



# FOCUS ON FARRINGTONS

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## Remembrance Service



The whole School came together on Friday 11th November to mark the special occasion of Remembrance Day.

Special hymns, readings and the playing of the 'Last Post' and 'Reveille' by Musn Jack Beer from the Bank of the Coldstream Guards on trumpet all contributed to making this a memorable event.

We were delighted to welcome residents from the Prince George Duke of Kent Care Home pictured below with Musn Jack Beer.



## December Snow



## Christmas Shopping



Thank you to the Farringtons Parents' Association for organising the Junior School Christmas Gift Room Event. The children excitedly chose their presents, all ready to take home and give to a loved one ready for Christmas.

## Christmas Lunch



Year 7 enjoying Christmas lunch.

## Carol Singing at Falkner House Residential Home



Senior School Choir entertaining the residents.

## Sapientiam Talks



Our Sapientiam Talks have commenced again this year! Many thanks to Denise Maxwell for coming in to speak to the students about being a professional photographer. The students were very engaged and enjoyed the presentation.



Brilliant Sapientiam talk from the Reverend Cathy Knight, vicar at St John's Church in Sidcup. Students enjoyed her inspiring talk 'To infinity and beyond', about the size of the universe. Reverend Knight is a specialist in philosophy and holds a degree in astrophysics.

# FPA Christmas Market



A huge thank you to the Farringtons Parents' Association for the fantastic Christmas Market at the end of November.

It was wonderful to have everyone on site enjoying the treats, performances and activities on offer.

Thank you to everyone who helped or supported to make the event such a success.

## Year 6 Girls Football

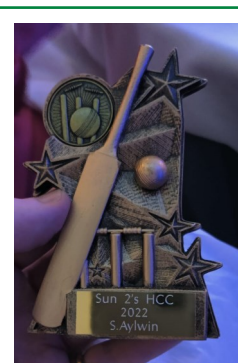


Well done to our Year 6 Girls Football squad who participated in the U11 Bromley High School Football Tournament! A really exhilarating event!

## Cross Country



The wet weather didn't stop our Cross Country competition. Here are some of Year 3 pupils getting ready before the race. We were thrilled to come second against some tough competition!



Congratulations to Sam Aylwin for winning the Player of the Season Cup for his Sunday Second Cricket Team.

## Designer Musical Instruments



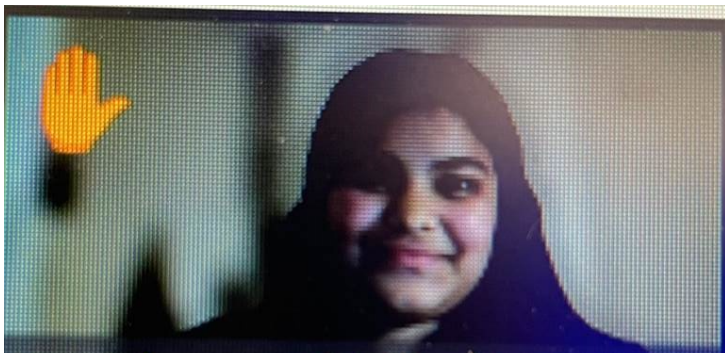
Year 4 had a science homework task to use household equipment to design a musical instrument. Pupils then explained to their peers in class how they constructed the instrument and how it worked. The finished products were amazing!

## Budding Musicians



A musical extravaganza in Celebration Assembly with Year 3 performing to the whole school on the instruments that they have been learning in their lessons: violins, 'doods' and the 'P-trumpets'. Wonderful to see such enthusiasm and budding talent!

## Sixth Form Public Speaking



This year our students were invited for the first time to take part in the fledgling East of England ESU Sixth Form Public Speaking Competition. The competition takes part on line, and is gradually being rolled out further each year, with students from Kent, Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire all taking part this term.

