



# FOCUS ON FARRINGTONS

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## League & Cup Winners!



We proudly cheered on the Farringtons 1st XI football team at the Kent Cup Final against Harvey Grammar School. The boys were superb and we won 2-0 with both goals from Josh.

They are now the League and Cup Double winners!!

## U14 Girls Football Team Winners



Huge congratulations to our U14 girls football team who won the Bromley Cup!

Many congratulations to the coaches and everyone who helped get the girls to the finals and secure another win! What a fantastic achievement!

## ESU Churchill Competition Cambridge



Well done to Ishan, Sanujana and Keira who competed at the National Finals of the ESU Churchill Competition in Cambridge during the Bank Holiday weekend. The ESU Churchill is the biggest public speaking competition in the UK, and the finalists were whittled down from over 350 teams.

Our host for the afternoon was none other than our very own former pupil, Louis Preston.

Thank you to Mrs Denman for all her hard work and dedication in preparing the pupils for this competition.

## U13 Girls Football Team Runners Up



Well done to our U13 girls football team who are the borough runners up this year!

## English Speaking Board Success



Year 5 showcased their amazing English Speaking Board exam pieces in a special assembly for parents! They've been working incredibly hard on these and we really enjoyed watching them shine.

# Prep School

## Amazing Animals



To launch our new topic 'amazing animals' the Reception children shared their homework. They all researched an animal and shared their findings with the class. The children are exploring the life cycle of frogs and used their folding and sticking skills to create frogs.



The children in Reception have been busy bees this term. They were very excited to welcome a visitor from Ruxley Beekeepers. They learnt lots of interesting facts about bees. They tried honey, put on beekeeper suits and had a look through bee goggles. They even learnt to do the bee wangle dance.



Reception children have also started exploring the lifecycle of a butterfly. We were very excited to welcome some tiny caterpillars into Hedgehog Class and cannot wait to watch them change into butterflies. On the creative table the children have been busy creating caterpillars and butterflies.



Pre-Reception were very lucky to meet the newly hatched Year 2 chicks this week, which are named Lavender and Rosie.



After being very patient, Reception children were very excited to see the butterflies emerging from their cocoons. After their wings had dried out, they took them to the outdoor classroom and watched them fly off.



Continuing with Reception's topic 'amazing animals', we welcomed some wiggly visitors into class. The children have been fascinated, spotting the worms and watching them tunnel in the wormery.

# Prep School

## Year 6 Residential Trip to France



Our Year 6 superstars landed in France and kicked off their adventures with a delicious lunch on the beautiful beach at Le Touquet.

Our intrepid explorers visited a snail farm with some of our pupils holding some snails - some even braver souls even tried a taste!

Day three saw our pupils visiting the battlefields and memorials of the Somme, a place steeped in history and a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made during World War I.



# Prep School

## Year 5 Residential Trip to York



Year 5 have had a fantastic first day in York! They visited the historic York Minster, followed by a demonstration in the fudge kitchen and a sunset ghost walk around the city to end the day.



Day two comprised of a sightseeing cruise along the River Ouse, visiting York's Chocolate Story, where they learnt about the history of chocolate, and got to make their own chocolate lolly! The day ended with a ride on a steam train from Pickering to Whitby!



Their experience of York continued with a visit to the Jorvik Viking Centre and becoming archaeologists at the Jorvik Dig. They had an informative visit of Barley Hall and enjoyed their evening with an exciting game of bowling with many strikes and spares!



## Year 4 Residential Trip to Windmill Hill



Year 4 had an amazing time at their residential trip to Windmill Hill, having adventures and making memories that will last a lifetime.



## Prep School

### Pizza Making



On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April the children in Year 3 visited Pizza Express as part of our current DT unit. We explored the different ingredients and learnt how to make pizzas. We were then able to create our own to bring back to school. The best part was definitely eating our pizzas for lunch! This was a fantastic hands-on experience and the children all had a great time.

Mrs Benjamin, Year 3 Teacher

### Aquathlon



Farringtons have had a great start to the summer term with our Year 5 and 6 pupils competing in an aquathlon. Well done to everyone who took part in the not-so-summery conditions! A special shout out to Elsa who placed 2nd and Jude who placed 3rd in their races.

### Christian Club



The Year 6 Christian Club had a wonderful walk through the bluebells.

### Learning About Frogs



Reception continued delving into the lifecycle of frogs and enjoyed exploring the tank of pond life and practising their shading skills with paint and pencils. They drew pictures of frogs from photos, looking very closely at their colours and patterns. They then used their shading skills to add detail.

### New Arrivals



As part of their Science topic, Year 2 have successfully incubated six hen eggs. On arrival into school to their delight, the children were greeted by the cheeping of 5 healthy chicks, followed by the last one showing its head during the school day. After naming each one, they are now learning how to care and nurture these cute fluffy creatures.

