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Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

Welcome to our new parents and carers! From this edition, the Newsletter will be sent to the Year 6 families who will be joining us from September. We hope that you will get a flavour of the different events, activities and opportunities that take place at Fortismere on a regular basis. We also hope that this will support the transition of your sons and daughters from primary school to 'big school', highlighting how enjoyable secondary school can be.

In the Newsletter parents and carers will see regular sport, drama and library updates. One of the main emphases of the school is 'every child a reader'. In addition to every student bringing a reading book into school daily, the Fortismere Library has a full programme of author visits and other literary events. All Year 6s will be given a book by Fortismere to read over the summer, we hope you enjoy it. It will give the new Year 7 in September something they all can all discuss together.

In addition to welcoming new parents and carers to the Newsletter, we would like to extend an invitation to our Summer Fair and Music Festival taking place in our field on July 9th. We have not been able to host our usual summer event since 2019 and we are really looking forward to inviting our community back onto our site. It has always been a really fun occasion and it would be lovely to see new families there as well.

Pride Month began on June 1st and there are planned curricular and extracurricular opportunities for students and staff to consider aspects of inclusion and identity. It is always impressive at Fortismere how much students have considered these issues and how well informed they are. We look forward to hearing from students throughout the month.

GCSEs and A levels are continuing at pace. Both Y11 and Y13 are aware of exam routines but please could we remind parents and carers that students do need to be at school in good time. Students must be on site by 8.30am for a morning exam and 1pm at the latest for an afternoon exam. There has been some strolling in just before the exam is about to start. We appreciate that both year groups have not had the benefit of a full experience of formal internal exams due to Covid but must follow the guidelines nonetheless.

The Co-Heads received the draft Ofsted report this week. The next stage is fact checking the accuracy of the draft and returning it to Ofsted. After this, we will await the final report which we will then be in a position to share.

It looks set to be a sunny June weekend and we wish you all a peaceful few days.

Pride Month at Fortismere

Pride Celebration Evening - Thursday 23rd June 2022 6.00pm-8.30pm

There is plenty planned for Pride Month at Fortismere including our special Celebration Evening, taking place on Thursday 23 June from 6.00pm-8:30pm. The evening will include guest speakers such as Julian Washington and Anais Nourry (Haringey Council), exhibitions and student performances. We're really proud of the event which will be a celebration of



LGBTQ+ identity and diversity, both in our school and wider community. In particular, we will be displaying the Molly Spoon exhibition from Bruce Castle. Part of the Haringey Vanguard Collection, this exhibition focuses on BME LGBTQ+ History and celebrates the history and contributions of Haringey-based community activists in the 1970s –1990s, work whose influence was felt well beyond the borough. Please look out for the ParentMail inviting you to the event. Entry is £7 and food and refreshments will be available (cash bar). More information and tickets can be found using the link shorturl.at/muA69. We'll keep you updated on Pride activities through the month and hope to see lots of you at our Celebration Evening.

Mr McGuinness

gmcguinness@fortismere.org.uk

Fundraising Notices

Fortismere Summer Festival - Saturday 9th July 2022 12pm-6pm

As you know our **Summer Music Festival** is taking place on Saturday 9 July 2022 from 12-6pm. We're really looking forward to coming together with our school and local community to have some fun and to be entertained by some great performers, including some of our own and former students.



Planning is well underway but we really need your help to make this not just a great event but to also make it a fantastic fundraiser for the school. It's also a great way to get involved with the school and to meet other parents. Don't worry if you haven't done anything like this before - it's a team effort and there's lots of support.

Can you help us with any of the following:

- **Time!** Can you support the planning or help to run a stall on the day?
- **Skills!** Can you help with setting up or ticket sales?
- **Talent!** Can you perform, host a stage or activity, know any performers who would be willing to perform?
- **Prizes!** Can you supply any prizes? Big or small they are very much appreciated.

Your donations make a huge difference and this year we need the following:

- Bottles, biscuits, sweets and treats plus books and beauty products and other goodies for hampers and tombola prizes.
- Vintage clothing and accessories and anything fun,quirky and a bit old but new again!
- Prizes or experiences like massages, makeovers or meals out
- Festival food to sell on the day

Will you have a **Martyn Gerrard board** placed outside your property to advertise our Summer Festival? This is a really easy way to help the school raise money.