Our fabulous Sixth Form speakers, Reem and Sanchana, both progressed to the second round, in which they performed with great passion and intellect. We were thrilled that Sanchana qualified for the Final, in which she took on future captains of industry and quite possibly a future Prime Minister! Her speech 'The NHS – still our saviour or a massive mistake?' was flawless and eloquently demonstrated both her desire to retain this great British Institution and the problems therein.

Well done to you both!

Mrs Denman, Head of Debate

## Cross Country



Congratulations to Ava (above left) in Year 5 who finished first at the Farringtons Annual Cross Country on Friday 2nd December and third in the Bromley Schools Cross country Event.

At the Farringtons annual Cross Country Event, Emma in Year 4 finished first gaining a gold medal.

Isabella (above right) and Nicole finished 2nd in the Year 6 race.

Christopher, Year 3 and Jude, Year 4 gained bronze.

Farringtons finished 2nd against tough opposition of Merton Court, St Dunstan's and St Christopher's with Colfe's winning overall.

Head of Junior PE

## FPA Fireworks Night



For the second year running, our fabulous Fireworks Display sold out!

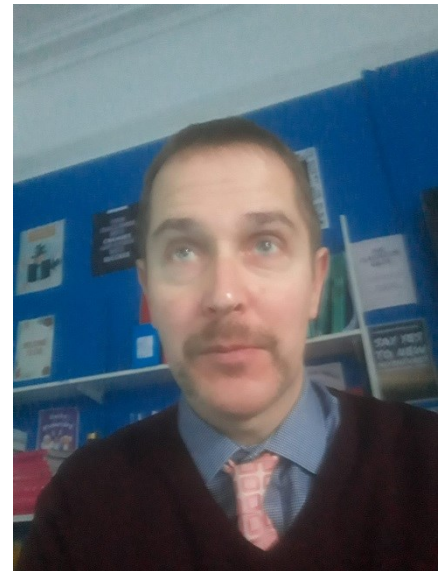
Thank you to the Farringtons Parents' Association for organising this event and to everyone who supported it!

## Visit to Unicorn theatre

Year 3 have had a brilliant time at the Unicorn Theatre in London watching the much-loved classic tale, 'Pinocchio'. They also managed to squeeze in some sightseeing!



## 'Movember'



During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men's faces in the UK, the aim of which is to raise vital funds and awareness for men's physical and mental health. In the VI Form we have been learning about the importance of self-checking for testicular cancer, the most common cancer in young men, and the appalling statistics of suicide in this age group. Suicide is the number one cause of death in men under 45 in the UK and we have been thinking about how to be a "man of more words", supporting each other and really listening.

Mr Scowen grew a formidable moustache! Sadly, he has now shaved for December, but we thought you might like to see a photograph of his efforts.

Ms Jackson, Head of Sixth Form

## Visitor to Pet Protectors



## Visit to National Gallery



Reception class had an amazing time visiting the National Gallery and participating in an interactive workshop based on St George and the Dragon. They were able to see paintings come to life through story telling. We clearly have some budding artists!

## Women in Leadership



Women in Leadership webinar.  
Zoom live webinar with inspiring women in the workplace



Friday  
2 December  
10:15-11:15am

[literacytrust.org.uk/events/women-in-leadership-webinar](https://literacytrust.org.uk/events/women-in-leadership-webinar)

On Friday 2nd December, a selection of Year 12 girls attended a webinar about 'Women in Leadership' from science to cyber security, thanks to Ms Jackson who organised it for us.

We found it very interesting to hear about how creative STEM careers can be, during

the working day it's not just all about answering emails but also about reflecting, thinking, innovating and collaborating on different projects. We also learnt that reflecting on what hasn't worked for you is just as important as reviewing all the things that went right. Reviewing our skills is something that women should try to do more positively as often, women stay too modest when it comes to their achievements when men aren't. This leads to less women achieving higher paid and bigger jobs which creates an unfair divide. So overall we were very inspired by the talk and learnt a lot which encourages us to try our best and remember that gender won't make a difference when it comes to skill in the workplace.

