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Big Apprenticeship Breakfast



On the 8th February, over 60 Sixth Form students from four local schools gained valuable insights into future career paths thanks to the Big Apprenticeship Breakfast hosted by Farringtons School. The event aimed to connect students with diverse apprenticeship opportunities offered by inspiring businesses.

Opening the event, MP Sir Robert Neill delivered an impactful address, emphasising the UK's commitment to nurturing high-quality apprenticeships through collaboration between employers, training providers and schools.

The Big Apprenticeship Breakfast was a resounding success, bridging the gap between students and potential employers.

General Knowledge Quiz Success

Congratulations to Neel, Christopher, Jude and Gabriel from Years 3-6, respectively, who represented Farringtons Prep School in a Key Stage 2 general knowledge online quiz. Out of 65 other children competing from schools across the country, individually, the boys placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. This is an outstanding achievement as they continue to broaden their general knowledge skills.



Bromley Rotary Club Youth Awards

Well done to Casey in Year 10 and Maria in Year 13 who both won an award for outstanding contribution to the community at the Bromley Rotary Club Youth Awards.



Grand Master Status!



Well done to Gabriel in Year 6 who has achieved Grand Master status using the Numeracy Ninja 5 minute skills tests. These resources are aimed at KS3 children and cover a wide range of key mathematics skills that are taught throughout the Mathematics national curriculum. In order to achieve his Grand Master status, he had to get full marks on the tests for 10 sessions running. Gabriel is the first child in the Prep School to become a Grand Master.

Football Success

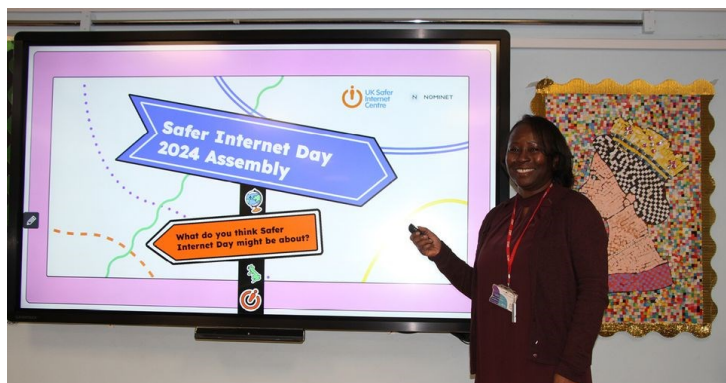
Well done to the U18 girls Football Team who have qualified for the quarter final of the Kent Cup, finishing 2nd place in their league.



Prep School

Safer Internet Day

To acknowledge Safer Internet Day, Prep School pupils joined the world in promoting a positive and respectful online space, especially for young people.



We are excited to announce a new competition being launched for all pupils in KS2. They have the opportunity to enter the annual Childnet Film Competition by creating a short film about Online Safety. Finalists will be invited to an award ceremony in Central London and win some great film making prizes for the Prep School. We cannot wait to see the entries!

Map Reading



Pupils in Reception have been exploring different maps. They used a map of the school to navigate their way around the school and used the key to identify buildings

History of Sikhism



As part of Year 2's Religious Studies topic on rules and routines, Harman gave a talk to the Year 2 children on the history of Sikhism and how he practises his faith. His key message was about helping others in need and he explained the meaning of the 5 Ks.

First Round Success

We are thrilled to announce that three of our Prep School pupils have advanced to the next stage of the BBC 500 Words competition, where they will compete against the top 5000 entries from across the country. We are really proud of them and wish them luck in the next round!



Raising the Roof!



Pupils stole the show at the O2! Huge thanks to our incredible Prep School choir for raising the roof at the Young Voices Concert!

London Landmarks



Children in Reception used a range of materials to create some amazing representations of London landmarks. In the outdoor classroom, they worked as a team to build Big Ben and the Shard using large loose parts. The children worked closely together to risk assess and problem solve, to enable the blocks to be stacked high.

Prep School

Sports News

On Tuesday, 9th January, the Year 5 girls played Netball against Babington House. The weather was bitterly cold, but everyone fought hard with excellent passing and movement into our attacking third. The game finished 0-0. Well done to all the pupils who took part.



