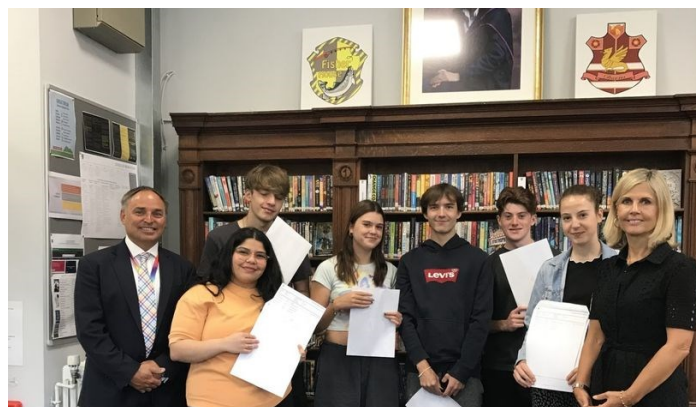




FOCUS ON FARRINGTONS

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Congratulations!



Congratulations to Year 11 and Year 13 2022/2023 on your well-deserved results in the summer. Click [here](#) to read more.

Science Investigations



Year 4 have been carrying out lots of investigations in their Science lessons this term. They have learned how the number of cells affects the brightness of a bulb, which materials are conductors and insulators, and created circuits

Stone Age Comes to Life



The Freshwater Theatre Company came to help us explore our History topic on 'The Stone Age' through drama and role-play. We looked at a timeline showing the length of the Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods and acted out little scenes, showing a snapshot of this period in history.

#iloveboarding



Our boarders enjoyed their first trip of the term with a boat ride up the River Thames in the glorious sunshine

We were delighted to welcome many new boarders from all over the world and hope they enjoy being part of the Farringtons family!

Floreat - Race to Win



Senior School pupils are participating in a Floreat activity, 'Race to Win.' This activity will take place in their HITT Floreat lesson, and it is a great opportunity for pupils to accumulate as many kilometres as possible utilising various methods and pieces of equipment.

Pupils are asking family and friends for sponsorship for each kilometre completed to raise vital funds for Second Chance Animal Rescue.

Floreat - Care in the Community



Mrs Mahil and three Year 11 pupils entertained the residents of Prince George Duke of Kent Court with Bhangra and Bollywood dancing this term. All were able to taste Indian Street Food and some residents even danced to Bhangra music.

Black Coffee Production



The cast of Agatha Christie's play, 'Black Coffee', are working hard in rehearsals, preparing for their performance in November.

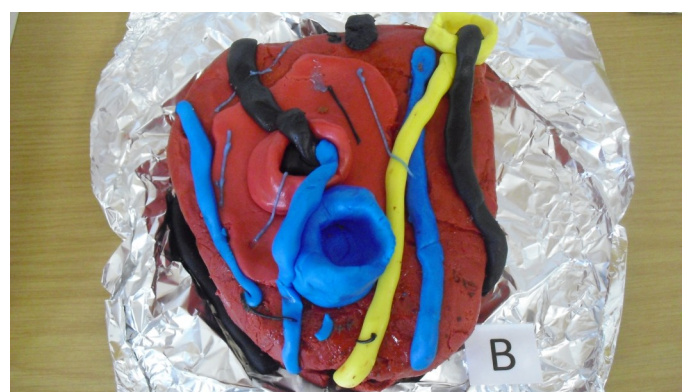
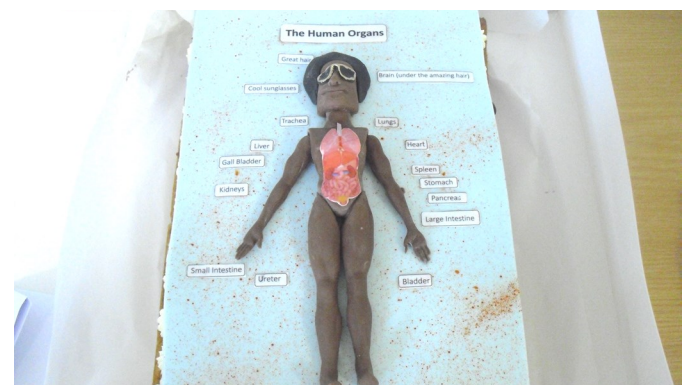
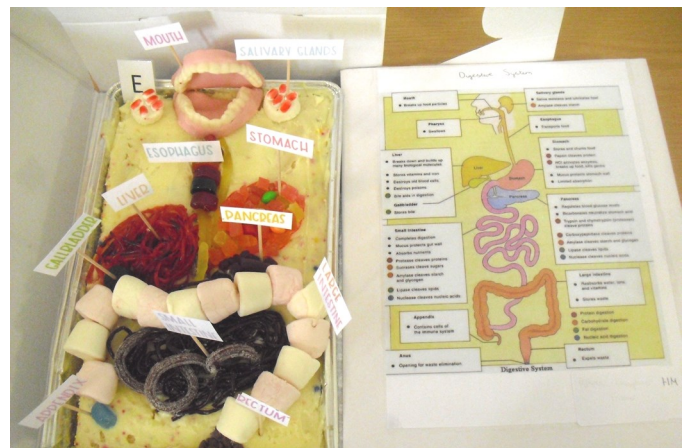
Bio-Bake Competition

