



FHS NEWS

JULY 2024

SUMMER CONCERT



We were delighted to welcome families to our Summer concert. It was an exciting evening and we were immensely proud of all the students involved.

The performers worked extremely hard, with hours of individual practice and ensemble rehearsals to make sure they



gave their best performances on the evening. This year has been especially successful for our music department,



with our students winning three music competitions. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and dedication.

FHS SPORTS WEEK

During June the PE department celebrated National School Sports Week.

Pupils were given the opportunity to try a range of new sports including Bollywood dance, bowling, boxing, climbing, frisbee, Gaelic football, hockey, rugby, softball, tennis, trampolining and volleyball. The atmosphere around the classes was fantastic, well done.

SEE INSIDE FOR LOTS MORE PE NEWS



GCSE ART EXHIBITION

Students, parents, guardians, teachers, staff and Governors all enjoyed a highly successful art exhibition in the sixth form building, celebrating the fantastic GCSE artwork.

The event was catered by Mrs Ubhi and Ms Sharma from our food department.



SEE MORE ARTWORK & NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT INSIDE

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Gratitude is one of the most positive emotions to feel. It benefits the person who experiences it and

when expressed, it benefits the person who is the object of the gratitude. As we come to the end of another school year, I am filled with gratitude for all the staff, students and families that have, once again, made this a fabulously successful year. The exam results will be out in the summer, we can list all the activities and experiences that have been had but at this point, I would like to focus on the atmosphere in the school.

Results are crucial, experiences are vital, but the happiness of the school allows people to flourish and allows the first two elements to be achieved.

And Featherstone is a happy school. It is a place where relations are good, where our values are lived out and where staff and students can feel comfortable.

This does not happen by chance. It relies on the contribution of everyone. I was struck at the end of each of the Wimbledon Singles' Finals how both competitors took the time to thank their extensive teams. There is that gratitude again! Tennis might be thought of as the most singular of games. On the court of play, only one person can have a bearing on the result of the match and that is the player on his or her side of the net. All the emotion, all the pressure, all the focus of attention is down to that one player. It is tempting to see it as a single effort. And yet, at the end of the match, both players thanked their teams. They took their time too! Person after person thanked carefully. It was clear that they were abiding, all

be it unknowingly, by the Featherstone motto of "Together we achieve." How true it is.

That is why, as we come to the end of this school year, I will be trying to thank as many people as possible. I would encourage our students also to consider how they must feel gratitude for all the people who have an input in supporting them to be the best versions of themselves. Throughout the summer too, I hope our students can be grateful for all the good things that I hope will come their way.

Once again, I thank our parents, carers and families too for your unstinting support for all our best efforts at Featherstone. You too are a part of a school where; "Together we achieve."

Have a very good summer.

Mr Walters, Headteacher

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council Year Reps and Value Reps have been working really hard this year to take your views to the Senior Team and the Headteacher.

Our Value Reps are also now working on a project to revive the school garden. We have already had it cleared and we are hoping to start work in September.



SPORTING ROLE MODELS

Sixth formers, Jasleen and Harleen had the opportunity to interview Sonia Randev and Manisha Tailor at an event set up by Seeing is Believing. Seeing is Believing is an organisation that encourages more South Asian women to get into football.



During the interview Randev said that it is important to encourage south Asian girls to play sports as it persuades other girls that they can have a career in the sports industry.

Tailor said that there are so many women from all walks of life who enjoy and want to play football, and that an event like this is all about the integration of people from different countries.



NATIONAL AWARD



We have some good news to share; we have, once again been recognised for having attendance within the top 10% of all schools nationally, by FFT Aspire.

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A 'HELLO' TO FEATHERSTONE HIGH SCHOOL FROM CLIFTON PRIMARY SCHOOL!



A big hello to all of our friends, colleagues, ex pupils and parents at Featherstone. We would love to share with you what a great year we have had at Clifton Primary School, it has truly been one to remember.



