

Co-Headteachers' Weekly Roundup

Monday night saw the Haringey Outstanding for All Awards 2018 celebration at Alexandra Palace. It was a hugely enjoyable event with a sizeable Fortismere presence. As well as our nominees, Billie Krish in Year 12 co-hosted the awards and Alex Partridge in Year 11 performed as part of the Haringey Young Musicians Guitar Group. Both were excellent in their respective roles.

We were delighted that Kezhe Julian-Temir in Year 13 won the Community Hero Award. We had nominated her for the amazing work she has put into organising the two International Women's Days, now a key feature in the Fortismere calendar. In addition to involving other students in the events, Kezhe invited and co-ordinated staff presentations and external speakers. Both events have been inclusive, challenging of stereotypes and very well attended and supported by the local community. The competition for the award was fierce; Haringey is a borough with a strong tradition of inclusive action around diversity and equality and we are very proud of her. We are also very proud of Ms Arrowsmith, who we nominated for the Teacher of the Year award for her vision and hard work in creating and sustaining the Year 7 Camp. Ms Arrowsmith got down to the last three but sadly was pipped at the post. We still think that Ms Arrowsmith would have made a deserving winner and we are proud of our other nominees, including Ms Larsson and her excellent contributions to the Vik Sharma Memorial Garden and Ellie Gilbride in Year 8 for her significant sporting contributions.

Fortismere's presence in the community is not confined to Haringey awards. Jack Greaves in Year 10 has been playing the lead role of PT Barnum in Streetz Ahead's production of

'The Greatest Show on Earth' at the Arts Depot in North Finchley. We are delighted to see our students challenge themselves in so many creative and memorable ways.

Possibly less professional but definitely just as much fun is the upcoming Fortismere Panto. We took **part** in the *Tuesday afternoon rehearsal* and were deeply impressed at the depth of talent on display. Teaching's gain is definitely musical theatre's loss. If you would like to see the stunning performance of the Co-Heads, you will need to book tickets for the show.

The Christmas festivities are not confined to Panto: the organisation of the Fortismere Christmas Fair is more or less complete and we would urge you to both attend the Fair (there will be over 40 stalls, most of which represent local business that we would wish to support) and bid in the Silent Auction. Although we are all keen to secure a bargain, we also need to raise those funds for the school!



Ms Zoe Judge



Ms Jo Davey

DON'T MISS OUT

Dates For Your Diary

- 5 December Year 9 Parents Evening
- 6 December Year 11 Macbeth Trip
- 6 December Year 10 Information Evening
- 09 December Christmas Fair
- 21 December End of Term
- 7 January Inset Day
- 8 January All Students 8.35am Start

Outstanding FOR ALL Awards 2018



Music Notes: Winter Festival – Christmas Concert 2018 (19 & 20 December 2018, 7pm in North Wing Hall)

Looking for:

More y7 boy vocalists for rehearsal on Weds lunchtimes in the music hall

A group of 8 x percussionists to play drums for the y7 vocal group on weds lunchtime and in the Christmas Concert – preferably y7 or y8

Classical girl vocalists that can read music- any age – please see Ms Ogilby asap

Christmas Concert tickets on sale fortismeremusiccentre.org.uk

Concert rehearsal schedule coming out next week!

Dear parents, please check that you are emailing the correct 'Ms Williams' as there are two.

Ms K Williams - teacher of PE and Head of Ephesus College

Ms A Williams - teacher of Art and DT and Deputy Head of Rhodes College.

Messages

Classics University Challenge - Channing

Well done to the KS5 Classics students who took part in the nail biting "Classics University Challenge" hosted by Channing on Tuesday. Although Tallulah Knowles, Kimberley Stevenson, and their team-mates Alisa Rutkevich and Benjy Margerison put maximum effort into answering the questions, they could just not compete against the swift action of the APS team who were quick on the buzzer with their starter for 10 questions. The winners of the bi-annual challenge were Henrietta Barnett. This means that Fortismere tied with Channing!

Parent/Carer Voluntary Contributions 2018

Autumn term communication from Chair of Governors and Co-Heads in respect of the above. Thank you to all our parents and carers who have already made a voluntary contribution

The Chess Club

Congratulations to Fortismere's chess team on their success at the ECF U19 North London Qualifier at Highgate on Wednesday. The team now progresses (for the second year) to the Regional Stage. The team consisted of: Oscar Rampley (c), Frankie Badcsanyi (winner of all 3 games!), Charlie Sprung, Hamby Amat, Luke Ellingham and Daniel Shapiro. The club meets Thursday / Friday lunchtimes in 13T3.

Magnus Carlsen retained his World Chess title in London Wednesday, by winning the Rapid section of the World Chess Championship. This followed a record 12 straight draws. The games can be replayed via

<http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chesscollection?cid=1033784>



Christmas Fair 9th December & Silent Auction

Christmas Annual Silent Auction went live on jumblebee.com

New items added 2 Tickets at the Love Shots Canal Café Theatre, Tea for two with Local MP Catherine West, Finchley Yoga, A Guided Tour at the National Gallery

https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/auction/detail/auction_id/2735

Please bid generously, all money raised goes directly to Fortismere to fund essentials the school cannot. At the Summer Auction we raised over £6,000, we are hoping to match that this year.