Please contact Ms Demetriou mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk if you can get involved in any of the above.

LINC Notice

Contacting the Linc Department

Linc have set up a new dedicated email address that parents should use to direct any SEND specific questions, comments or requests that they may have. A new Admin Officer has been appointed and they will support Linc staff to monitor communications and to ensure that emails or telephone calls are followed up timely and appropriately. Please use the following email to contact us lincadmin@fortismere.org.uk
Mr Nofer Fari

Director of Learning Inclusion (Linc) and SENDCo

Year 7 Notice

Year 7 Philosophy, Religion and Ethics Trip to St James' Church

This week the PRE Department took all of Year 7 to St James' Church in Muswell Hill, as part of their study of Christianity. They had a tour of the church and discussed some Christian beliefs. The students were very well behaved and asked some thoughtful and insightful questions. We would like to thank St James' Church for their welcome, and all the students for their mature and respectful behaviour.

Simon Aldridge

Head of Philosophy, Religion & Ethics



Year 8 Notice

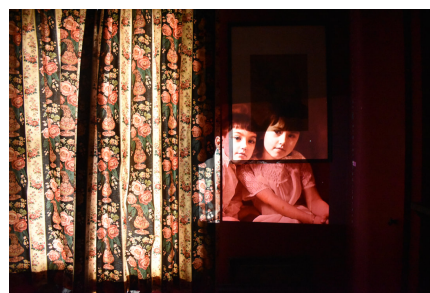
Year 8 Trip Monday 18th July 2022: Walton Firs Activity Centre

We've organised a great trip for Year 8 to Walton Firs Activity Centre. All Year 8 parents/carers should have received information about arrangements for the trip via ParentMail. The deadline for payment is today, Friday 10 June as we have to secure the coaches and the venue well in advance. Please read the ParentMail which has all the information you will need to make a payment as well as full details of the trip. Permission slips and medical forms (attached to the ParentMail) should be printed and handed to your child's TUTOR. We are really looking forward to it! Many thanks

Miss Williams, Head of Year 8

Art & Photography Department Notices

A level Art & Photography Exhibition: Friday 17th June, 6.30-8.30pm



The Art & Photography Department would like to invite the Fortismere community to the A level exhibition on **Friday 17th June, 6.30-8.30** in **North Wing** (Creighton Avenue). This is our first A level exhibition since

2019! Please come and celebrate the students' achievements despite the significant disruptions caused by Covid! They have produced a breadth of impressive work that they look forward to sharing with you.

KS3 Art Club is BACK!!!

Art Club is back for students in Years 7, 8 & 9.

Come along and develop your creativity every Thursday, 3.30-4.30 in N6.

We look forward to seeing you!



Library Notices

Author Visit

To celebrate the start of Pride Month we were delighted to welcome author Simon James Green to the library. Simon writes funny, feel good books about the trials and tribulations of being a teenager and his talk "Own the Awkward" had us all in stitches. He described an event on the rugby playing field where all he wanted to do was run away, but found that laughing was actually the way forward. So instead of pursuing a career in law, then theatre directing, he took up writing YA books! In the afternoon two classes were lucky enough to enjoy comedy writing workshops with Simon. They now have the formula for creating books to make you laugh, so we're looking forward to reading them in the future. Simon had lunch with our Pride Soc and was happy to chat about his experiences in other schools and he ended the day by joining a staff workshop. It was a busy, fun-packed and thought-provoking day.



Students' Reading Ages

The final summer term STAR Reading tests have been completed and are now available on Cloud School for Years 7 and 8. We will be testing Year 9 students over the next couple of weeks.

Graphic novel series now on YouTube...