AUTUMN 2023

The Autumn Term started with us getting stuck into our learning straight away with children focusing on topics in history such as; Why did the Romans invade Britain and what did they leave behind for us? Who was most successful at invading Britain, Anglo Saxons or Vikings? How did evacuation impact the lives of children during WW2? There were some incredible experiences to enhance this learning. Year 4 visited the remains of the only Roman amphitheatre in London – underneath the Guildhall, and Year 6 had some thought-provoking discussions with Simon from the National Holocaust Centre and Museum comparing evacuees from London to those who experienced the Kindertransport. Our brand-new Art Curriculum kicked off with children across the school learning a range of drawing skills and techniques. Year 5 were lucky enough to visit the National Portrait Gallery to take part in a drawing workshop. Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their DT unit where they designed and made the most beautiful photo frames. They even got to use saws to cut their own wood! The term drew to a close with our annual EYFS Christmas Concert, KS1 Christmas Production and of course, the Christmas Lunch featuring our famous Christmas Raffle!



SPRING 2024

The Spring Term was an incredibly special term for everyone at Clifton. On the 27th/28th February we were visited by Ofsted for our eagerly anticipated inspection. It was an very busy few days for all our staff with Ofsted looking in detail at our; Phonics, Maths, Geography and PE alongside our safeguarding and attendance procedures. They also looked at; Computing, Spanish, Art and Design, Personal Development and Behaviour. We are absolutely thrilled to share with you all that we were given the grade of Outstanding in all areas.

Inspection of Clifton Primary School

Clifton Road, Southall, Middlesex UB2 5QP

Inspection dates: 28 and 29 February 2024

Overall effectiveness	Outstanding
The quality of education	Outstanding
Behaviour and attitudes	Outstanding
Personal development	Outstanding
Leadership and management	Outstanding
Early years provision	Outstanding



SUMMER 2024

The Summer Term at Clifton was a mixture of excitement over our Ofsted Report being published, some brilliant summer events and finishing off our curriculum learning. Our Sports Days are always great fun and because we don't have our own school field, we use other local school's facilities and take Year 5 and 6 to Perivale Athletics Track to experience a real athletics stadium with all of the amazing facilities. At the end of this the term we had Clifton's Got Talent, an amazing afternoon where children from Years 4-6 performed dances and songs, created artwork in 2 minutes, showcased karate and a lot more. Our Dance Show is an annual event, many ex Clifton pupils will have fond memories of performing on the stage in our playground. This term we also had an amazing visit from David Walliams! We were gifted a mural in our playground of his new book 'Astrochimp' and David came down to finish off the artwork, sign it and meet our pupils.



DAVID WALLIAMS PICTURED HERE WITH OUR STUDENTS

**OVERALL IT'S BEEN A BRILLIANT YEAR AT CLIFTON AND WE CAN'T
WAIT TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT YEAR.**

NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

NATIONAL SCHOOLS SPORTS WEEK



WELL DONE WEDNESDAY & CHARITY TOURNAMENTS

One hundred and fifty pupils from Years 7 to 9 were invited to PE to say thank you for their superb contribution to PE lessons, extra curricular activities and leadership throughout the year.

Pupils took part in a range of physical activities including inflatable races, football challenges, obstacle races and a water gauntlet. Thank you to everyone for their hard work and contribution, we look forward to celebrating again next year!

Year 7-10 Charity tournaments were held on Monday and Tuesday to raise money for Sport in Mind. During the week pupils took part in a have a go session on the playground to contribute towards our charity. £141.20 was raised! Well done everyone who donated.



6TH FORM SPORTS DAY

As a fabulous end to our sixth form PE programme, the students joined us on the rec to celebrate the end of the year with sports day.

They competed in an old fashioned sports day with egg and spoon races and other fun races. Well done to everyone who competed!



CRICKET NEWS

We've had an incredible year for Year 7,8,9 and 10 Cricket with over 50 students participating in cricket after school club.

A special mention goes to Year 8 student Sahil Abdulrazzaq who delivered an outstanding bowling performance against Greenford High School making him a standout player for Key Stage 3.

STREET ELITE

On Thursday 20th June we took a group of students to the Southall Quarter for the Street Elite annual festival.

We selected students based on their excellent attainment and effort in PE lessons to attend this event as a reward trip. Students participated in a range of events throughout the day; bubble football, yoga, golf, paddle sports and street dance to name a few.

ST MARY'S UNI

Our Year 10 pupils visited St Mary's University to see what life is like as a student.

They toured the facilities, completed workshops and attended lectures.



GIRLS' NFL

During April the annual NFL girl's tag fixtures started at Cranford Community School.

10 girls from year 7 and 8 played every week for the school team. They played six games within the Jets Conference every week before attending the Finals day in Wimbledon FC on the 20th of May. The girls played against a range of other schools and came fifth overall. MVP of the tournament was Hadisa Nasiri.



TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Students from Year 8 and 9 joined in on the first Arnold Hill Girls Tag Rugby Tournament hosted by Ealing Trailfinders.

They played 5 games against other schools within the local area. There were some outstanding performances from the girls with Yoana Sohatee picking up the Most Valuable Player.



ROCK CLIMBING CLUB

Featherstone's indoor rock-climbing club has been in full swing this half term as Year 7,8 and 9 learnt the basics of the now Olympic sport.

Over 30 students have donned harnesses and learnt rope tying techniques as they take on our very own version of Yosemite's El Capitan in the sports hall every Thursday.

In what became a race to the top of the wall, several of our students showed that they have a natural gift for climbing and scaled the wall easily before

abseiling back down to Earth – helped by their bell-ringing teams.

They're all looking forward to improving their technique over the next half term!



YEAR 9 LEADERSHIP

This year the sports leaders have done an amazing job.

They have led the Clifton Primary Sports Day and the West London Games, leading the Vortex

throw and being officials for the long distance for the Primary School Finals. They have done an amazing job with making sure the kids know what they're doing and supporting them.



OLYMPIC INSPIRATION



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Featherstone's Year 11s ventured into the Surrey Hills to enjoy the only two days of British Summer this year and complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Over 40 students, our highest total ever, donned their walking boots and really took the handbrake off as they hiked their way around the beautiful Surrey countryside.

Avoiding ditches and with some expert navigational help from our very own Mr Haji, they were able to navigate and camp over the two days, putting the skills they've learnt over the year into practice.

A huge thank you to Mr Haji, Mr Thorley, Ms Brodie, Miss Chandan, Mr Panesar and Mr Kengatharan for supporting and enjoying the outdoors with the students!



Thank you to Olympic Gold medallist, kayak athlete, Ed McKeever for inspiring our Year 7, 8 and 9 students as part of their Sport's Day

ROUNDERS UPDATE

Rounders has had an amazing and competitive season this year.

The rounders teams have shown excellent teamwork filled with an abundance of positive energy. We were really impressed with the girls' competitiveness in the tournaments, narrowly missing out on podium finishes. The League results were much



better with year 7 and 9 coming in second place and with year 8 winning the League! Thank you to all those who have attended training and fixtures.



KEEP READING DURING THE SUMMER

The FHS ePlatform is a library of 2000 ebooks and audio books available to students wherever and whenever they want.

As it is electronic they can even use it during the school holidays when school

is closed. Access through the FHS portal or download the ePlatform app, and get reading!



JOIN YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Have you visited your local library recently?

It's easy for all the family to join; just take along identification and proof of signature, complete the application, and start borrowing. Under-16s need an adult to recommend them.

Books are free to borrow, and most libraries also offer ebooks, audio books and online resources.

LIBRARY LESSONS

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have all had regular library reading lessons this year.

This is a chance to discuss, choose and read books, and aims to establish a reading habit, improve reading skills and promote reading for pleasure and empowerment.

They ended the year with fun book quizzes and the Guinness World Records Challenge.



SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK

The Library showcased some great books all about sport in Fact and Fiction.



LIBRARIANS' CELEBRATION

Our fantastic team of volunteer student librarians attended a special Celebration event to thank them for all their work in the Library during this year.

There were lots of fun games and activities to try out, and some tasty treats to eat!

We asked them what they enjoy about being librarians. Here are some of their replies.

"I LIKE BOOKS AND HELPING PEOPLE!"

"I GET TO HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY AND FEEL PROUD."

"I LOVE THE LIBRARY."

"BEING A LIBRARIAN GIVES YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE LESS SHY."

"IT'S FUN AND I MEET NEW PEOPLE."



BRAIN WAVES CLUB

Members of the Brainwaves Club have enjoyed playing Scrabble and Chess this term.



THANK YOU



Thank you to the Southall Community Alliance for helping us celebrate Culture Day for Year 12.

UK MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all Featherstone students who participated in the UKMT maths challenge, ranging from students who have just started their mathematical journeys in year 7 to our more senior students in Year 13.

A special well done to students who reached the second stage of their respective challenge and represented Featherstone High School.



YEAR 11 PROM: A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton in Ealing was aglow on Friday 21st June as Year 11 students celebrated their prom in style, marking a night of glamour, joy, and unforgettable memories.

