out of it with a feeling of pride after helping the wildlife of the Indonesian rainforest and ocean. I also hope to develop my team building and leadership skills through our shared experiences in the jungle!

We are planning to spend our first week carrying out surveys on bats, birds and other animals in the Indonesian rainforest. We will also be studying different aspects of the plant life such as taking part in canopy studies. The second week will be spent doing more water-based studies. We will be learning to scuba dive in order to get a close look at the marine wildlife, which not many people get the chance to see. I feel incredibly lucky to have this opportunity.

Any trip like this requires a fair amount of money and so we as Team Indonesia have been working together to fundraise the amount. We have sold raffle tickets at many parents' evenings and washed cars at these events too. As well as this, some of us have attended the Sunday PTFA tabletop sales held at the school (one of which was held on my birthday), selling teas and coffees and even bacon sandwiches to the attendees. Our most recent fundraising effort was selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts to students. We sold around 100 doughnuts and made approximately £140.

If you would like to help or support us, we will be selling raffle tickets for £1 a ticket and we will be washing cars for £5 at the coming parents' evenings. Alternatively, you can sponsor us on our joint Just Giving page by following this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/FPSSIndonesia2018>

We would love to hear from anyone with any possible ideas about how the team could continue to raise funds for the expedition. If so, please contact either

Mr. A Molin [andrew.molin@furzeplatt.net](mailto:andrew.molin@furzeplatt.net)

Dr. M Scott [michele.scott@furzeplatt.net](mailto:michele.scott@furzeplatt.net)

If you would like to make a donation you can either do so online into account sort code 309536, account 59194168 or by writing a cheque to Furze Platt Senior School and delivering it to School Reception. In both cases please ensure that you give the reference IND18.

Thank you.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### FURZE PLATT TENNIS ACADEMY - APRIL 6 WEEK COURSES

**Starts this weekend**

The Tennis Academy starts in April for both students and parents\*

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: 9 - 10.30am for Students Age 11 - 16 (6 week course)

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April: 7-8.30pm for Adults (6 week course)

\*The courses are at a special discount offer price for Furze Platt students and parents

The booking website is [www.thamestennis.co.uk](http://www.thamestennis.co.uk) or see below for details.

**TENNIS ACADEMY DETAILS**

2017 PTFA MEETING DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> June**

Starts 7.30pm in the library, all welcome.

### Upcoming events:

- Big Quiz (No.4) tonight (food, bar and raffle available). Tickets £15 a head.
- 200 Club – only £5 per month, cash prizes available.

### Can you help?

- Two more volunteers required for our Indoor Table top sale. (Any parent who has a stall at the event and is willing to assist in the set up and set down will receive 50% off their stall fee)
- Does your company offer Match Funding? We are keen to hear from parents whose companies offer this. If you have any other ideas that may support our PTFA please do get in touch.
- For further details on any PTFA related queries please email: [jeff@iifa.co.uk](mailto:jeff@iifa.co.uk)



## REMINDERS

### NEW VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Our Governors are in the process of developing a new vision and mission statement for Furze Platt. This is a part of their work in producing a five year strategic plan for the school. To help them with this process we would be very grateful if you could spend a few moments completing the very short questionnaire which you can find at the link below.

[VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE](#)



### PROGRESS REPORTS



Please be advised that the Year 9 and 11 Progress Reports for your children are now available via our online reporting service.

The service is available either by going to our website [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com) and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools [www.go4schools.com](http://www.go4schools.com). Please click [here](#) for instructions to log on. Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at [reports@furzeplatt.net](mailto:reports@furzeplatt.net).

Mrs S Watford (M.I.S. Manager)



### CAN YOU HELP?



Our Food and Nutrition department needs chocolate tin or tub containers (pictured right). If you have any spare, please bring to Reception. Thank you.