You will find everything from meals and cakes to a Arsenal signed shirt and Apple watch series 3.

If you have prizes to donate, please get in touch with mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk Thank you for your support.

Christmas Fair 9th December

Put the date for the Christmas Fair in your diary and come along! We are promising stall holders that there will be lots of people eager to buy their wonderful festive gifts, so make our dream come true.

Planning for the Fair has already begun, and with the annual fireworks now over, preparations are stepping up a gear. Please get in touch with Phillippa at phillippastonebridge@hotmail.com if you are able to volunteer for an hour or more and help on the day with set up during the Fair or clear up at the end.

if you know of any orchestra/ choir/entertainer who would like to perform at the event, email Maria.

Hope to hear from you!

Christmas Fair, Sunday 9th December, 11am-4pm



Holiday hampers needed!

Selling hampers at the Christmas Fair raised a whole heap of money last year and we would like to do the same this year. Can you help? Please donate any Christmassy food items we can include such as mince pies, preserved fruits, jams and marmalades, Christmas puddings, chocolates and treats, Christmas crackers, teas etc - even unwanted Christmas Gifts from last year, such as beauty items and bath products (no meat or cheese products please). Baskets and old hampers are needed too.

Send all items in as soon as possible (no later than Friday 7th Dec.) to the library. Wines, bubbly and drinks containing alcohol are very welcome. Contact mdemetriou@fortimere.org.uk to arrange delivery.




ALADDIN PANTO

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Drama Department

Drama Notices

Aladdin Panto Tickets are on Sale!!

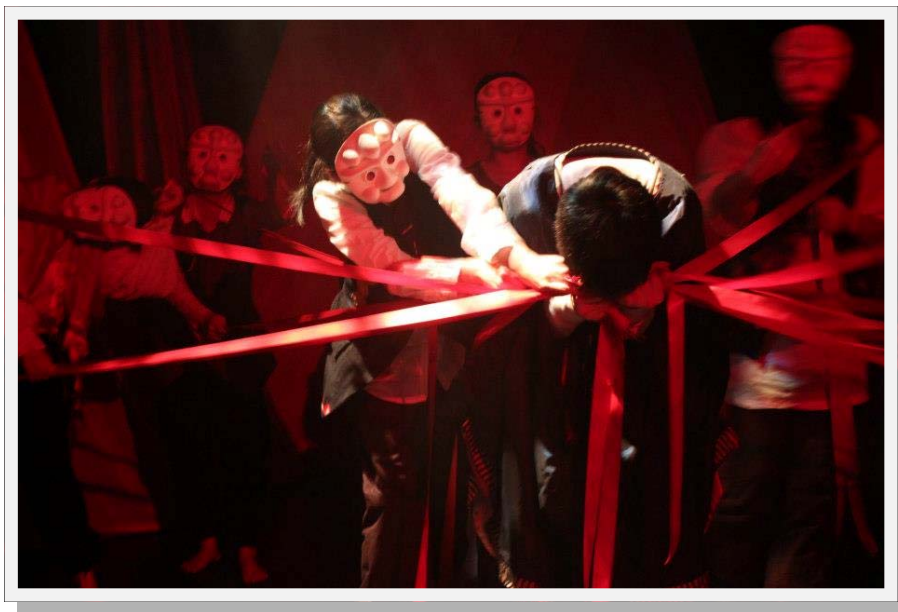
23-26 January 2019. Hurry – Friday and Saturday nights are selling very well! Tickets here – www.fortismeredrama-aladdin.eventbrite.com

Oedipus Tickets are now on Sale!!

The Christmas Drama Production of Oedipus will take place on **Thursday 13th December at 7pm**. Tickets on Sale now via parentmail!!!

Panto Backstage Team required

We are looking for Props assistants, Runners and Backstage crew for Aladdin our Pantomime that will be staged in January. Please come and sign up outside the Drama Office!



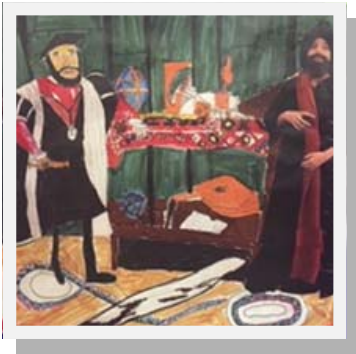
History Department: Year 8 Renaissance Recreation Competition Winners!

