



# FOCUS ON FARRINGTONS

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## YEAR 11—13 SPORTS AWARDS CELEBRATORY DINNER



Congratulations to everyone who was nominated for an award at the recent Sports Award Dinner. And the winners were.....

### U16 Netball

Most Improved Player—Evie Matthews  
Players Player—Ruby Burrowes  
Most Valuable Player—Wilhemina Konteh

### Senior Netball

Most Improved Player—Ashley Kufakwaro  
Players Player—Priya Pillay  
Most Valuable Player—Ciara O'Neill



### Senior Girls Football

Most Improved Player—Neena Muzawazi  
Most Committed Player—Phoebe Jackson  
Manager's Award—Nicki Kardel  
Players Player—Anya Bharaj  
Most Valuable Player—Ruby Skinner

### Senior Boys Football

Most Improved Player—Elliot Small  
Most Committed Player—Tomiwa Olagunju  
Players Player—Ned Kelly  
Most Valuable Player—Joshua Blake



Senior Sports Person of the Year—Ned Kelly  
Senior Sports Team of the Year  
—Senior Xi Boys Football  
Service to Netball—Priya Pillay  
Service to Girls Football—Amelie Greatorex  
Service to Boys Football—Max Mackay

Thank you to all the staff involved in making this such a special evening.

## LITTLE BIRD DREAMS WORKSHOP



Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic workshop led by the author Alison Delaney. The idea behind the workshop was to allow the children to express their thoughts and feelings freely about what they wish to become when they grow up and explain that with perseverance and hard work, they can achieve this. The Lady Mayor, Hannah Gray was also be in attendance for this inspiring event.



## Football Tournament

Year 3, 4 and 5 girls represented Farringtons in the Eltham College Football tournament recently. With heavy rain and strong winds at times, the girls showed true resilience in all their games. Year 3 won one and drew one of their games, Year 4 won two and drew one of their games, and Year 5 drew four of their matches! Well done to all the girls who took part.



## Cross Country

Year 3 and 4 pupils represented Farringtons in the Bromley Schools Cross Country event at Crystal Palace. The conditions were treacherous, with heavy rain and lots of mud on the course for each race. Everyone ran brilliantly, and we finished 2nd in the Small Schools Competition. A special congratulations to Emma, who finished 4th in her race! Well done to all the pupils who took part.



## Silly Socks Netball



Year 5 girls getting ready for their silly socks netball games, raising money for charity.

## Photography Exhibition

The Sixth Form enjoyed capturing images for their projects in Soho and Covent Garden, as well as visiting the Deutsche Börse Photography Exhibition.



## Flipping Pancakes



The Junior School enjoyed flipping pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Teachers and pupils also enjoyed pancake races.

## Visit from Author Andy Briggs



The Senior School enjoyed a visit from author Andy Briggs, learning about his time writing scripts, comics and children's books and taking part in a workshop. A brilliant day was had by all.



## Pet Protectors



Year 7 have thoroughly enjoyed Pet Protectors Club. As well as meeting a wide variety of pets, they also learned how to take care of them. Pictured above are members of the Club and Fleur with her dog Riley.

## Year 3 Art Day



On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March Year 3 took part in an Art Indulgence Day. They experimented with watercolours and different techniques before creating their own painting of a bunch of daffodils. They ended the day by making suncatchers to display on the classroom windows. All the children had great fun and felt like professional artists when they signed their names on their paintings!

Mrs Benjamin

## Romans on the Rampage



This term the excited and enthusiastic children in Year 3 performed their assembly on the Romans to appreciative applause from their parents. The children shared what they knew about the Romans through drama and song. Their performances were enhanced by their wonderful costumes and headdresses. It was a superb and brilliant performance by each one of the children.