Mrs S Crisford (Head of Food and Nutrition)



### THE PRODUCERS

Weds 26<sup>th</sup> – Sat 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Come along and see a number of Furze Platt alumni sing and dance in this fun production being held at the Desborough Theatre, Maidenhead, next week. Cast includes ex students Niven Willett, Tilly Rose Mitchell and ex Head Boy Matt Filmore.

<http://www.mmcs.biz/the-producers.html>

### CHARITY MOONWALK

13<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Mrs Bubb, PSHE Teacher, will be aiming to complete the London Moonwalk to raise money for Walk the Walk - the largest grant making breast cancer charity in the UK, with all money raised then granted to other breast cancer charities and organisations.

Mrs Bubb says: "The training is going quite well so far despite plenty of blisters and pains in my rapidly ageing legs, knees, hips, back, shoulders and neck. However, the prospect of walking the full distance overnight, with a target of a 7(ish!) hour completion time, is still daunting. If anyone would like to sponsor me, using the link below, I would be very grateful. Thank you very much."

<https://moonwalklondon2017.everydayhero.com/uk/JudithBubb>

For ages  
**9 - 14**



From  
**£95\***

**2017**

**SUMMER**

**FUN**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

**9 am to 3 pm**

# SUMMER FUN 2017

**Due to the popularity of Furze Platt's annual Summer Fun, we are delighted to announce that this year's activities will run for 3 weeks.**

This fabulous opportunity is open to all 9-14 year olds – come along and make new friends, play team games, interact positively with younger and older students and learn from our qualified instructors. For children in their last years at junior schools, being on site can help with the transition to secondary school and for all younger people, a chance to polish their leadership skills and have lots of fun!

## Weeks 1 and 2

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July and  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

### Summer Sports and Activities

We are offering a huge range of sports and activities every day plus each week you can enjoy a fantastic water day on the lake\*

Including: Fencing, Raft Building, Hockey, Team Games, Basketball, Swimming, Football, Kayaking, Athletics, Softball, Badminton, Capture the Flag, Table Tennis, Paddle Boarding, Netball, Rounders and much more!

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**£95** per person per week  
(no water day included)

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**£130** per person per week  
(water day included)

\*please note: there are limited numbers for water activities

## Week 3

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

### Furze Platt's Summer Sketch Show Extravaganza

Spend a week with us and let your imagination soar. Over the week, you will have the chance to write, learn and rehearse sketches specifically designed for young performers. Supported by older students who will provide lighting, sound and all technical elements, as well as experienced Drama staff, no experience is necessary to take part. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop performance skills, as well as having a lot of fun!

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**£95** per person per week

There is no water day during the Sketch Show week as there will be a performance on the Friday.

**CLICK HERE TO BOOK**

To book, please complete the booking form online using the link above and pay online to Lloyds Bank a/c no: 42740560 sort code: 30-95-36 marked 'Summer' and your child's surname. Participants will need to bring appropriate clothing and a packed lunch. Concessions available.

**For more information please e-mail [media@furzeplatt.net](mailto:media@furzeplatt.net) or call Catherine Johnstone on 01628 625308 ext 347.**

# THE BIG QUIZ



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## Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017

7.30pm - 10.30pm

At Furze Platt Senior School in the Main Hall

Featuring music, trivia, and picture questions as well as two 'team challenges'.



per person



people per table

But you can book in any numbers from 1-7 and we'll find teams for you.



Giant Pan Catering from  
**Ashridge Delicious**  
Paella, Tartiflette, Champignons  
Forestiere and Cassoulet



bar & prize raffle

### Booking Details:

Account Number: 64289788, Sort Code: 60-13-35,

Account Name: Furze Platt School PTFA

Reference: Parent's initial & surname and number of tickets (e.g J Lloyd x 4)

Please also email your ticket request to the treasurers at [jeff@iifa.co.uk](mailto:jeff@iifa.co.uk).

We will confirm receipt. No tickets will be issued.

For payment by cheque, please email [jeff@iifa.co.uk](mailto:jeff@iifa.co.uk) to order tickets and hand cheque in to FPSS Reception (PTFA drawer).



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