



Issue 566

Fearnfile

Fearnfile - out every two weeks!

Headteacher's Message

Remembering and Learning



>Welcome to our latest edition of Fearnfile. There is a great deal to tell you about so let me begin by saying how proud I was to be part of Fearnhill during our **Remembrance Day** event on 11th November. There is a full report inside; the whole school fell silent in the playground, voluntarily, for two minutes during their breaktime. The silence and stillness were remarkable and the respect and seriousness of the students was an absolute credit. It said so much about the culture of our school.

As well as remembering, there is a huge amount of learning going on. Our **Fearnhill Flyers** are holding their information evening on Tuesday 17th November, and our link with **Balliol College Oxford** is proving really valuable. Next week **Year 8** will get the benefit of an online session with a **Maths Fellow of the College** – a great chance to stretch their maths brains! **Educake**, the online learning package used in the science department, is proving hugely successful with students answering tens of thousands of science questions. You can read all about it inside.



Our students have also been busy with practical tasks, including making their own **chicken burgers and chips** – there is no substitute for homemade! The **library** is also keeping us engaged with information about great podcasts, the launch of a new magazine and a report about a member of the group East 17 (I can actually remember them!). We are also looking at ways to safeguard the mental health of ourselves and others through **Just Talk Week** next week, and the start of our appeal for winter clothing to support the **Salvation Army's** latest campaign.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding, as we keep the school working and our community safe in these extraordinary times.

Liz Ellis
Headteacher

Inset Day

Friday, 27th November

The school is closed to all students on this day.

Occasional Day

Monday, 30th November

The school is closed to all staff and students on this day.

Careers Corner

Success at School

'Success at School is the place for young people to explore careers, get the lowdown on top employers, and search for the latest jobs, courses and advice. Get career smart and **register today!**'

www.successatschool.org



Career Zones

Explore our Career Zones to find out all about the different jobs you can do, what to study and how to get there, whether you're planning to leave school or heading to college or uni. We've packed each zone with helpful interviews, advice and links to set you on the right path to career superstardom.

Why sign up?

'Register with Success at School to save your favourite jobs, careers advice and courses, build your CV, record your work experience and talk to employers and unis in our forums.'





Get your FREE careers guide for parents and carers

From university and apprenticeships to work experience, Success at School's careers guide for parents is packed full of advice to help you steer your child through the confusing world of careers choices. It's free, just fill in the form! [Click here](#)

Feedback from parents/carers who have signed up already!

"This is such a good idea. I hope all our parents will get it."

"Thankyou, just applied for it."

"So informative and helpful, thank you for recommending!"

"Great source of information."

Ms Balchin
Head of Careers, WRL & PSHE

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Where curiosity + opportunity collide

Meet the Sector Champions
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Want to find out what opportunities are available locally?

Generation Stevenage is the safe online event designed to help you make the most of your future. Meet the world-class employers on your doorstep.

Join us on Tuesday 01 December, 6-7.35pm, to find out:

- What it is like to work for Stevenage's key sector industries
- How you can apply for local jobs and apprenticeships
- What skills you need to succeed
- What to do next

Register online at www.hopininfo.co.uk/GenStevenage

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OAKLANDS COLLEGE

VIRTUAL OPEN DAY

21 November | 10am - 3pm

Register your interest at: <https://www.oaklands.ac.uk/open-events-2020/virtual-open-event-registration/>



PE Department News

We are entering the annual District Virtual Cross Country which will take place during PE lessons across this week and next.



All students should dress appropriately for outdoor lessons (on the days they have PE) as they will all be participating in this event.

Any queries please email me: simone.straughn10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk

Look out in the next edition for news on how it went and how students got on!

*Miss Straughn
Head of PE*

Performing & Expressive Arts

Students of the Month - October 🙌

Isla 8P



Wonderful drawing studies of objects as well as great eye-catching homeworks & Claes Oldenburg artist presentation.

Riley 8H



Consistently performing well & picking up the new chair drumming skill very quickly.