By Amy Roberts, Kathryn Moy and Rianna Reeve

## Year 11 Print Making



## British Film Institute

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of December we went to the BFI at Southbank. It was great to go into London for the day and have the experience of a film day at the BFI with other French A Level students. We learnt about different types of cinema and specifically the impact of French cinema on global cinema and vice versa. We particularly focused on new wave cinema and learnt about the beginning of more realistic and naturalistic acting as well as the new types of filming such as hand held camera giving the impression of a documentary style film. We did this through examining certain cult classic French cinema and important scenes from those films such as Amelie, in which colours are a focus of the film to represent a fairy-tale like world as well as filming in Mont Martre to give a sense of idealistic old Paris. We finished the experience by watching a film called 'Entre les murs' which was filmed to imitate a documentary and used non actors to portray the role to give a sense of realism. It was a great day and we learnt a lot about the importance of French cinema in French society and the world as well as being able to listen to other French speakers.

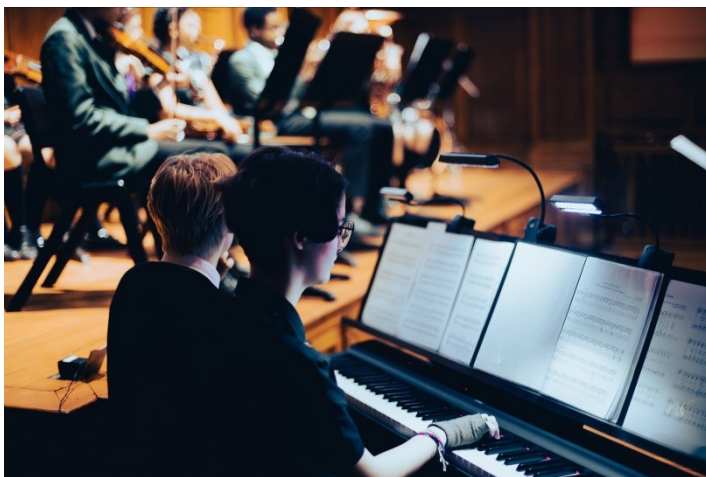
Emily Burton, Year 12

## Performing Arts Showcase

# Winter WONDERLAND

On 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022, Ferens Hall was transformed into a wonderful festive space for a Creative and Performing Arts Showcase. Senior School students were joined by the Junior School Choir to perform a variety of pieces demonstrating their dance, drama and musical skills. All the students involved were superb and I look forward to the next event which will be the School Production of Matilda in February 2022.

Miss Warburton



## House Captain Report

At the beginning of term the Heads of Houses asked for applications for the new Year 12 House Captain roles, and received a great response. Applicants were initially asked to complete a form, which included questions about why we would like to apply for the position, what we thought we could add to the role, why we felt we were suitable candidates, and finally our ideas for events and competitions we would like to run as House Captain.

After the application forms had been assessed by the Heads of Houses, they narrowed it down and asked the shortlisted candidates to attend an interview. The interview panel consisted of the Heads of Houses who asked us about our strengths and weaknesses, how we contribute to school life, and again, what we can bring to the role.

The new House Captains were announced in the last assembly before breaking up for half term. For Fisher House, the House Captain is Nicki Kardel, for Hatton House, the successful candidate is Archie Whitehead, for Wilson House it's Isaac Lambert, and for Davies House it's Heidi Ackland.

Being House Captain involves representing not only your House, but also your year. As part of this role we seek to be role models for students in younger years, and encourage people to take our place next year. However, we of course also aim to increase competition and activity within and between our Houses by coming up with new ideas, implementing them and ensuring their smooth running, and taking part.

We had our first House Competition on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, which proved to be a great success. In honour of Bonfire Night the competition was firework face-painting and it took place during lunch time. What began with a slow start suddenly took off and many students, especially from Years 7 and 8, came to join in. We had a huge range of people from all the Houses, making the competition fierce.

