



Headteacher's Message

Living Learning



▲ This edition of Fearnfile has a focus on some of the exciting **learning** that has been going on over the last two weeks, both in school and further afield. You can read about some wonderful **Year 7 lessons** in both **humanities and science**; both involved some very active learning, creating models and looking at artefacts. There are also some great pictures! Our **A Level geographers** visited **Walton-on-the-Naze** recently and there is a full report inside. As you know, we place huge importance on reading at Fearnhill and use the '**Accelerated Reader**' programme with all KS3 students. This edition includes the latest **League Tables** showing progress in reading; how many words students have read and the quizzes taken on books. We see a great improvement for all students, whatever their reading level, through our use of this programme and parents can also check progress; just contact the library or English department if you are not sure how to access your child's reading profile.

▲ **Year 11** had a very powerful day on **Friday 27th September** when they were off timetable to learn different techniques to help them **revise**. There will be a full report in the next edition, but already we are seeing the benefit of the strategies they were given and every Thursday, senior staff and form tutors are checking on revision work done by students independently during that week.

This will ensure that our students are well prepared for the exams next summer, with the right skills already established for their independent working. If you are a **Year 11 parent**, please ask your son or daughter what they are doing and how it is helping!

▲ Finally, a big thank you to the **Year 7 parents** who attended the **pastoral evening on 2nd October**. We hope you found it useful, and we valued the evaluations you completed about the whole transition process. We are always looking at ways to improve what we do and your feedback is central to that.

Thank you as always for your support,

Liz Ellis
Headteacher

Half Term
28th October
to
1st November

Careers Corner

YC (Youth Connexions) Meetings

Jo Bains, our Youth Connexions Advisor, is in school on designated Mondays to meet with students and discuss their options, ideas and opportunities available to them after Year 11. We aim to get every Year 11 student booked in for an appointment with Jo, or Ms Balchin, before the end of the academic year.



It is essential that students do not miss their meeting as this wastes valuable time. Students are asked to make a note of the time, date and place of their meeting when Tutors announce them prior to the day. If students are unable to attend their appointment they are asked to swap with another student in their form group and inform Ms Balchin or Ms Charter so that their slot can be re-scheduled. Reminder cards are issued to students via their Tutors on the morning of their meeting to ensure they don't forget!



Jo also offers a 'Drop-In' session at break and lunchtime whereby students can go along, without an appointment, to ask any questions they have re: their future.

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Ms Balchin
Head of Careers, Work Related Learning & PSHCE

Performing & Expressive Arts

Students of the Month - September 🙌

Megan 7H



Superb start to KS3, great enthusiasm & great progress being made

Bridget 7P



Great start to KS3 music & joining in with extra-curricular

Charlie 7N



A really positive start to KS3 PE. Extremely helpful, polite & motivated. Been to most practices & clearly making the most of opportunities

Samira 11P



Continued hard work & dedication to improving portfolio unit. Good progression in art

Aimee 10U



Hard work in class, especially on composition

Macie 10R



Working hard in GCSE PE & a clear example of how revision & effort impact upon knowledge & understanding. There is nothing about the respiratory system that she does not know!

Have you got what it takes to be Student of the Month?
Try your best in all lessons and extra-curricular activities
and you could find yourself nominated and crowned!

Mr Marsh
Head of Performing & Expressive Arts

Humanities Department News

A Level Students Field Trip to Walton on the Naze

On Friday, 27th September the A-Level Geography students went to Walton on Naze, Essex .

The students went to study the impact of the coastal management on Walton and the perception of the current and future protection methods, specifically with a 'warmer world' in mind. We were keen to investigate whether people knew the current management plans of Walton on Naze and how concerned they were with the future. All of us are concerned with a warming world however the residents of Walton on Naze should probably be more concerned due to rising sea levels and stronger storms. Much of the Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex coastlines are made up of 'soft' rock that is very susceptible to eroding and slumping.



We left bright and early on the Friday to ensure we got there before high tide. The journey took just under two hours and we got to work completing our physical geography experiments on the protected and unprotected beaches found at Walton on Naze. The main thrust of our investigation was how climate change was perceived and what impact the residents considered it would have on the future of the town. The students surveyed a large number of Walton residents during the day whilst finding time to enjoy a fish and chip lunch.

