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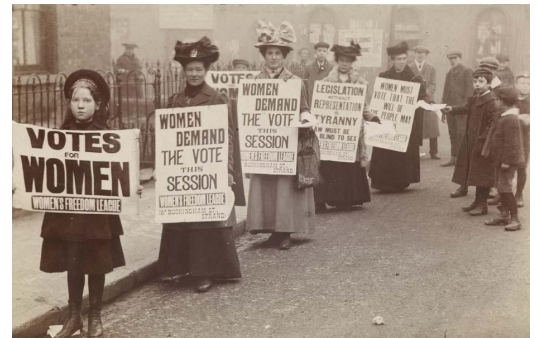


Ms Jo Davey



Co-Headteachers' Weekly Roundup

This has been a very important week as we celebrated 100 years since women in Britain initially won the right to vote. With gender equality still being a live issue for all of us, Fortismere's classrooms this week have been full of debate and discussion on the topic and while it has been fantastic to celebrate this landmark centenary there is certainly very much the drive amongst our students not just to celebrate what has been achieved (and indeed women who themselves have achieved against the odds) but also to highlight how far we have to go to establish gender parity. We'd like to plug the fantastic International Women's Day event which is being organised by a group of our Year 12 students and is due to take place on 7th March in North Wing. Look out for more information on how to get tickets via Parentmail. Last year's event was inspiring and was one of the big



highlights of our year.

It's been a pretty chilly week in Muswell Hill so it was to see parents/carers of Year 12 students venture out to join us at the subject evening event on Tuesday of this week. We hope that parents and students found the discussions provided the opportunity to reflect on how Year 12 studies are progressing

Dates For Your Diary

- 12-16 Feb Half-Term
- 19-23 Feb Year 12 Geography Field Trip
- 20 Feb Year 13 Parents' Evening
- 27 Feb Year 10 DLCs
- 1 March World Book Day
- 3 March FSA Quiz Night
- 6 March Year 8 Band X Parents' Evening
- 15 March Year 11 DLCs

DON'T MISS OUT!

now that we are at mid-point between the start of the year and the AS exams. Whilst contemplating the cold weather we extend our thoughts to the students in Year 10 and Year 11 currently on the History trip to Berlin who were expecting temperatures of around -3! We gather they are having a fantastic time and have kept warm by completing 35km walking around Berlin. So far they have visited the Reichstag, the Berlin Wall Memorial, the Murdered Jews of Europe Memorial, and the museum, as well as doing a walking tour of historic central Berlin (see picture below).

Finally, we would like to thank the many parents/carers who have either contacted or spoken to us to congratulate us on our appointment to the permanent positions of

NEWS

Co-Headteachers at Fortismere. We feel absolutely privileged to have the opportunity to lead this fantastic school.

We are looking forward to sharing more about our long term vision for the school and how Fortismere will continue to transform lives through education. We are intending to communicate more about this with you all after the half term break. Until then we'd like to wish you all a fantastic and restful holiday week!



Year 13 Parents' Evening 20th February 2018

The rescheduled Year 13 Parents' Evening is on the first Tuesday back after half-term:

Tuesday 20th February (rescheduled from November)

North Wing, 15.45-19.00

Your appointment times have been sent out via our Parentmail system.



Headteacher Recruitment - Student Voice

Last Thursday we held the student interviews for a new headteacher. We had Student Ambassadors from Years 7-10 as well as Student Leaders from Years 11 and 13. It was really great that the school included the student voice with such an important decision. All the students participating in the interviews had prepared some questions, including:

- What subjects will you be making a focus on in this school?
- Would you expand the sixth form provision?
- What would you do to make students more drug aware?
- How would you motivate an unmotivated teacher?
- What makes you think you would make a great head teacher for our school?
- How would you keep and improve on our outstanding standards in GCSE's and A levels?
- How much contact with and how visible to the student body will you be?
- In what way do you see yourself as appealing to the students?

All the candidates responded very professionally but we as students unanimously decided which ones we would choose as our headteacher.

The interviewing process took the form of speed dating where each pair of students would spend five minutes with each candidate. After the interviewing process we reported back to the governors. I feel that they really took our points into consideration and clearly used our feedback when making their decision. To be involved in this has not only been really great for the students because we know that our voice is being heard, but hopefully very useful for the governors as well.



We are delighted that they made what we believe was the right choice.

Miyala Marcus – Year 11

The Representation of the People Act: 6th February 1918



We could not let this week pass without drawing attention to this significant event in women's history. Although the Act fell short of granting women full political equality with men, it was a very important milestone. Women over 30 who met minimum property qualifications or who were university graduates gained the vote and the Act was matched by the Parliament (Qualification of Women) Act 1918 which allowed women to stand for election.

Arguments still rage over whether it was the militant behaviour of the Suffragettes (suspended during World War One) or the polite, but persistent, campaigning of the Suffragists which finally persuaded Parliament to pass the Act, with

the Commons voting 385-55 in favour of the bill. Certainly, the vital contribution that women made to the war effort undermined the arguments against women having the vote, although MPs felt that younger women were too flighty to vote under the age of 30.