The dead are rising! Up out of the mouldering pages of history comes the chat show that digs the dirt on some of history's most famous, infamous and downright incredible men and women. Corpse Talk is one of our favourite non-fiction graphic novel series for all ages (find them in the library). Cartoon Adam Murphy interviews various undead historical figures. They were originally serialised in the [Phoenix Comic](#) (one of the best weekly comics out today – also available in the library!). Corpse Talk is now available as an animated series on YouTube: [Cartoons for Kids - YouTube](#)



Book Club News

If your 14-19 year old fancies joining a virtual on-line book club, may we recommend this teen book club. The next book being read and discussed is Angie Thomas' "The Hate You Give". Click here for details of how to sign up for free [National Teen Book Club | Speakers for Schools](#)

We're coming to the end of Carnegie Shadowing, the winner will be announced on Thursday 16th June when the library will be closed at lunch time for our famous Carnegie party. Photos (usually of an embarrassing nature) to follow.

Recommended Reads

Our recommendations this week are inspired by Pride Month. We'll have a lot of them on display at the school celebration on 23rd June – make sure you book your tickets here for a fabulous celebratory evening [Fortismere Pride Month 2022 Celebration Eve. Tickets, Thu, Jun 23, 2022 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#). And if you're a Tweeter, take a look at the #ReadWithPride hashtag – schools around the country are taking part in a Twitter relay – Fortismere library's contribution will be later this month...



Drama Department Notices

17th Annual Oscars Ceremony Phoenix Cinema – Friday 8th July 2022

Please can all Year 9 parents/carers complete the medical form for the Y9 Phoenix Cinema trip on Friday 8th July. A Parentmail was sent out before half term. The medical form can be completed here: <https://forms.gle/ncfemzGxST5NNHcJ9> The expectation is that all Y9 students attend this trip to celebrate their work in Drama this term and the end of Key stage 3. Please complete this form by Monday 25th June. Y9 students attending Duke of Edinburgh can still attend both trips on this day.

Drama Club

Reminder - Year 7s are invited to join the Drama Club. Please come to the North Wing Hall on Friday Lunchtimes. Bring a packed lunch if you can.



*****CASTING ANNOUNCEMENT*****

Life Lessons is casting now for Season 3

We are changing how Relationships, Sex and Health education is taught in schools. We film real people from all backgrounds, all sexualities, all outlooks, as they share what it's really like to be a young person in the world today. Following the success of Life Lessons Seasons 1 and 2 we are filming Season 3 this summer in London.

Who we are looking for

- Age range: 14-20 (parental permission will be needed if you are under 18)
- Location: Young people from across the UK
- Young people from all faith backgrounds are encouraged to cast
- Young people with disabilities are encouraged to cast
- Hetrosexual males are encouraged to cast

What you get out of it

- We will cover or support transport costs to the studio in London
- You will receive an hourly rate for your time (£10 per hour)
- You will get experience in front of the camera with a high quality production set up
- You will become a lifelong alumni of Life Lessons

How to apply

- Deadline for application is June 22nd 2022
- Apply online with this link: <https://www.lifelessons.co.uk/casting>
- Or use the QR code attached.



Sport & PE Notices

Sophie Scores Last Gasp Winner

Some amazing news about our GB Ice Hockey Star Sophie Games Y11. Sophie recently attended the GB U18 training camp and still found time to bookend her visit to Sheffield with weekends full of high drama matches and tournaments. Please read the wonderful report below which captures the drama superbly. *After attending her first Team GB U18 training camp in Sheffield, Sophie also attended the WNIHL (Women's National Ice Hockey League) Trophy weekend in Widnes. On Saturday she played in the Elite League semi-final for her Slough team, the Queen Bees, against*



Streatham. They lost but on Sunday, she played with her Haringey U16s Women's team, the London Capitals. The Capitals have recently become winners of the South of England League, beating Swindon by two points in an acrimonious game where opposing team managers had to be separated! The Capitals faced Northern League champions Kingston Diamonds (from Hull). The score was 1-all coming towards the end of the third and final period. A 30 second time-out was called by Kingston with only 2 minutes of regulation time to play. The score remained unchanged. Then, with only 11 seconds left, the Capitals coach called another 30 second time-out. Watch the clip below in its entirety - it's only 3 minutes long, but I think you'll agree it's worth it.

<https://www.facebook.com/100006252364293/videos/414862780518306/>



I've watched the clip and it's well worth a view as it captures Sophie perfectly slamming in the winning goal with just 7 seconds left on the clock. What a moment and what a star!

