

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #74.5



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Open Events

An enormous thank you to all members of our community who supported our Open Evening on Thursday. It was tremendous to tour the school visiting staff and students who are such amazing advocates for FPSS.



We had numerous compliments, particularly for the way our students were so articulate and helpful with our guests. Our students really lived our school values supporting each other to demonstrate how we ACHIEVE excellence.

VIEW OUR NEW MAIN SCHOOL PROSPECTUS 2024



SCHOOL PROSPECTUS 2024

Visits Next Week

I am sure that our Year 7s are all looking forward to Longridge next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The days offer the chance to further build relationships between our young people and with staff at the start of students' FPSS careers. I am looking forward to popping along and hope that students massively enjoy participating in an array of activities.

Take care,

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Week (Week 2)

ALL EVENTS

MON 7 - SAT 19 OCTOBER	Inter-House Sports Weeks	8am - 12pm
MON 7 OCTOBER	Year 13 Biology Fieldtrip - Woolly Firs	
WED 9 OCTOBER	Preparing to Succeed in Year 8 Evening Year 7 Teambuilding - Longridge Day 1 PTFA Meeting in the Library (All Welcome)	6.15pm - 7.15pm 8.30-9.30pm
THU 10 OCTOBER	Year 7 Teambuilding - Longridge Day 2	
FRI 11 OCTOBER	Year 7 Teambuilding - Longridge Day 3	

Forthcoming Events

WED 16 OCTOBER	KS4 & KS5 Form Tutor Parents' Consultation Evening	4pm - 7pm
THU 17 OCTOBER	KS3 Form Tutor Parents' Consultation Evening	4pm - 7pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES



YEARS 8 AND 9 A2L REPORTS

The above 'Attitude to Learning' 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.

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

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

VIEW REPORT

GUIDANCE TO GRADING



Open Morning School Tours
Tours at 9.05am & 10.05am on the following dates:
Mon 7th, Mon 14th, Tues 15th, Mon 21st & Tue 22nd Oct

SEN Specific Tours at 9.30am on:
Tues 15th & Wed 23rd Oct

Please call **01628 625308**
to book a tour

office@furzeplatt.com | www.furzeplatt.com



All absences must be reported before 08.45am. Absences need to be reported daily in line with our attendance policy.

Please ensure that you seek medical advice if you have any concerns about your child's health. If you have any questions, please contact – medical.officer@furzeplatt.net



National Teaching Assistants' Day

We ♥ Teaching Assistants



EVERY DAY COUNTS

THANK YOU TO OUR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Students made delicious homemade cakes last week, as a token of our collective thanks. Thank you to our Teaching Assistants, your hard work and commitment truly make a difference every day!

DO I NEED TO KEEP MY CHILD OFF SCHOOL?

Coughs, colds, sore throats and flu-like illness

Students can attend school with coughs and colds and the above symptoms. Pain medication can be bought into school with a signed medical consent form.

[MEDICATION CONSENT FORM](#)

Covid 19

If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough and feels well enough, they can attend.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children should not attend school until 24 hours after the symptoms have stopped.

School anxiety

It is normal for children to feel a little anxious sometimes. They may get a tummy ache or headache or have problems eating or sleeping. If your child is experiencing school anxiety, please contact the school as soon as possible to discuss.

Reporting absences

If your child is unable to attend school, please use Class charts to report the absence. We are unable to accept 'unwell/poorly' or 'not feeling well'. Please give specific details when reporting.



PERFORMING ARTS NEWS



A Drama workshop took place on Tuesday with the Paper Birds Theatre Company. They worked with three different groups in Years 10-13. In the workshop they explored the company's methodology and encouraged the students to practice using verbatim storytelling to create dynamic and interesting work!



Plus - early rehearsals of this year's musical, Oliver! Rehearsals are going well, students are commuted and enjoying the classic songs.



**ACTIVATE
LEARNING**



Activate Learning have planned webinars they will be holding for parents giving an overview of some general post 16 options and information.

These are scheduled for the 3rd and the 10th of October between 6pm and 6.45pm and will be held on Teams.

Parents (or anyone who may like to attend) – can register their interest and receive joining instructions by registering on one of the links below: -

3RD OCTOBER 2024 WEBINAR

10TH OCTOBER 2024 WEBINAR

Kind Regards
Miss D Carty

BASKETBALL WINNING TEAM

Brilliant result from our U16 Basketball team, beating Cox Green 41-31 in a thrilling game!



YEAR 8 PREPARING TO SUCCEED EVENING

Next week on Thursday 10th October we are holding our Year 8 Preparing to Succeed evening from 6.15pm until 7.00pm in the Theatre. Please arrive no sooner than 6.05pm and ready for a prompt start at 6.15pm. At this event, Mr Corbett (Head of Progress Year 8) and I will present a number of strategies to enable success in Year 8 and beyond.

There will be guidance and tips on:

- Effective learning habits
- Communication
- Curriculum - inside and outside the classroom
- A taste of GCSE options
- Home learning and revision techniques
- The intended audience is parents and carers, but we understand that some children may need to come due to childcare difficulties.