Congratulations to all the pupils who took up the challenge to create a cake representing the science of how a body works. And the winners were.....

- 1st place: Polina 7IM - Body cake
- 2nd place: Lydia 7ADO - Doll cake
- 3rd place: Daisy 7ADO - Heart cake
- 4th place: Maya 7ADO - Cell cake

All entries were fabulous and a big thank you to each baker.

Miss Watson, Food & Nutrition Teacher



Congratulations Polina



Well done to Polina, who has won the Women's History Network Junior School prize for her poster on Mary Anning. We were also pleased to hear that we had several highly commended entries.

Pumpkin Soup

The children in pre reception have enjoyed the book Pumpkin Soup and re-enacting the story. The children then made their own pumpkin soup chopping the vegetables and discussing smells and textures. They then tasted the soup.

Mrs Frisby, Teaching Assistant



Colour Hunt



Pre-Reception went on a colour hunt, looking for coloured objects to create a beautiful rainbow.

Roald Dahl Workshop



Year 3 pupils participated in an exciting and interactive workshop involving drama and role play to celebrate Roald Dahl Day on 13th September. Everyone dressed as their favourite character from a Roald Dahl book. Pupils began with warm up activities and then moved onto working in small groups to re-enact the story of 'The Enormous Crocodile'.

Mrs Brookman, Year 3 Teacher

Outdoor Learning



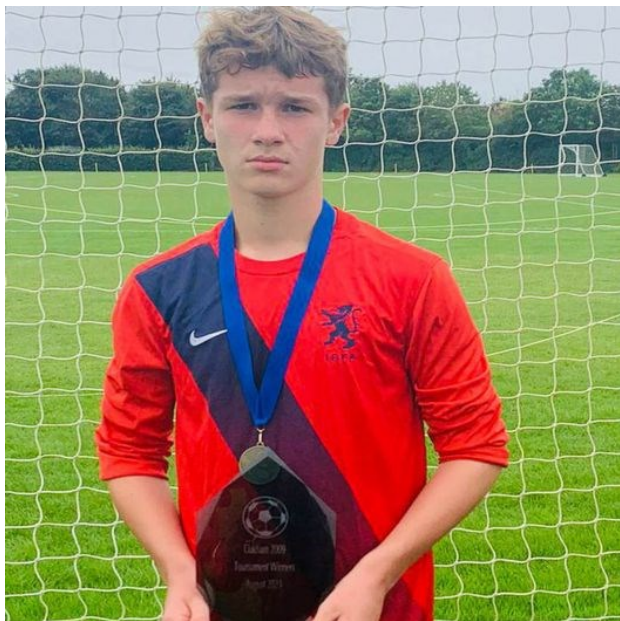
Year 6 enjoyed their Science lesson in the sunshine by making human ray diagrams.

Outdoor Racing!



Early Years had fun working on their gross motor skills by zooming around our track outside on the scooters.