The clock was set for fifteen minutes, and in this time the competitors had to paint a firework related theme on each other's faces. Even some teachers like Ms Evans and Miss Warburton joined in! Once the time was up, the other House Captains and I had to judge and decide on a winner. It was very

difficult to choose as there were so many great designs! But we decided that the winners had to be Zara, Eloise, Belle and Fleur.

This was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for not just the students taking part, but also for us as House Captains. We are all looking forward to the next competition!

Being chosen for the House Captain role is something we are proud of, and it's giving us all a chance to really get involved and deliver some exciting projects for the school. We know each other well and are enjoying working together as a group. We can't wait to see what this year brings!

House Captains

### Bromley Rotary Awards

Farringtons School is pleased to Captain announce winning awards for our Floreat volunteering projects recognised by Bromley Rotary Club:

Care in the Community (MMA)

- Millie Choi
- Lilly Egan
- Eleanor Lovett
- Bethan Pritchard
- Sofia Wilson

Sage Volunteering Project (PSC)

- Talia Moore
- Matthew Neal
- Chloe Samuel
- Olivia Taylor
- Megan Tomlin

Kristian Guise - Commendation

## BEBRAS Challenge 2022



Congratulations to all 139 students who took part in the Bebras Computing Challenge this year, either at school or at home. There were a total of 33 Distinctions and 6 Best in School certificates for their age group. The students below also received a Gold award for coming in the top 10% in the country and are now invited to participate in the OUCC (Oxford University Computing Challenge) Round 1 between 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Juniors (10-12)

Zoe-Leigh Goldhawk, Year 7

Inters (12-14)

Christopher McMahan, Year 8

Inters (12-14)

Kaya Bayram, Year 8

Inters (12-14)

Leonardo Bouton, Year 8

Inters (12-14)

Zachary Grant, Year 9

Seniors (14-16)

Kieran Gallagher, Year 11

Seniors (14-16)

Toby Rippingale, Year 11

Seniors (14-16)

Saif Wasim, Year 11

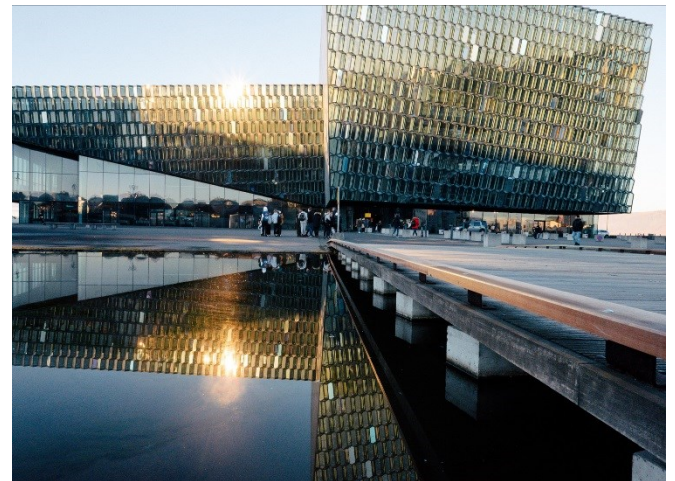
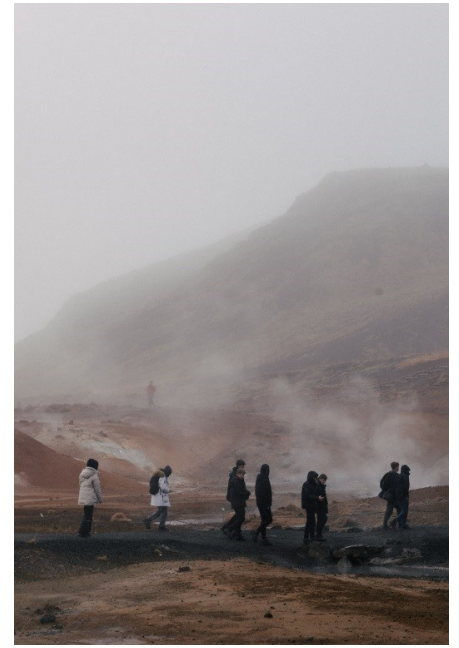
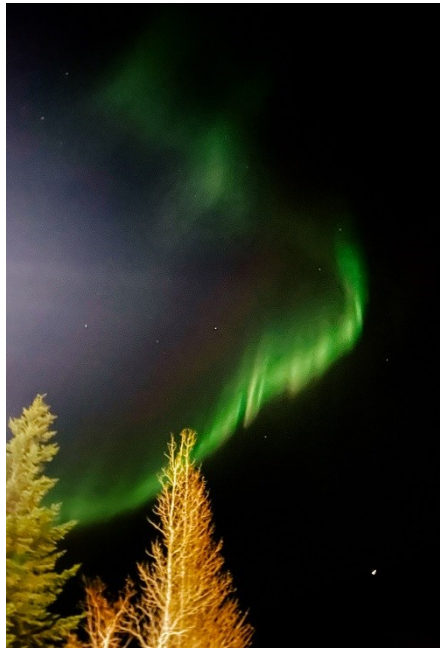
Seniors (14-16)