- ★ Monday 22nd January, all of Year 4 travelled to St Christopher's to play football. This was a great experience for everyone and the first competitive match for some! All pupils played really well.
- ★ Wednesday 24th January the Year 3 teams with some Year 4s played football against St Christopher's at Farringtons. These were wonderful friendly matches with lots of coaching and support. Well done to the boys who won 4-0!
- ★ Monday 29th January, Year 4 boys played against Merton Court in football. Both teams played brilliantly and came away victorious! Well done to everyone who took part.
- ★ Thursday 1st February, Year 6 girls played against St Georges in football. It was a nail biting game with lots of goal line action which finished in a draw. A special thank you to Emma Walsh and Alexa Creasey in Year 5 who helped the team.
- ★ Friday 2nd February, 39 children in Years 3-6 ran in the Bromley High cross-country event. It was fantastic to get so many Farringtons pupils running at this event. Thank you for the support of our wonderful parents who made this possible.

Numbers Day

The Prep School pupils celebrated Numbers Day today by taking part in activities, games and dressing up as digits whilst raising money to support the NSPCC. Year 1 played a dice rolling game where the children competed to make the largest number, using their place value skills and number knowledge.



Forest School

During Forest School pupils mixed mud and water to make paint. They experimented with the consistency, adding more water to make it thinner or more mud to thicken it. They made their own nature brushes by using their fine motor skills to stretch elastic bands to hold leaves and sticks together.



Drawing Cats!

Pre-Reception have been combining their fine motor and listening skills to create fabulous drawings of cats. They listened carefully to the instructions and drew a big circle, two small triangle ears on top of the cat's head and four whiskers on each side of the cat's face.



Trip to Horniman Museum



On Thursday, Year 4 travelled to the Horniman Museum to take part in an Animal Teeth Workshop. Children were able to touch and handle various teeth from across the animal kingdom, including shark, whale and zebra teeth. In addition, they toured the museum learning details of various exotic animals and cultures from around the world. It was a great day out!

Prep School — Ticket Around The World



To start the new topic, 'ticket around the world' the children in Reception shared their homework with the class about the countries they have researched.



During Forest School pupils in Pre-Reception enjoyed making homes to keep the animals warm in winter. They used leaves to make comfy beds for the animals and built homes using sticks and logs.

In the mud kitchen, the children linked their literacy lessons on Africa and used the pestle and mortar to pound yams for their dinner.



Continuing with their topic of Africa, pupils roared like lions whilst making fierce lion masks, used pincer power at the funky fingers table, placing buttons on all sorts of amazing animals, dug up some wild African animals hidden in the sand and filled the classroom with the beat of the Djembe drums as they mastered echo rhythms and call and response patterns!



In Pre-Reception, pupils have been reading Anna Hibiscus' Song, which is based on Africa and is about happiness. The pupils are enjoying learning about Africa.



This week, Pre-Reception have been exploring the vibrant world of Africa. We crafted our own musical instruments like shakers and drums, filling the classroom with lively rhythms, learned African songs and created amazing clay pots inspired by traditional African pottery



Beauty and the Beast

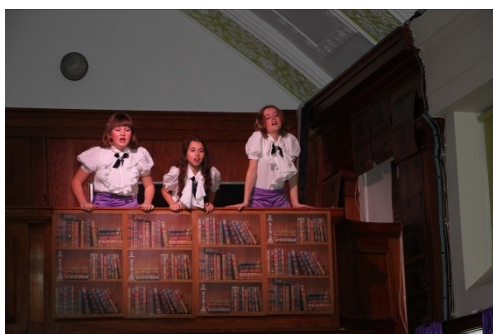
This year's production of *Beauty and the Beast* was a joy to watch! Outstanding acting, phenomenal decorations and superb performances from the orchestra. Of course, the costumes were also fabulous! A massive congratulations to everyone involved, as the hours of preparation have certainly paid off.

A particularly huge thank you to Miss Warburton for organising everything.

I attended the play on all three days, with different guests on each day. They all enjoyed the show, just as much as I did, and were impressed by both the performance and the organisation.

Thank you to everyone for putting on a great show, and it looks like West End now have a new competitor!

Mrs Iakovleva (Polina's mum)



Senior School

Jenga Fun

The Senior School had fun participating in a Jenga competition to gain points for their houses - well done to Davies House, who won!



