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Bromley Rotary Youth Awards



Congratulations to Millie, Lily, Eleanor, Bethan, Sofia, Chloe, Megan, Talia, Olivia, Mathew, Kristian and Keanu for winning awards at the Bromley Rotary club 2022-2023 Youth Awards. They have all been part of projects that help the local community.

Public Speakers Full of Confidence!

Our Public Speaking team are storming through the competition season. Following online success in round 1 of the ESU Churchill Competition, they competed against a large field of strong opposition in round 2 at Trinity School in Croydon on 31st January. As Speaker, Imogen gave a splendid recitation of 'We Lack Confidence' encouraging the audience to consider how we lack this on a personal, national and international level. Mrs Vail's expert coaching was our secret weapon! Ioana is a seasoned public speaker and makes an able Questioner, politely interrogating her speaker on the subject of Human Rights. Newcomer this year, Kristian was anchor man. He was, quite literally, head and shoulders above the competition and overcame the not inconsiderable set back that the overhead projector was shining directly in his eyes. As the Chair, his strong and direct style made sure that everyone kept to time which may have just won the day. Huge congratulations to all three in reaching the regional level of this prestigious competition - London finals here we come!

Mrs Denman, Head of Debate

Young Voices

I am a proud and committed member of the Junior School choir. I attend choir practice every Thursday evening with Mrs Coop. I like choir because you get to attend lots of concerts. Recently, we took part in the Young Voices at the O2 arena. We sang different songs such as 'Don't Worry Mashup', 'Milligantics' and 'Rockstar'. The first song we sang was 'Over the Hill'. After that, there was a DJ. With the DJ, we sang 'We are Friends'. We heard a star violinist called Ana who play 'Fur Elise'. James and I know how to play it on the piano. There were some dance people on the Nile Rodgers Disco Party songs. Sadly, Nile Rodgers himself couldn't come and dance but we danced with the dance people anyway. I liked the synth sounds in the DJ bit. We all had lights and there were 8557 children singing. Because there were lots of people at the O2, I did not get to see my parents until the end. I was tired after the performance but thrilled to have taken part and represented Farringtons School.

Ved Archarya, Year 3 Scholar

Football Success



Well done to our girls under 13's team who were 3rd place winners at the Bromley Football Club under 13's Football Tournament, beating Harris Beckenham after extra time on penalties scored by Piper and Simona.

Football Success



Congratulations to the Year 5 Girls Football Team for their victory against Colfe's School.

Game Bird Demonstration



On Wednesday 25th January, Year 10 student Sam spent some time taking staff through how to pluck and prepare pheasant and duck. Sam is a keen country sportsman and amazed staff with his knowledge and expertise around handling the game birds, and the confidence with which he presented himself. Staff were able to watch him demonstrate how to portion up both birds whole and oven ready, as well as easy methods of removing the breast meat for smaller dishes. A few staff members were lucky enough to walk away with a few pieces of meat ready for cooking, but the most impressive part of the evening was being able to watch one of our students talk with such confidence and authority on a rarely seen topic. We hope to see more occasions for pupils and staff to develop their knowledge and understanding of seasonal game meat and with students such as Sam, we won't have to wait long.

Mr Snowdon, Head of South House Boarding

Cup Stacking Competition



Year 2 pupils preparing for the Inter House Cup Stacking Competition

Zoo Lab

Thank you to Zoo Lab for coming along to the Junior School this week. The Reception children got to learn about and meet an African land snail, a scorpion, a tarantula and a cockroach.



Matilda

Congratulations to all the cast and crew of 'Matilda' for an outstanding production. The singing was amazing, acting on point and the large productions numbers were simply oozing with energy and enthusiasm..

Well done to everyone who was involved in making the show such a success!



Annual Alumni Lunch

A wonderful day was had by all when we welcomed Old Farringtonians and Old Stratfordians to our annual Alumni Lunch.

The day started with a special Chapel Service led by Revd Verrier, followed by a delicious lunch and those that were lucky enough to book a ticket were treated to a superb performance of 'Matilda'.

Friends chatted, old memories were shared and Mr Jackson updated our guests on the current and future developments of the school.

Thank you to everyone involved in making the day a truly memorable one.



Chinese New Year

On the 18th and 19th January the Junior school partook in a Chinese New Year workshop held by Mrs. Yang from the Senior school. She explained to us, the importance of Chinese New Year and its significance to Chinese people. This year is the year of the rabbit, which is supposed to symbolize relaxation, quietness and contemplation. Chinese People believe that people born in the year of the rabbit are confident and strong.

Every pupil in the Junior school took part in the workshops. Pupils learnt to count in Chinese, various greetings and sang Chinese songs. We all received red envelopes with little treats. During the workshops, the pupils in Years 5 and 6 enjoyed creating stunning Chinese inspired artwork.

We were also treated to delicious Chinese food at lunchtime.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Yang for sharing her experiences of Chinese customs and their new year celebrations.

By Emily Garwood, Year 6



Senior Science

Students in Year 10 and 11 Triple Science have been developing their skills in writing a method for their Science Practical activities by making jam sandwiches. Students had to write a method for making a jam sandwich and then made the sandwich EXACTLY how it was written. We learned that Sofia W warms her plate first and that Henry K (when forgetting a knife) will put his whole hand into a tub of butter and try to shake the jam out of a jar.



Bronze Crest Award

Students in Year 7 and 9 have worked hard and are hoping to achieve a Bronze Crest Award for their project work. Year 7 tested what effects the solubility of salt and sugar, whilst Year 9 students tested what chocolate melted best. The aims, methods and all practical work from start to finish were developed by students. Hopefully we will hear if they have been successful for an award next half term.