Since returning to school the students have analysed the data and concluded the residents are 'somewhat' concerned about the future and rising sea levels and therefore the suitability of funding for coastal protection measures in the future.

Mr Fowler
Head of Humanities

Year 7 Learn About Evidence

In Humanities Year 7 have been learning about the different types of evidence that historians use and how to interpret it. The students were very lucky to handle some historical artefacts kindly brought in by Mr Walkinshaw, our cover supervisor. They had to work out what the artefacts told them about the past and how useful they were in terms of providing good and believable information. Handling the objects and trying on the helmet really helped with their understanding of how they might have been used in the past. The students learnt the importance of treating the objects with respect due to their condition, preciousness and financial value.



It was great fun and we are very grateful to Mr Walkinshaw for helping to bring our history lesson to life!

Ms Fordyce
History Teacher

Bin It Roadshow

We were lucky enough to welcome the award winning 'Bin It' roadshow to our school on Monday 30th September. The show highlights the impact of littering on our surroundings. The fact-based show delivered the anti-littering message to the students with the aim of changing behaviours. The students really enjoyed the entertaining performance. Students have now been challenged to see how they can take this message forward at school and at home. Can they affect a positive change?



Mr M Turner
Head of KS3 & Teacher of Science

English Department News

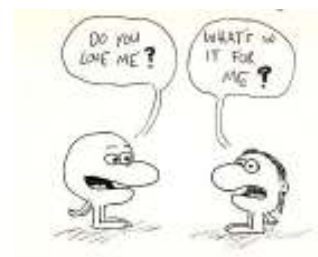
Erudite was last week's word of the week. This week it's **cynical**. Students will get rewarded if they use the 'WOW' in their writing or when they are speaking in class. The idea is to introduce ambitious vocabulary into their use of language. Do ask your son/daughter what their 'WOW' is and try and see if you can use it at home when chatting too!



Erudite: an adjective meaning having/showing knowledge gained from studying.



Cynical: an adjective meaning to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity.



Miss Corbishley
Second in English

Read to Succeed

Accelerated Reader League Tables

Our Accelerated Reader league tables for 2019/2020 are now up and running on the plasma screen in the Library.

To secure their name on our digital wall of fame each week, students or their class need to read the highest number of words or pass the most quizzes within their ZPD (zone of proximal development).

Those students topping the leagues tables will also be in with a chance of receiving a golden ticket to our 4th annual Celebration of Reading event in the summer term, where there will be cake, music, games and going-home presents.

We have also re-started our 'Get caught reading in the Library' raffle – if we catch you reading at break/lunch or after school, you get a free raffle ticket to our party and the student name we pick out of a hat will get to attend.

AR - Class League Table

Rank	Teacher	Class	Word count
1	Miss Christie	9R	573,674
2	Miss Christie	8U	490,229
3	Miss Brady & Mrs Trodden	8Q	415,040
4	Mr Sheridan	7N	278,970
5	Mrs Corbishley	7P	243,975
6	Miss Brady	9Q	206,801
7	Mrs Corbishley	7G	183,442
8	Miss Christie	8R	156,465
9	Ms Nunneley & Ms Ellis	9U	130,510
10	Miss Christie & Mr Rayner	7H	7479

AR - Most Words Read

Rank	Student	Class	Number of words read
1	Lisa A	9R	517,018
2	Lily G	8U	419,249
3	Harrison P	8Q	257,154
4	Logan Q	7N	139,041
5	Amelie C	8R	137,480

Y7 – Most AR Quizzes Passed

Rank	Student	No. of quizzes passed
1	Robbie S	3
2	Grace W, Hayden D, Josline H, Logan Q, Chloe K, Jamie M	2

Y8 – Most AR Quizzes Passed

Rank	Student	No. of quizzes passed
1	Lily G	5
2	Ruby M	3
3	Mia J, Amelie C	2

Y9 – Most AR Quizzes Passed

Rank	Student	No. of quizzes passed
1	Hussein H	8
2	Lisa A	6
3	Ellie C, Zach W, Ruben V, Kai P Frankie G	2



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Mrs R Hunt
Head of Library

Maths Department News

Fearnhill's First Annual Maths Fair

Fearnhill Maths Department hosted its first annual Maths fair on Thursday 26th September. Students and staff were invited along to enjoy some mathematically themed fairground stall games with activities as varied as 'shooting hoops', 'tin can knockdown' and 'whack a note'. Staff from all departments gave ideas to the Maths Department to show how numeracy can be used in their subject and these were then run by outstanding Sixth Form students.