## Prep School

### French Songs



We have really enjoyed watching some of the Prep School pupils in their French lessons this term, they have learnt some fabulous French songs, take a look at the videos below to watch them in action:

Pre-Reception: <https://youtu.be/hhDFG1YlsVk>

Reception: <https://youtu.be/-tzwoNR3XIk>

Year 1: <https://youtu.be/5U1qvod3bmw>

Year 2: <https://youtu.be/-8VWLgoaArE>

### Tri Gold Event

On Thursday 25th April, Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in a Tri Golf event at Chelsfield Lakes Golf Centre. This is the first time Farringtons has taken part in this event, and it is one we will most definitely be returning to! All our pupils had a great time in the putting, chipping and driving competitions.



### Tennis Competition



On Tuesday 30th April, Farringtons took part in the Bromley Schools Mini Red Tennis Competition at Bromley Tennis Centre. Each child played every school in a singles match and then we waited eagerly for the results. Farringtons finished in 3rd place! Absolutely fantastic results! Well played everyone.

### Dinosaur World



Pre-Reception have been creative and imaginative making a dinosaur world in conjunction with their current topic.

### Green Fingers



Our Pre-Reception class loved checking on the school allotment. The broad beans and potatoes are looking great, but the real stars of the show were the radishes! The children were so excited to pull them up and give them a try.

### Athletics Event



On Thursday 2nd May, Years 4 and 6 competed in the Bromley Schools Quad Kids Athletics event at Norman Park. Each child had the opportunity to run a middle distance, a sprint, complete a standing long jump and a howler throw. Every child did brilliantly, and we had some excellent individual heat results. Well done to everyone that took part!

## Prep School

### Luceat Update



Year 2 have been rocking their Luceat lessons this term, learning about children in Uganda through Edukid, a charity supporting those living in extreme poverty. Year 2 explored the journeys that Ugandan children take to school. They then got creative, designing and decorating their own journey sticks to represent these journeys!

### Therapy Dog



Our littlest learners got a special visit this week from Atlas, our certified therapy dog! They learned all about how to gently pet him and how Atlas helps spread smiles and calmness around school.

### Happy Birthday Shakespeare



To celebrate Shakespeare's birthday on 23rd April, the theatre group Divergent Drama facilitated an excellent, interactive workshop called 'Taste of Shakespeare' to Year 3. The children loved acting out scenarios from different plays to their peers. This has stirred their interest in wanting to find out more about Shakespeare's plays and poems. It was a wonderful experience.

### Casting Shadows

In Year 1, the children have been investigating how the Earth's spin affects the shadows that the sun casts. In pairs, they drew around each other's shadow and then stood in the same spot throughout the day to see how the angle of the shadow changed. They also played a fun game which involved chasing and jumping on each other's shadows!



### Dinosaur Adventures

Pre-Reception received a postcard from the dinosaurs telling the class that they were left on the train and they got off at Chislehurst and found themselves at Farringtons! We had to search around the school as they kept disappearing on adventures... we found them in the allotment, reception, forest school, the playground and the Chapel.



## Senior School

### Junior Maths Challenge



Well done to all the pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 pupils who participated in the Junior Maths Challenge. The questions were designed to be challenging, yet accessible to pupils with a strong grasp of higher-level mathematical reasoning.

### Jenga House Competition



The Senior School put their teamwork and strategic skills to the test in a house competition held in the Library! It was a battle of Jenga, with each house vying to build the tallest tower without it toppling over.

### Self Portraits

Year 7 and 8 artists have been busy getting to know themselves a little better in their Floreat lessons!

They've been exploring self-portraits, focusing on capturing their own unique features. We've seen some fantastic work so far!



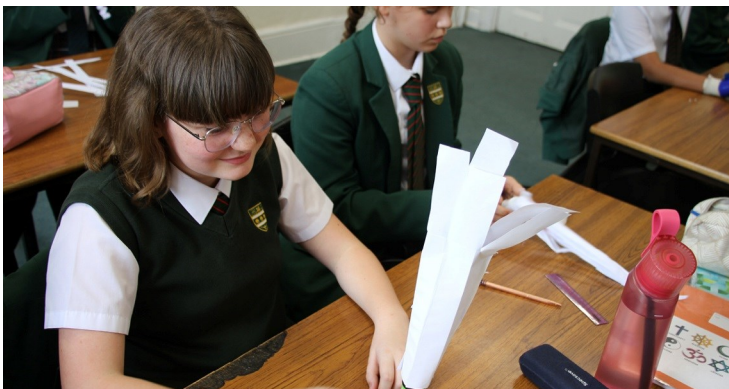
### Life Drawing



Our Sixth Formers get artistic with life drawing!