Farringtons in the Community



Well done to Harrison in the Senior School whose ISFA team won the Oakham Gold Cup! They had a three-day tournament playing against teams from the USA, Ireland, Wales and three academies (Derby, Lincoln and Cardiff).



Well done to Jeremy in Year 4, who won the U10 Kent Golf Championships!

Congratulations also to Robin in Year 13, who came thirteenth out of 13000 runners in the in the Royal Parks half marathon.

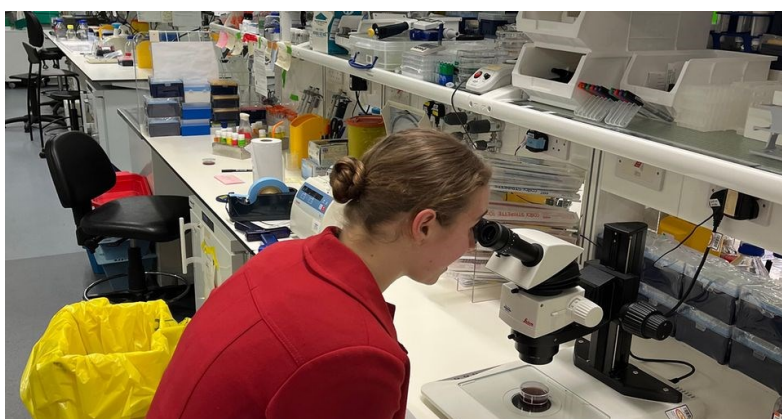
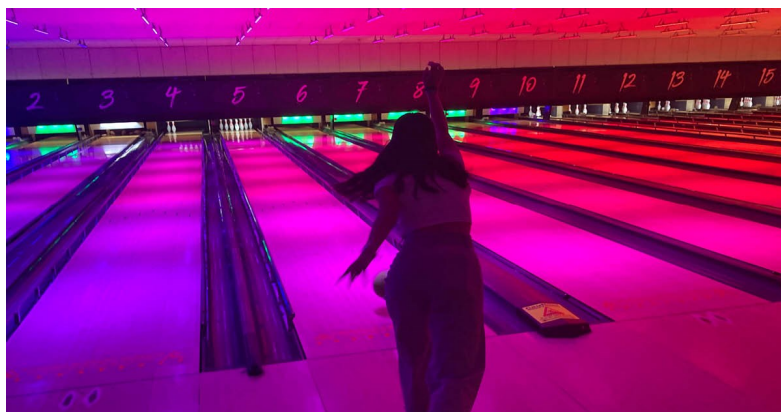
Macmillan Coffee Mornings



Teachers in the Senior School baked and ate some delicious cakes to raise money for a great cause - MacMillan Cancer Support. It was a tough job, but somebody had to do it!

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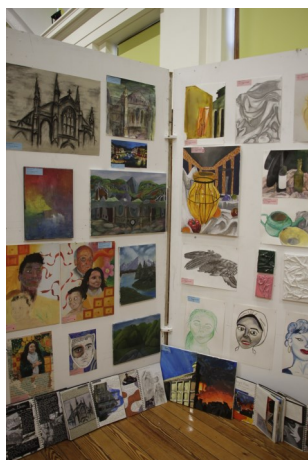
Our boarders have settled in quickly and had a fantastic start to the year. Some of the weekend activities have included: A trip on the River Thames to see the sights of London, bowling and laser tag.



Meet Maria, who joined us last year from Poland as a full-time boarder, click [here](#) to read her story.

Creative Arts Exhibition

Parents were invited to view the work of our incredibly talented pupils at the Creative Arts Exhibition. Art, Textiles, Photography and Graphics pupils proudly displayed their work.



Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge University



On 20th September 2023, fifteen pupils from Year 11 visited the Cavendish Science Laboratory at Cambridge University. Throughout the day we had a variety of talks from PHD students, apprenticeship students and Professors. Each talk gave us a great insight into the Physics courses Cambridge has to offer as well as other stem subjects that benefit from Physics knowledge. In our first talk we learnt about student apprenticeships at Cambridge University, which you can start at 16 years of age. In another talk we learnt about superconductors and how they can benefit the world in the future. We also learnt about how using different frequencies could make communications faster in many

industries. We had the opportunity to interact with robots to develop their understanding of human interactions and responses. And lastly, we had a demonstration from the company Mathworks based at Cambridge University, on how many NASA projects including the Mars rover are simulated before they are made into the final prototypes. Overall, we all found the trip very interesting and inspiring. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Daws for organising and taking us on the trip and to Cambridge University for having us and giving up their time to talk to us.

