



FOCUS ON FARRINGTONS

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Prep School Choir Win Competition

Huge congratulations to our Prep School Choir who won the Bromley Youth Music Trust KS2 Choir Competition.

Their performance was outstanding and thoroughly well-deserved. We're incredibly proud of all their hard work and dedication.



KS2 Quiz Team Reaches Final

Huge congratulations go to the Key Stage 2 General Knowledge Quiz team who achieved third place in the semi-finals out of 51 schools nationwide. This takes Farringtons Prep School directly through to the final being held at Oxford University. Gabriel, Jude, Christopher and Neel are to be commended for the commitment and determination they have demonstrated over the past few months to achieve this success.



Oracy Update



What a memorable term for our speakers it has been. After the table-thumping excitement of debating tournaments and other early competition rounds, this half term has seen roaring successes from both our Public Speaking Team of Sanu Y9 (Chair), Keira Y9 (Speaker) and Ishan Y10 (Questioner) in the English-Speaking Union Churchill Competition and of our ESU Performing Shakespeare team. In the London Final, the public speakers saw off some hot competition from teams made up of the finest Y11 speakers from across London. I am sure that we all will wish them success in the National Final in Churchill College, Cambridge, in May, where they will meet regional finalists from England and Wales.

In the second round of the ESU Performing Shakespeare competition at the City of London School, Sanu performed as an appropriately melancholy and revengeful Hamlet and Lydia (Y7) was feisty and hilarious as Hermia from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Both performances were stunning, sweeping away the judges and earning these wonderful young actors a place in the London Regional Finals. Well done to all, exciting times ahead!

Mrs V Denman, Head of Oracy



Senior School

Feminist Society



This term we have been looking at why feminism is important in society and helping our community understand that feminism means equality for men and women rather than the misconception that it means that women are more important than men. We asked a range of teachers and students to complete the phrase "I need feminism because....." and created this fantastic collage of photos. Friday 8th March was international women's day, so this is a very opportune moment to reflect.

Ms Jackson, Head of Sixth Form and Feminist Society

Bromley Festival



Congratulations to Florence and Beatrix in Year 5, who represented Farringtons at The Bromley Speech Festival this year!

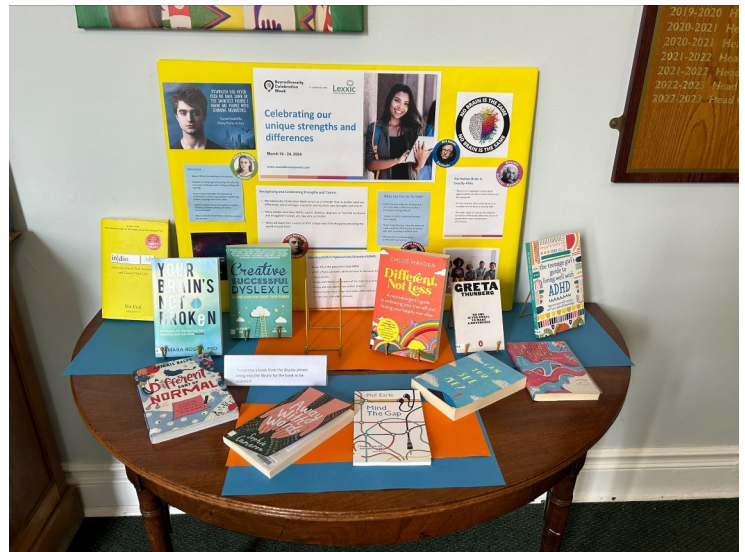
We're incredibly proud of their incredible achievement, bringing home a gold and bronze medal!

Bromley Cup — Here We Come!

On the 18th March the U13 team played Bullers Wood in the semi-finals of the Bromley Cup. It was a really close game, it was 0-0 in the first half, but in the last 5 minutes we got a free kick and Izzy scored. Everyone tried so hard and were so determined to win to get into the finals. As it was such a close game the U13 team are excited to see what school they have in the finals.

