





Transforming Lives Through Education

Newsletter: Friday 14th June 2024

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<p>Parent/Carer session on Understanding and Supporting ADHD</p> <p>On Tuesday we held our parent/carers session on Understanding and Supporting ADHD. It was a well attended event led by Haringey EP, Maxine Aboagy. The resources from the session will be emailed to all parents with children on the SEND register but can also be provided on request to lincadmin@fortismere.org.uk</p> <p>SEND Coffee Morning - week starting 24th June</p> <p>Advance notice of our upcoming Coffee Morning for SEND parents and carers. The event is planned during the week beginning 24th June - parents will be emailed full details and an invitation directly. We will be launching our Fortismere SEND Parent Forum aimed at improving two-way communication between home and school regarding SEND support.</p> <p>Sharing views on SEND transition from primary to secondary school</p> <p>We would like to invite some of our current SEND parents, particularly those in Year 7, who might be interested in sharing their experiences of the transition from primary to secondary school with our new Year 6 parents. If you would be interested in participating in such an event please email lincadmin@fortismere.org.uk</p> <p>SEND Power Haringey's Parent Carer Forum</p> <p>SEND Power is a group of parents and carers of children with SEND who aim to support, empower and act as a collective voice to help improve services for children and young people. You can find out more here. We will be sharing regular updates and notices from the Forum through this newsletter.</p>	CoHeads' Weekly Roundup	School Fundraising Event	
	Extra-curricular News	House News	Department News & Notices
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	13.06-21.06	Y12 Exams	
	20.06	A level Art and Photography Exhibition 6.30pm-8.30pm N Wing	
	06.07	Fortismere Summer Festival 12pm-6pm	
	  <p><i>Come and see more great art and photography at the A Level Exhibition on 20th June 6.30pm</i></p>		

Co-Headteachers

Weekly Roundup

This week we're leading with a SEND round-up as it's been a very busy week for the SEND Department in LINC and indeed the whole staff. On Wednesday, everyone participated in the 2nd training delivered by the Autism Education Trust, an excellent session that both informed and gave practical strategies for working with our neurodivergent young people. We are very much looking forward to the continued training.

After what seems like an extraordinarily long exam series, many of our Y11s are finishing this afternoon, with GCSE physics. We do have students who will be in next week but for many, this is the day they have been waiting for since early May. As we have noted several times during GCSEs, Y11 have been impressive in their attitude and behaviour throughout the exams. We trust that those who have finished will now have the opportunity to put their flashcards away and relax - perfect timing for the Euros!

Y10 has also had a varied week. Some were involved in the Y10 Drama exam while a group of 29 students were selected for a Jack Petchey Speak Out! Challenge workshop in the Library. These workshops improve the confidence, communication and public speaking skills of the students involved through the use of fun and engaging activities. Fortismere is an active participant in the Jack Petchey Challenge - 3 of our Y11 students have been asked to provide the musical entertainment for events - and we value the positive impact this has on our students. Thank you to Mr Allen for his commitment and enthusiasm for the Speak Out! Challenge. There'll be more about this event and some photos in next week's newsletter.

This week we also said goodbye to our visitors from Annecy. It's always a pleasure to host the students and staff of the French Exchange and it has been clear that a few life-long friendships have been made as a result.

We are still waiting for summer to finally begin but we hope any wind or rain doesn't disturb a lovely weekend.

School Fundraising Event

Summer Music Festival - We Need Your Help Please

Hopefully you've saved the date and will definitely be coming to the Summer Festival on 6th July. Now we're asking for your help with planning and preparing for the event - can you spare us some time or make a donation please? There are lots of ways that you can get involved and help us to make it a success.

Volunteers to help set up and cover stalls on the day are always needed and it's a great way to meet and get to know other parents and carers - even an hour on the day would be helpful and much appreciated.

We always need donations please - lots of them! Things like tombola prizes - bottles, jars, packets of sweets and biscuits. Also items that can go in our summer hampers - beauty items and toiletries, candles and nice smelly things and food treats. We'd love to have your vintage, quirky, pre-loved clothes, jewellery and accessories as long as it is in a clean and wearable condition please. As it's summer - we'd also really like plants and garden items too. All donations can be dropped off at school, at the Tetherdown entrance security booth.