Chemistry Olympiad

Five Year 13, nine Year 12 and four Year 11 students were entered into this year's Chemistry Olympiad. It was a really challenging paper, applying A level Chemistry knowledge to real world problems including vaping, fuels and cheese.

Mrs M McEvilly, Science Teacher

Farringtons in the Community

Congratulations to Piper, Simona and Jas, part of the Petts Wood Swans Team who won the JPL Warriors Cyan U14 league. The girls are especially proud as they were playing up a year! Next step is going to the JPL champions nationals in May!

Japanese Notan Art



Year 7 and 8 enjoyed their Floreat Design Ventura lesson this week where they made Japanese Notan art.

Visit to Godstone Farm

Pre-Reception and Reception children enjoyed a trip to Godstone Farm where they enjoyed learning about farm animals. They are following this up in class by drawing animal pictures, playing with the farm set and making phonic animal sounds



Junior School Computing Club



Computing Club started in September with the topic of Making Movies! The pupils enthusiastically learnt how to use iMovie and then went on to make short movies with an adventure theme and movies promoting all the great things about the Junior School. The club then moved onto coding using iPads. The pupils have all improved their programming abilities and I have been very impressed with their logical thinking skills!

Mrs Alexander, Computing Teacher

Numbers Day

In this article you will learn and find out spectacular things about what happened at Farringtons on Numbers Day. Get ready for blast off...Numbers Day!!!

On Numbers Day everyone at Farringtons created a hat to do with numbers. Some of the hats were very creative, cool and some even got a prize. The winners in Year 4 were Emma Walsh and Sophia Freeman, but everyone's hats looked amazing. Numbers day is a great way to use odd art equipment.

We had to bring in £2 to school for a charity called NSPCC who stop cruelty against children. Everyone came into school wearing their own clothes. More mathematical awards were given out. Everyone had fun on Numbers Day this year.

All of the teachers had numbers on them too!

Jude Etherington-Murphy &
Regene Lim, Year 4 Scholars



Charity Event — Run, Cycle and Row 2400KM

Congratulations to all the South House boarders and to all the staff who ran, cycled or rowed between them 2400KM (1,491 miles) the distance from London to Ukraine and the number of testicular cancer diagnoses each year, to raise money for Testicular Cancer.



#I Love Boarding



Boarders have had a brilliant time so far this term, taking part in a wide range of activities both in school and at external events.

Some of the activities have included bowling, wall climbing, afternoon tea, baking and trying to find a way out of an Escape Room!

Thank you to all the staff who organise these fantastic opportunities.

Inspection Report

I was particularly delighted this week to have received the definitive ISI Report following our Compliance Inspection last November.

I thought it would be useful for me to provide clarification on just what an ISI Compliance Inspection entails. During the two-day inspection, ISI Inspectors reported on the school's compliance with the Independent School Standards Regulations, and where applicable as is the case for Farringtons, the National Minimum Standards for Boarding Schools and the Early Years Foundation Stage. These inspections result in a binary judgement of 'met' or 'not met' against each applicable standard.

I am incredibly proud to let you know that Farringtons School 'met' every applicable standard throughout the report. The report highlights the ethos, success and achievements of Farringtons School and confirms the high quality of education that the pupils receive. This is a testament to the dedication and commitment of every member of staff, be it within the teaching, admin, support or estates departments, and I would like to take this opportunity to give my sincerest public thanks.

Please view this link to read the report, [ISI Inspection Report](#)

David Jackson, Head

Independent Schools Christian Alliance



On Wednesday 18th January Farringtons was privileged to host the South East, Independent Schools Christian Alliance (TISCA) Conference. We were delighted to meet educators, trustees and chaplains from schools across the South East of England, including [Eltham College](#) and the Mill Hill Foundation. Talks in our beautiful Chapel were on the theme of "Courage" and included one guest who spoke on the importance of being a Christian in a school and how his dedication & service to God enabled him to thrive despite all the challenges of academic and sporting life in a busy school; an inspiration for all our students. Headmaster David Jackson said "As a Methodist Christian School, our faith and Chapel are at the heart of our School's values and pastoral care. It was a joy to connect with other, similar, Christian schools and discuss how we can support our pupils, parents and staff on their faith journey." The timing of the Conference was particularly good given that Confirmation classes, led by our Chaplain have begun.

Panto Time!

The Junior School had great fun today taking part in a panto workshop with The Don Rae Academy. The skills learned are great for boosting confidence and developing children's creative skills



Recycling Ruby Shirts

Year 9 have been working hard on turning old rugby shirts into new outfits, with some impressive results!



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Features

Our latest Podcast features Mrs Randall talking about A day in the life of a Junior School Teacher. Please click [here](#) to listen

Photography Skills



The Year 6 children have spent this term learning how to take the perfect picture with the expert help of Mr Matthews, who teaches Photography in the Senior School. The children have enjoyed using the photography facilities and learning new, creative skills.

Chandeleur Day

Crepe toss and obstacle challenge! To celebrate La Chandeleur Day our Senior School participated in a crepe toss and obstacle challenge to win house points.



Agent Visit



It was great to have a visit from Nigerian agent Yemi. She was impressed with our lovely boarding facilities and enjoyed challenging Mr Jackson at a game of table tennis!

Welly Wanging



It's welly wanging time! The Senior School participated in a welly wanging competition last week to win merits for their houses.