Mrs Broughan, PE Teacher

Neurodiversity Celebration Week



On the 18th - 24th March, we celebrated Neurodiversity Celebration Week where the focus was "Celebrating our unique strengths and differences". This was launched through a chapel service the week before, led by Ms Palmer with contributions from pupils and staff sharing their neurodiverse strengths. Pupils in Year 7 - 12 have had a PSHE lesson where they have learnt more about different types of neurodiversity; neurodiverse celebrities and explored different strengths and differences. Pupils were really engaged and created powerful positive messages in the lesson. All pupils took part in a quiz in form time as part of House Tuesday and Mrs Hanks created a display showcasing the books on neurodiversity available in the library. This week has given some of our neurodiverse pupils the opportunity to have conversations with peers and staff alike on their strengths and differences and feeling empowered to do so. There is an extensive Resource Hub on their website for parents for all aspects of neurodiversity so please do take a look! <https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/resource-hub>

Ms Palmer, Head of Learning Development

Senior School

Royal Academy of Arts



On the 22nd February, Art pupils from Years 9, 10, 12 and 13 went to the Royal Academy of Arts to see the Impressionists on Paper exhibition. The works we viewed were by artists during the Impressionist period. Instead of showing their final masterpieces, the exhibition shows works captured on paper, sketches, drawings and watercolour. The academy in France told artists how and what to paint, but in the late 19th century, it changed the rules. Instead of being in a studio and restricted by a trained way to draw and paint, they were able to draw nature, the landscape and people at a moment in time, directly in front of them. You feel like it is a snapshot caught right at the time they saw it. This meant they could explore the light, colour and atmosphere. New styles and techniques appeared as they were drawing quickly to catch what they saw. Because of this freedom, the sketches and studies were considered just as important and beautiful as the final masterpiece.

During the morning session we spent time looking around the Gallery and picked 4 paintings that we liked. We sat down and studied them for our own drawings. The gallery had lots of interesting pieces of art work. I picked ones that had a lot of colour and chalk pastels that were used to create the light on the water and the landscape. I love being by the sea and I picked works that reminded me of that.

The works link to my project on Animal Prints because of different techniques we can use to create and capture texture of animal markings. Blurring of colour and lines in Impressionism and some of the Pointillism seen could be used to influence our ideas.

After lunch we bought postcards that inspired us from the shop from exhibition. I really enjoyed the trip. Thank you, Mrs Allen for organising this amazing art experience.

Bea, Year 10

Night Climb up Mount Snowdon



Making full use of our Duke of Edinburgh skills, Mrs White and I are climbing Snowdon in July to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, a charity that is close to both of us. Rather than taking the "easy" route, we took the opportunity to do this in the dark to give ourselves an additional challenge. Leaving Llanberis just before midnight on Saturday 20th July, we hope to reach the summit by sunrise just after 5am on Sunday 21st July.

We have already been embracing the upcoming challenge by preparing ourselves with several walks locally, boosting our fitness so that we are ready for scaling the path to the top of Snowdon!

If you feel you are able, and would like to contribute to our fundraising, we would really appreciate it. The money raised will go towards Macmillan Cancer Support, a charity that helps so many people and their families who are living with cancer. The link for making a donation is: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/justacoupleofducks>.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs White and Mrs O'Neil

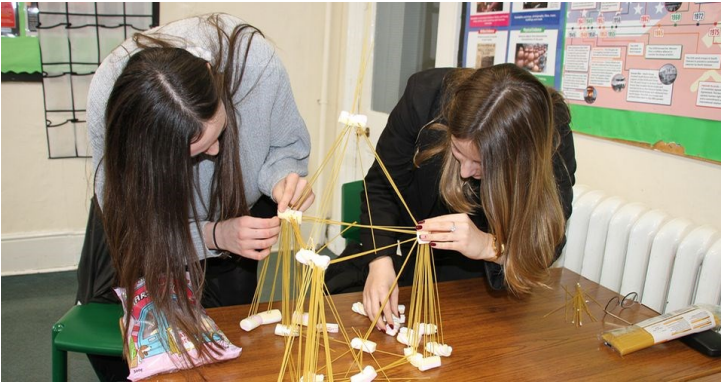
House Pancake Flipping



Our Senior School pupils had great fun with a lunchtime pancake race! It was all laughter, cheers, and a few flying pancakes!

