

Friday 2nd December 2022

School Leadership Messages

Fortismere Parents' Evening Survey

Thank you to the parents and carers who completed the survey. The results were:

- Remain online: 53%
- Face to face: 47%

We are continuing to explore a hybrid model and will inform you of our decision early next term.

The Fortismere Virtues: community

For the next two weeks we will be on the lookout for community spirit. In particular, we expect our Year 10 and Year 11 students to be the role models for the lower school. Our KS4 students have a high profile in school and many of our younger students take their behaviour cues for the older cohort. We will be looking for sensible, responsible behaviour and we know that both year groups are capable of leading by (positive!) example.

Christmas Lunch Wednesday 7 December

Please be reminded that the Canteen is not able to accept cash. If any of your sons or daughters who do not usually buy canteen food wish to do so for the lunch, payment can be made on your Parentmail account.

Positive Points

Carys Jenner Y7
Ben Crawley Y7
Hazel Pelling Y7
Lora Vida Y7
Miriam Jeschke-Shokrai Y7
Onur Sahin Y10
Alfie Collier Y9

Olivia Blackie Y9
Oscar Lundgaard Y9
Amelia Laskowska Y7
Annie Bass Y7
Boux Barten-Weisweiler Y7
Ethan Moreno Y7
Mia Christenson Y7

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SW Foyer looking festive

Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

One of the most enjoyable aspects of being Co-Headteachers is time spent congratulating our students. We invite students half termly to a Co-Headteachers' breakfast, featuring an unhealthy mix of hot chocolate, mini muffins and other delicious items. This half term we were congratulating a group of Year 7 students who had exemplified the Fortismere 'virtues' (compassion, kindness, community, courage and curiosity) and the top progress points students from each year group. The Year 7 group were delighted to be there and told us about the different experiences that they had at Kingswood Manor. Particularly pleasing was the fact that many of them had either made new friends or consolidated existing friendships from the start of term. The trip was very much about transition and hearing that students felt even more settled at Fortismere was excellent to hear. Our top progress points students enjoyed the recognition of their positive behaviour and helpfulness around the school. We are very fortunate at Fortismere to have such a lovely cohort of students and spending time with them this morning was an absolute pleasure.

Now that it is December we can legitimately say 'it's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas'. The South Wing foyer has been decorated for the school fair and students are rehearsing both the school play and Christmas concert in different pockets of the school. Mr Jeferies invited one of the Co-Heads yesterday to hear the junior choir rehearse: it was spine tinglingly good. Next wednesday sees the Christmas Lunch, always a major event, which we expect to tie in with Christmas jumpers. The Lunch is a whole school occasion, with teaching staff joining in the serving of students and sitting with them during lunch time. Even students who usually bring a packed lunch often make an exception for Christmas dinner.

Although controversy (quite rightly) continues to surround the World Cup, we do wish England well in the match on Sunday. We are also aware that many of our staff and students will be supporting Senegal so for those who will be watching, we're sure it will be a nail biting experience.

The cold has at last arrived, so for those of us who have been keeping an eye on heating, this will now be more of a challenge. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing many of you at next week's play.

Co-Headteachers' Breakfast



Year 10 Ambassadors

Charity Hot Chocolate Sales - More next week

Year 10 student ambassadors have kicked off the festive season this week. They have been busy selling hot chocolate to raise money for charity. The next sale will be on Wednesday 7th December in South Wing at break time. Please bring £1. Year 10's are currently voting on which charity we will support!



Year 8 Ambassadors

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day is fast approaching and the Year 8 Ambassadors are busy fundraising for Save the Children. The Ambassadors have been promoting the event and will collect donations on the day. Well done to Lola Currie who won the promotional poster competition - see her winning entry below! Remember to bring in £1 to donate to Save the Children on the day, or alternatively, donate online using [this link](#): This year, the UK government is going to match all donations - so any money we raise will go even further!