It must also be remembered that the Act enfranchised working class men, adding to its impact on the development of democracy in Great Britain and Ireland. After the Act, the 7.7 million who had been entitled to vote in 1912 had risen to 21.4 million by the end of 1918. 43% were women.

The first female MP, elected in the first election held after the passing of the Act (December 1918) was Countess Markievicz, who as a representative for Sinn Féin declined to take up her seat in Parliament. Instead, she sat in the Dáil Éireann, the first Irish Parliament, established without the permission of the British Government and not legally recognised. Nancy Astor was the first woman to actually sit in the House of Commons as an MP and within 10 years, the

first female member of the Cabinet, Margaret Bondfield, had been appointed.

Sylvia Pankhurst, who never stopped campaigning for the rights of women, consistently made the link between having the vote and using it to improve women's lives. As we look back, we can see the many positive changes that have happened for women in the century following the Act. We can also see that Sylvia Pankhurst's work is yet to be completed.

Fortismere will continue to engage with the arguments and will be hosting its second International Women's Day event on March 7th. And in this spirit we will leave the last words to Hilary Clinton: "I believe the rights of women and girls is the unfinished business of the 21st Century."

International Women's Day, 7th March

We are pleased to announce that our second International Women's Day event will be taking place in North Wing Hall on 7th March at 7.30pm. Please see attached poster for details. Tickets will be available for purchase from Wednesday 21st February.

All proceeds from this event will go to 'Womankind', a charity that helps women from around the world overcome discrimination, poverty and violence.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2018

7th March 7:30pm
Fortismere NWHall

Tickets £5
Parentmail or on the door

All proceeds to Womankind
Speeches • Poetry • Music • Art
Lola Olufemi • Non Pratt • Sarah Sackman • More TBC

SPORTS NEWS



Haringey Indoor Athletics Competition

Congratulations to our Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 Girls Athletics Teams. They all performed brilliantly at Lea Valley Indoor Athletics Track on Monday night coming a well-deserved 3rd place in all age groups Highgate School were winners and Heartlands High School 2nd place. Well done girls!

Netball Champions!

Congratulations to our Year 11 and Year 8 Netball teams who are champions of Haringey.

Year 9 were second in the borough and Year 7 came 3rd.

Well done to all of the girls that represented the school and played so brilliantly in a highly competitive league of opposition.



Girls' Cricket

Congratulations to our Year 9 and 10 girls cricket team who won the first round of the Middlesex Indoor Cricket Competition. They are now through to the U15 Girls County Borough Final.

Well done to our squad.



Squash Camp

Year 11 GCSE students have really enjoyed their experience of playing squash at Oakleigh Park this week.

There is a half term junior Squash Camp at Oakleigh Park and Stormont. Places are limited so book your place as soon as possible, if you are interested.

Senior Football

Christ College 3 - 5 Fortismere. Well done boys!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Robotics Update



This season has been an extremely busy one. Of the events Fortismere teams have competed in, we have succeeded in securing one Vex IQ and two Vex EDR teams into the respective National Finals. With even more teams taking part nationally in Vex this year, the standard has been much more competitive!

This Saturday three of our four Vex IQ teams will be competing for a National Final place at Grieg City Academy. Both of our Vex EDR teams have secured National Final spots and have accepted an invitation to compete in Istanbul at the end of February.

One of the highlights of the Vex EDR season is competing at the prestigious Stowe school where the regional event is held in the lavish Marble Saloon, a spectacular elliptical hall, inspired by the Pantheon in Rome. Fortismere students, Robbie Buxton, Josh Hudson and Sam Poirier were looking forward to demonstrating their newly designed and improved robot, which had been specifically designed to compete at the event taking into consideration past events and experiences. Their formula paid off and having competed with true vigour too, Fortismere won the event and secured a place in the National Final.

A huge thank you to Ms Bridget Rampton for her support.

For more information on the current Vex Robotics competitions see:

Vex IQ: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7suUU57fsU>

Vex EDR: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Yo_mlr1VJU



Fortismere Robotics Extra Curricular club runs every lunchtime and Wednesday after school in S35. If you're interested in joining come along to find out more.

Karate Club

The Karate club with Sensei I Berisha (7th Dan) will resume after half term.

SW Gym
Thursdays
3.30pm.

All styles & abilities welcome!



Table Tennis

Congratulations to Barney Mindlin for winning the North London Table Tennis competition!

Barney will now compete in the National Competition and we wish him well.



FROM THE LIBRARY

At 5pm on Friday 2nd February, 50 Year 7 and 8 witches, wizards and muggles apparated in Fortismere's library and thus began a night of mirth and merriment. There were some quiet lessons (like designing a dragon's egg for Hagrid and finding fantastic creatures in word searches). Professor Tibble ran a class for students to identify potions by smell and Professor Topping supervised the decorating - and eating - of tasty morsels. A delicious supper provided by Professor Bhambra was accompanied by garlic bread to keep the vampires and werewolves at bay and Professors Norton and Ward (no, not the librarian's husband!) were brilliant at dishing up icecream and juice. After hot chocolate (the butterbeer was off), everyone dashed up the moving staircase to watch the film of their choice – Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix. Professor Ward (no, no relation to Mr Ward!) printed portraits of the guests posing with Hagrid and HP himself for them to take home.