Senior School

Apprenticeship Application Support



Year 13 students were invited to attend their final apprenticeship application support session today, via the ASK programme. This session focussed on preparing for an assessment centre, which included a group task to assess their ability to communicate and work together. The students really enjoyed the session and the marshmallows!

Maths Challenge



Well done to Luca in Year 8 who was one of the winners of the Year 7 and 8 Maths challenge competition.

Pupils have been participating in weekly challenges where they have had the opportunity to test their skills on exciting and thought-provoking maths problems.

Representing Farringtons

Congratulations to Piper for representing Farringtons in the U14 ISFA team who beat Kent 2-1 !



Farringtons in the Community

Congratulations to Ruby (Year 12) who took part in the Kent swimming championships at the Olympic pool, Stratford.

She was ranked in the 30's for the 17 and over category for the 50m Freestyle. She swam a fantastic race and knocked a whole second off her PB. She attained a time of 28.66 which was fantastic, was placed 9th overall and now has a qualifying time for the regionals.

Mrs Sherwood



Huge congratulations to Rupert in Year 8 who has been selected for the ISFA London region that will compete in the ISFA Shrewsbury Festival.



Huge congratulations to our superstar Year 6 swimmer, Elsa, who bagged a whopping 8 medals at a recent swimming gala.

We're incredibly proud of Elsa's dedication and talent, and we can't wait to see her represent Farringtons at the Kent Schools Competition in a couple of weeks!

Update

On Sunday 16th March Elsa represented Farringtons at the Kent Schools Swimming Association Gala. In 50m breaststroke, Elsa came 2nd in her heat and 7th overall. In 50m freestyle she came 3rd in her heat and placed 6th in overall winning a medal. Elsa has been training extremely hard showing brilliant commitment to her swimming so absolutely deserves these achievements.

We are so proud of you!

Well done to Harrison in Year 9 who won the London Cup on Saturday! He scored a fantastic header and was superb.



Senior School — British Science Week



Our curious Year 9 pupils delved into the fascinating world of anatomy through a heart dissection in Science!

This hands-on experience allowed them to gain a deeper understanding of the heart's structure and function, solidifying their classroom learning.



Our awesome Year 7 scientists got their hands dirty (well, kind of!) making their own red cabbage indicator! They used this amazing natural tool to test different substances and see if they were acids or alkalis.

Our Year 10 scientists got hands-on learning how to build circuits! They explored the flow of electricity and put their knowledge to the test by creating their own light-up displays. Who knows, we might just have some future engineers in the making!

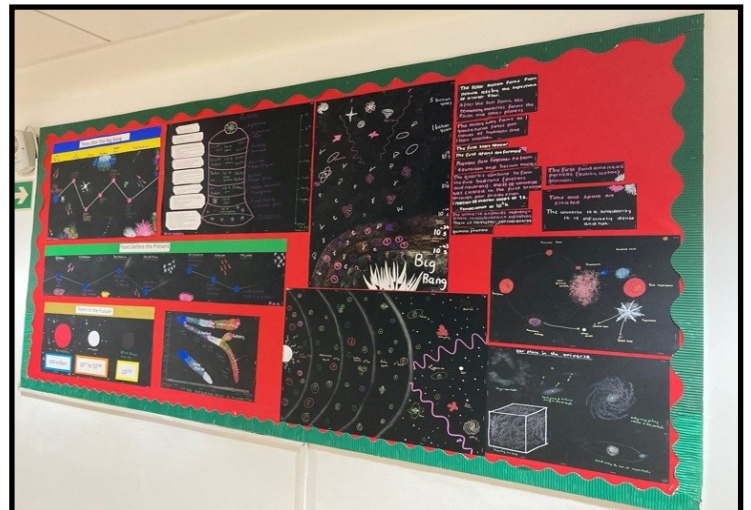


Year 8 have been enjoying British Science Week by learning about biomagnification in food chains.