School Fundraising Event

Christmas Fair - Sunday 11th December 2022 11am-4pm

With only just over a week to go until the Christmas Fair can we please ask you for a last extra effort in getting any donations, prizes or edible treats to us as soon as possible. If getting things to school is a problem you can contact me to arrange a collection - email me mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk And most importantly, please make sure you've got the date in your diaries and you come and support the school. We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair for some festive fun! Thank you
Ms Demetriou

Drama Department Notice

Hitchhiker's Guide... It's Next Week and Tickets Going Fast

Our Christmas productions are next week and tickets are selling fast - buy them now on ParentMail as there will be limited availability on the door. **Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th December - Doors 6:30pm for Show 7:00pm** Cash Bar Available.

Music Department Notices

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Philosophy, Religion & Ethics Department Notice

Year 7 Black History Month Poster Competition Winners

To mark Black History Month, Year 7 students were invited to enter a poster competition, with the winning posters to be put on permanent display in South Wing Reception. The response from Year 7 was amazing - there were so many thoughtful, beautiful designs that judging the winners was really hard! In the end, the judges were split and we chose two joint winners, and eight in second place.

The two winning designs (pictured here) were by Aviana Petrou and Lucas Robson. Both their posters impressed us with their powerful use of imagery and skilful technique. Well done, both of you! The second place posters will also go on display - well done to Nisan Guvendik, Evelyn Gormley, Jackson Layton-Henry, Leonardo Distefano, Grace Pimm-Martin, and Sam Weinman-Knight. Also well done to the other two second place students who didn't put their names on the back - if you think that might be you, come and have a look at the display in South Wing Reception to see if yours is there!

Well done to all the students who took part.



Careers & Work Related Learning

Careers Insight - Pathways to Property

Do you have the curiosity and creativity for a career in the world of property? Want to find out more about careers in this field? If so, sign up for a free course run by Henley Business School and Reading University.

[Pathways to property - Online course](#)

Get a taste of the world of property and learn about careers in the industry with this online course.

Chess Club

Fortismere Progress in National Competition

Last Monday, Fortismere students successfully negotiated the pre-qualifying round on Lichess and this means we will compete, in January 2023, in the National Secondary Schools Chess Knockout Championship. Congratulations to the team: Frankie Badacsonyi, Stanley Badacsonyi, Xander Haga, Max Bird, Rafi Westfeld, Finlay Crichton, Nador Toth and Aurel Bouayoun

Team Preparation (and prospective team players) for the Nationals will now take place Mondays. The Chess Club will otherwise meet Wednesdays to Fridays in S05.

An Inter-Collegiate Chess Competition is also due before end term - each College should select three players to compete.

Mr Renner

PE & Sports News

Year 7 B Team Through to Round 3 ESFA Cup

A really strong performance from the Y7B squad who beat **Greig City 4-1** to progress in the ESFA Cup. Lots of good contributions, but Noah Demetriou was player of the match with a faultless display at the back



Table Tennis U16 North London Schools Event

Last Friday evening we travelled to London Academy School in Edgware to take part in the North London Schools Table Tennis Championship. We faced tough opposition in our opening match against London Academy. Sam Gabriel, Noah and Euan Hacking and Cody Sweet Purcell all took part in very close, exciting games. We managed to win some of them but they beat us overall. We went on to beat Oasis Academy and North Bridge House convincingly but will have to wait for the results of the other groups to see if we qualify for the next round.



Netball v Highgate Wood School

Congratulations to all of our netballers that played against Highgate Wood School on Monday evening. All of our teams were successful. Our next match is Tuesday 6th December v Park View Academy but only Year 8 and Year 10 teams will be involved as they do not have Year 7 or Year 9 teams.



