



Fairlands Middle School

Friday 5th July 2024
Issue no 37.

Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Friday 12 th July	Year 7 Parents/Carers	Woodlands Theme Park Payment due
Thursday 18 th July	Year 8 Parents/Carers and Pupils	Leavers Ceremony 6-8pm
Friday 19 th July	Year 7 Pupils	Woodlands Theme Park Trip
Tuesday 23 rd July	All Years	School closes for Summer holidays
Thursday 5 th September	All Years	School re-opens to pupils

Here we are at the end of another exciting week at Fairlands. I cannot thank parents and carers enough for the huge support you have shown regarding both the Summer Fayre and Sports Day. The children certainly do 'step up' when you are in the building, representing Fairlands with pride.

My heartfelt thanks also go out to the Fairlands colleagues who have all gone above and beyond in the planning, preparation and delivery of these key events. Thank you also to the FPTA for supporting with refreshments and to all the governors who helped speed up the signing in process. A wonderful team effort!

And we didn't stop there! It was an absolute joy to welcome our newest Fairlands family members in on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see our new Year 4 children walking through the door with big smiles on their faces, ready for a brilliant day of meeting new people and familiarising themselves with the school, followed by parents and carers in the evening. A special thanks to the Year 7 year group who worked with Year 5 in a buddying role. You were exceptional ambassadors, kind and compassionate, and this went a long way to allay fears regarding 'the big ones' in the school. We know our Year 8 pupils also had a great day at Kings Academy.

Next week, Year 7 will have two transition days at Kings Academy on 9 and 10 July to experience the options subjects. I have sent more information to parents and carers this week.

As part of our British Values curriculum, we also introduced the Fairlands Vote on Thursday. We introduced all pupils to the local candidates and then provided them with voting slips to replicate the voting process. So many young people are intimidated by this process which may account for lower voting numbers in the 18-24 age range. We want our young people to feel confident to take part in a process like this in their future. For Fairlands, the successful candidate was overwhelmingly Tessa Munt.

Finally, thank you to all of you who have completed the governor feedback form. Although it closes on Monday we have already responded to some of your feedback regarding not feeling like you know enough about what the children learn. We will be sharing curriculum information with you on a termly basis from next year to keep you in the loop, so you can open those rich discussions at home.

12 school days to go - have a great weekend!

Our values 'Caring and Inspirational' Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child, please email

safeguarding@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk

Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Paul Stephens

Wellbeing

If your child needs any help, advice or someone to talk to, please contact the school office. We have trained mental health first aiders that are here to help. 'You are human and it's ok to struggle.'

'It is important to look after yourself and mind.'

Reporting Absence

If your child is feeling unwell, please contact the school office on 01934 743186, or email using the school absence email address: -

absence@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk

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Main Office: 01934 743186

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Useful Information

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School Games Gold Mark Award

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

With a number of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.



Vicky Pople – Head of Faculty for Expressive Arts

FA Whistlers Referee Course



On Friday 28th June, thirteen Year 8 girls spent the day learning the art of football refereeing. They had a fantastic day participating in a FA Whistlers course delivered by our SGO Alex Caird. They spent the morning learning the theory, before having the opportunity to put it into practice, by refereeing games and role-playing scenarios they may encounter. This fantastic opportunity has been devised by the FA to help improve female's confidence and communication, as well as promoting career opportunities available to them. It has been a fantastic bridging course which will support them if they wish to take on the referring course at age 14.

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Sports Day



A huge congratulations to both Ruby D and Reuben F for winning our annual Year 8 1500m event. It has become a tradition for our Year 8 pupils to run this event during the afternoon of Sports Day, and in turn the winning pupils are presented with a medal in recognition of their success.

Our annual Sports Day saw the sun shining and a new bigger, brighter and louder event taking place. There were plenty of fantastic races with winners switching between heats and finals. It was also a wonderful opportunity for pupils to showcase their dancing, chanting and general sportsmanship skills. Well done to everyone and a big thank you to parents and the PTA for supporting.



New School Records

Reuben Year 8, 1500m 5.18.59

Eddie Year 5, 400m 1.29.66

Grace Year 6, 75m 11.36

Ru Year 5, 75m 11.38

Leonora Year 5, 75m 12.15

Simeon Year 8, Discuss 21.76m

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Year 8 Cooking Masterclass

A group of twelve Year 8 pupils have been attending a cooking masterclass after school on a Tuesday. Over the last two weeks, they have made a risotto with a choice of roasted squash, bacon and mushroom, and meringues which were then made into Eaton mess, by cutting up or pureeing the fruit and whisking double cream. The pupil's skills and confidence have grown over the weeks and they have really impressed me with how independently they are able to work.

Kim Rowlinson – Teacher of DT and Tutor



Primary Bee National Final



This week, Arlo, in Year 6 attended the National Final of the Languages Primary Bee Competition at Cambridge University. Over 4000 pupils nationwide began the competition and 80 took part in the final. The standard was extremely high and the translation of English into the target language (French/Spanish/German) was super speedy! Arlo reached an amazing score with around 40 words translated into French in 1 minute! What a fantastic achievement! Well done, Arlo! Félicitations!

Steph Milne - Head of Global Communications and Callum Pitt - Teacher and Tutor

FPTA Update

The FPTA has had a busy week serving refreshments at sports day and transition evening. We would like to thank everyone for support, as we raised £75 in donations! We are planning more events and treats for the children – coming very soon. If you would like to join us, or can give your time to help at future events, please use the QR code to join the Fairlands FPTA WhatsApp group.

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WhatsApp group



Summer Fayre Photos



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