If you would like to volunteer some time, have ideas or suggestions or donations please do get in touch with me mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk

Any help, however small, is always much appreciated and will help us to raise more funds for the school.

Ms Demetriou

Duke of Edinburgh Award News

DofE Award at Fortismere

The Duke of Edinburgh Award at Fortismere is currently in full swing, with notable achievements already this term. So far, 106 students have successfully completed their Bronze expedition. There is one final Bronze expedition scheduled for 21-22 June in the Chiltern Hills, Leighton Buzzard. If all goes according to plan, a total of 156 Year 9 students will achieve their Bronze Award by the end of the school year.

The Year 10 Silver Award group has recently held their planning meeting and is eagerly anticipating their upcoming adventure. They will undertake a four-night, back-to-back practice and qualifying expedition, walking from Brighton to Eastbourne along the South Downs Way. Special thanks go to Mr. Cox, Miss Jackson, Mr. Commons, Miss Boot, and Mr. Huxley for their ongoing support of the DofE Award programme.
Mr Kay



House News

Turing Thrift Store Fundraiser for Cancer Research

The Turing House Ambassadors are organising a thrift store event to fundraise for Cancer Research UK and need your clothes donations please. This event will take place during lunch times on Thursday 11th & Friday 12th July behind the Science Block. The Turing Ambassadors will be visiting tutor rooms during tutor time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays over the next four weeks to promote the event and to collect donations.

They will only be collecting donations of clothes. Please could we request that all clothes donations are clean (and please no socks or underwear!) Any donations that are not sold will be donated to the Cancer Research shop in Muswell Hill. Thank you for your help.

Ms Brough

Extra Curricular Clubs & Activities

Science Club - Calling Lego and Animal Fans!

Science Club is looking for lego fans who also have an interest in animal conservationism to take part in a fun Build the Change competition! LEGO and New Scientist magazine are running a competition to design

ideas to help gibbons navigate their habitats which have been broken up by roads, cities and farms in making it harder for them to survive. For the full details see this link [Save the Gibbons Competition](#) The competition is asking for ideas for three of the big issues affecting gibbons: Help gibbons cross gaps in the forest created by road clearing; Help lonely gibbons find others in the forest where they have been separated by farms and Help gibbons get enough to eat when their fruit trees have been replaced by rubber tree plantations. Five finalists will get a chance to build their creations with LEGO master builders at New Scientist Live 2024. Overall winners will receive a LEGO kit and the winning school will receive a LEGO Build the Change build kit worth £800.

Students who are interested are invited to come along to Science Club after school at 3.30pm in Lab 6 on Mon 17th June & Mon 24th June to discuss some ideas

Mr Common

LINC Department Notices

SEND Power in Haringey Events

How to talk to your autistic child about their diagnosis

Join the Haringey Language and Autism Support Team and SEND Power Parent Carer Forum on Tuesday, 25 June 2024 from 10am to 12pm at Chestnuts Community Centre, 280 St Ann's Road, London N15 5BN

To book a place: Please complete the form [via this link](#)

This session is for parents and carers of Autistic young people in Haringey schools and colleges and offers an opportunity to gain valuable insights from families and practitioners. It is Ideal for families planning to share their child's autism diagnosis and helpful for discussions with children who already know they are autistic.

Have Your Say: Haringey SEND Education provision for 16-19 year olds

Tuesday 2nd July 10.30am at Chestnuts Community Centre N15 and 6.30pm Online

Book a place [here](#)

Would you like to share your views about education provision for 16 to 19-year-olds with SEND in Haringey? Haringey Council have identified the need to invest in new education provision, including new Resource Provisions, Supported Internships and additional special school places. Haringey would like to understand more about how young people and their parents have experienced their post-16 education, and any gaps or things which could be improved for young people in education and how they could support young people better with preparation for adult life.

Details about these events and much more can be found on the SEND Power website [here](#)

Library Notices

Top Tips to Keep your Children Reading



Here's a great way to avoid the "summer reading slump" – this is an excellent magazine full of interesting stuff and perfect for the student who prefers reading facts to fiction [What on Earth! Magazine](#) (plus you get 10% off and a free Factopia book!) Subscribe by 26th July and you get the bumper summer edition.