In the week beginning the 11th March, pupils at Farringtons explored the theme of 'Time' as part of British Science Week. Students engaged in an array of interesting activities including how to accurately measure time, modelling biomagnification in food chains, learning about radioactive decay, making a roller coaster faster, investigating factors that influence plant growth and exploring the history of the universe. The activities were designed to promote cross-curricular learning and in doing so, served as an opportunity to link STEM to other subjects. Our students engaged well across the range of activities and we hope, enjoyed forging a stronger connection to the science studied in lessons with the wonderful world around them.

Mr Foster, Head of Science



Prep School — British Science Week

Year 6 enjoyed finding out about the effects of particle size. The children explored how different-sized particles interact with our respiratory system, using a fun, hands-on approach using different sized dried food and sieves.



For British Science Week the children in Reception have been exploring shadows. We used torches to explore shadows inside the classroom and enjoyed exploring the shadows cast by the sun in the outdoor classroom. The children made their own shadow puppets and experimented by moving them closer and further from the light source.



To celebrate British Science Week Pre-Reception delved into the world of apple varieties. They used their senses to describe the apples appearance and texture. They discovered the smallest and tallest, then they measured the apples circumference to work out which was the widest.



Our pupils had a fantastic assembly this term to kick off British Science Week! They were lucky enough to meet three amazing guests who shared their exciting careers in science

The children were buzzing with questions and learned so much about the different ways science impacts our lives. What a fantastic way to ignite their curiosity about the world around them!



For British Science Week our amazing Prep School scientists have been busy! They created incredible posters showcasing either:

- Endangered species: Raising awareness about how animal populations are changing over time.
- Scientific heroes: Celebrating their favourite inventions or ground-breaking scientists!

We're so impressed with their creativity and passion for science. The winners were:

Reception - Viola
Year 1 - Jayden
Year 2 - Dhyaan
Year 3 - Elijah
Year 4 - James
Year 5 - Joseph
Year 6 - Sofia

The overall competition winner was James in Year 4 with his project on time.

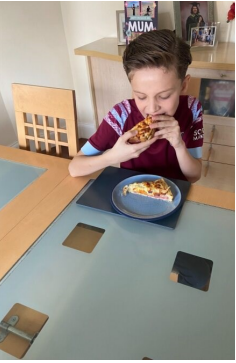


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Delicious Croque-Messieurs

Year 7ADO have been learning about food in French lessons, and for a homework task they were asked to follow a French recipe and create a typical croque-monsieur. Some certainly struggled with the béchamel sauce, with lots of comments that it went lumpy! However, they made some delicious croque-messieurs and enjoyed the whole cooking process. If you would like to follow a French recipe yourself, please feel free!

Bon appétit à tout le monde!



Un Croque-Monsieur simple

Pour deux personnes :

- quatre tranches de pain
- quatre tranches de jambon
- du fromage râpé



Pour la sauce :

- 20 g de beurre
- 20 g de farine
- 15cl de lait
- Sel et poivre



Préchauffer le four à 180° C



Dans une casserole faire fondre le beurre

Ajouter la farine et mélanger au fouet

Ajouter le lait petit à petit

Ajouter le sel et le poivre

Sur une plaque de cuisson, déposer deux tranches

Napper avec 50% de la sauce

Ajouter 50% du fromage râpé

Ajouter le jambon

Ajouter une autre tranche de pain

Ajouter le reste de la sauce et le reste du f

Placer au four pour 20 minutes



Ajouter = add
Déposer = place
Napper = spread
Mélanger au fouet = whisk



Netball Success

Farringtons was proud to host the Bromley Borough Netball League final this week for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Our U13B team, U12A team and 9A team all won their leagues!