Photoshop Workshop

Year 10 GCSE Graphic students have been using and updating their creative skills participating in a Photoshop workshop.



Electrifying

Year 12 Physics class just got electrifying (literally)! As they explored the fascinating world of oscilloscopes, watching electrical signals dance across the screen - real-time snapshots of voltage changing over time.



Performing Shakespeare



Senior School pupils went head to head as they performed Shakespeare striving to be selected as the school's representatives for the ESU national competition.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Training



Year 9 have been busy training for their Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition as part of the Floreat Programme.

The programme has included map reading, route planning, first aid and expedition kit and nutrition.

Next term they embark on camp craft, orienteering, and outdoor cooking, culminating in a full day's hike.

Senior School

Diffraction Gratings



This photo was taken by Toby in Year 12 whilst studying diffraction gratings in Physics. This shows the zeroth, first and second order diffraction maxima, where white light is diffracted through tiny slits. Interference of all the diffracted light results in these spectral maxima. The students then have to do calculations to work out the maximum number of orders for the spectrum of white light. They then go on to analyse laser light, (monochromatic light) produced by the transition of electrons between energy levels and determine the exact wavelength of red, blue and green lasers.

Mrs Owen, Physics Teacher

Sports News

Outstanding Swimming Results at the Kent Championships

On the 13th of January the school had 8 pupils represent Farringtons at the Kent Schools Swimming Gala, held in Margate. Students included: Year 11 Iris Mack, Lana Norton Year 10 Lilly Deller, Neve Bradbury, Luke Bonnici. Year 9 Eliot Botten-Vanacore. Year 7 Joseph Warman and Bessie Mack. The event had the best swimmers in Kent and was extremely competitive. All the pupils produced some outstanding performances which the PE Department was extremely proud of. Highlights of the meet were:

Iris Mack- 7 th	100m Freestyle	1:05:82
Luke Bonnici- 6 th	100m Backstroke	1:16:12
Joseph Warman- 6 th	100m Breaststroke	1:40:51
Lilly Deller- 4 th	100m Freestyle	1:01:00
Eliot Botten-Vanacore	100m Backstroke	1:08:62
Bronze Medal		
Lilly Deller	200IM	2:27:73
Silver Medal		

Netball

On the 5th of February the U13 Netball team played at St Dunstan's. The U13 played really well winning 3-1, Maggie scored 2 and Izzy scored 1. The U13 played very well as a team and it was really enjoyable to watch and play.

Maggie Page

New Society



The newly launched Farringtons Economic & Political Society delivered an assembly on elections. They invented their own parties and the Central Harmony Alliance party won!

Boarding News

Farringtons boarders enjoyed an impromptu barbeque. The weather might have been a little chilly, but it was a great opportunity to get everyone together for some food and fun.



This term, a group of Farringtons School boarding students had the opportunity to see the smash-hit musical Wicked at the Apollo Victoria Theatre in London's West End. The students were wowed by the show's incredible performances, catchy songs, and stunning sets.



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Farringtons' Young Orators



Farringtons' young orators have been out in force over the past two weeks. Sixth formers Maria, Emily and Timofey put up a splendid fight in the second round of the ESU Mace against the proposition Eltham Hill School in the debate 'This House believes that schools should focus on maximising students' value to the modern workplace over a broad and balanced education' confounding them with particularly detailed research and articulate, intelligent argument. Keanu and Kristian performed with equal aplomb in the regional round of Oxford Schools' Debating, a challenging prepare-on-the-spot British Parliamentary-style competition - well done to all. In Public Speaking news, congratulations to our ESU Churchill team members - Keira, Sanu and Ishan - who competed on home territory in a high calibre second round

this week, winning through to the Regional Final of this, the biggest and oldest Public Speaking competition in the UK. They fought off strong competition, many of whom were two years older! Miss Bliss now just waiting to hear whether Sanu and Lydia have made the shortlist for the second round of the ESU Performing Shakespeare Competition - fingers crossed!

Mrs Denman, Head of Debate



Annual Alumni Service & Lunch



Memories made and laughter shared! It was incredible reconnecting with so many familiar faces at the Farringtons Alumni Lunch and Chapel service. The delicious food, inspiring service, and warm camaraderie made it an unforgettable afternoon. Huge thanks to everyone who joined us - your presence truly made it special!