Gracie 7G



Tremendous effort in all lessons with outstanding performance.

Lisa 10R



A superb start to KS4 Art. Very impressive, pleasing work showing great enthusiasm & great progress being made.

Poppy 11U



Achieving a grade 9 in solo performance controlled assessment.

Leo 10U



An impressive start to GCSE PE. The work produced is detailed & accurate.

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!

*Mrs Clifton
Lead Teacher Art*

*Mrs Landsman
Lead Teacher Music (Shared)*

*Miss Sraughn
Head of PE*

Fearnhill Remembers

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions this year, we were unable to gather together in the hall as usual to mark the two minutes silence for Remembrance Day. However, this restriction did not stop us! We took the ceremony outside.

At 11am on Wednesday, 11th November Mr Philpot marked the start of the silence with the Last Post. Staff and students then paid their respects by standing in their allocated form areas in silence to remember all those servicemen and women who lost their lives in conflict and also those still living but with the consequences of warfare. There was a huge turnout and everyone behaved with dignity and reverence. Mr Philpot, then marked the end of the silence by playing The Reveille.

Students also had the opportunity, during form time, to watch a power point of images put together by Ms Fordyce. These images were taken from conflicts all over the world throughout the 20th Century and into the 21st Century. The power point was designed to show that Remembrance is for everyone; remembering those who have died, their families and those still living with physical and mental disabilities today.



D-Day.
6th June 1944, Normandy France.



Royal Wootton Bassett, England-
homecoming town for the returning
lost.



The Invictus Games-
Olympics for injured veterans



Conscientious Objectors- a different kind of courage
To refuse to kill when all around were doing so...



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
We will remember them.

Ms Fordyce
History Teacher

School Uniform News

Given the new advice from the government, Uniform Monkeys wanted to confirm that they have got to close their shop for the next month.

Uniform Monkeys delivers for free in all the local post-codes. However, they would like to reassure parents that any Fearnhill School uniform can still be purchased from them via their website.

Their website can be accessed at:

<https://theuniformmonkeys.co.uk/>



Appeal for Winter Clothing

We have once again decided to support the Salvation Army with their winter campaign to provide warm clothing and food to people and families in need. Items being collected include the following:



1 Good quality, clean second hand or new hats, scarves, gloves, coats, jumpers, cardigans, skirts, trousers, thermal vests, thick shirts/hoodies, ear muffs, boots, winter shoes, wellington boots and sleeping bags.

2 New/unused tights, socks, underwear, toiletries (men and women's), towels and flannels.

Any items would be gratefully received and can be left outside our main entrance in a plastic bag marked 'Salvation Army'. Thank you.

Ms Fordyce
History Teacher

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Science Department News

Year 10 and Year 11 Keep on Answering!

A huge milestone was recently reached with Educake as Fearnhill students broke through the 100,000 questions mark. Not that the students are resting on their laurels - progress has continued apace with now over 107,000 questions completed!

Since the last edition of Fearnfile students have answered over 51,000 questions with a close contest between Year 10 and Year 11 as to who can answer the most. Year 10 have won that particular competition but the gap was very small - one that I am sure will be closed as we approach mocks.

As well as answering the tasks set by teachers students can set their own questions. Daniel, Natalie and Macie are leading the way setting close to 600 questions between them. As we near the mocks this is an excellent opportunity to remind Year 11 that Educake doesn't just do assessment. With its built in revision guides, Educake assistant and chance to self set revision tasks it is an excellent tool to use in preparing for the upcoming exams.



Mr Dewar
Head of Science

Year 7 Feel the Force!

In science in Year 7, we have recently been learning about 'forces in motion'. We have discussed why a boat can float? What happens to the forces when a car moves faster? Why we are more likely to slip when it is wet? and What force acted on the apple that fell from the tree that Sir Isaac Newton sat under!? We have learned how we measure forces and despite not being in a lab we carried out a Hooke's Law demonstration using a Newton Metre in the classroom and plotted our own graphs. The students could see that the force is proportional to the extension of the spring and could predict what would happen in other situations using our knowledge of elastic behaviour!