Year 9 Kick Off Basketball Season v APS

Our Year 9 basketball team put in a sterling performance against APS on Tuesday evening. Despite having a noticeable size disadvantage the boys worked tirelessly and displayed a fantastic attitude, getting better and better as the game went on. Notable performances from Joly and Ramsay kicked off the start of their campaign in the Haringey League, but ultimately the better (and taller) opposition won. Credit to the boys though for their faultless enthusiasm and gratitude.



U15 Girls Through to Next Round of National Cup

On Wednesday afternoon our Year 9 and 10 U15 girls played against Kingsbury School on a very sticky pitch. Kingsbury went ahead 1-0, but not for long as Lilly scored a great one on one goal to put us back in the game. We were pleased to have Lola Rose back in goal after her absence for her injured hand. Leila was particularly pleased as this meant she could play out on pitch and she was up and down the pitch throughout, doing a fantastic job - she managed to score as did Rosie for us to win 3-1 and progress to the next round of the cup.



Senior Teams In Entertaining Fixtures v Highgate

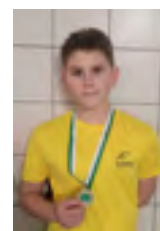
Two highly enjoyable games at Highgate this week for both of our senior teams. The 1st XI conceded a last minute penalty to draw 6-6. Some excellent performances with Daniel Kennedy awarded player of the match. With some of their key players unavailable, the 2nd XI lost 6-3 but kept going throughout, well marshalled by Captain and stand-in Goalkeeper for the day, Matin Dabiri.



Gold for Anton

We were really pleased to hear the news that Year 7's Anthony Marton had won Gold in an interclub diving competition - well done!

We love hearing about all your sporting achievements outside of school - please email us with any news that you'd like us to share. mhawkes@fortismere.org.uk or mvangucci@fortismere.org.uk



Fixtures Next Week

Monday 5th November	Mixed G/B U13 Dodgeball @ Hornsey
Monday 5th November	U15 Girls Hockey (all day)
Tuesday 6th November	Y10 Football v STM (A) Meet 2:20pm
Tuesday 6th November	Y8 & Y10 Netball v Parkview (A)
Wednesday 7th November	2nd XI Senior Football v Ashmole (H) Midd Cup
Wednesday 7th November	U15 Girls Volleyball Competition - STM
Wednesday 7th November	Y8 Football v STM (A)
Thursday 8th November	Y8 Football v Heartlands (A) New River
Friday 9th November	Cross Country Middlesex Trials (New River)
Friday 9th November	Y9 Football v STM (A - 1:30 KO). Meet at the start of lunch

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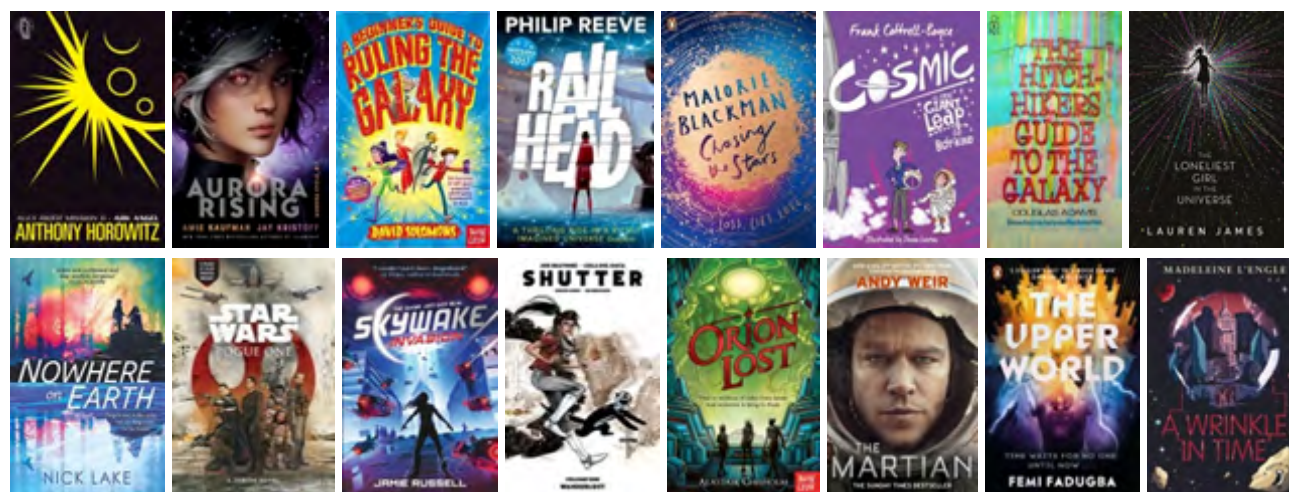
Atishoo...