Students who managed to win any of the games won a raffle ticket and those who came away with three tickets got themselves an entry into the grand prize draw! The winners of the draw will bag a set of mystery maths department goodies. Winners for each of the prizes in KS3 and KS4 will be announced in assemblies over the coming weeks.

It was so nice to see so many students and staff engaged and enjoying the games on offer.

We look forward to an even bigger event next year!



*Mr Philpot
Maths Teacher*

Attention : Year 11 Students and Parents

Keep a look out for a letter that has been sent home this week and put on the letters page of our website with information regarding GCSE maths revision resources.

Deadline for payment is Thursday 17th October - cash to Miss Williams or your child's maths teacher.



Opportunity in Maths



- Do you want to know what progress you have made since the end of Y10?
- Do you want to know what grade you are currently working at?
- Do you want to have an up to date list of topics that you need to revise?

Interim maths mock exams:

Tuesday 5th November: 3:20 – 4:50pm (P1)

Thursday 7th November: (Start during p5) 3:30 – 4:30pm (P2)

Inform Miss Williams or your maths teacher if you want to be involved!

*Miss Williams
Head of Maths*

We are collecting used stamps for The Garden House Hospice



If you have any then please send them in to school in an envelope for the attention of the Main Office

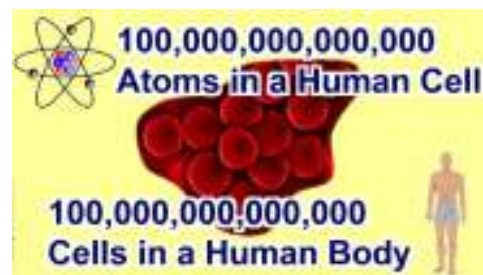
We have made a number of deliveries already and the staff at the hospice are very grateful.



Science Department News

Year 7 Create Cells!

In Science Year 7 have been learning about cells, the building blocks of all living things. They have learnt about the different parts of cells and what tasks they perform. To help get an even better understanding and to reinforce their learning in the classroom they were given a home-work task of making a cell! We have been stunned by what the students have brought in. Cells made out of clay, material, a watermelon, jelly and cake to name but a few. There were also some fabulous diagrams.



Well done Year 7!



*Miss Straughn
Science Teacher*



HELLOOOOO!

We're BeeZee Bodies!



We run a completely **FREE** programme called **BeeZee Families**, which exists to help families make small changes to live healthy lives*. And we'll let you into a little secret – healthy doesn't mean only eating celery and lettuce. Yay! Healthy eating can include pizzas and cakes, and we believe that being healthy means you can get the most out of life and do the stuff you love to do!

You can trust us because we are the experts. Not to brag, but we've even won an award for our healthy lifestyle services...

*If your child is above a healthy weight for their age, height and sex

When you join BeeZee Families, you will do things together like cooking, games and activities, and get dedicated time with our lovely nutritionists. You'll also make tons of new friends and have loads of FUN! **And best of all – BeeZee Families is FREE!**


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HELLOOOOO LETCHWORTH



Do you want to make healthy changes together, and have fun doing it?

BeeZee Families is coming to Letchworth on Thursday 7th November and we can't wait to welcome a load of new faces! We will be running a 14 week fun and friendly, healthy lifestyles group for children aged 5-15* and their families.

Thursdays 17:30 - 19:30pm at Pixmore Junior School



Oh, and it's FREEEEEEEE!

Thanks to thank you!



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Student of the Week

W/e Friday 27th September

Student of the Week

Charlie 7N
& Colette 7P
- 14 points

Form of the Week

7N - 237 points

House of the Week

Neville - 564 Points

Staff Member of the Week

Mrs Clifton - 197 points
(Lead Teacher in Art)

W/e Friday 4th October

Student of the Week

Maria 7P, Liam 9R & Natalie 10Q
- 12 points

Form of the Week

7P - 163 points

House of the Week

Howard - 473 Points

Staff Member of the Week

Mrs Brooks - 260 points
(Science Dept)

Thought of the Month - October

“No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.”

Nelson Mandela