CoverUp

The winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction was announced on 13th June, so that is the book that we will be

reading and discussing at the final meeting of the school year - "Brotherless Night" by V V Ganeshanathan. Looking forward to a sunny evening of Pimms and bookishness on Thursday 11th July, 7.00 pm outside the library.

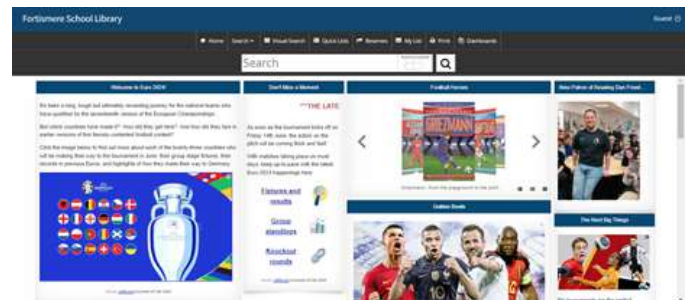
Patron of Reading News

Mrs Ward went to the launch of "50 Ways Into Football: Dream Jobs on and Off the Pitch" by our amazing Patron of Reading, Dan Freedman and Daniel Geey (a top football lawyer). It was great rubbing shoulders with the likes of the CEO of the British Olympic Association, a footballer from the England Cerebral Palsy team, a musculoskeletal podiatrist, the founder of Law in Sport, Declan Rice's parents, a BBC presenter, the Head of PR at Crystal Palace... and loads more exciting people. We have a pre-publication copy of the book in the library, but it is now available for everyone to buy. Sanchita at the (Best Bookshop of the Year winner) Muswell Hill Children's Bookshop is offering the book to the Fortismere family at the special price of £10 (say Mrs Ward sent you).



Library Catalogue / Accessit

One of the many great things about our school library catalogue is that we can change the dashboard. If football is your thing, specifically the Euros, we have a great interactive front page for you to look at before you click in the search box to find your next book! The links on the page go from dates in history to Gareth's plans for the tournament – have fun. Accessit can be found on the school website under the Student tab <https://uk.accessit.online/frt05/>



Recommended Reads of the Week

As it's Pride Month and if you use Twitter/X, do take a look at #ReadWithPride for some great LGBTQ+ recommendations from other schools. And look out for Fortismere library's contribution to the national #ReadWithPride relay on 27th July!



Sport & PE Notices

Middlesex Schools Athletics Championships

Elkie Baker, Y10 is the Middlesex Champion for Discus Under 17 Girls. She threw a massive 37 metres on Saturday and will now go on to represent Middlesex at the inter county championships next Saturday as well as competing at the national English Schools event in July. Well done Elkie - we are really proud of you!

Well done to Amy Kirk, Y10 who came 2nd in the 1500m and Ramsay Quiddam who jumped 1.65 metres in the High Jump. Well done also to Ivy Gray Y10, in the 800m, Julian Ollison Y9 in the 1500m and Jessica Lappin in the 1500m. It was a very high standard of ability on show from the best young athletes in the whole of Middlesex - Congratulations for representing Fortismere so well at such a prestigious event.



Year 7 & Year 8 Haringey Athletics Championships

Usually at this time of year we are basking in the sun when we compete at these sorts of events but last Tuesday we were out in the wind, rain and generally cold weather - not ideal for athletics! Nevertheless this did not deter the Fortismere Y7 and Y8 athletes. They have been training for this event for a number of weeks and they relished the chance of competing against the other 11 Haringey Secondary Schools in the borough.

Well done to all our students - the Y7 and Y8 Boys finished 5th place overall.

The Y7 Girls were also 5th and the Y8 Girls were 3rd in the borough. A special well done to Felicienne Castle, Hayden Divecha, Evie Owen, Jonah Morris and Lino De Ostos who have all qualified to represent Haringey at the Middlesex Schools Championships on 24th June.



Year 7 & Year 8 Tennis LTA Cup

Well done to our Tennis Team who beat John Lyle School 12-0 on Monday. Sivaan, Connor, Alex and Ethan Moreno. Fantastic team effort boys, well done. The Y9/10 Team beat Acland Burghley 10-2 at home on Tuesday - Sam Brick, Peter Doyland, Benji Barron and Tal Querforth Warterman.