A reminder that, alongside stationery essentials which we sell at cost price, we also offer handy packs of 10 tissues for 10p – perfect for the Snotty Season!



Recommended Reads of the Week

In honour of the upcoming performances next week of "A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" – [GET YOUR TICKETS NOW, and prepare yourself for a bonkers evening with some surprise appearances...], here's some space related fiction that can be borrowed from the library.



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School Community Events

Christmas Holiday Camps - Booking Now Open

Booking is now open for the Fortismere Christmas Holiday Camps. The activities will run from 9.00am to 3.00pm at Fortismere School, Tetherdown London N10 1NE. Specific dates and prices are on Eventbrite - follow the links for each camp below

An early drop off option (08.15am) with a light breakfast is available - see this link here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-early-drop-off-tickets-456909246857>

Drama Age 7-15 years

This will be taught by Adam Gillian West End Performer.

This week the children will work on improvisation and comedy skills. Lots of drama games and exercises with the children to develop their confidence and skills.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-drama-club-age-7-15-19-22nd-december-tickets-440790816197>

Tiny Twinkles Age 3-6 years

Perfect for 3-6 year olds led by professional actors with a love for early years! Each day the children will explore all genres of creative arts-learning songs & dances, acting out role play adventures, exploring arts & crafts plus lots of games and crafts.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-tiny-twinkles-club-age-3-6-19-22nd-december-tickets-440795429997>

Sports Age 7-15 years

This will give the children the opportunity to have fun and interact with others through a range of sports such as football, rounder's, tennis and competitions.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-sports-club-age-7-15-19-22nd-december-tickets-440938457797>

Design and Technology Age 8 -15 years

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-d-t-club-age-7-15-19-21-december-3-day-course-age-8-15-tickets-440941677427>

Comic Club Age 7-15 years

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-comic-club-age-7-15-19-22nd-december-tickets-441469646597>

Art Age 7-14 years

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-art-club-age-7-15-19-22nd-december-tickets-441471000647>

Musical Theatre Age 7-14 years

This will be taught by Miss Dee. Each day the children will explore different styles of dance with an emphasis on ballet and tap. Children will work on technique, dance routines and choreography, as well as projects designed to encourage creativity when storytelling through dance. The participants will work towards final pieces and will be given plenty of time to interact with others and make lasting friendships! Leaders are professional performers with a background in theatre and dance.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-musical-theatre-club-age-7-15-19-22nd-december-tickets-444499027557>

Cooking Christmas 9-16 years

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-christmas-baking-cooking-club-age-8-15-19-22nd-december-tickets-444492889197>

Chess 7-15 years

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-camp-chess-club-age-7-15-19-22nd-december-tickets-456905335157>

Contact Maria Demetriou mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk with any questions about the Camps and bookings

Safeguarding at Fortismere

Safeguarding Information

If you wish to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Ms Sullivan) about any safeguarding matters or concerns please email safetalk@fortismere.org.uk alternatively you can contact your child's Tutor or their Head of Year:

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Year 9 kwilliams@fortismere.org.uk

Year 10 kjackson@fortismere.org.uk

Year 11 dward@fortismere.org.uk

Ms Sullivan

Deputy Head & Designated Safeguarding Lead