There were a large number of entries for our annual Renaissance 'living art' competition, which complements their study of the Renaissance. Students were tasked with picking one painting to recreate and writing a blurb about the original. It was very difficult for our student panel to pick the winners as every entrant clearly took such time and care in creating their masterpiece. With only a few votes between them, huge congratulations to :

1st place: Jared Morton who used his cats to recreate *Allegory of Wisdom* by Paolo Veronese

2nd place: Amelia Graham and Elliot Westley who placed vegetables on their own face to recreate *Vertumnus* by Guiseppe Arcimboldo

3rd place: Richard McLaren who cleverly used traditional drawing and the magic of photoshop to recreate *The Ambassadors* by Hans Holbein



The winners will receive a framed copy of their entry, a much anticipated bar of chocolate and a certificate! Well done to all students who entered the competition this year- they have set a very high standard for future year 8s!



News from the Library

On Tuesday 27th November we were delighted to welcome possibly the most inspirational visitor we've ever had to Fortismere library. Raymond Antrobus - "Poet, Educator, Editor, Curator, Investigator of Missing Sounds" - is a Blanche Nevile/Fortismere alumnus (1998-2003). He ran a workshop in the library for a Year 8 class together with our hearing impaired students, talking to them about his life as a deaf person, his love for Blanche Nevile (in his day, their football team used to hammer Fortismere!) and how he used to steal English exercise books for his writing. (He was overjoyed when Mrs Coles, who taught him English then, forgave him!) He showed the students how to create "Metaphor Machines" which will really help with their creative writing. During the next period, Raymond's performance and openness when answering students' questions in South Wing Hall had many of us in tears. He told of how he was embarrassed about signing in main stream school and when he started work, preferring to pretend he wasn't deaf and suffering the consequences.

His poetry was incredibly powerful and well-chosen and the teachers who attended were amazed to see 160 Year 8 students totally silent and engaged for the whole hour. They even sat through the lunchtime buzzer! We also invited students from Blanche Nevile to meet this incredible role model, and David Pacquette from BN signed the whole performance for them.

And if we weren't in enough pieces already, we then received an email from a Year 8: "...I am writing this email to inform you about a poem that I have made. I was inspired to write this poem because of the visitor we had yesterday in period 3..." attaching a glorious poem based on what he'd heard. As he was leaving, Raymond said, "I feel that Fortismere made me". Please take a look at his website www.raymondantrobus.com.



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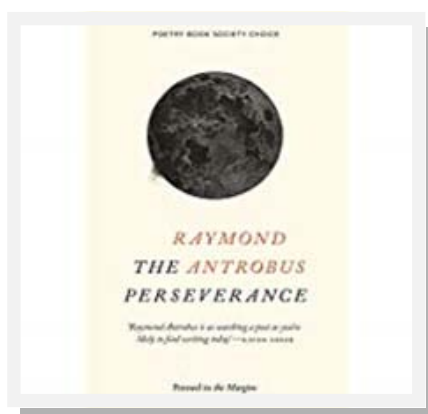
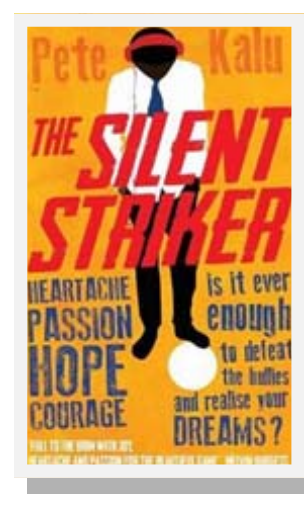
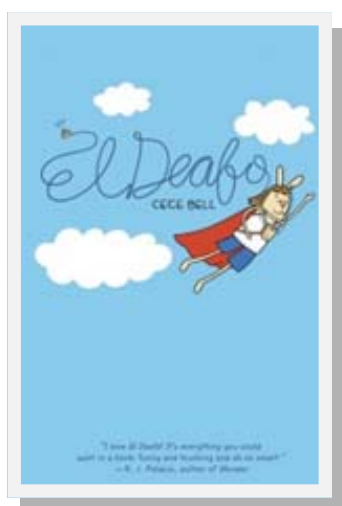
May I point you to this Christmas charity? BookTrust sends surprise book parcels out to children who are vulnerable or in care <https://bit.ly/2zqMv5a>



Festive Fact: Father Christmas is a figure with complicated origins, but he's at least partly based on St Nicholas of Myra, known for giving away his fortune to the poor. In one story he saved three young women from prostitution by giving them purses or balls of gold as dowries with which to attract husbands. For this reason, St Nicholas is considered the patron saint of pawn-brokers, who adopted his three balls as their emblem (from: *BBC History Magazine*).

Recommended Reads of the Week

For older students and parents/carers, *The Perseverance* by Raymond Antrobus is a quite raw and remarkable book of poetry which explores the deaf experience alongside elegies for his father. Sara Barnard's *A Quiet Kind of Thunder* is a YA novel about a girl who won't speak and a deaf boy – highly recommended. *El Deafo* by Cece Bell can be found in our graphic novel section. It's brilliant and sympathetic and funny. *The Silent Striker* by Pete Kalu tells the story of an incredible footballer whose professional career is potentially marred by his increasing deafness.





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