Stefan Lungu, Year 11

Mrs Williamson, Computing Teacher



# The Land of Ice and Fire



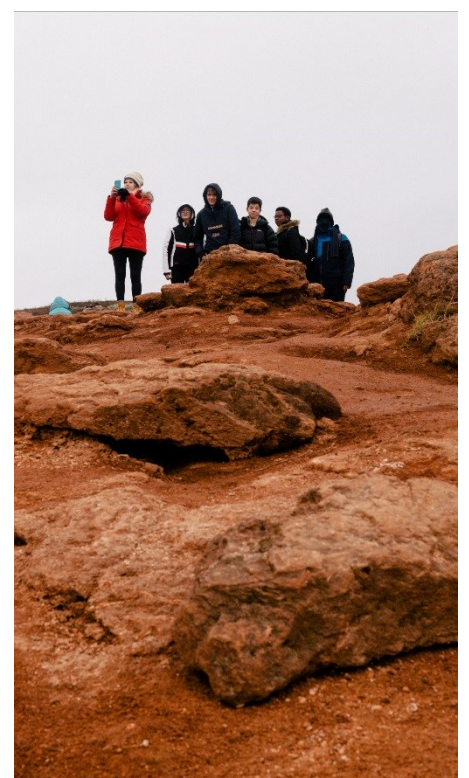
The 2022 Farringtons school adventure to Iceland was a tremendous success. The students and staff alike had a great trip and one they will no doubt remember for a long time. The trip provided an opportunity to swim in the Blue Lagoon, walk behind, right up to and above some major waterfalls, nothing like what we have on offer in the UK. We witnessed the eruption of the world famous Geyser and even managed to visit the lava fields from the 2021 Fagradalsfjall Volcano on the Reykjanes Peninsula.

We also saw first hand the power of the earth at the geothermal power plant and saw the necessity to use this type of power to save humanity from the extremes of climate change upon visiting the Sólheimajökul Glacier. Over my 17 years of experiencing this country on several occasions I have personally witnessed the ablation of glacial ice here.

We were incredibly lucky to see the Northern Lights directly above the hotel on one evening and with an array of budding photographers and filmography enthusiasts on board we have captured this and many other moments for life.

We ended the tour with my traditional awards ceremony where we highlight and praise all the other fun events that happened that don't exactly fit into any category of the Geography textbook.

An excellent trip all round and one that I am certain will be talked about for many years to come.