They were fantastic, asking lots of questions and acting like true scientists - well done Year 7! Brilliant questioning, excellent listening and focussed learning!



Mrs Castle
Science Teacher

Technology Department News

Feeling Hungry?

Our Year 13 A Level students have been busy practicing their skills for their up and coming practical exam. On Wednesday they deboned a whole chicken to make chicken burgers, with home made bread rolls, home made ketchup and triple cooked chips.

We are very proud of them and we think you will agree their hard work looks delicious!



*Miss Bennet
Technology Technician*

Safety After School

Now that the nights are drawing in if your son or daughter cycles or walks home from school please ensure they have working lights on their bike and are wearing something reflective.



Shine as bright as car lights

PLAY YOUR PART

Be safe be seen

During the dark Autumn and Winter months pedestrians can often become invisible to drivers.

Always remember to be bright and reflective when walking, cycling or running at night.

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Fearnhill Flyers

Next week sees the postponed Fearnhill Flyers Information Evening—more details below. Also in this issue of Fearnfile:

We announce the winner of our **Royal Society competition**; we're looking forward to some **Oxford University Maths Sessions** for Year 8 students; we have a write-up on what our Flyers have been doing in their free time; and Year 11 and Year 12 students got involved with some **online study days**. Remember to follow our Instagram [fearnhill_flyers](#) to keep up to date with everything!



The **Royal Society** is the independent scientific academy of the UK which has been around since 1660, and last half term, we challenged Key Stage 3 students to read and review one of the books from the final shortlist in their **Young People's Book Prize 2020**.

The winner, who'll be receiving a shiny copy of all six books is..... Riley Mann in Year 8, with his honest review of "How to Win a Nobel Prize".

"This book is about a girl who walks in on a top-secret science meeting with the best scientists of all time. She blackmails them to give her tips on how to win a Nobel Prize. I really enjoyed how she travelled in time to see all the scientists at work and find out how they won Nobel Prizes. I didn't enjoy how much of a loudmouth Einstein is in the book!

Overall, I think it is a really good book with how it explains the Nobel Prize recipients' breakthroughs in science and the experiments in the book based on the subject. I give the book 6.5/10."

Well done, Riley. We hope to have a lovely photo of you with your prize in the next edition of Fearnfile.



Next week, a small group of Year 8 students will be welcoming **Dr Vicky Neale**, Lecturer in Mathematics and Supernumerary Fellow at **Balliol College Oxford** as she delivers the first of two Maths sessions.

The interactive, online sessions will introduce Year 8 to the wider world of mathematics outside of the classroom, helping them to see how they can begin to develop their understanding of and passion for the subject.

We're grateful to Vicky for taking time out her busy schedule appearing on BBC Radio 4 and television, to deliver these sessions to our students.

We'll have a full write-up on the event in the next issue of Fearnfile.






All year groups



- Did you know that the British Museum is the world's largest indoor space on Google Street View? You can go on a virtual visit to more than 60 galleries – perfect for creating your own bespoke tour around your favourites.
- See highlights like the Rosetta Stone in the Egyptian Sculpture Gallery or discover gems like the beautiful textiles in the African Galleries.



As well as all the opportunities being offered during school hours, our students have been enjoying some of our **Fearnhill Flyers activities** outside of school, which build on their achievements in the classroom. Here's what just

one of them has to say:

"The virtual tour of the British Museum was great! My favourite part was the Egyptian exhibit. I loved the Stone Tablets and hope the pandemic is over soon so I can go for a live tour. The BBC videos were fun and I thought the idea of the virtual nightclubs sounded fun. Maths is my favourite subject I like the puzzles and challenges on n.rich. Last week I listened to the students from Queen Mary's University of London. It was interesting hearing their experiences and it's helpful to have an insight to the options I have in the future."