Mrs Brookman

## English Speaking Board Distinctions!

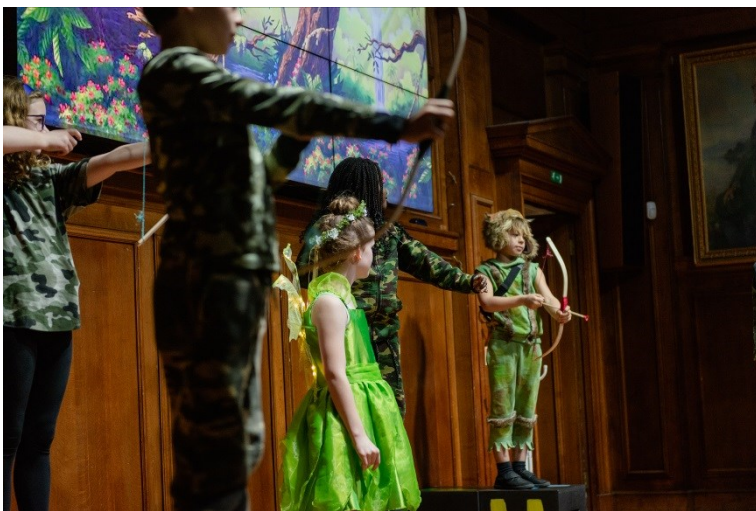
Congratulations to the whole of Year 5, who all received a Distinction in their English Speaking Board (ESB) examinations. With four pupils: Marvelous, Florence, Fedor and Elliot, all receiving 100% in their exams! Each year the children prepare for the ESB examinations focusing on communication skills; this preparation gives children confidence and more opportunities to speak in public.





## Year 4 Production of Peter Pan

Congratulations to all the cast of Peter Pan. It was a superb production with fantastic singing and wonderful acting. The enthusiasm of the pupils shone through! Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this production such a success.





## U11 Netball Tournament



Congratulations to all the players in the Farringtons U11 Netball Tournament.

## Sploosh Pie



Well done to Lauren and Faye, who won our Lord of the Pies Competition, which asked pupils to create a pie based on a book. A prominent feature in the book 'Holes' by Louis Sancher is something they call 'Sploosh,' which is a jar of spiced peaches, hence the recipe for spiced peach pie. Lauren and Faye are pictured here with Librarian, Mrs Hanks and Catering Manager, Mr Gardiner.

## Real Madrid Football Tour

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 59 budding footballers boarded a plane to travel to the illustrious Real Madrid to sample the rich Spanish footballing culture. An early start made for a busy day with us touching down before racing over for our first training session at the famous Valdebebas training ground, home to Real Madrid. The players were put through their paces before a well earned rest at the hotel that evening.

Friday saw a lot of excitement around the breakfast table ahead of our next training session where the expert coaches worked the players hard in a variety of footballing topics before a wonderful lunch in the Real Madrid cafeteria. What followed after was a visit to the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium to see the famous pitch that the Los Blancos grace at home games, found in the heart of the Madrid City Centre.

A final training session prepared us for some live La Liga action at the home of Getafe CF against Rayo Vallecano in a local Madrid derby. The game was action packed and saw the teams draw 1-1 with a penalty miss and a penalty save thrown in for good measure! After cheering for the home team for 90 minutes, a well-deserved dinner awaited at the hotel before the pupils competed in the famous Farringtons Football Quiz.

Our final full day was match day with the different squads playing local opposition from across Madrid at different times of the day. Some great performances, great goals and enjoyment was had by all as we mixed with the local Spanish people and practiced some Spanish ourselves!

A day of souvenir shopping on the final morning brought our trip to close as we travelled back to school to enjoy our half term break and some well-earned rest. A big thank you to all of the staff that gave up their time to look after the pupils on the trip, we couldn't have done it without you. Gracias!

**Adam Doherty**  
Assistant Director of Sport





## Farringtons in the Community



Congratulations to Reece who was selected for the Under 16 Saracens Squad winning against the Harlequins at the StoneX stadium.

Congratulations to Ruby on her recent swimming results on the Kent Circuit.

