

Co-Headteachers' Weekly Roundup

As we round off the first half term at Fortismere we have had the opportunity this week to be involved in a number of community events at the school. With student wellbeing in mind, it was great to meet some of the parents who attended our parental engagement workshop around supporting young people with anxiety which took place yesterday. The event was organized by Ms Jackson and led by one of our school counsellors. Our Linc parental events have been so popular this year. This particular event was booked up very quickly so we aim to offer a repeat session for those parents who did not secure a place this time around. The next anxiety workshop will be on the 1 November.

We also enjoyed meeting with Fortismere's Parent forum on Tuesday evening where we led a discussion around 'Communications' at Fortismere; what works well and what needs improving. School leadership will be conducting a wider survey around communications this academic year and we are keen to get as much input from parents as we possibly can so please do share your views when the time comes.

Finally, it was an absolute pleasure to get involved with our fundraising event, the Fortismere Fashion Show which took place in North Wing yesterday evening. Students and staff took to the catwalk to showcase some recycled, upcycled and imaginative clothing designs supported by Ms Bhambra and the DT department. Our fundraiser, Ms Demetriou took the opportunity to sell tickets to see the show and organized for guests to purchase various items of clothing all in support of the school. We'd like to thank Ms Demetriou and Ms Bhambra and all those involved in organizing the event and of course those who attended to show their support of the school.

Finally, congratulations are in order for our

young Sportsmen and women as we received the news this morning that Fortismere boys' teams are currently top of Haringey's league table and our girls' teams are running a close second. Students have been competing across Haringey across a range of sporting disciplines, including football, table tennis, cross country, tag rugby and netball. We are very proud of all students who have participated and done so well and would like to thank our PE department for the hard work and organization which enables our students who achieve such successes.

We hope that all our families have the opportunity for a rest this half term and look forward to welcoming back all of our students later this month.



Ms Zoe Judge



Ms Jo Davey



Dates For Your Diary

- 31 October Year 7 Halloween Disco
- 01 November Fireworks Event
- 01 November School Photos
- 09 November Trip to the Young Vic Theatre
- 09 December Christmas Fair

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Messages

Lunchtime rota from 29 October 2018

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Mon	7	8	9	10	11	ACEOPR
Tue	11	9	10	7	8	ACEOPR
Wed	10	11	7	8	9	ACEOPR
Thu	8	10	11	9	7	ACEOPR
Fri	9	7	8	11	10	ACEOPR

Routes into STEM London October Half Term Course

wonder if you are familiar with our Routes into STEM Course? It is aimed at Year 9 & 10 Students and is designed to help you excite them with the Career possibilities that can lead from studying STEM Subjects and to make them aware of the Further Education options available to them. They will spend a day at a College, University and Company that employs both apprentices and graduates where they will take part in exciting STEM Activities, have tours and be able to speak to role models AND gain a Bronze Industry-led accreditation from Industrial Cadets, inspired by HRH The Prince of Wales, so a very valuable addition to their portfolio. The course cost is £135 for the 3 days. I have attached an electronic copy of our leaflet for your perusal and to perhaps send on to your Year 9 & 10 Students / Parents along with the attached Parents letter that gives full details of the course and a link for them to apply directly with us.

We are in a fantastic position of being able to offer this course during the October Half Term (23,24,25) for any student who falls in the below criteria asked by one of our partners. We have received some funding for students who would not be able to afford the full price of the course but due to us being a charity this is limited. The places will be on a first come first served basis.

Do you fall into any of the below criteria and want to extend your STEM understanding?

- Will be first in family to higher education (Parents did not attend)
- Receive free school meals
- Have a disability (Either physical or learning- something like dyslexia is categorised)
- Are in care or a care giver

Have refugee status

As I am sure you'll appreciate we are expecting this course to fill extremely quickly so please do encourage your students to apply ASAP – we will be reviewing applications first thing Tuesday morning and sending out offers to successful applicants.



Fortismere Fireworks 1 November 2018

Fabulous Fireworks

Fortismere Fabulous Fireworks on the Field – Thursday 1st November 6-9PM book tickets NOW!

This year we are giving Alexandra Palace a run for their money and we are going to have the fireworks synchronised to music!

There are savings to be made if you buy your tickets before the event: £5 each from the school library or online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fortismere-fireworks-event-1st-november-2018-tickets-50064293650>

£7 on the gate.

Please encourage your child/ren to start buying their tickets from the library during their breaks or straight after school.

This event can potentially help raise a lot of money for the school so please do come along as well. You can have dinner and a few drinks before the start, dance to keep warm and get dizzy on the rides before the Great Fireworks display!!

If you wish to volunteer on the night to help make it a brilliant success – please contact Philippa by email - philippastonebridge@hotmail.com



The poster features a dark blue background with colorful fireworks exploding in the sky. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a Ferris wheel, a red and white striped tent, a blue food truck, a roller coaster, and a striped awning. The text is arranged in a central, eye-catching layout.

**FORTISMERE SCHOOL
FIREWORKS & FUN FAIR**

THURSDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2018
TIME: 6.00PM - 9.00PM

BUY TICKETS FROM
www.eventbrite.com/o/fortismere-school-17818744160

**TICKETS £5 IN ADVANCE.
£7 ON THE NIGHT**

Sensible footwear such as wellies
must be worn on site

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Fashion Show

Fashion Show – D&T – Textiles Department

The stage was set, the music on, the models were bustling nervously and all of a sudden it was light camera and action!!!