A link to the YouTube video is here:
<https://youtu.be/7TrD8sVgdAI> and below are links to all the activities mentioned in it:

The BBC's five best Arts & Culture from your sofa:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/enterta...>

Live theatre: www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/at-home

Berlin Nightclubs: www.en.unitedwestream.berlin

Louise Lawlor at MOMA: www.moma.org/magazine/

Virtual tour of the Vatican: www.sistineVR.com

Pride & Prejudice read by Jennifer Ehle: [instagram.com/Jennifer_ehle](https://www.instagram.com/Jennifer_ehle)

Maths games & puzzles: <https://nrich.maths.org/>

Explore: <https://explore.org/>

Explore the British Museum : <https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@51.519...>

'The Hate You Give' film trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MM8O...>

'Crongton Knights' play rehearsal trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6QdxB...>

Pembroke online subject events registration: <https://www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/study-pembro...>

BSL Commanding Hands: <https://www.youtube.com/user/Commandi...>

Charlie Raine: <https://www.youtube.com/user/charlielmr6>

Oxford University's Reading Bank: <https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/applying-to...>

Things We Don't Know – Chemistry: <https://www.thingswedontknow.com/chem...>

If you've enjoyed a particular event or activity, or if you have recommendations, please email anne.corbishley10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk




Vision
 Vision is arguably a human's primary sense - we use it to spot danger and navigate our environment. Despite this, there is still plenty we don't know about how this sense works.
[Learn more about vision](#)



Plastics
 What happens to plastic when it gets disposed of into the environment, and how might it affect us?
[Learn more about plastics](#)



Extraterrestrial life
 The search for alien life catches many people's imagination and has always been a very public branch of science. So with all this investigation, why has our search revealed nothing? Are we truly alone in the Universe?
[Learn more about extraterrestrial life](#)



Education
in ACTION

Years
11 & 12

The Training Partnership online study days began this week.

On Monday, we enjoyed a day of speakers for our A Level English Literature course. The interactive day was truly inspirational (Miss Corbishley made 6 pages of notes on her own!) and ended with a Q&A with world famous poet Wendy Cope. A wonderful start to the week and a great learning experience for our sixth form.

On Thursday, a small group of GCSE students were treated to a Science study day, with experts in every field from Chemistry to Medical science, Physics, Veterinary science, and ending with a 'shocking' presentation from Dr Marty Jopson who managed to trash his house during his electricity demonstrations. Here's what Macie in Year 11 said about the science day:

"I really enjoyed today as it gave us a real insight to what a future in science can look like. Whether you are interested in electric shocks, black holes or even the conservation of animals in the wild, there is a job for everyone. It has definitely made me even more interested in a career in science that I already was. It was a great day, thank you."



We hope the GCSE History day next week will be equally inspiring.

The talks are available online for one week. Ask Miss Corbishley for details.

All
Years



And finally, we're really pleased to be able to welcome all Fearnhill Flyers students and their parents/guardians to our virtual **Introduction Evening on Tuesday 17th November** from 6.30pm.

This event was originally in the diary back in March, but unfortunately, the first lockdown and school closure meant that we were unable to go ahead with it. So we are looking forward to getting you all together, albeit through a computer screen, to introduce you formally to the programme.

Head teacher Liz Ellis will welcome you all on the evening and Miss Corbishley will explain the programme and enrichment opportunities on offer to you. We'll then welcome Pravahi Osman from Balliol College Oxford who will speak about her partnership with us, and the specialist advice and support she and Oxford University provide.

The evening will end with a Q&A.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Miss Corbishley
English Teacher

Read to Succeed

Cocoa Boy and Cocoa Girl



There's a new magazine in town! **Cocoa Girl** magazine is filled with inspiring and empowering content for young black girls. Launched in July 2020, Cocoa Girl magazine editions are released bimonthly.

The magazine was started during lockdown and empowers black girls around the world who are more likely to be insulted about their looks by the age of eight years old. This has also led to the launch of **Cocoa Boy** magazine.