Great Effort in the Haringey Borough Athletics Championships

Yesterday, our Y9/10 Quad Kids Athletics teams took part in the Haringey Borough Schools Championships. Unfortunately our team was depleted at the last minute due to injuries and exams but some late additions to the teams really stepped up and performed superbly - a big thank you to them. Our boys finished fifth overall while our girls finished in the silver medal position, an agonising two points away from Gold! Larissa Wilson underlined her athletics quality by comfortably being the highest scoring individual athlete of the whole competition. The students were a real credit to our school all day. Well done to all of them!



Fancy a Game of Badminton? Thursday 16th June 3.20pm

On Thursday 16 June, Heartlands School are coming to Fortismere for a friendly badminton tournament. If you would like a fun but competitive game of badminton please come straight after school with your PE kit. It doesn't matter if you haven't come to Badminton Club before, just turn up and have a go! Badminton Club takes place every Thursday after school. Well done to all the students who attend. For any further information please contact Ms Bailey

Year 7-9 Get Ready for Sports Day!

In preparation for Sports Day (13th July) we are running a series of KS3 inter-club competitions! Any students interested in participating in badminton or tennis please come along to either club which are held every Thursday straight after school. We'd love to see some more of you there. For any further information please contact Mr Hawkes.

Congratulations to the top 3 tennis doubles players from last week! 1st: Stanley Badacsonyi / Leo Edwards, 2nd: Thierry Cooper / Yendo Tang, 3rd: Joshua Lafont Ribas / William Laurie

More Fortismere Athletes Selected for Haringey

Adding to the recent success of our Y7/8 students, I'm delighted to announce that another thirteen of the events being contested at the Middlesex County Championships will have Fortismere athletes taking part as members of the Haringey Team. Fortismere students had an incredible day and as a result will make up a large percentage of the Haringey Representative Athletics Teams. Congratulations to the athletes selected:

Ella Stephens: 100mtrs, 200mtrs
Tayla Dennis: Shot Putt
Miles Cameron: 100mtrs, 200mtrs,
Tom Fernand – Javelin
Sara Aina: Shot Putt

Larissa Wilson: 300mtrs, 800mtrs, Long Jump
Sophia Georgiades: Shot Putt
Oleksarida: Shot Putt
Caroline Van Soost: 1500mtrs

Fortismere Athletes off to the Finals

I'm delighted to report that both our Junior Boys and Junior Girls Athletics teams have qualified through to the London & Home Counties Regional Final of the ESAA Track & Field Cup. The event takes place at The Croydon Sports Arena next Wednesday. Both our teams performed superbly in the first round matches, held at Lea Valley and I'm pleased to say that their high points tallies have seen them safely through to the next stage. Reaching this stage means that our teams are amongst the top 24 school teams across London (North & South, Middlesex and Surrey) This is really impressive! We wish both teams all the luck in the world next week.

Year 9 Rowing for Haringey

This Sunday will see four of our Year 9 boys heading to the Copper Box Arena to represent Haringey in the LYG Indoor Rowing Championships. The Fortismere boys: Hugo Harris, Hersham Chenam, Thomas Radley and Ethan Earnshaw make up the majority of the Haringey team and we wish them all the very best of luck. The boys will be joined by Jack Parsons Y11, who will compete in the six-minute challenge and then they will all compete in a relay event. Good Luck to our rowers!

Year 9 Your Views are Valued

A national survey looking at modern trends amongst young people is about to be released. However, before going live nationally, a few schools have been identified to sample the survey. Fortismere is one of the schools chosen and researchers are seeking the views of Year 9 students on a range of topics. The survey is predominately looking at young trends, music, clothes, social media etc. and will take no more than 15 minutes to complete. All answers are anonymous. The link to the survey is below and it would be great if as many Year 9s as possible could complete it. Thank you for your help with this.

www.childwise.co.uk/buzz-survey.html

Results & Fixtures

Results:

Tuesday – Tennis Boys v Mill Hill (A)

Thursday – Athletics – Y9 and Y10 Quadkids

Fixtures Next Week:

Monday – Athletics Y7/8 Quad Kids Haringey Champs

Tuesday – Tennis Y7/8 and Y9/10 v Highgate (A) and Cricket Y7 v Latymer (H) 2.30pm

Wednesday – ESAA Track & Field Cup Regional Finals – JB and JG

Saturday - Middlesex Schools Athletics Championships

Don't forget to let me have news of your sporting participation & achievements outside of school.

Fortismere Holiday Camps July & August 2022

Summer Holiday Camps

With lots of fun and games to enjoy from Sports, Art, Drama, Coding to Chess and multi sports, our holiday camps are ideal if you find it hard to juggle work and keep children entertained. Activities will run between **09.00 am-15.00 pm** each day at Fortismere School, Tetherdown London N10 1NE.

The full week will cost £80*, an early **08.00 am** drop off option will be offered, where the children will be provided with a light breakfast of toast, cereal & juice.

Tiny Twinkles Age 3-6

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.

Week 1 25th July Tiny Twinkles

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-tiny-twinkles-age-3-6-week-1-tickets-314464641207>

Week 2 1st Aug Tiny Twinkles

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-tiny-twinkles-week-2-tickets-314494540637>

Week 3 8th Aug Tiny Twinkles

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-tiny-twinkles-age-3-6-week-3-tickets-314497449337>

Week 4 15th Aug Tiny Twinkles

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-tiny-twinkles-age-3-6-tickets-314501020017>

Sports camp Age 7-15

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

Week 1 25th July Sports camp Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-sports-age-7-15-week-1-tickets-316382397267>

Week 2 1st Aug Sports camp Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-multi-sports-age-7-15-week-2-tickets-316450470877>

Week 3 8th Aug Sport camp Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-multi-sport-age-7-15-week-3-tickets-316459548027>

Week 4 15th Aug Sports Camp Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-multi-sports-age-7-15-week-4-tickets-316620950787>

Chess Camp Age 7-15

Chess has been growing in popularity (online), boosted also by the popularity of the chess scenes in the recent Queen's Gambit TV show. This course aims to develop students' chess skills which can also indirectly help analytical and evaluative skills needed also in the classroom. The chess course will look at tactics, strategy, chess openings and endgame play, helping to become a better player.

Week 1 25 July Chess Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-chess-age-7-15-week-1-tickets-316622876547>

Week 2 1st Aug Chess Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-chess-club-age-7-15-week-2-tickets-327900568427>

Dance Age 6-12

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.

Week 1 25th July Dance Age 6-12

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-dance-tap-jazz-and-musical-theatre-age-6-13-tickets-316626748127>

Week 2 1st Aug Dance Age 6-12

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-dance-tap-jazz-musical-theatre-age-6-13-tickets-316655915367>

Gardening Age 7-15

Garden planning outdoors and in, designs, types of plants and soils, videos, research and drawing activities, digging and planting of plants and more.

Week 1 25th July Gardening Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-gardening-camp-age-7-15-week-1-tickets-315264523677>

Week 2 1st Aug Gardening Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-gardening-camp-age-7-15-week2-tickets-315271153507>

Drama Age 7-15

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.

Week 1 25th July Drama Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-drama-age-8-15-tickets-318698494777>

Week 2 1st Aug Drama Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-drama-age-8-15-week-2-tickets-318699036397>

Week 3 8th Aug Drama Age 7-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-drama-age-8-15-week-3-tickets-318702025337>

Art Age 8-15

Students will make life sketches, collages, and will also build structures out of cardboard and glue using these in graphics as an inspiration for their own streetscapes. These activities will open the eyes of young people to the world of fine artists, designers and architects. Anyone from 8 years old is welcome. Our environment is encouraging, inclusive and non-competitive, allowing students to move at their own pace and thus develop their unique skill-set

Week 3 8th Aug Art Age 8-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-art-club-age-7-15-week-3-tickets-321226997597>

Week 4 15th Aug Art Age 8-15

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-art-camp-week-4-age-7-15-tickets-321228802997>

Safeguarding at Fortismere

Safeguarding Update & Information

Safeguarding in school

If you require safeguarding information or support about specific issues you may wish to visit our Safeguarding page on the school [website](#). We add new links and information often so it is worth checking this page regularly.

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

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Year 10 dward@fortismere.org.uk

Year 11 glewis@fortismere.org.uk

Ms Sullivan

Deputy Head & Designated Safeguarding Lead