London Youth Games - Haringey Indoor Rowing Team

A massive well done to the Fortismere students who represented Haringey last Sunday at the London Youth Games Indoor Rowing Event. It was a long and tiring day and the rowing was intense to say the least! Thank you to Hannah Baker, Dilara Bilici, Sarah Aina, Edanur Yigit, Arthur Whitmore, Maxwell Edwards, James Gardner, and Hayden Divecha. We came 11th out of 32 Boroughs.



Free Dance Workshop - Wednesday 19th June

Thrive Dance Company is coming into school next Wednesday, 19th June to offer a free workshop for any of our students that would like to take part. Please see Ms Vangucci to sign up. The Workshop will take place in the Sports Hall, Period 5 2.20-3.20 pm and is for all year groups.



Upcoming Fixtures

Monday 15th June	Haringey Rounders Tournament Y7 @Fortismere 3.20pm start
Tuesday 16th June	Haringey Rounders Tournament Y8 @Fortismere 3.20pm start
Wednesday 17th June	Haringey Rounders Tournament Y9 Girls and Y7 & Y8 Boys. Dance Workshop All years. P5 Sports Hall 2.20 pm - 3.20 pm
Thursday 18th June	Haringey Rounders Tournament Y10 Girls and Y9 & Y10 Boys

Music Centre Notices

Come & Sing Workshop - Saturday 14th June 10.30am-4.00pm, NW Music Hall

Tomorrow's workshop will be another day of fun and music-making with Cathal Garvey, Fortismere Community Choir's Musical Director. The morning will focus on Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols as a preview of what we'll be singing for our Christmas concert. We hope the school choirs will join in with some of this performance so we are inviting all keen student singers to come along (for free - either turn up on the day or book at www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk and use FORTSTUDENT to get a free ticket). The afternoon will be spent singing Borodin's thrilling Polovtsian Dances.

Here's what some singers said after the last workshop with Cathal (who teaches orchestral conducting to postgrad choral conductors at the Royal Academy of Music): "I most enjoyed Cathal's humour and approach ... We felt a sense of achievement and had a lot of fun." "Very professional and amiable guidance." "Great fun and really rewarding - amazing the standard we got three pieces up to in just one day!" Music and tea/coffee/cake provided, but please bring a packed lunch.

Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra - Saturday 6th July 7.00pm St Andrews N10

The Orchestra's summer concert is going to be particularly special because the cello soloist, Ashok Klouda, will be performing on a cello that was made by one of the orchestra's violin players - Tibor Semmelweiss. It's going to be an emotional experience for Tibor to perform alongside Ashok playing a cello he personally made!

Ashok will be playing Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo Theme with the Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Thomas Gregory, on Saturday 6th July at St Andrew's Church, Alexandra Park Road, N10 2DD. Tickets are £13 in advance from www.fortismeremusiccentre.co.uk or £16 on the door. Fortismere students can use FORTSTUDENT for a free ticket.

Art & Photography Department Notice

A Level Art and Photography Exhibition

The Art & Photography Department would like to invite you to the A Level exhibition on **Thursday 20th June, 6.30pm-8.30pm**. Prize giving is at 7.30pm.

This is a lovely opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students and see the breadth of work they have produced over the last two years.

We look forward to seeing you.



Fortismere Holiday Camps

Summer Holiday Activities - Booking Now

Fortismere will be running a wide range of holiday clubs and activities during the first 4 weeks of the school summer holidays (22-26 Jul, 29 Jul-2 Aug, 5-9 Aug and 12-16 Aug). Clubs on offer include sport, art, photography, chess, boxing, musical theatre, cooking and irish dancing. These activities fill up quickly so wait to book a place. Booking and payment is via Eventbrite - [see this link](#) for more details.

If you have any questions about holiday camps please contact Ms Demetriou
mdemetriou@fortismere.org.uk

Safeguarding at Fortismere

Safeguarding Contacts

If you wish to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Ms Sullivan) about any safeguarding matters or concerns please use the My Voice [link](#) or QR code alternatively contact your child's Head of Year



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