Senior School

National Careers Week

As always, we've been busy providing opportunities for our pupils to explore potential career paths and gain valuable insights into the world of work and our newly appointed Student Careers Champions have proved essential in supporting the programme. Below is a snapshot of what took place this term.

Big Apprenticeship Breakfast Success!

This year marked the debut of our Big Apprenticeship Breakfast, where employers engaged Year 13 pupils from our school and neighbouring state schools about their career opportunities. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to connect directly with industry professionals and explore apprenticeship pathways. Our local MP Sir Bob Neill also attended to introduce the event.

Expanded Careers Week

Our Careers Week event was bigger and better than ever, with a choice of six speakers covering a wide range of industries. From the Army to a Barrister, our pupils had the chance to learn about various career options and pathways. In addition, all Year 12 students received a mock interview with the support of parent volunteers. These gave the students a real insight into the job application process.

Apprenticeship Application Workshops

Our Year 13 Apprenticeship Application group received 3 workshops via the ASK service. These included; support with CVs and application forms, interview practice and a mock assessment centre.

Quality in Careers Award

Additionally, we have recently been assessed for Quality in Careers Award and look forward to updating you on the outcome!

Mrs Miah and Mrs Ashworth
Heads of Careers



UCAS Discovery London 2024

On Monday the 18th of March, the cohort and I of Year 12 visited the Excel building to attend an UCAS event to improve our knowledge of, and in some cases discover, what degrees and universities best interested and suited us.

I found this convention informative on many matters, particularly with ascertaining which university offered me the most opportunities for going into politics after university.

I was able to narrow my degree choices to three and my university choices to five. I strongly recommend any and all students to go to UCAS events such as these so that they may get a grasp of which universities offer what degrees and which universities best suit their characters and interests.

Kristian Guise, Year 12



Senior School Boarding

The boarders have had a fantastic term, packed with a wide variety of fun and activities. Trips to London, enjoying pancakes, films at the cinema and a chance to experience the fast paced world of Brands Hatch.



Senior School

Posside Sapientiam Talks



Our lunchtime Sapientiam Talk featured a live Q&A with the incredible Malorie Blackman, Children's Laureate and mastermind behind Noughts & Crosses!



Our Senior School pupils gained valuable insights into the gender pay gap during a thought-provoking talk by Mrs Miah.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

On Friday 22nd February our Bronze DofE cohort had their first taste of solo navigation around the great British countryside. We had truly British weather for the day, which was overcast and drizzly with the odd heavy downpour. Perfect for them to check out their waterproof kit. We started in the lovely village of Otford and from there the pupils walked out on their 10-11km loop walks. It was a successful day with no groups getting irrevocably lost and any minor deviations were rectified and resolved by the pupils. The worst part of the day was the mud, and I apologise to all the parents for the state that their children came home in, however, it is all part of the fun!

Mrs White, D of E Co-ordinator

Music Showcase



A huge round of applause for our incredible Senior School pupils who took to the stage at our Music Showcase! You all showcased your talent and dedication, and it was a joy to see you shine on stage.

Move It Dance Trip



On Friday 15th March, forty of our gifted and talented dance pupils attended the Move It Dance Exhibit at the Excel Centre. Ranging from Year 7 - Year 13, the pupils all took part in a musical theatre workshop, watched numerous incredible performances and visited a range of stalls. Many of the pupils also booked their own workshops, taking part in hip-hop, roller disco and acro. Everyone had a wonderful day full of fun and laughter.

Senior School - Senior Sports Award Evening

Year 10-13 enjoyed a fantastic night of celebrations at the annual Sports Awards Evening. As well as a delicious dinner, pupils were inspired with a speech from a previous pupil turned professional golfer. And the winners were....