50M backstroke – 1<sup>st</sup> place Gold – time 35.03  
200m freestyle – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Bronze - time 2.32:42  
100m backstroke – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Bronze – time 1.15:90  
50m freestyle – 1<sup>st</sup> place Gold – time 29.62  
50M freestyle – 1<sup>st</sup> place Gold – Ruby smashed her PB and got an amazing 29.11!

Ruby is now 14<sup>th</sup> in Kent for her 50m freestyle and she is just outside the top 50 for the whole of the South East.

## Trip to Thorpe Park

On Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 40 Year 10 Business and Computer Science students went on a trip to Thorpe Park.

All students were given the opportunity to take part in a Business workshop focusing on the marketing at Thorpe Park. This will help them with their Unit 1 coursework, which focusses on the marketing mix used by large organisations and how adapting this allows them to remain competitive. Computer Science students have been looking at how computers are used throughout the park, from the entry system, to the actual rides, creating the atmosphere at each ride, safety mechanisms and virtual reality. All students and staff enjoyed the day out and had fun going on the rides!

Mrs Williamson  
Computer Science and Business Teacher

## Boys Football Roundup

### Year 7 Boys - Quarter Finalists

Well done to our Year 7s who faced Harris Academy Beckenham tonight in the Bromley Cup winning 4-0. A superb first season at Farringtons for the team with some excellent performances and wins to match. There have been many standout performers and Mr Everson has been thoroughly impressed with the squad this year. Well done all and good luck in the Semi Final!

### Year 8, 9 & 10 Boys

This week brings an end to our highly successful football season for our boys across the A&B teams. Some excellent games, fantastic goals and great team spirit has been on show. Some players can't wait for next season already! Best of luck to our Year 9A team who will be participating (and hosting) the ISFA Small Schools Finals afternoon at Queen Mary Sports Ground at the end of April after winning their group unbeaten. The boys are ready for the Finals and can't wait to get started.

### Senior 1<sup>st</sup> XI - On the way to a league title

Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI boys march on to Easter with the league almost in grasp with some remaining matches left. A thrilling 3-3 draw at home against our nearest challenge Beths Grammar School, adding to our opening win against them in September, have left us in control of our own destiny with a handful of games left to complete. Not only this, the team still remains unbeaten in the league and hoping to continue this for the rest of the season. Keep going boys, bring home the trophy!

## Girls Football Roundup

The U12 Girls Football Team have made it into the Final of the Bromley Cup. The game was 0-0 and went to penalties. Ellie and Zoe-Leigh played a huge part in winning us the game by scoring their penalties..

The final will be played on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at Bromley FC.

The U13s have made it to the quarter final of the Bromley Cup and the U16s to the semi-finals of the Bromley Cup.

The U13 have made it into the last 32 of the English Small Schools Competition.



## Art Trip to the Barbican



On the 6th of March, art students from Year 9, 10 and 12 visited the Barbican in London to see the amazing Alice Neel: Hot Off the Griddle artworks and exhibits. In the morning we first had an introductory talk by a member of the gallery staff about the artist and her work before we looked at some of her vivid portraits. These were very inspiring because the exhibition highlighted her understanding of the fundamentally political nature of how we look at others, and what it is to feel seen. Some of these portraits were painted of people that Neel admired for their political commitments, and right up to the end of her life, Neel was determined to look with sensitivity and humour at the range of human subjects who had the courage to let her paint them. This links to our Year 9 art lessons as we are doing expressive portraiture painting at the moment. I am sure that her amazing work will inspire everyone and help us with our work. We all sketched some of her lovely paintings into our sketchbook pages

and took notes about the paintings that we saw so we could look back on these in class. After lunch, we got the train home after a fun art day out at the Barbican. I would love to go back one day, it was an incredible experience being so close to some famous artwork. Neel really showed not only her emotions and personal experiences through her paintings, but she also represented many people that were not commonly painted in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Many thanks to Mrs Allen for taking us on this truly fabulous trip!

Jennifer Pike, Year 9



Members of FIZ Club have been very busy this term taking part in numerous after school activities.

In addition, some of our pupils join us during the holidays when special visits and activities are organised for them.