These magazines help to build a strong community for young black girls and boys who are often misrepresented by mainstream media. It would be a great read for students in Year7 and any younger siblings.

The Power of Audio



New research by the National Literacy Trust has shown that if you want children to love reading, instead of forcing a book into their hands, allowing them to plug in headphones and listen to a podcast might be a better move.

The report found that children who enjoy listening to programmes on subjects as diverse as science, comedy and cookery are more likely to want to read.

It suggests that listening to podcasts can broaden a child's range of interests and encourage them to read more about the subject.

The report by the trust looked at survey responses from 58,346 children and young people aged nine to 18 at the beginning of this year and 4,141 pupils aged eight to 18 during the school closures and national lockdown.

It is Never too Late!



If you struggle to get the little person in your life to read, take comfort in this: Tony Mortimer, star of the 1990s boyband East 17 has turned 50 years of age and has read his first novel.

Until April of this year he had never finished a novel. Then lockdown changed his life. Since then he has read 65 books and begun to write his own novel.

So, it is never too late!



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Mrs Hunt
Head of Library

Job Vacancy



FEARNHILL
SCHOOL

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PART TIME JOB?

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and reliable cleaner to join our team.

We have one shift available running Monday to Friday
10am to 2pm

If you would like to apply for this position, please contact

Mrs Rainbow, School Business Manager

01462 707210

hazel.rainbow10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk

Just Talk Week

Next week is Just Talk week 2020 which as a school we promote each year. The Just Talk campaign is a multi agency campaign steered by our young people. It was started in 2017.

Since March 2020, we have regularly signposted to the Just Talk page <https://www.justtalkherts.org/> and we hope you have found this useful. Next week there will be a series of webinars aimed at parents, students and school staff. For parents, some of the topics covered will include managing separation anxiety, anxiety and developing resilience and conflict resolution.

Full details can be found at <https://www.justtalkherts.org/news-and-campaigns/just-talk-week-2020.aspx?searchInput=&page=1&resultsPerPage=10&view=list#resultsContainer>

We all have mental health just as we all have physical health. We all struggle sometimes and there is help available.



HERTFORDSHIRE

JUST TALK | **FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING**

JUST TALK CAMPAIGN WEEK WEBINARS

WEEK 16-22 NOVEMBER 2020

During the week of 16-22 November, Young People, Parents/Carers and Professionals can sign up to FREE webinars on topics such as:

- The Importance of Sleep for Teenagers
- Five Ways to Wellbeing
- Mindfulness for School Staff
- Managing Separation Anxiety
- Developing Resilience
- Health, Nutrition and Wellbeing
- Wellbeing for Parents/Carers
- Mental Health & Wellbeing for Young People

To book visit: www.Justtalkherts.org/justtalkweek

To make it as easy as possible for you to get involved in this year's Just Talk campaign week, we've put everything online.

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ACTION CALENDAR: NEW WAYS NOVEMBER 2020



SUNDAY

1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month

8 Find out something new about someone you care about

15 Go outside and do something playful - walk, run, explore, relax

22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them

29 Discover your artistic side. Design your own greeting cards

MONDAY

2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way

9 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week

16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love

30 Look for reasons to be hopeful, even in difficult times

TUESDAY

3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you

10 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"

17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself

24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently

WEDNESDAY

4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community

11 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea

18 Connect with someone from a different generation

25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way

THURSDAY

5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel

12 Overcome a frustration by trying out a new approach

19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site

26 Tune in to a different radio station or TV channel

FRIDAY

6 Give yourself a boost. Try a new way of being physically active

13 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way

20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before

27 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen

SATURDAY

7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire

14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about

21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them

28 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it



"You never know what you can do until you try" ~ C. S. Lewis



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



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Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/new-ways-november

Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind



Be kind whenever possible.
It is always possible.

Dalai Lama XIV

Mrs Burgess
Student Support Coordinator