U16 Girls Netball

Most Improved Player: Jessica Blackman

Most Committed Player: Tia Ritchie

Most Valuable Player: Amelia Higgins

Senior Girls Netball

Most Improved Player: Phoebe Jackson

Manager's Player: Ashley Kufakwaro

Most Valuable Player: Priya Pillay

Senior Girls Football

Most Improved Player: Phoebe Jackson

Manager's Player/Most Committed Player: Lisa Schade

Manager's Award: Ruby Skinner

Players Player: Anya Bharaj

Most Valuable Players: Amelie Greatorex & Amelia Higgins

Senior Basketball Awards

Most Improved Player: Malek Sweis

Manager's Player: Malek Sweis

Most Valuable Player: Hayden Halfacre

Senior Boys 2nd XI Football

Most Improved Player: Liam Morris Zubia

Manager's Player: Ashton Ellingford

Players Player: Luke Bradbury

Most Valuable Player: Victor Cardon

Senior Boys 1st XI Football

Most Improved Player: Isaac Lambert

Most Committed Player: Ethan Daley

Players Player: Joel Adedapo

Most Valuable Player: Max Mackay

Senior Sports Person of the Year:

Nicki Kardel

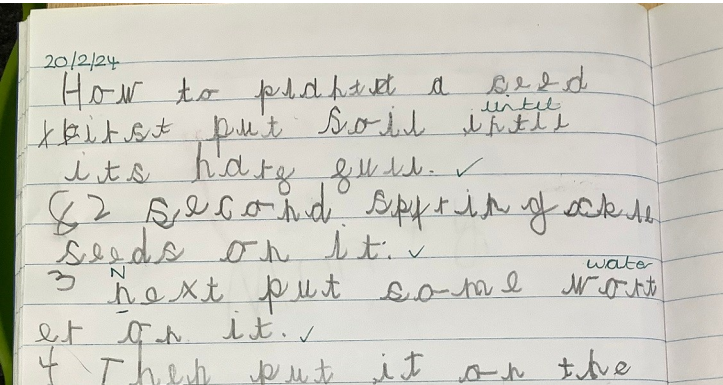
Senior Sports Team of the Year:

Senior 1st XI Boys Football



Prep School

Growth



This term in Reception we started our new topic on growth. In literacy we have been exploring writing instructions. In the creative area we have been practising observational painting skills, by painting daffodils and developing our fine motor skills by making flowers on the peg boards.

Giant Beanstalks



Our little learners in Pre-Reception have been making giant beanstalks using types of construction, we used different loose parts to create a beanstalk. We have also been digging vegetables and subitising leaves.

Great Fire of London



Congratulations to our amazing Year 2 pupils who delivered a fantastic assembly all about the Great Fire of London. A huge well done to all of the children and their teachers for putting on such a brilliant show!

Football Win



Year 3 boys played St Olave's Prep School in Football this term. Everyone did their part for the team and we came away with a win! Well done boys!

Prep School—Aladdin

We performed our Year 4 production called *Aladdin Trouble*. It was a very funny pantomime (it was probably the best play we had ever done). Our first song was called Aladdin and it's rhythm repeated quite a lot in other refrains. I think that JJ (Abanazar) might have projected his voice the best. I think that Thea, Mia, Fred, Ollie, Chris, and myself acted very well and sang the solos with confidence.

Our last song (A Panto Like No Other) was probably the best song in the pantomime. Everyone loved *The Chase*. It was a very enthusiastic, fun song. We worked very hard in our rehearsals on Tuesday evenings. We had lots of fun entertaining the parents and we know that they liked the panto.

We would like to thank all of the teachers that helped including:

Miss Warburton for bringing Aladdin alive.

Miss Smith for being very supportive during rehearsals.

Mrs Crouser and Mr Hadfield for ensuring we knew our lines.

Mrs Coop for teaching us all the songs and playing the songs (with the band) in the pantomime

We obviously agree with Aladdin at the end. The lines were "I wish we could do a production like this every year!"

By Ved, Year 4



World Book Day

Celebrations took place across the school to celebrate World Book Day. Pupils in the Prep School dressed in a costume based on a book of their choice. Each class decorated their classroom front door representing the front cover of a book. The Senior School celebrated with an author and decorating cookies.



