



# FOCUS ON FARRINGTONS

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## Muddy Stiletto Awards 2023

We are delighted to announce that we have been shortlisted as a finalist in the Best Experiential Learning (Senior) category and highly commended in the category of Outstanding Pastoral Care for the Muddy Stiletto School Awards 2023. This is a fantastic achievement against over 400 entries, and we cannot wait to hear if we will be crowned the lucky winners on the 7 June!



## Thank You Prefects

Head Prefects and Prefect Leaders enjoyed a delicious barbeque feast in the Head's garden earlier this term, as a thank you for all their hard work this year.



## Apprenticeship Success



Well done to Maria in Year 13, who has accepted an apprenticeship with Deutsche Bank starting in September. With thousands of applicants applying, this is a fantastic achievement! Huge congratulations from everyone at Farringtons!

## Fond Farewells

We have wished our Year 11 and Year 13 students fond farewells over the last two weeks.

Year 11 enjoyed a fun photo booth, a delicious breakfast and a celebratory assembly and Year 13 enjoyed a fancy dress BBQ.

There were, of course, mixed emotions, sadness at closing this chapter of their lives and excitement for what is yet to come. We wish them the best of luck in their exams.



## Cup Winners



Year 7 girls win the Bromley Cup! A tremendous win, well done to all of you.

## Farringtons in the Community

Congratulations to Harrison Daley for his successful selection into the ISFA U14 National Team. This is after a year of trialling with his regional representative team before then representing the London region at the ISFA National Football Festival held at Shrewbury School in the Easter Holidays. Some superb performances have earned him a place in the national squad for next season.

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Congratulations to Polina in Year 6 for her fantastic success in the Chislehurst Society Competition.

This year the theme of the competition was 'inspirational people of Chislehurst', and we are delighted to announce that Polina was awarded first prize for her work.

Polina based her project on the extraordinary women of Chislehurst over the years, and spent hours gathering information about them.

Amongst the famous women she covered in her project is Alice Hollingdrake Davies, the first Headmistress of Farringtons School. The competition judges praised the high standard of Polina's work and Joanna Friel, the leader of the Chislehurst Society, even requested for the poster to be displayed in the local library.

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Congratulations to Harrison who became a Junior Premier League Champion of Champions after attending the final's tournament in which each team was the winner of their respective leagues up and down the country. His team ended up winning it with Harrison playing every minute!

Ethan also played his final game of the season, winning the league and lifting the trophy with his team remaining unbeaten throughout.

## Congratulations U13 Cricket Team



Well done to our U13 Cricket Team, who came joint 1st in their Kent Tournament

## Learning About Lifecycles



Year 2 have been enjoying learning about lifecycles this term by growing cress, planting gladioli bulbs and watching baby chicks hatch and grow.

## Space Assembly

An out-of-this-world space assembly, performed brilliantly by Year 1 was enjoyed this week half-term.



## Year 4 Adventure



What an adventure! Year 4 packed up and went on their two night/three day residential earlier this month. The destination was PGL at glorious Windmill Hill.

In addition to the sing-alongs and campfire shenanigans, the children were able to live it up on the zip wire, giant swing and hone their team building skills on the group teeter-totter. The food was excellent, the staff friendly and the children were impeccably behaved - even though most woke at 5:30am each day. Plans are afoot for another adventure at the same time, same place next year!

Mr Hadfield, Year 4 Teacher

## Residential Dance Trip



On the last two days of the Easter break, students from Years 8 -11 participated in a residential Dance trip to central London. The students took part in a contemporary class at Pineapple Dance Studios, where they all developed their movement vocabulary and had a lot of fun doing it! The group watched the wonderful musical Hamilton in the evening, and on Tuesday, they returned to Pineapple to participate in a commercial dance class. Feeling tired but culturally refreshed, the students returned to Chislehurst with smiles on their faces and great memories.

Mrs Humphreys, Dance Teacher

## Year 3 Gurdwara Trip



On Tuesday 2nd May 2023, Year 3 classes went to a Gurdwara and we learnt more about Sikhism.

A Gurdwara is a Sikh's place of worship where they pray, relax and sometimes people can get married there.