### After School Clubs

**Gymnastics** - Two groups of pupils doing gymnastics have greatly grown in size and progressed very well with their gymnastic techniques.

**Cycle Tots** - Pupils have learnt how to use pedal bikes from starting on balance bikes.

**Taekwondo** - Each child received their Taekwondo gradings on Sunday 5th March.

**Football** - Pupils have spent the term practicing and improving on their shooting, passing and dribbling skills.

### Half-term Holiday Club

**Bromley Theatre** - Pupils attended storytelling performances of Hans Christian Anderson stories: The Ugly Duckling, Princess and the Pea, Tin Soldier and The Emperor's New Clothes.

**Arts 'n' Crafts** - Pupils made Valentine's Day cards and a model village out of cardboard boxes.

**Ruxley Manor Circus** - Performances from acrobats, trapeze artists, costume-changing artists and clowns.

**Ten Pin Bowling & Danson Park** - Pupils learned how to bowl and had a picnic in the park.







I am excited to share with you the latest news from the Farringtons Futures Programme. There have been several fantastic careers activities this half term.

As part of National Apprenticeship Week, our pupils joined the online Big Assembly to learn more about apprenticeship opportunities. This was a great opportunity for our pupils to hear first-hand from apprentices and their employers about the benefits of this route, live chat was also available so they could ask any questions they had about the process.

During National Careers Week, we offered mock interviews to all Year 12 pupils, with the support of parents. This was an excellent opportunity for our pupils to hone their interview skills and receive feedback from experienced professionals. We believe that this will help prepare them for the world of work, whether they choose to pursue higher education or not.

The highlight of the week was our Careers Speaker event, where we welcomed speakers from six different industries to share their career journeys with our pupils. The speakers provided valuable insights into their respective fields and offered inspiration to our pupils about what they can achieve with hard work and determination.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that all our Year 12 pupils have completed their work experience placements. This is the first time Sixth Formers at Farringtons have been offered this as part of their curriculum and it was a great opportunity for them to see the world of work first hand, as well as to gain valuable skills and experience that will benefit them in the future.



At Farringtons, we are committed to helping our pupils achieve their full potential and prepare for life beyond school. We believe that these careers activities are an essential part of this process, and we are proud of our pupils for their engagement and enthusiasm throughout.

Thank you to all those who have offered support to the Farringtons Futures programme. I look forward to sharing more updates with you all in the future.

Mrs Miah  
Head of Careers

## Public Speakers Full of Confidence!

It's been a busy half term for Farringtons' fabulous speakers! Once again our team have achieved great success in the ESU Churchill Public Speaking Competition. Kristian, Imogen and Ioana put on a fantastic show at the London Final, confidently and very competently taking on teams who had finished ahead of us last year. A big well done to all, and especially to Imogen whose beautifully structured speech on why the past was not better than the future had the audience in stitches and swiped the Best Speaker award from under the noses of other competitors. On the same day, two Year 8 students, Keira and Sanujana wowed the judges at the second round of the ESU Performing Shakespeare Competition. Keira's sensitive but feisty Helena from A Midsummer Night's Dream really demonstrated her adaptability as a performer and Sanujana's Hamlet was considered worthy of an honourable mention from the judges who really felt she had gone the extra mile. Good luck in your preparation for the regional final, ladies. Well done to all concerned and a special thank you to Mrs Vail and Mr Coulthard for your wonderful support.

Mrs Denman  
Head of Debate





## World Book Day



The children looked wonderful in their unique word-themed costumes and participated in some amazing story-based drama workshops. They also enjoyed many exciting activities based on the words collected during the week. Pupils collected a whole array of words based on the book 'The Word Collector.' The children had a jam-packed week collecting nouns, verbs, adjectives, synonyms, and onomatopoeia, moving to a word tally of 2,391 words!

## Year 6 Isle of Wight

Year 6 had a fantastic residential trip to the Isle of Wight, during which they built fires, climbed and abseiled. Part of their trip included a visit to Osborne House, one of the homes belonging to Queen Victoria.