Our talented Sixth Form art students took part in a fantastic life drawing workshop! They got to hone their observational skills and capture the human form in all its glory.

### COGS Lessons



Year 7 enjoyed seeing who could build the largest tower in their COGS lesson.

### Duke of Edinburgh Gold!



Huge congratulations to former pupil Lewis who visited Buckingham Palace to celebrate achieving his gold Duke of Edinburgh award.



# Senior School

## Year 11 Leavers' Breakfast

Year 11 were sent off in style with a delicious buffet breakfast and a fun photobooth session! Best of luck with your studies and upcoming exams, Year 11! We know you'll smash it!



## House Welly Wanging

The Senior School had great fun with the annual welly wanging competition! Pupils and staff battled it out to see who could throw a welly the furthest.



## Dance Showcase



A huge round of applause for our Senior School dancers!

The talent and dedication of our dancers really showed during their Dance Showcase! From captivating choreography to undeniable talent, the dancers truly impressed everyone.

Congratulations to everyone who took part for a superb show!

## Refreshing Speech from Simon Leigh



On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, we welcomed addiction counsellor and speaker Mr Simon Leigh to Farringtons. He delivered separate talks to Years 9 and 10 on the topic of street drugs. Simon's passion for educating adolescents and young adults on this topic comes from his unique perspective and experience of drugs.

He has served as an addiction counsellor, managed his own rehab and he was very open with the students about being in recovery himself. Although Simon himself is very much against the use of recreational drugs, his approach with pupils was very refreshing as he did not use scare tactics or focus merely on delivering the rather simple and all-too-familiar message of 'Don't do Drugs!'

The session was factual, engaging and based on many insightful stories and lessons learned. We were also pleased to welcome parents into school to hear him speak in the evening. We are sure to invite him back next year.

## Senior School

### #iloveboarding



Our boarding students embarked on a culinary adventure with a ramen-themed supper! They dished up steaming bowls of flavourful broth, perfectly cooked noodles, and a variety of delicious toppings. It was a fantastic opportunity for our boarders to try a new cuisine and bond over a fun and tasty meal.



Our boarders were also able to enjoy a delicious Chinese-themed dinner!



Donning chef hats, boarders cooked up a storm! They put their teamwork skills to the test as they prepped and cooked a giant pan of delicious paella. We're sure there were plenty of happy faces around the dinner table that night.



Our fearless boarders traded their textbooks for paintball guns for an epic day of paintballing fun!

### Floreat Scuba Diving Lessons



Our Year 9 Floreat group enjoyed their first dip in the pool for their scuba diving lesson.

### Soak The Teacher



To raise money for Macmillan pupils had great fun throwing wet sponges at the teachers, including the Head, Mr Jackson, who appeared to be a popular target!

### Minibus Service



We are pleased to advise that places have become available on routes 4, 5 & 9 of our minibus service.

For further information, please visit our website [here](#).

# Senior School

## Chislehurst Society Environmental Awards



Congratulations to Polina in Year 7 who has achieved 2nd place in the Chislehurst Society Environmental Awards 2024.

Polina submitted a model of the School as her entry, whilst also researching Farringtons' extensive history as part of the project.



## Football Success for Zoe-Leigh

Congratulations to Zoe-Leigh in Year 8 whose football team (Welling FC) won the Tina Marshall Cup Final!



## Fantastic Swim!

Lilly in Year 10, recently participated in the South East regional Championships. She performed in ten events (2 long distance 800m/400m free) which saw some big personal bests and the eight other events of which she made four finals.

The last race of the whole weekend was the 200 free and she managed a fabulous swim and achieved a bronze medal and a personal best to secure her place at the nationals in the summer.

We wish her all the best with the rest of her upcoming races and are very proud of what she has achieved so far.



## Amazing Year 13 Prefects!



A special celebration for some very special students, our amazing Year 13 prefects! Their dedication and hard work throughout the year has not gone unnoticed. Thank you for everything, prefects!

## Farringtons



## Features

Episode Sixteen -Unpacking Early Years: A Candid Conversation with Farringtons Four Year Olds and Mrs Harry.

Episode Fifteen The rising success of Farringtons 1st XI Football Team.

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# Senior School

## Goodbye Year 13

We said goodbye to our amazing Year 13 students as they headed off on study leave.

Their special day started with a Leavers' Service in Chapel and ended with a delicious BBQ where they dressed up.

Year 13 received their commemorative hymn book, leavers' book and of course their treasured bear.

We're incredibly proud of everything they've achieved and we know they'll do amazing in their exams.