What we learnt:

- First of all, we had to take our shoes off and cover our heads to show respect.
- We learnt that Sikhs worship one God and they NEVER cut their hair, they only trim a tiny bit of hair off not a whole chunk.
- Sikhs sit on the floor when the Granth Sahib is being read out and only the person that is reading it sees the writing.
- The room where the Granth Sahib is being read is split into two sections; one where the men sit and one side where the ladies sit.
- In a Gurdwara there is a cafeteria, where anyone can volunteer to help cook and the food is free so anyone can go there.

What I enjoyed the most was learning about all of the different rooms in the Gurdwara.

Thank you Señora Bastos for organising such an interesting trip for all of Year 3.

Thea Bishop, Year 3

## Graphic Design



Year 12 Graphics students were set a live brief where they were asked to design a mural for the wall behind the boarders' breakfast bar in the Dining Hall.

Stacey embraced this project and began planning ideas and technical drawings by hand before using Adobe Illustrator to computer-generate her designs. Her final outcome was produced professionally, and I am sure you will all agree that she has achieved a fantastic end result!

Ms Azulay, Graphic Design Teacher

## Building Tudor Houses

Year 2 have been building and decorating Tudor Houses this week while learning about the Great Fire of London.



## Tonbridge School Annual Ultimate Frisbee Tournament



On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Farringtons School entered the senior division of the annual Tonbridge School Ultimate Frisbee Tournament. This year saw a return of the same team minus a few players due to illness and other commitments, leaving us with a 7-a-side team, no substitutions and 6 x 22 minute games to play pretty much back to back. An incredible feat in itself, but with such an excellent start to the tournament we were competing for the top spot in our group stage. With many very close fought games against incredibly worthy opponents including Tonbridge's first team, we managed to win our way into the top spot of our pool.

This allowed us to compete in a semi-final crossover game with Reigate Grammar School team from the other pool. This game saw points trading until the

game was level at two all and then after the sound of the final buzzer, the point had to be played out as a winner was needed to progress to the final. Reigate Grammar with their wealth of subs (nearly a complete line change) just edged us out by scoring the sudden death point. So, this left a very tired and slightly deflated team knowing they had narrowly missed out on the final to compete for the cup. The team picked themselves up dealt with some insane cramp and then started all again for the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place playoff.

Here we came face to face with Tonbridge 1 again and this time they were more determined than ever to overturn Farringtons. Tonbridge, a team of Year 12 and 13 students versus an ironman (no subs) group of seven Year 11 students from Farringtons. We knew we had beaten them before so we could do this! Although the game was incredibly hard fought and very little points conceded on either side, the game was drawn at 1 all, until the very last disc was thrown high and long into the end zone where the final catch and point made the score 2-1 to Tonbridge, and then the dreaded buzzer sounds. Game over – 4<sup>th</sup> place over all! The team should be incredibly proud of their accomplishments, every team there agreed that with a few subs we would have comfortably been contenders for the final – so next year we are heading back with more training under our belts, more determination, more players and above all a real appetite to win!

Absolutely amazing effort Farringtons Ultimate senior team, couldn't be prouder!

Mr Essex

## Duke of Edinburgh Award



Pupils in Year 9 took on their had a bronze practice expedition. They had to navigate through the High Weald countryside for two days, with one-night camping, and they had to be totally self-sufficient!

## Robin's Nest



Hidden in our box of garden play magnets, a Robin has laid her eggs and this week 4 babies have been born in our Pre-Reception garden.

Mrs Clare Steel, Teaching Assistant

## Visit to Mosque



The children in Year 2 visited a mosque, where they had the opportunity to increase their knowledge and understanding of the Five Pillars of Islam while learning the value of respect for the beliefs of others.

Mrs Cryan, Year 2 Teacher

## Generous Donations



A huge thank you to everyone who gave generous donations to the Bromley Food Bank for The Big Help Out appeal

## Year 12 University of Kent Campus Visit

I and my fellow students in Year 12 were given the opportunity to visit the Canterbury campus of the University of Kent last week.

During an informative and busy day, we attended a talk about the numerous courses on offer and the outstanding facilities available. We were encouraged to ask questions, and we had many! Students were on hand to provide answers about the degrees on offer, the many social activities provided and even car-parking arrangements! We were then given a tour of the campus including the several libraries, lecture theatres, well-equipped labs and student spaces and accommodation, all fostering a vibrant academic environment. As we toured the facilities it began to dawn on all of us that going to University (or whatever the next steps are that we take) is really just around the corner. Food for thought while we ate our lunch in the student dining hall. Throughout the day, the staff and students alike were friendly and knowledgeable, enthusiastic about the courses available and career prospects. We gained valuable first-hand perspectives of the students' experiences and the university's commitment to supporting their personal and academic growth.