## Paris Trip

The Sixth Form Paris trip had a rainy, but beautiful start. Speeding on the Eurostar to Paris with a whole carriage to ourselves catching up on news and excitedly discussing the many famous landmarks we would see on the trip.

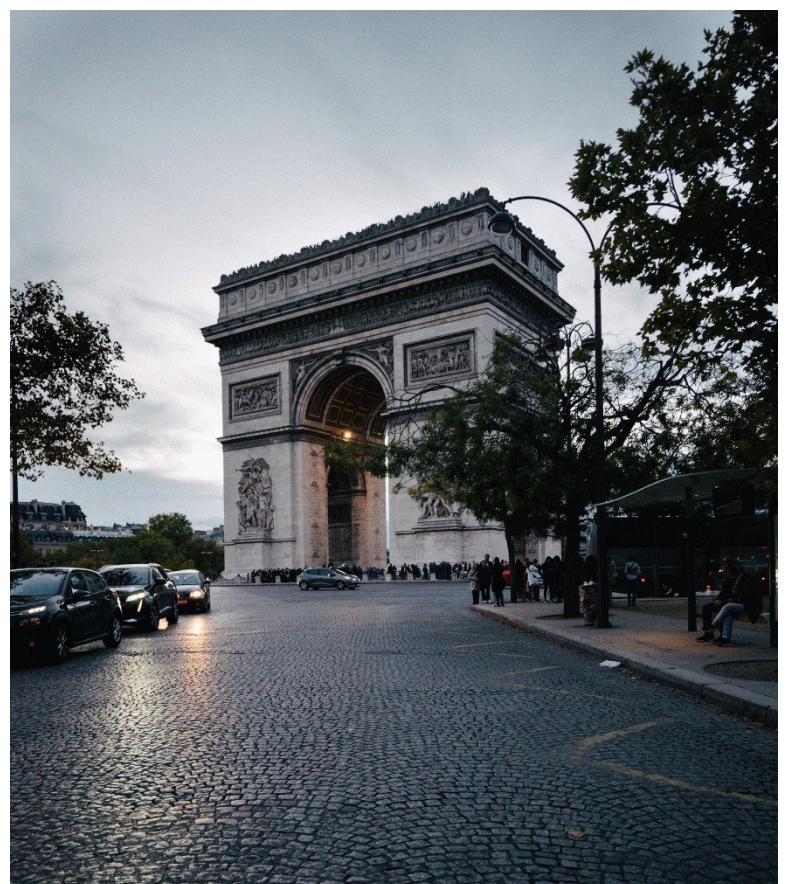
On our first day, after dropping off our bags we all headed to the local area to have a quick lunch. The first place we went to was 'La Tour Montparnasse' which was a 210-metre-tall tower where we could see all of Paris, all the straight streets, the Eiffel Tower and even the fire damaged Notre Dame.

The next day was by far the day with the most walking. After an early breakfast we hopped on the metro and visited the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre (and saw the Mona Lisa!), a Photography Museum and trekked up the Champs-Élysées to take pictures near the Arc de Triomphe.

Our third day kicked off with a 3D experience showing all the hidden gems of the city and then visiting the Centre Pompidou where they had hung a painting upside down for more than 70 years! We then embarked on a long walk to the Paris Latin Quarter where nearly all of us had kebabs in the many tiny shops there. After lunch, we were booked to go for a cruise on a 'Bateau Mouche' on the Seine where the extremely knowledgeable guide pointed out all the historic sights. We then chose to go for a night-time viewing of La Tour Eiffel and we were lucky enough to catch the gorgeous twinkling lights and take lots of pictures!

Our final day in Paris was bittersweet and the weather certainly reflected our feelings. The rainy day in high-altitude Montmartre meant that we were soaked through, but I think I can say for all of us that despite this, the view from up there was worth it! All those steps with our heavy bags however meant that it was a strenuous climb. The way back to London gave us an opportunity to rest and discuss our plans for the rest of the half term, and of course share the thousands of photos that we had taken!