We were thrilled to welcome author Sara Grant to Farringtons for a special talk with our Senior School pupils.

This inspiring talk was a fantastic way to celebrate World Book Day this week and empower our pupils to explore the magic of literature.

Sara, who has penned an impressive 10 books for children and teens, captivated our pupils with her insights into the world of writing and storytelling.

Not only did Sara share her own experiences, but she also encouraged our pupils to unleash their own inner authors, offering practical tips and igniting their passion for reading and writing.

Pre-Reception had a great time participating in some Supertato themed activities on World Book Day. They made their own superhero veg, made Evil Pea wanted posters and enjoyed finger printing.



Senior School pupils had fun decorating a cookie inspired by a book to celebrate World Book Day.



Prep School

Cross Country



Prep School pupils ran in the annual Merton Court Cross-Country event. Every child did absolutely brilliantly and we came away with silver wear in each year group!

Year 3 - Jack won his race

Year 4 - Niamh came 3rd and the girls won as a team

Year 5 - Jude came 3rd

Year 6 - Elliot came 3rd and the boys won as a team, Ava came 2nd and the girls won as a team! Fantastic Farringtons!



On Saturday Year 3 and 4 pupils represented Farringtons in the annual Bromley Schools Cross Country event at Crystal Palace. All our runners were brilliant, and we came away with outstanding results! It must be noted that in each race there are around 47 schools with nearly 500 runners!

- Year 4 boys and Year 4 girls both placed 5th as teams
- Year 3 boys won their race as a team
- Jack placed 10th
- Cillian just missed out on a medal in 6th place
- Jack placed 2nd

Climate Change

The Year 3 children have been learning about weather and climate in their Geography lessons this year. This term they performed their assembly looking at the weather and climate in different regions of the world. They explored the desert, the rainforest and even ventured as far as the South Pole!



We also received a personal thank you from the organisers for the hydration station which Farringtons run each year. Thank you to Elliot and Gabriel in Year 6 and also Mrs Khurana and Mrs Hurst for giving up your Saturday to help the Prep PE Team out.

Gymnastic Success

Key Stage 2 pupils represented Farringtons in the Bromley Schools Gymnastics Competition. In the Year 4 competition, Isla won the floor exercise and in the Year 5 and 6 competition our team came 1st overall! Well done to all the gymnasts who took part!



Wellbeing Dog



Look who's spreading some pawstive vibes at the Prep School 'Atlas', the school wellbeing dog paid a visit to the pupils and staff, bringing smiles and cuddles wherever he went.

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Features

Episode Sixteen

Unpacking Early Years: A conversation with Mrs Harry and Reception children

Episode Fourteen

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Social Media Award



Congratulations to Mrs Barker for her award in the Interactive Schools Online Awards.

Year 1 Visit British Wildlife Centre

Our Year 1 Science trip to the British Wildlife Centre near Lingfield, was a great success. The children loved getting up close to the animals that we have been studying in class. Some animals they saw included otters, deer, foxes, Scottish wild cats, stoats and weasels. The children were impeccably behaved and everyone enjoyed the day.



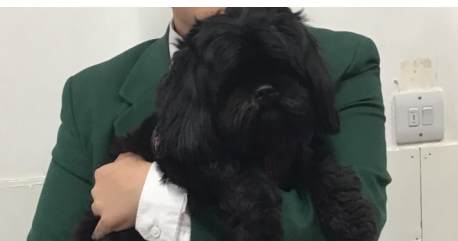
Easter Bonnets



Pre-Reception children modelling their hand-made Easter bonnets.

Pet Protectors

Year 7 have been enjoying Pet Protectors Club this term, welcoming three gorgeous dogs, May, Orla and Ralph.



League Winners

A huge well done to our 1st XI who secured the league title with a 2-1 win against Beths Grammar School. Goals from Charlie and Tomas sealed the win and make the boys champions for another year. Well done boys, we are all proud of all the hard work you have put in this season!