Abbey and Lucy, Year 11.

European Day of Languages



On Tuesday 26th September 2023, the whole of Farringtons Prep School took part in celebrating European Day of Languages. It was a fun, colourful and interactive day, allowing everyone to participate in fun activities, quizzes and more!

In our MFL lessons, we learnt about different countries around Europe. In Year 6 we had pretend passports to fill in; as well as maps to add stickers to—these were amazing to do. We also spoke in various different languages and took part in interactive activities in a variety of languages. It was a true celebration of different cultures.

At lunchtime we had a beautiful table of different foods and specialities from different countries. This was followed by a quiz, Year 5 against Year 6. Who could name the most countries from the picture given? Sadly, Year 5 won, but it was all fun and games and we really enjoyed it and we all got a prize in the end.

All in all, we had a fun and informative day and thank you so much Madame Bastos for setting up the day in such a beautiful way, as well as hosting all the activities.

Marvelous, Year 6

Sapientiam Talk



Senior School pupils enjoyed a Sapientiam talk from explorer Jan Meek, who gave an inspirational talk on her adventures and incredible challenges.

Team Building Day



New Year 7 and Year 12 pupils started the term a day early to take part in an exciting team-building day, taking part in several challenges. This was a great way to have fun and make new friends before classes started the next day.

Pet Protectors



Thank you to Finlay for bringing in his pet dog, Mabel. Members of the Pet Protectors Club were able to ask questions and learn all about looking after Mabel!

New Luceat Programme

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Luceat Programme for all pupils in the Farringtons Prep School.

The Luceat Programme aims to develop five key cornerstone skills for pupils as they progress through the Prep School.

- Intellectual Curiosity
- Independence
- Creativity
- Citizenship
- Communication



Pupils will be able to participate in activities each academic year, to enhance and improve these skill sets. Following our school motto of 'Posside Sapientiam', we wish for our pupils to not only 'grow in wisdom', but to also grow in character.



In Year 2's Luceat lesson this term, Mr Snowdon led a Photography session. The pupils took photographs of nature and he explained how to ensure the main object filled the screen. The pupils made use of our new outside classroom and shared their best pictures with each other.



Environmental Programme



First Aid



Food & Nutrition



Swimming



Junior Forester Award

First Impressions by Year 7 Academic Scholars

Starting at Farringtons

On the Induction Day for Farringtons, I felt like I could only talk to one person, Xander, as he was the only person I knew. The thought of meeting new people and making friends and being expected to forget about my old ones sent shivers down my spine. On the first day, I thought 'The day I dread the most has begun.', I entered the building, wanting to leave as soon as possible because I hate meeting new people, especially when I must talk to them and be in their form for the rest of the year. I sat by myself at lunch and talked to the only person I knew. I felt hopeless because everyone already had a friendship group and I was left alone because I kept pushing people away, when they only wanted to be nice to me, yet I still felt a tad bit of jealousy seeing them with someone else. The first day felt like torture but I convinced myself this was the best for me. The team-building activity day was when I wanted to talk to people to make friends. Farringtons has been good so far, I have succeeded talking to new people and enjoying my time here, even without my closest friends. I try my hardest in every lesson, even if it's a challenge.

Kayleigh

My First Day

My first day at Farringtons was a bit scary. I knew no one and I felt that I would be bullied on the first day and that I would make no friends. I was very afraid that I would get

lost in the School. Even though I was scared, all the staff and older students all welcomed me quite well and even taught me some extremely complicated maths. The older students also guided me to my classes even if it was in their own spare time.

We had a team building day and we participated in a variety of activities. This is where I met lots of other Year 7 pupils who, like me, were extremely nervous but in the end, we mostly knew each other's names.

I feel like Farringtons is a very welcoming community and I am honoured to be part of the Farringtons community.