Sanchana Hiththatiyage, Year 13



# Eco Environment

## Year 7 Floreat - Eco Environment Group

Eco Environment has been great! It has taught us all how to protect the planet and the animals like birds, squirrels and foxes. We have done so many great activities this term.

### Helping the birds

We learnt how to make homes and food for the wildlife and animals we find in our garden. We went outside and made fat balls for the birds to eat made of lard, seeds and meal worms. After making them, we hung them up in the trees for the birds to feast on.

### Gift boxes

We made gift boxes for children who don't have much this Christmas. We were asked to bring in some empty shoe boxes and then we filled them with soaps, brushes, a face cloth, a pencil case filled with some pens and pencils and some warm clothing. The lids of the boxes were covered in bright wrapping paper and the boxes have now been sent to those who are experiencing a war or poverty this Christmas.

### Christmas decorations

This year, many people are buying Christmas trees. However, they are not always natural trees and can be made of plastic. They are often decorated with plastic baubles or covered in glitter. In Eco Environment we learnt how to make our own decorations. We used a pinecone, string and a ribbon. This encouraged me to make some myself at home. This was great fun!

### Recycling

One week we cleaned out some large metal tins and covered them with labels with the Terracycle logo on them. Terracycle is a company that recycles items such as pens, highlighters and biro's. There is now a Terracycle tin in every classroom so when our pens run out, we can put them in the tin and not in the bin and they will be sent off for recycling – maybe into another pen!

### Litter picking

We were given litter picking sticks and went around collecting any rubbish that was on the field and putting it into a bag to be thrown away properly. We also found some litter that had been blown by the wind into the bushes. It was our job to get it out of the bushes and put it back where it belongs – in the bin! It was a good opportunity to go round and do some litter picking and it inspired us to think of ways to remind students to put their litter in the bins around school so that we can enjoy our beautiful grounds and a clean environment.

### Overall

Eco Environment has been so great and I have made so many things that are from natural resources! I loved eco environment and I would definitely recommend making something that would normally be made out of plastic or something you can't recycle and creating something handmade!

Eloise Norman Year 7 Fisher House



## Sponge The Teacher



Congratulations to the teachers who were brave enough to volunteer for 'Sponge the Teacher'!

Many, many students paid their donation to throw a wet sponge at the 'volunteers'.

It was all in a great cause, raising money for former pupil Dominic Blake's charity for Cancer Research.

## Rest in Peace 'Johnny' Johnson

Rest in Peace George Leonard 'Johnny' Johnson, the last surviving Dambuster who was guest of honour at our 2018 Remembrance Service. Our condolences to his family.



## #I Love Boarding



Our boarders had great fun visiting Greenwich this weekend while visiting the market and the park.



Boarders enjoying one of their many evening and weekend activities!

## Greek Labyrinths



Year 5 are studying the Ancient Greeks and have been busy creating their own labyrinths. Cross curricular learning in action : D&T and History! Well done Daniel and Dhiren.

## Mathematics Challenge

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust Challenge.

### Senior Mathematics Bronze Certificates

- Rianna Reeve
- Andrew Ng
- Stacey Ku
- Isabella Freeman
- Maria Malkowska

**Bronze and Best in Year**  
Chidubem Emenike

**Silver and Best in School**  
Sanjana Hiththathiyage

### Mathematical Olympiad Certificates of Merit

- Helena Cvjetan
- Sofia Wilson

# Senior Sports Round Up

## Senior Boys Football

It has been a very successful first term in the Senior School for boys football, with several age groups working their way through several rounds of cup competitions including ISFA, ESFA and Kent. Our Senior 1<sup>st</sup> XI are currently unbeaten in the league and pushing for the title as we come back in the new year, facing opposition from Beths Grammar School who also have their eye on the prize.