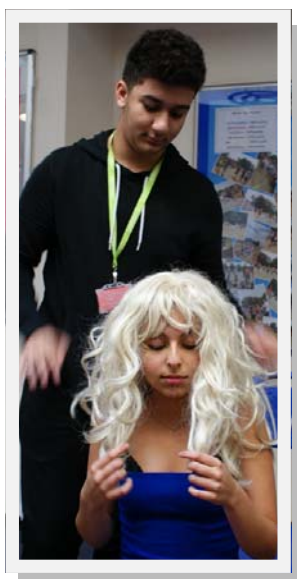
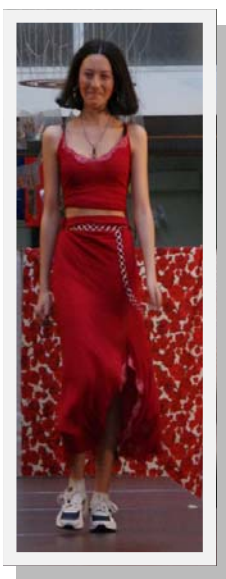
Thus the first Fortismere Show began. With the clothes kindly donated by Parents/Carers and the Charity Shops of Muswell Hill, Fortismere was able to put on the Fashion Show. From the music, to the lighting,

Setting up the stage and chairs as well as the modelling, the hair, make up and not forgetting the dressers the pupils of Fortismere showed us what they could do if we give them a chance, and they did us all proud.

The Fashion Show was held last night to raise money to purchase new sewing machines for the D&T – Textiles department. The current ones are very old and are prone to breaking. Textiles has seen a recent rise in popularity at school which means more pupils are choosing to take it up at GCSE. They have ideas for creating outfits that currently our equipment is not capable of producing. At KS3 Textiles is only taught in Year 9. But by popular demand by Year 7 and 8 pupils there is now a fantastic new Textiles Club running every Mondays afterschool. Pupils have been creating Felt Monsters to scare themselves now that the nights are drawing in.

So a big thank you to all the Parents/Carers that bought a ticket, to those that came to the show, to staff and parents who helped out on the night, and especially Maria Demetriou for producing the evening.

I would like give and an even bigger thank you to all the pupils from the Year 7 to 13 who helped and ran the gauntlet on the catwalk to raise £1000. Thank you!



Year 7 Halloween Disco

Please don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Year 7 Halloween Disco which takes place on Wednesday 31st of October in north wing hall. The party starts at 5:30pm and ends at 7:00pm. Fancy dress is optional but encouraged as there will be prizes for best dressed.

More information has been sent via parent mail along with instructions to purchase the ticket (£3.50).

Any questions please contact kwilliams@fortismere.org.uk



News from the PE Department

An excellent result for our Year 8 team beating Park View 7-1. Raphael Passus Farer and Charles Trezise Bruce scoring hat-tricks and Lowell Manhare scoring on his debut!

Fundraising

Fireworks tickets are for sale in the library for £5 (instead of £7 on the gate).

Student Ambassadors – Mr Lewis

I'd like to pass on a big thanks to all of our student ambassadors from across the colleges for their excellent work on Tuesday at a Team London workshop. They really did the school proud in drawing up a range of social action projects for this school year. Student Ambassadors spoke with eloquence about a range of important issues including discrimination, gangs, homophobia, the use of plastics, and air pollution. Leah from WE schools described them as "very compassionate and motivated young people" which is lovely feedback to receive!

News from the Library

What a joy it has been working with these Year 7s over the past few weeks on the Royal Society Young Peoples Book Prize judging panel. We've had such fun eating lunch (and cake) and discussing the wonderful science books on this year's shortlist <https://bit.ly/1ONAH0C>. Our favourite by a whisker is *Women in Science* because, in Theo's words, "...you don't get to hear much about women scientists". Our results, together with several more insightful comments from the students, have been sent to the Royal Society. As a special treat after half term, we are hoping to try some of the experiments from *Scientist Academy* in the labs at school!

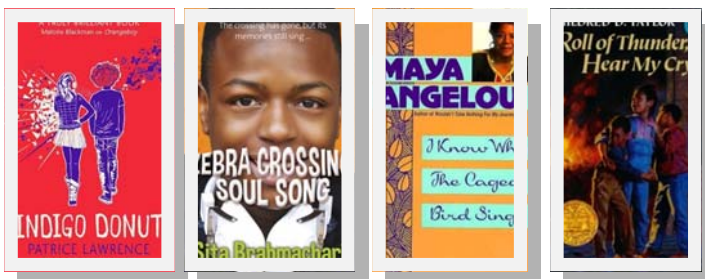


Our big Dr Who display means that every break and lunch we have hordes of students gathered round discussing their favourite doctor* or villain. Remind your children that we also have Dr Who audio books, annuals, a shelf of fiction and short stories written by famous authors...

*It has to be Christopher Ecclestone...

Recommended Reads of the Week

October is Black History Month so we have a great display of books by BAME authors in the library. Get your offspring to come and take a look. Some of our favourites include *Indigo Donut* by Patrice Lawrence, anything by the fragrant Sita Brahmachari and the classics *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou and Mildred D Taylor's *Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry*.



Notes from Non

Books are like the TARDIS: bigger on the inside...



News from the PE Department

Fortismere student Alfie Buxton represents under 15 boys England Indoor Cricket team

England competed for the first time in the World Indoor Cricket Federation Junior World Series 2018 held in Christchurch New Zealand in late September. England entered teams in the under 13 boys, under 15 boys, under 17 boys and under 17 girls competitions. Across all teams, 7 England players came from Haringey, including Fortismere's Alfie Buxton, who represented the under 15 boys.

Indoor cricket is a very fast version of the game, played with a lighter ball in a tensioned net on an indoor court. It was a tough competition and England finished out of the medals, with Southern Hemisphere teams winning in each age group. It was a tremendous experience all the same: the England players all learned a lot about international competition, bonded well as teams and as a group and had a fantastic experience in New Zealand.