The evening was sponsored by the FSA, but voluntary donations to J K Rowling's [Lumos charity](#) were requested – thank you to everyone who contributed.

Everyone flew off by 10pm. Mischief managed.



RECOMMENDED READ

Follow Me Back
by Nicci Cloke

Safer Internet Day on 6th February

<http://bit.ly/1RX6WL7>

Read some books from our Internet display. We especially loved Nicci Cloke's *Follow Me Back* and *Close Your Eyes*.



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ate their choices? Suck it up.

They're allowed to have different tastes to you.



Good stuff on telly

This week I shall be exploring the Vatican's archives with Jamie Theakston
<http://bit.ly/2y8zpK9>

MUSIC AND DRAMA

Charity Band Night

The legendary charity Band Night will take place on Thursday 22 February in the Music Hall, North Wing at 6.30pm.

Any parents/community bands/singers who want to perform an item at the event, please get in touch as we would like to involve a wide programme – any popular/world style of music would be great!

Students can also perform and auditions for students have been taking place – see Ms Ogilby for details.

Please advertise to friends and family in case you know musicians that might like to perform for free, as all proceeds from the event will be donated to charity.

Help us to raise lots of money for charity and make it a night to remember!



Year 12 Drama Performances

Last week's Year 12 AS Level Drama Performances were all superb. Here are some pictures:



COLLEGE NEWS

Ambassadors' Trip to the Soup Kitchen



On Monday the 5th of February, seven of us from Rhodes Ambassadors, along with Ms Williams, went to the Muswell Hill Soup Kitchen. We made pasta bake for members of the community, most of whom are homeless.

The soup kitchen is based in the Baptist Church on Dukes Avenue and they offer free food five days a week in a friendly environment with affable company and music.



Valentine's Day Roses



Over the last two weeks our Olympia Ambassadors have been working very hard to organise the sale and delivery of Valentine's roses across the school. They have sold over 100 roses in total as part of a week-long series of events promoting Children's Mental Health Week.

Students have done themselves proud with their organisation and dedication to raising funds for Young Minds, our College charity. Well done!



Krispy Kreme Donut Sale

Congratulations to Ms Turner and the Ephesus Ambassadors who raised £155 for charity this week with a Krispy Kreme sale!! Watch out for further updates on our Wear-a-Onesie Day!

Positive Points

Congratulations to the 15 students from Olympia, Rhodes, and Petra who have had the most positive points in their college and outstanding attendance. They were invited to a celebratory breakfast on Thursday 8th February, certificates were given and there was much mirth! We look forward to rewarding many other students in the future.



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Quiz Night

Designed and hosted by
**Pauline Eyre, "Fabulous, funny
and brilliant!"** Fitzroy Club

Saturday 3rd

Doors 6.30pm

SOLD OUT

Devised and
Pauline

March

hosted by
Eyre, tick-
ets will be

£10 per person to
make up teams of 8-10 people.

Smaller groups will be arranged to make
up a full team.

There will be a bar but bring food to share with your
team.

This is a lovely evening with many laughs and a great
opportunity to meet other parents; perhaps have a table

Local Female
Mechanic
Laura & Arpy
124 Finchley Road
London
N2 8AE
thank you to our sponsor
Tickets online from www.fsaevents.moonfruit.com

Fun Run, Sunday 18th March

X Factor finalist Talia Dean will be joining us at this event to
raise money for Student Mental Health and the Vik Sharma
Memorial Garden.

We're organising a sponsored 2k Fun Run and Easter Egg Hunt
through East Finchley. Registration will start at 10am and the
Run begins at 11am at Twyford Avenue Gate. The joy of the run
is in taking part, so you can run, jog or walk the course in fancy
dress - you decide! There'll also be plenty of entertainment with
refreshments and an Easter Egg Hunt after the run. The perfect
event for the whole family and for a wonderful cause!

Registration Fee: Adults £20. Students £10. Under 5s free.

Register now www.fsaevents.moonfruit.com

Deadline to register: 16th of March

Sponsorship forms and a route map available on the FSA
website, or from the school library.

Dust off those trainers...!

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**SPONSORED
FUN
RUN
AND EASTER EGG HUNT**

2K

Start and end point is at the
school playing field, using the
Twyford Avenue gate.
TO ENTER: Register before
16th March 2018 at
www.fsaevents.moonfruit.com
Download a sponsor form and
a map of the route. Adults £20;
students £10; under fives free.
Easter egg hunt will take place
after the fun run.

18TH MARCH 2018
IN AID OF STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH
AND IN MEMORY OF MR SHARMA

Help the FSA to Help Fortismere!

Please consider supporting Fortismere with a regular donation to the FSA:

www.justgiving.com/fortismereschool

Even £10 each month really helps. We are also very grateful for one-off donations.