Femi

My First Day at Farringtons

Full of trepidation, I walked through the welcoming school gates decorated with iridescent, metallic balloons. The Head's warm smile immediately put me at ease. Everywhere I looked I saw crisp new uniforms walking past me! I knew that everyone was feeling the same as me!

In my form room I met my Form Tutor and all of my new classmates. Planners were handed out and I soon felt comfortable. All my nerves had vanished, and I was ready to embrace my new school with open arms.

Football, netball and swimming was followed by a delicious, hearty meal which we all

devoured like lions! The day felt like it passed in an instant and not before long I was at home telling my parents all about my amazing, fun-filled first day at Farringtons!

Elise

New Beginnings

I was really looking forward to my first day at Farringtons because I loved my taster day and was really looking forward to seeing the friends I had already met.

I came from a different primary school so didn't know anyone in my year before, so I was also really nervous but my form group and my Form Tutor is really nice and all are really friendly so by the end of that day I had settled in and had spoken to lots of people and made new friends.

The second day we had a team building event and then I got to know other people that were in different form groups. It was really hot but we were outside and the grounds are so nice, I really enjoyed it.

I have taken part in lots of sports and we have been swimming every week and played football and netball as well as cross country so far this first half term. I played for the Year 8 girls football team as well which I really enjoyed.

I feel really happy I get to go to such a great school and where everyone is so nice. I feel really lucky to be a pupil here.

Fable

Starting Farringtons

My first impressions of the school were very good—the staff and other pupils were very nice and helpful. It had much nicer grounds than my primary school with a very impressive building, spacious rooms, extensive grounds and a Chapel. I actually first saw the school during open day and I noticed a Rubik's Cube in the Maths room which I wanted to solve but there was so much more to see.

During induction day we played games with our Form Tutor who is really friendly and I made a lot of friends. We designed an egg parachute for science and threw it out of the window to see whose wouldn't crack. My group won and we got a big bag of Haribo as a prize. This was a good start to my time at Farringtons.

I really enjoy the swimming and the food in the dining hall as it is delicious. I also like taking part in science experiments and our Food and Nutrition lessons. I am pleased to be a Farrington's student.

Lily

Farringtons



Features

Episode Twelve:
The day in the life of a 5
year old at Farringtons.

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Using Manipulatives



In Mathematics you should use manipulatives to help understand concepts as it concretely helps learners to visually see what is going on. The Year 4s have been using Dienes blocks and place value charts to help with place value and addition and subtraction.

Mrs Crouser,
Year 4 Form Tutor,
Head of Mathematics

Harvest Services

The Prep School celebrated the Harvest Festival with a Chapel service for pupils and parents. Thank you to everyone for donating so generously. All food donations will be given to Whitechapel Mission.



ISFA Cup Match

The Farringtons U18s girls football team had their first ISFA cup match against Bromley High on the 4th October. Goalkeeper Chloe Samuel made excellent saves to keep Farringtons in the tight game, with Bromley High attackers taking lots of shots at Chloe. New player Lisa Schade scored the first goal in the game, assisted by Ruby Skinner to make the score 1-0 to Farringtons at the end of the first half. Soon after the second half started, Lisa Schade scored again to make it 2-0. Bromley High made a slight comeback with their striker scoring a good goal despite the Farringtons defenders giving their all to make good tackles and clearances. The game ended 2-1 to Farringtons with a good performance overall, allowing Farringtons to go through to the next round of the ISFA cup.

Mrs Elle Broughan, PE Teacher

UKMT Mathematics Challenge



This month 23 Sixth Form Mathematicians took part in the UKMT Senior Mathematics Challenge. We are very proud of the effort and enthusiasm shown by all while completing this fiendish task, and all deserved a pat on the back at the end of the 90 minutes. Results will follow soon, and we are keeping our fingers crossed for them.

In addition, two of our Sixth Formers, Maria Malkowska and Rianna Reeve, participated in the Mathematics Olympiad for Girls. After two hours and six very tough extended questions, they had earned the admiration of the Mathematics Department. Again, we wish them well while we await their results.

Mr Frank Gray, Head of Mathematics