A big well done to our Year 7 Boys who successfully reached the Quarter-Finals of the Kent Cup, narrowly losing to a very strong Ravenswood team. Mr Everson has been really impressed with how the team has come together and gelled in the relatively short period since September. Our U16 boys go from strength to strength with several cup competitions still running and we look forward to a busy January when we return.

Several different age groups have represented the school on Saturday mornings against Lingfield College and Westminster Under School respectively. A big well done to those that played, as some great games were had by all.

As January looms, we welcome the beginning of the Society of Heads and Bromley Cup competitions with several ages competing in the quest for silverware. For now though, a well earned break to all of our pupils before fixtures start again in the new year.

Mr Doherty, Assistant Director of Sport

## Netball Mid-Season Review

It has been a prosperous term for Netball at Farringtons School. The commitment to early morning training and the energy to learn and develop their tactical knowledge in Games has been fantastic from the girls. Having numerous matches for all year groups, there has been success throughout the school.

In the U12-U15 A teams, the girls have managed to avoid conceding any matches this term. The highlights include:

- U15As

13-8 win against Babington House

11-6 win against Charles Darwin

- U14As

9-3 win against Eden Park High

8-1 win against Bullers Wood

- U13As

17-1 win against Eltham College B

With regards to the senior teams, U16-U19 had a successful result against Eltham College, winning two out of three matches during their Games afternoon.

We are incredibly impressed with the girls' performance and commitment in Netball and look forward to continuing the season after the Christmas Break.

Miss Farrant

## Year 8 Basketball

It's no surprise to see the Sports Hall bouncing at lunchtime full of Year 8's with a basketball in their hands, perfecting their lay-ups or jump shots, and it is fantastic to see. Basketball Club on Tuesday nights is always very well attended and from that, we decided to enter the West Kent Basketball League. Each Thursday for the last six weeks we have played a range of schools, performing very well in a number of games. As it stands we have won three, lost two and drawn one game, with last weeks 32-0 win over Hayesbrook School in Tonbridge, the stand out performance.

Every single player has improved hugely over the course of the term and they have all been a delight to coach. I'm looking forward to seeing some more quality basketball in the new year!

Mr Everson

## Girls Football Mid-Season Review

It has been another successful start to the girls football at Farringtons School. The girls have continued to show commitment to both fixtures and training. With between forty to sixty girls regularly turning up to Monday night training and thirty fixtures played, the girls have continued to improve their skills, knowledge and results.

The highlights so far:

- U12s have created a new team and have used training during Floreat to prepare for next term's fixtures.
- U13s did amazingly well to reach the last 64 in the English Schools Competition
- U14 girls also reached the final 64 schools in the English Schools Competition. On the way beating a team that came fourth in the country last year.
- U15's are in the last 32 teams in the English Schools Cup competition.

Senior girls have had an influx of young players that will develop next term in preparation for the next school year.

We are very proud of girls football at Farringtons. We have moved from a school that would be beaten in first rounds of cup competitions to competing with the best schools in the country.

Mrs Broughan

# Farringtons



## Features

Our latest Podcast features Mr Snowdon and pupils talking about boarding life at Farringtons.

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## Year 6 Football



On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, a team of Year 6 boys travelled to Bishop Challoner for the six-a-side tournament. Several other teams attended including St Christopher's the Hall, St David's Putney and Highfield. The boys played superbly throughout and were a credit to the school.

After some mixed results in the group stage, the boys qualified for the Plate competition, entering a new group. With 2 wins and a draw, the boys lifted the Plate trophy to be crowned champions. A big well done to all involved and to the top goal scorer, Johnny. A big thank you also to Mrs Broughan who took the team and masterminded the victory!

Mr Doherty, Assistant Director of Sport

## The Great Reindeer Dash



Pupils donned Reindeer Antlers and did their best to overcome obstacles to win the 'Reindeer Dash'.

It was great fun and raised donations for St Christopher's Hospice.



Year 5 enjoyed time in Forest School playing 'Hide and Seek' and drinking hot Chocolate!