Thank you to the staff how who organised the trip and to the pupils for behaving so well.



## Making Omelettes



Our Year 10 budding chefs put their cooking skills to the test by making some delicious Spanish omelettes.



## #iloveboarding

Once again, the boarders have had a busy term with a wide variety of evening and weekend activities including mini golf, a visit to the Science Museum and bowling.



Mr Smith has started a new boarding running club—the Farringtons Fliers. They have started slow, but everyone is building up their stamina and speed.



We say goodbye to three short stay boarders this term, Julia, Gustav and Daichi. Thank you for being such wonderful members of the Farringtons Community.



## Safer Internet Competition



Congratulations to Polina, Marvelous, Chloe, Mia, Neel, Sophia, Maximilia and Joy for their winning entries to the Safer Internet Competition. There were great entries from across Years 1 - 6, all highlighting the importance of staying safe online. Mr Boyjoonauth and I found it extremely hard to choose the eventual winners, but we selected those posters that gave the best (and most creative!) advice on how to use the Internet in a safe and positive way.

Mrs Alexander

## Year 1 Visit to British Wildlife Centre



Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the British Wildlife Centre in Lingfield.

They were able to enjoy learning about a wide range of animals including foxes, hedgehogs, otters, Scottish wildcats and owls.



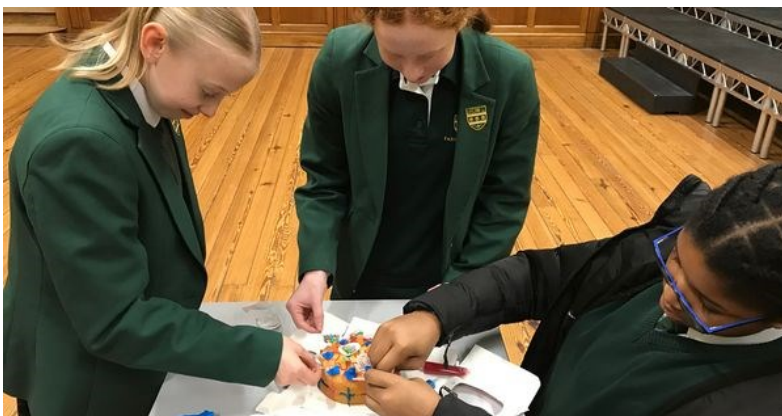
# House Events



Well done to Tia and Kaya for winning the Pi competition, with Tia reciting Pi to 221 digits and Kaya reciting Pi to 211 digits.



We were amazed at the speed of some of the entrants in the recent Speed Cubing Competition for our Senior School. Well done to Rohan, who completed his Rubick's Cube in an astonishing 26 seconds!!



Pupils were challenged to decorate a cake with an Easter theme using a range of different ingredients. The competition was a great way for students to get into the Easter spirit and have some fun with their friends



Well done to Laura - KS3, Ava - KS4 and Rianna - KS5 for winning the Biology Pizza Competition. Pupils were asked to create a pizza cell by using different toppings, with some amazing results! Well done everyone.



Year 7 and 8 enjoyed a dance and music competition, with some fantastic performances. Congratulations to Ellie and Zara for coming second and to Kaya and Valentine for winning the competition.



## Farringtons



## Features

Our latest Podcast features Mr Smith & Miss Farrant with Year 12 students, talking about Mental Health and Wellbeing.

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## FPA Gift Room



Thank you to the Farringtons Parents' Association for organising the Junior School Special Person Gift Room. Children were able to pick a gift for their mother or a special person in their life.

## Young Artists



The Young Artists' Summer Show brings together work by primary and secondary level students from across the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of passionate artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts. Here are two pieces of work that have been submitted.

## Francis Crick Institute



Maria in Year 12 visited the Francis Crick Institute after receiving an invitation from a scientist impressed by her EPQ on CRISPR technology and gene editing this week. Congratulations Maria!

## Easter Bonnets



Pre-Reception had fun this week making Easter bonnets ready for the Easter Bonnet Parade and Chapel Service to parents.