The celebration kicked off with a delectable finger buffet, followed by a programme filled with laughter and excitement. The dance floor soon became the heart of the prom, where students and teachers showcased their best moves. The DJ's lively tunes kept the energy high, and the 360-photo

booth provided endless fun, capturing the joyful moments.

Special thanks go to our dedicated staff and the prom committee who worked tirelessly to ensure the event's success. Their efforts brought our vision to life and gave our Year 11 students a night they will treasure forever. We would also like to thank Tesco Extra, Bulls Bridge for kindly donating soft drinks for the evening, their generous contribution was much appreciated.

We're incredibly proud of the Year 11 class of 2024 and wish them all the best

as they move forward in their journeys. Thank you to all parents and guardians who have supported the Year 11s throughout their time at FHS, the staff body at FHS wishes them all success. Here's to many more milestones and celebrations ahead!



CULTURAL DAY OUT

SPEAKERS TRUST PROGRAMME

Our cultural day out organised by 'The Speakers Trust' gave thirty of our students the opportunity to experience a guided and interactive tour of a cultural institution.

The students were taken to visit the Transport Museum Depot in Acton. Starting with a workshop in the morning exploring the concept of engineering and how it is used in the city, the

students were then escorted around the depot to explore the older trains and vehicles and encouraged to ask questions to volunteers who work in the industry.

The students worked in teams to make decisions on a new transport project in the city – they learnt that it was not an easy task!

Four finalists were chosen for their efforts: Shubh, Suvethaga, Yasmin and Vrinda from Year 9.



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BIOLOGY FIELD TRIP

Eighteen brilliant Year 12 students attended the A Level biology residential field trip from the 8th to 10th of July.

Their exceptional behaviour and resilience in the face of challenging situations, made me proud to be a



Featherstone High School teacher. They learned many investigative techniques used by ecologists and applied them to gather data for their own assessed practical. They were organised and hardworking, while still making time to watch the Euros. The students clearly enjoyed the trip, as they enthusiastically shared their adventures with their peers upon returning to school.



YOUR LIFE - YOU CHOOSE

On the 18th June Year 7 had visits from "Your Life - You Choose".

This workshop day enabled them to meet Ambulance, Police, Anti-Drugs and Anti-Gangs officers who gave valuable

advice around keeping safe in London. In addition, they also had a great First Aid session led by Mr Andrews, who is an NHS nurse. The students behaved excellently and the workshops should help them stay safe and happy on the way to and from school, as well as over the holidays.



YOUNG MINDS

On Wednesday 8th May, several of our students were lucky enough to participate in a workshop for the national charity YoungMinds.

Students discussed what a safe and happy world looks like for them, which generated lots of interesting and thoughtful debate. Here is a thank you letter from the CEO and Director of Strategy! "Dear students, teachers and staff from Featherstone. A HUGE thank you from all of us at YoungMinds for taking part in our 'safe and happy world' workshop with the YoungMinds team. You all came into it with openness and loads of energy and the wonderful future worlds you imagined are already helping us to form our new strategy. I know this is a really busy period for you all and so I wanted to say how grateful we are that you made the time to help figure out how YoungMinds will look in the future. I hope you enjoyed the sessions. Thanks again and enjoy the half term break that's approaching, Laura (CEO), Mike (Director of Strategy) and everyone at YoungMinds"

INSPIRE

The Inspire students had the opportunity to sit with the Headteacher and share all the wonderful activities and classes they have been part of.



All the students discussed what critical thinking workshops they had taken part in. Students from both Year 9 and Year 10 got to show their competition work that they won awards for from St John's Oxford University. The students will continue with the programme and hope to Inspire the next cohort of students who will join in September 2024.

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GENERATION ART!

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WEEKLY ART CLASSES
AT SOUTHALL TOWN HALL

TUESDAYS: 30th July
6th August
13th August

Class 1: 1 - 2.30pm
Class 2: 2.30 - 4pm

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THURSDAY 8th AUGUST 2024
12.00 - 16.00pm

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MAKE NEW
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SATURDAY 27TH JULY AND
SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST 2024

11.30AM - 15.30PM

CELEBRATE SUMMER BREAK AT THESE
FUN ART DAYS!

LOCATIONS: TOWN HALL + SOUTHALL PARK



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SATURDAY 24th AUGUST 2024
12.00 - 17.00pm

MAKE ART, MEET NEW FRIENDS AND
CELEBRATE ALL THAT MAKES UP THE
HEART AND SOUL OF SOUTHALL.



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ARTS & CRAFTS
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