

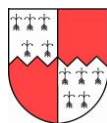
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'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'

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Dear All

Well, here we are at the end of yet another busy term! There has been so much going on, this newsletter contains just a flavour of some of the activities.

Parkrun – Thank you to Mrs Taylor for organising such a joyous event!

Fitzwaryn School Parkrun Takeover – Event 80! 20th May 2023 – article written by students from Senior School

“On Saturday morning we went to Parkrun. It was our first Parkrun and we did lots of preparation for it.”

“I had healthy meals in the week leading up to it, so I had more energy. I had lots of meat which is a protein which helps my muscles”.

“I called my friend and they gave me some top tips for the event and how to keep running.”

“We did some training with Mike. We did an exercise called the caterpillar. This is where we stuck together in a line and jogged around the track. We did some sprint races.”



“Mike also said not to use too much energy at the start but to pace yourself. You need energy for the finish line! We did some cool downs and some warmups to prepare our bodies.”

“After the run I felt really energetic and proud – all the training had paid off”.

“I felt happy as I did it under 26 minutes. I am going to go to Parkrun again and I hope to beat my PB”.



“It was a fantastic experience. The marshals were great on the course. I slowed down near the rugby pitch, but they cheered me on, so we kept going. There was a great atmosphere. I heard lots of clapping for me at the end.”



“The cakes at the end were amazing. I had the chocolate cake, and it was delicious. Thank you to the Student Centre for providing such delicious cakes.”



Some other news from around school:

Science Week

Last week it was Science Week at Fitzwaryn!

Lots of great work went on around the school – here is a report and some photos from Hazel Class.

Hazel Class had a lot of fun taking part in an investigation to find the best material to make blackout curtains for a bear's cave. The pupils all chose different materials to put across the window of a cave and then looked through the little peep hole to see how many stickers they could see in the cave. There was lots of predicting, observing and discussions throughout the investigation and lots of great collaborative working.



Pupils in Cedar class had so much fun learning and developing useful skills this term. They have all enjoyed cooking delicious Indian meals and spending some time outside riding bikes. However, sewing their own chosen flags must be placed on top of the list! The results speak for themselves. Great work Cedar class!



The children in Ash class are making great progress with their social and communication skills by taking part in team games to support their listening. They also enjoyed cooking different recipes from around the world and trying new flavours.



Careers and Work Experience

This year we have introduced a solid work experience programme into our Pathway through Life curriculum. Pupils in Year 9 had the opportunity to shadow members of staff from around the school, pupils in Year 10 will do some internal work experience in the coming weeks. Pupils in Year 11 have been on Work Experience this week in various locations, for example, The Donkey Sanctuary, Jury's Inn, Sports Coaching and in the school kitchen. The Student Centre have been completing weekly work experience since January and have relished the opportunity to be out and about putting their essential skills learning into practice! We are so proud of all our pupils for consistently representing the school in an exceptional manner.



Basketball

Pupils in Senior School have been learning how to play basketball this term. They have a sports coach every Friday, who comes in to work with them and teaches them the skills they need to be excellent basketball players. We then had the opportunity to go and play a match against a team at King Alfred's school. The pupils represented the school by showing respect, teamwork and perseverance; they all excelled themselves and we are very pleased to say that we won 24-10! Well done team!



EHCP – Final Plans

Several of you have raised concerns that you have not yet received **FINAL EHCPs** from Annual Reviews going back a year or more. I want to assure you that we are very aware of this issue and we are constantly raising it with the LA.

If your child's **FINAL** plan has not been issued following an Annual Review within the right timeframe, please get in touch with the relevant SEN Officer at the Local Authority. In the meantime, we will continue to raise our concerns and chase all overdue plans.

Sun Screen

During hot weather could you please ensure your child has a named sun hat with them in school and that sunscreen is applied to your child before you send them in. Please provide sunscreen for application during the day in a bottle marked with your child's name. If you require staff to help with applying cream, please either fill in a permission slip available for the school office or head to the Arbor Parent Portal where you can give permission on-line (**Photo consents** can also be given on-line – please check that your child's permissions are up-to-date and contact the office if you have any queries)

Parents' Evening

The next parents' evening is on Wednesday 14th June from 4.00pm - 6.30pm. You will have the opportunity once again of booking via Arbor. More details will be sent out after the half-term break.

Don't forget it is coffee morning tomorrow – 26th May, 10-11.30am

It just leaves me to say thank you for all your support for the school this term and I wish you a very happy half-term holiday! Let's hope that the sun continues to shine!

Best wishes

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Headteacher