As we left for our coach journey back to school we all had a lot to think about. Not least the number of courses available. From traditional disciplines like physics (one of my options) and history, through to wildlife conservation and social work, the university seemed to have a course tailored to every passion and interest, and to nurturing the individuality of its students.



Heidi Ackland, Year 12

## King's Coronation



Farringtons enjoyed marking the special occasion of the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort.

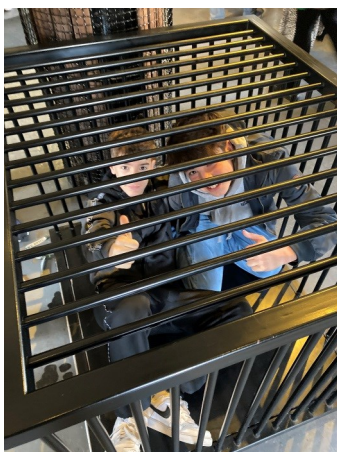
The whole school was abuzz with celebrations including a special cake, a picnic in the junior School and decorated cookies for dessert in the Senior School.



# #I Love Boarding

The boarders have had a fantastic half-term making the most of the warm weather to take part in a wide range of activities. These have included a visit to St Andrews Aqua Park, clambering aboard their fantastic inflatable obstacle course and visiting Tower Bridge.

They have also enjoyed some downtime in the boarding houses, baking and watching Eurovision, where 17 different nationalities supported 26 countries! A brilliant night of scoring, friendly rivalry and popcorn (obviously!).



We were incredibly proud to hear that International student Daichi won a prestigious Merit of Achievement in the Hamilton Mathematical Olympiad, which is fantastic!

## Dance Showcase

Fantastic performances from our dance enthusiasts at our annual Senior School Dance Showcase. Our talented students took to the stage demonstrating their artistry and skill in this exciting and high-energy showcase



## The Mix

The Chislehurst Society's 'The Mix' event is back alive and kicking (not literally) after an extended covid break; on 17<sup>th</sup> May, Alexander, Caterina, Evie and Willoughby from Year 5 and Youki, Jack M, Sanujana and Holly from Year 8 all attended.

The day focussed on a range of debate and research activities immersing our young people in Chislehurst's past, present and future, and concluding with presentations. This was led by Sixth Form students, including our very own Heidi and Jack P. Bringing home the gongs were Youki and Willoughby for their ideas for community events, Sanujana and Caterina for healthy eating and Jack and Alex for their gripping and hilarious vandalism speech; whilst this is possibly the only award they'll ever get for vandalism, they are truly the Ant and Dec of the future! Watch out for a legal graffiti wall sometime soon in Chislehurst. Jack M came away with the overall prize for the Balloon Debate, too. Well done to all.



Mrs Veronica Denman, Head of Scholars

# Farringtons



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## West Kent Athletics



Some of our Senior School students attended the West Kent Athletics Competition this week. The competition brings all Bromley schools together for various track and field competitions. Farringtons students competed in events such as 100m, 200m, 300m, 800m, shot-put, javelin, high jump, triple jump and hurdles.

## York Residential



Year 5 had a thoroughly enjoyable four days on their residential trip to York. A memorable time was had by all visiting York Minister, The Fudge Kitchen, York's Chocolate Story, Barley Hall, The Jorvik Viking Centre and Dig, Yorkshire Wildlife Park, a city cruise along the River Ouse and an experience on a steam train.

## People Who Help Us



We thoroughly enjoyed the Reception assembly on 'People who help us.' Well done to all the Reception children who performed brilliantly to their parents!

## Charity Triathlon



Well done to Lyla, Nicole and both Isabella's in Year 6, who took part in a School Triathlon for the charity, Restless Development.

## Posside Sapientiam



The Senior School enjoyed a Sapientiam talk with David Domminney Fowler, who is a Musician, Producer, Song Writer, Sound Engineer, Video Editor, Guitarist and Vocalist with Australian Pink Floyd.