We look forward to seeing you next Thursday.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Andrew Wyles (Assistant Headteacher Key Stage 3)

Mr Ben Corbett (Head of Progress)



ARTIST REACTION

We received a lovely response from Sarah Cox, whose artwork inspired our student's latest creations. Keep up the great work!



TERM 1 CLUBS (SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER HALF TERM 2024)

Clubs for Term 1 2024-25 (September - October half term) invitations from Evolve were sent out on Friday 6th September 2024.

Full details about our school clubs and academic support clinics can be found on our website under 'News & Events', 'School Clubs'. A quick link to this webpage can be accessed through the link below.

SCHOOL CLUBS WEBPAGE

INFINITY CLUB	SCIENCE CLUB	ROCKSTARS JUNIORS	SUPERVISED STUDY
DEBATE CLUB	WORKSHOP CLUB	GARDENING CLUB	FITNESS CLUB

LANGUAGES WEEK 2024: TEACHER COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following teachers who students voted for as the winners of the Languages Week Teacher Competition for having impressed them the most with their use of different languages throughout the week!

Mr Colmer (Eagle House)

Mrs Hawkins (Hawk House)

Mr Langenhoven (Falcon House)

Mr Sankey (Hawk House)



LANGUAGES WEEK 2024 - INTERNATIONAL BAKE OFF

Congratulations to our star bakers. Take a look at the wonderful selection of internationally themed baking they produced.

Year 7

Star Baker – Signature
Cinnamon Rolls
Mattie Kinrade

Year 7

Star Baker - Technical
Baked Alaska
Tilly Savage



Year 7

Star Baker – Showstopper
Pakistan Sponge Cake
Ayaan Shabir

Year 8

Star Baker
Moroccan Bastilla
Marwan Farhi



Year 9

Star Baker
Pepperoni Pizza Cake
Zach Thrift

Year 10

Star Baker
Czech Bábovka
Louise Lidgate



Collaboration Category

Star Bakers

Polish Ptysie

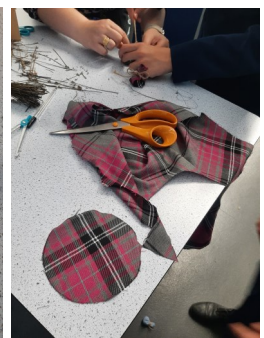
Nickolas Wojciechowski & Liliana Wojciechowska



GARDENING CLUB



Gardening club never stops due to the weather. On a rainy afternoon we used our dried lavender to make perfect little scent bags. Gardening club meets every Tuesday after school. All year groups welcome. Volunteering with us can be used as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.





WE ARE HIRING

Join Our Talent Pool

Let us know you are interested in working with us by joining our Talent Pool.

[FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL TALENT POOL](#)

Exam Invigilators - Casual

EDVI/2024/FPSS/26770



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🕒 Casual Contract | N/A

💷 £14.15 Hourly

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Contact us Email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

facebook.com/fpssptfa Website: [click here to access](#)

[JOIN OUR PTFA!](#)

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Friends

Thank you to everybody who has already emailed volunteering to help the PTFA - we will be back in touch again shortly.

We don't need anybody to make a huge time commitment but if you are able to help in any small way or have ideas or suggestions then please do contact us.



Right now we would particularly like to have a 200 Club coordinator. You would be running one of our biggest fundraisers but it's a very light touch role which can be

done entirely from home and takes probably an hour a month working on a computer, with extra little flurries of activity around the time of the quarterly draws (the nice bit of telling people they've just won £200). We would love to hear from you if this is something you would be interested in.

The next draw for the 200 Club will be at our meeting on Wednesday 9th October. Please note last date to sign up is Sunday 6th October. Everybody who signs up by then will go in the draw.

Please email us at ptfa@furzeplatt.net. Or drop us a message through our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/fpssptfa>.

Please consider joining the 200 Club as an easy way of supporting the school. For £5 a month, you can purchase a number which will be entered into our quarterly draw and gives you the chance to win £200. Tax-free! Please sign up using the link below:

[JOIN OUR 200 CLUB](#)



We are registered with Easyfundraising.org to receive online donations when you access your favourite online retailers via Easyfundraising. Doesn't cost you anything and is literally free money for us. Sign up or re-direct your current causes to us on the link below:

[HTTPS://WWW.EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

[EASYFUNDRAISING: FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)

We would also love to receive your donations of clean, saleable uniform which your children have outgrown - please leave them in the crates in school reception.



PTFA Meeting in the Library

Wednesday 9th October 8.30-9pm (all welcome)

Diary date - we are planning our first PTFA meeting of the year, and the first 200 Club draw - for the evening of **Wednesday 9th October**. We would love to see you there.

Best wishes

Your PTFA



Elevate Education's Autumn Term

Parent Webinar Series

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated

17th September 6:00pm

How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time

1st October 6:00pm

How You Can Help Your Child Set Up for Success in Exams

15th October 6:00pm

How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory

19th November 6:00pm

How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child

3rd December 6:00pm

How You Can Help Your Child Alleviate Stress

17th December 6:00pm

Register today at: <https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukschoolwebinar>