



FOCUS ON FARRINGTONS

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Remembrance Service

The whole School came together on Friday 10th November to mark the special occasion of Remembrance Day.

Lieutenant Colonel Craig Hallatt RCAM led the *Last Post* and *Reveille* on the trumpet and the school took part in special hymns and readings.

We were delighted to welcome special guests from the Prince George Duke of Kent Care Home.

A truly special occasion to observe and commemorate our armed forces who gave their lives in the line of duty.



Music Mark



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2023 - 2024

We are proud to announce that we have been accredited as a Music Mark School in recognition of our commitment to providing high-quality music education.



MACE Debating Round One

On the 10th of November, Maria, Sofia and myself competed in round one of the ESU Mace Debating competition under the leadership of Mrs Denman. Our debate was centred on whether 'Environmental campaigning should focus on changing government policy rather than individual behaviours', where we argued the affirmative.

Sofia was excellent as our first speaker, establishing a strong line of argument and handling rebuttals with ease and composure. Sofia was commended by judges for clarity and discriminating use of evidence to support her arguments.

Following Sofia's lead, I argued my points as second speaker and rebutted the arguments of the first opposition. Maria was outstanding as our summary speaker, employing a brilliant quote and confirming our strongest arguments consolidating our key information and evidence. Maria was commended for her ability to focus her speech and response to the opposition's arguments.

Despite the fact it was our first time competing as a team we worked well together and created a good connection between all our arguments. Although our competition were well organised, strong debaters, we won the debate. We look forward to competing in round two and hope to progress further in the competition.

Emily, Year 12

Prep School Foundation Stage

Surprise Delivery!



Pre-Reception had a surprise delivery! Father Christmas sent a special personalised letter to each Pre-Reception class and a beautifully illustrated copy of Clement C Moore's *Twas the Night Before Christmas* book.

Letters to Santa



Reception enjoyed writing their letters to Father Christmas this week and posting them off to Lapland.

Community Heroes



Reception enjoyed a visit from two Police Officers as part of their topic this term on community heroes.

Art Club



This term, Pre-Reception pupils have been enjoying participating in Art Club as part of their after-school activities. They have been learning about transport, and the children have been using different materials to create a Farringtons School bus.

Fine Motor Skills



Pre-Reception children had fun improving their fine motor skills with Christmas themed activities.

Nativity Joy!



Parents were 'wowed' with the impressive performances of the children in their nativity *Whoops a Daisy Angel*.

Prep School Sport



More football success for our Year 6 girls! The Year 6 girls' football team played a match against St Philomenas in freezing temperatures here at Farringtons and had a brilliant game winning 3-0! Well done to all the pupils involved.



Our Year 4-6 Swimming team represented Farringtons in the Bromley Small Schools Swimming Gala.

We achieved fantastic results, placing 1st or 2nd in 6 out of the 13 races! Well done to Elsa for winning her breaststroke race and Elliot for coming joint 1st in backstroke. The boy's freestyle relay team, Fred, Lucas, Chris and Mufaro, also won their race brilliantly, returning from 7th to 1st place!

All our pupils swam exceptionally well, and we finished in 4th place as a team. Well done everyone!



Year 5 and 6 football success! Farringtons attended the Bromley High School Football Tournament. Everyone played brilliantly, showing true teamwork and resilience throughout. The hard work paid off, with Year 5 finishing in 4th place and Year 6 winning their tournament!

On Saturday, 18th November, Farringtons competed in the annual Bromley Schools Crystal Palace Cross-Country event. All our pupils did extremely well, braving the cold, wet and windy conditions. The Year 6 girls had a fantastic result, winning the cup. A huge well done to Ava for coming 2nd out of over 300 runners. It would not be possible for us to enter events like these without the unwavering support of these children's parents. Thank you for giving up your time on a Saturday morning to ensure Farringtons could be a part of this event!



Farringtons attended the Bromley Schools KS1 Gymnastics Festival at Bromley Valley Gymnastics Club. Our gymnasts jumped, rolled and stretched through the floor and the vault elements and enjoyed exploring new and different equipment. Well done to all the gymnasts who represented our school, you were brilliant! A special well done to those who received an award!



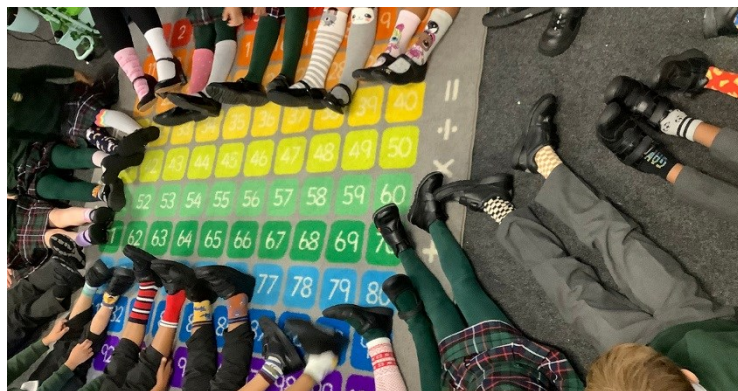
Prep School

Forester Awards



Our first-ever Junior Forester Awards were distributed this term; congratulations to all Year 3 pupils who have worked hard towards achieving this brand new award, which forms part of the Luceat programme.

Anti-Bullying Week



Prep School pupils enjoyed wearing odd socks to school to celebrate difference, as part of Anti-Bullying Week

Visiting Neverland



Year 3 enjoyed a magical trip to Neverland when they went to watch the Peter Pan pantomime.

Celebrating Black History Month



Prep School pupils were asked to design a poster with the theme 'Celebrating our Sisters' to celebrate Black History month. Well done to the winners:

Luceat Programme



As part of the Citizenship strand of the Luceat programme, we were fortunate enough to have Chris Turner, founder and CEO of the charity EduKid, speak to all of the pupils in assembly. The children then participated in a workshop where they learned about food, musical instruments and the daily life of a Ugandan pupil. Years 2, 4 and 6 will be learning about Uganda and running fundraisers to support three pupils from a rural village. The school looks forward to continuing to build a partnership with the charity in the future.

Mindy - Year 2, Aiden - Year 2, Athena - Year 3, Isla - Year 4, Chloe - Year 5, Marvelous - Year 6

Hidden Figures



Year 5 has been learning about NASA's 'Hidden Figures', the female mathematicians Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson and Dorothy Vaughan, who were pivotal in the 'space race' in the 1960s.

Pupils learnt about segregation at the time, such as coloured restrooms and men-only working environments. Through various literary lessons, they reflected on the necessity of an equal and inclusive environment.

Prep School

Visit to Wingham Wildlife Park



Year 2 enjoyed visiting the animals at Wingham Wildlife Park. They spotted many animals including flamingos, lions, tigers and penguins. They looked at the different habitats to consolidate their topic in Science.

Show Racism the Red Card



To support 'Show Racism the Red Card' the Prep School wore a piece of red clothing to school.

Key Stage 1 Nativity



There was great excitement this week as our KS1 pupils performed their nativity to family and friends.

Well done to all the children who performed confidently and had great fun. We thought that they were fabulous!

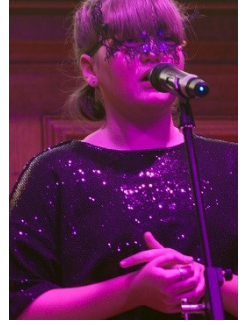
Key Stage 2 Carol Service



Congratulations to all the Key Stage 2 pupils for their wonderful singing and readings at their Christmas Carol Service.

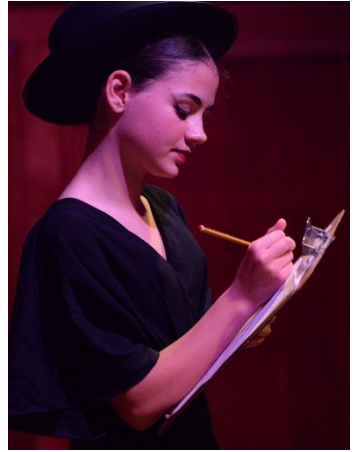
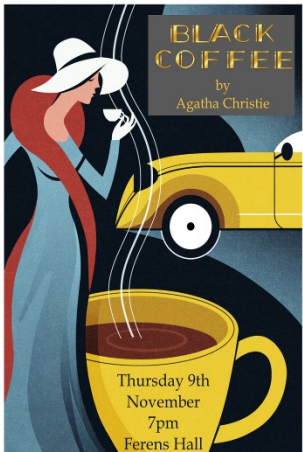
Creative & Performing Arts

Masked Singer



Congratulations to all the participants in this year's Masked Singer. It was a wonderful evening with all the performers showing their extraordinary talent. And the winners were.....
1st Place—Zoe-Leigh, 2nd Place—Isla, 3rd Place—Joseph.
The People's Choice award went to Varvara.

Black Coffee



A play called *Black Coffee*, written by Agatha Christie, was recently performed to a large audience and caught many people's eyes; from the costumes, to the hair, to the makeup, to the lights, to the stage setup and not to mention the acting.

It is set in the 1930's and is a sophisticated play, but is quite comedic at the same time with Belgium accents and very snobby women to get you chuckling in your seat.

I found this play very fun to perform and it brought out a very different acting side of me. I played Eliza Raynor (the murderer) and found it hilarious listening to people's guesses and accusations of who they thought the murderer was.

The stage setup, lighting and props for this play were fabulous with a hand-painted fireplace, lights following the actors around the stage and many tubes of "hyoscine." A lot of work went into making the audience feel like they were in a posh house belonging to a rich man in the 1930's, and I think that it went very well.

The hair and makeup for *Black Coffee* was without a single flaw and not a single bad word could be uttered about it. The vintage fingerwave hairstyle and many more classy hairdos were beautifully intricate and the makeup was just perfection.

Finally, I really enjoyed this play and look forward to performing in many more to come.

Zoe-Leigh, Year 8



Follow the Yellow Brick Road



This term, pupils have been designing and creating their own Christmas tree ornaments to go on our "Yellow Brick Road" themed Christmas tree to be entered into the Christmas Tree Festival at Chislehurst Methodist Church. We took children from the Prep and Senior School to the church to decorate our tree. The decorations were all made by pupils in FIZ Club, a house event organised in Senior School and by our Creative Arts Scholars. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Shoebox Appeal



We beat our record this year by sending 68 wonderful boxes to Link to Hope. These will bless families in Ukraine, Romania, Moldova or Bulgaria. We had a few bottles of shampoo and bars

of soap left over, so we have sent them to Bromley Brighter Beginnings to go into their Christmas boxes. A massive "thank you" to everyone!

Bebras Computing Challenge

The Bebras Computing Challenge introduces computational thinking to students. It is organised in over sixty countries and designed to get students all over the world excited about computing. Over 365,000 students took part in the UK, and over 3 million worldwide. Each participant answers questions that focus on computational and logical thinking. Between the 6th - 17th November 2023, all students in Years 6 - 9 and Computing students from Years 10 to 12 took part in the Bebras Computing Challenge.

I am really excited to announce that 11 of our pupils have been awarded the Gold Award which is for those that came in the top 10% nationally, which is outstanding.

Congratulations to the following pupils for achieving the Gold Award:

Marcus, Year 6
Olufemi, Year 7
Harrison, Year 7
Achille, Year 8
Zachary, Year 8

Jack, Year 9
Jamal, Year 9
Jack, Year 9
Ibrahim, Year 9
Richard, Year 9
Stefan, Year 12

Mrs Williamson
Computing Science & Business Teacher



Senior Carol Services



Parents, pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the two wonderful Carol Services this week. The carols and readings were confidently delivered engaging everyone in the important Christmas message.

Science Live

On Friday 1st December, the Science department took a group of Year 10 pupils to the Dominion Theatre to watch the Science Live lectures.

Pupils had the opportunity to listen to real world Scientists explain their specialist area of research as well as passion for Science. Scientists show-cased their research on phenomena beyond the Science curriculum to educate the audience on topics such as Material Science inspired by the natural world. This included materials being developed to mimic the micro hair structures on the feet of geckos, which enable them to climb. The Scientists emphasised how their work enabled them to collaborate as a team with many different professionals and gave them unique opportunities to travel the world.

It was particularly refreshing to see female Science role models advocating their professional pathway and how important the arts were in fulfilling their Science dreams. It was a personal honour to be part of an audience with Sir Robert Winston, where he shared his lifelong dedication to the field of IVF. The students gained an insight into some interesting Science and were impeccable in their conduct. They were a pleasure to take on the trip.

Many thanks go to Mr Templeman for organising the trip and staff who helped support.

Mrs Evans, Science Teacher

Farringtons Parents' Association

Huge thanks to the FPA for organising two fantastic events this term - Fireworks Night and the Christmas Market. Both events were well attended and raised money for a number of projects that will benefit the pupils at Farringtons.



Senior School

Sapientiam Talk



The Senior School enjoyed listening to Leah Chowdhry as part of our Sapientiam Talk Series. Leah holds the honour of being the first British Asian woman to successfully swim the English Channel. Since then, she has become a children's author and now travels full-time across the country, inspiring children to develop mental resilience, confidence, and self-discipline.

Survival Training



Year 7 enjoyed building a campfire and toasting marshmallows in their Floreat lesson on how to stay alive this term.

Year 10 Go Green



Year 10 enjoyed getting their hands dirty during their Floreat Goes Green lessons.

Survival Training



The Sixth Form had a great trip to Reculver Bay in Kent as part of their Geography fieldwork on beach profiles.

ELF RUN



Congratulations to all the pupils who donned an Elf Hat and took on the Elf Obstacle course in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

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Senior School - Christmas Themed Floreat Lessons

Pupils enjoyed putting a festive twist on our Floreat lessons for our Christmas House Day, for instance, aiming at Rudolph's nose in Archery, making tree decorations in 3D Printing, designing Christmas prints in Design Venture and creating a Christmas rap in Sound Production



Senior School - Christmas Cake Competition



Congratulations to everyone who baked and decorated to enter this year's Christmas Cake Competition. And the winners are.....

- 1st Holly, Year 9
- 2nd Polina and Timofey, Year 7 & Year 12
- 3rd Eaton, Year 10
- 4th Jasmine, Year 10
- 5th Bessie, Year 7

Trip to Malaysia

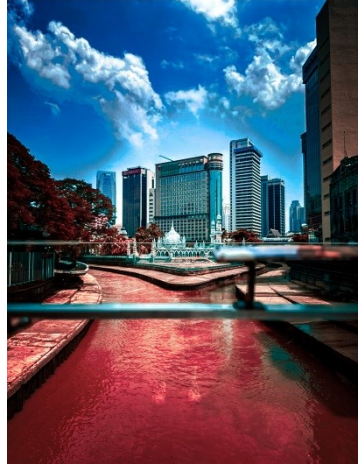
I have been thinking of ways to describe my trip to Malaysia and to put it quite simply, it was inspiring. we faced individual hurdles as well as group challenges, but we never failed to encourage each other and work as a team. The best example of this was when we built an enclosure that contributed to the turtle conservation. Throughout this time, we pieced together a little garden so that when the turtles are released into the sea, they are faced with a barrier to stop them wandering back inland. This issue has been brought to the attention of many animal welfare communities and as a team, we did something to help. This activity taught us to utilise each other's strengths and allowed us the opportunity to positively impact the turtle habitat.

Similarly, during our trek in Bukit we improved our resilience and tested our determination, this was an extremely challenging part of our trip, both mentally and physically. We gained strength through perseverance and encouragement of each other. Once we completed the trek, we reaped the rewards by jumping into a lake with a picturesque rainforest surrounding us. This was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon as we took some time out to relax and got to know each other. In contrast, we spent time exploring the city of Kuala Lumpur where we visited the extraordinary Batu Caves and the Petronas Towers. This was an eye-opening experience as we were further educated on an alternative culture. Moreover, we were granted with the amazing opportunity of giving water to the wild monkeys however, we encountered some extremely cheeky characters.

Finally, I loved being able to help the animals because it has always been something that I have been passionate about. This trip has been life changing, it has opened my eyes to a new community and taught me countless life lessons. I now have the desire to continue my journey creating more memories like these.

Thank you to everyone who has made this trip possible and for inspiring me to pursue future travels.

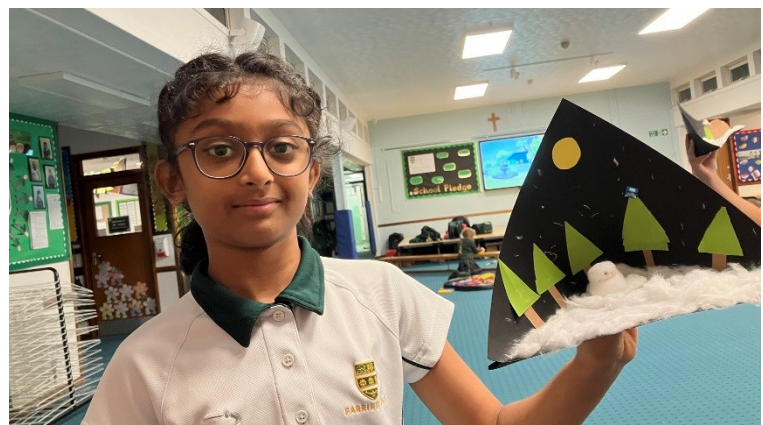
Evie, Year 12



FIZ Club

Members of our FIZ Holiday Club made some fantastic memories in the half-term holiday. Arts and crafts were enjoyed as well as trips to Howletts Zoo, Hever Castle and Greenwich Park.

Pupils have also enjoyed a range of activities throughout the term such as Taekwondo and Cycle Tots.



Senior School



Floreat Care Home Visit

It is so humbling to spend time with the residents at Prince George Duke of Kent Care Home every week. We enjoy listening to their stories, playing games with them and meeting their family that come to visit. It is an amazing experience which myself and the Year 10 pupils look forward to as part of our Floreat lessons.

Mrs Mahil

Charity Chop



On the 7th December, Tanraj had his hair cut by members of Year 12 to raise money for Macmillan in support of all the staff members currently fighting cancer. Students were invited into Ferens Hall to watch and to donate money. Tanraj has also set up a Go Fund Me Page for donations if you too would like to contribute to his fundraising effort. <https://gofund.me/2f4b1f94>

I would like to say a huge thank you to Tanraj for putting himself forward for this. Tanraj I am so proud of you for doing this and for the form in supporting you.

Mrs Daws, Form Tutor



Christmas Card Competition



Thank you and congratulations to everyone who entered the annual Christmas Card Competition.

Farringtons in the Community



Well done to Tia for winning Student of the Year at the Crown Taekwondo Federation Awards Evening.

Tia's Taekwondo journey began in FIZ Club at Farringtons ten years ago, where she remains completely dedicated to it. She attends training three evenings a week and helps at grading events throughout the year. Congratulations to Tia and her achievements; we are very proud of you!

Senior School Scholar Reports

Being Part of a Sports Team

My name is Nicki and I'm currently playing for Brighton U19. Joining a new team has been a challenge but also an amazing opportunity. We train three to four times a week and play games week in week out against teams such as Manchester United, Liverpool and Chelsea. Being part of an academy has shown me the key aspects needed to become a professional athlete, such as skills like resilience and dedication. This season has taught me perseverance, teamwork, and the rewards of hard work. Every game, every practice, every challenge has been a stepping stone towards personal growth and achievement. The highlight of this year so far was winning the Nike Premier Cup, beating teams such as Chelsea, Liverpool and Tottenham. As the season progresses, I eagerly anticipate what lies ahead. The journey with Brighton U19 has been remarkable so far, and I'm excited to continue pushing myself, embracing every opportunity, and contributing my best to the team. Farringtons has allowed me to become the player I am today, as they have given me the upmost support when I have needed it.

Nicki, Head Girl & Year 13 Scholar

Choir – Bringing Voices Together

When I first joined the choir I was nervous having just joined Farringtons in Year 7, but my fear was soon allayed after some fun vocal warmups and the friendly welcome from the choir leaders and fellow students.

As the first rehearsal started, I was pleasantly surprised with the blend of sounds and harmonies and found myself joining in and enjoying the ensemble which sounded even more impressive in the lovely acoustics of the chapel.

The choir is a mix of children from classes and years that I would not normally meet, so it is a great way to make older friends in a unique environment.

On our school Remembrance Day, I felt extremely proud to sing the emotional and relevant song "Fields of Gold" and I remember it being very peaceful and sombre as the whole school looked on in silence.

We will soon be doing our carol service and have recorded a "school version" of "12 days of Christmas" which I hope will surprise everyone!

I'm looking forward to more challenging and diverse songs in the future for many more years, showcasing our lovely school choir.

Xander, Year 7 Scholar

Pet Protectors

When I first joined Pet Protectors, I was incredibly excited. As an animal lover, this felt like the perfect club for me. Dachshunds and any type of cat are my favoured creatures along with birds, but I am interested in all animals. The club is on Tuesday at lunchtime and it is a brilliant way to make friends with the other Year 7 pupils.



So far, we have been introduced to a gorgeous, long-eared Spaniel and a beautiful chocolate Labrador. The Labrador stirred some laughs as she ran out from under our chairs to retrieve her ball.

As I have two cats at home, I will not be bringing any pets in. They would be far too shy for this and would probably run up a curtain and refuse to come down or, maybe even hide in somebody's school bag. I really enjoy being able to play with the dogs and hear about these endearing creatures.

I would like to volunteer for an animal charity when I am older so this club is a good experience.

Lily, Year 7 Scholar

#iloveboarding

Our boarders have had a fantastic half term and enjoyed a wide range of activities. A slumber party, trip to London, ice skating and an escape room were just some of the highlights!



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First Netball Match

On the 16th November the Year 7 girls (A team), played their first netball match. We were away at Darrick Wood School. We arrived and warmed up on the court.

The game started and our passing was excellent! We retained all of our centre passes and our shooters were playing really well, managing to convert into goals.

We were strong in defence and had lots of interceptions. Mrs. Sherwood made some changes to our positions after each quarter to allow us to show what we could do in other positions.

Everyone adapted really well and we won the match without conceding a goal. Final score 17-0 to Farringtons.

What a start!

Fable, Year 7 Scholar

EFL Girls cup



Our U13 Girls were runners up in the EFL Girls Cup hosted by Charlton Athletic FC.

In the group stages they beat Bexleyheath Academy, Ark Greenwich, Royal Greenwich and drew with Crown Woods School. In the quarter final they won 1-0 against Haberdashers School with a goal from Zoe-Leigh. The semi-final saw them face their local rivals Cleeve Park School with a 2-0 win and goals from Grace and Zoe-Leigh again.

The final saw a re-match with our group opponents Crown Woods and unfortunately we lost 4-0 with an impressive display from their striker who scored a hat trick despite some excellent saves from Lili in goal. A runners up place for the U13 girls but thoroughly deserved!!

Mrs Broughan, PE Teacher

Christmas Decorations



Pre-Reception children loved getting messy making salt dough Christmas decorations.