# FARRINGTONS SCHOOL SUMMER FUN DAY

**Saturday 22nd June**

**11.00am - 3.00pm**



**Plus lots of stalls to shop and  
performances throughout the day  
Fun for all the family!**

**Entry: £2 per adult & children free!**

**Perry Street,  
Chislehurst BR7 6LR**



# BOARDING OPEN HOUSE

## Thursday 20th June

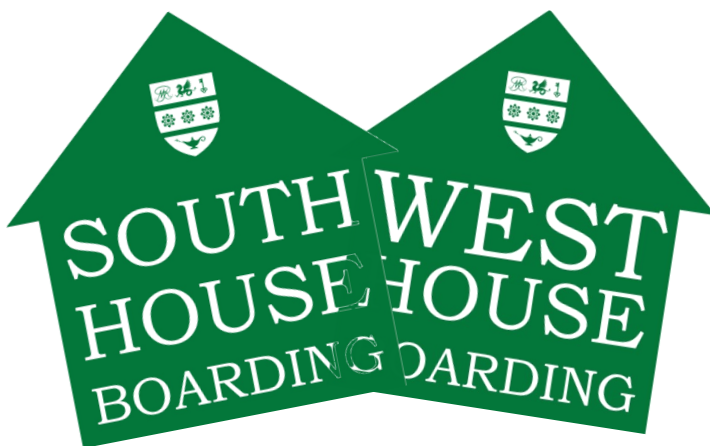
### 4.00–5.30pm

- Have you ever thought about 21st century boutique boarding?
- Have you ever wondered what our boarding houses look like?
- Have you ever wanted to see what our boarders get up to in the evenings and at weekends?
- Have you ever considered the benefit for pupils (and parents) of flexi or occasional boarding?



Come and join our boarders, see where they live and meet the friendly Boarding House Staff. Drop in anytime between 4.00–5.30pm on Thursday 20th June.

Refreshments and friendly faces available.



If you have any questions or you would like further information about full, weekly or flexi-boarding, please email Mrs Vail ([fvail@farringtons.kent.sch.uk](mailto:fvail@farringtons.kent.sch.uk)), or visit our website:

[www.farringtons.org.uk/boarding/boarding-at-farringtons](http://www.farringtons.org.uk/boarding/boarding-at-farringtons)

## Singing Festival



Our Prep School Choir attended the IAPS Singing Festival at Benenden School. It was a truly joyous moment to see children collaborating and performing through the universal language of music. We were impressed by classic choral masterpieces such as Vivaldi's 'Gloria' and John Rutter's 'For the Beauty of the Earth'. The Farringtons Prep Choir did us proud in their solo item with Karl Jenkin's 'Adiemus' anthem. We are so grateful to Benenden for hosting us in their magnificent Centenary Hall.

## Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro



In July, Mrs Long and I are taking on the challenge of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.

We will be doing the challenge with two very dear colleagues in mind who are currently going through cancer treatment. We hope to raise money for charities chosen specifically by Mr Garwood and Mr Young, **Brain Tumour Charity** and **Hayley's Heros** respectively.

Climbing Mt Kilimanjaro is a massive challenge for many reasons. Spending 7 days and nights on a mountain, sleeping rough, without access to makeup, hairdryer and washing facilities is going to be a struggle for both of us. Every day we will be hiking for around 6 hours as we gradually climb nearly 6,000 metres. The hardest part of the trek is coping with the high altitude which can make the climb very tough - especially on summit night.

All money raised will go directly to the two charities. Thank you so much to parents and staff who have already donated. We hope to at least double what we have raised so far, so any support you can give is very much appreciated.

Here is the link to our fundraising page: <https://www.givewheel.com/fundraising/2252/climbing-mount-kilimanjaro/>

Mrs Sarah Coop

## Global Ambassadors



Congratulations to our pupils who took part in the first ever Global Ambassador Trip to Kent College Pembury to meet other Global Ambassadors.

Both schools prepared a presentation to present to each other on World Fairtrade Day.

Our group of 13 pupils were split in to four groups to research four areas in preparation for our presentation which included:

**Who are the 'World Fairtrade Organisation'?** (James, Sofiy & Amaan )

**What tools do the World Fairtrade Organisation provide?** (Timofey, Keanu & Stefan)

**What are the 10 principles of Fairtrade?** (Joseph, Sanujana, Lilly & Helen)

**Pathway of a Fairtrade product** (Tanraj, Toby & Cephas)

Everyone did a great job and the presentation was superb. We then mingled with the Global Ambassadors from Kent College and decided on some collaborative next steps to boost the understanding and awareness of Fairtrade in both of our schools, so watch this space as their ideas were great to move forward with!

All pupils were fantastic role models (Ambassadors) for the school and it was a genuine pleasure to take them.

Mr Adam Doherty, Global Ambassador Co-ordinator

