



Ferndown Middle Newsletter

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Key Dates



Term Dates are available on the school website

Wednesday 19th October – Year 5 Corfe trip

Thursday 20th October – Year 6 Anti-bullying play

Thursday 20th October - Parents' evening 4-6pm

Friday 21st October – Staff training day

Monday 24th to Friday 28th October – Half term break

Wednesday 2nd November – English Workshop 7-8pm

Cakes for Cancer



Thank you to everyone who supported our 'Cakes for Cancer' event. The children thoroughly enjoyed the non-uniform day and it was wonderful to see so much pink and green. The cakes were very popular and we would like to extend special thanks to Sainsburys, Chartwells and all those parents who brought in cakes to help us raise money.

The grand total raised was over £820, and has been split equally between Macmillan Cancer Support and Breast Cancer Care.

Well done once again

Mrs Baynham and Mrs Saxby

Harvest Festival

Thank you all for sending tins and money in for Harvest Festival; we raised £280 in cash which will be sent to the Poole Foodbank. The tins have been donated to the Ringwood Foodbank, we have been asked to pass on their thanks for your generosity.

Pupil Voice



Our new Rights Respecting group, known as Pupil Voice, have been meeting throughout this half-term to discuss and put together a new whole-school charter. The aim of this charter is to outline the rights and actions that relate to how pupils feel they learn best, how all members of the school community should speak and behave towards each other, and what pupils expect in terms of privacy and having their own opinions.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal



As a school, we would, once again, like to support the Operation Christmas Child appeal run by Samaritan's Purse. It would be fantastic if as many pupils as possible could donate an item and see how many shoe boxes we can fill as a school! We would need to send off the boxes in the 2nd week of November. Please see this website for details on suitable items. <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/>

End of the School Day

Please would parents who have younger children with them while waiting to collect their middle school children ensure that the younger children do not run around the staff cars, over shrubs and the grassed areas. It is disruptive to lessons and causes damage to the gardens as well as being potentially dangerous for the children. Thank you.

Message from the Chair of Governors



I was at the first Parents' Evening of the year on Monday night and it was great to see so many of you there. I spoke to quite a few parents and children and I was pleased to hear how well your children had settled in to their new school or with their new teachers. At the moment we have a couple of vacancies on the governing body for parent governors. We will be sending out more information after half term but if you are interested please leave a message with the school office and I'll be happy to talk over what's involved. You can also have a look at the NGA website: <http://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor/Be-a-Governor.aspx> . I hope you have an enjoyable half term.

Richard Herringshaw, Chair of Governors

Sports News



Cross Country Team



Year 7 Girls' Team

Cross Country - in our first cross-country event in the PEDSSA League we took our squad to Baiter Park in Poole. In humid conditions the pupils produced excellent efforts, where all 15 runners completed the course. Hannah put in a fantastic effort to finish 4th place overall in the Year 7 Girls Race. What was pleasing to see was that all the runners produced fantastic sprint finishes to complete their races. Excellent first race of the season pupils and you should all be extremely proud of your efforts.

Our second cross-country event in the PEDSSA League was at the picturesque surroundings of Sandbanks. This race is notorious for its difficulty and this year it was no different with a strong wind to add to the strenuous work that is required running on the sand. I am delighted that all of our 48 pupils completed the race, where we had the largest representation from any school. Barney and Elyjah should be congratulated for top 15 finishes.

Football - Our Year 7 girls travelled to St Mary's, Puddletown in the County Cup. In an entertaining match we lost 3-2; this was a fantastic advert for girls' football and we put in some brilliant performances. Sophie worked hard in defence and Hannah scored two great goals. Unlucky girls, but be proud that you took part in such an exciting match.

We hosted the East Dorset School Games Girls' 7-aside competition involving schools from the area. It was fantastic to see so many girls involved in football from East Dorset in a competition of the highest standard. We drew our first match against Emmanuel and lost 1-0 to Lytchett and St Michaels. We finished by beating another St Michael's team and Cranborne 3-0 in both matches. Some fantastic goals were scored from Chloe, Molly and Tegan and all girls played brilliantly to finish 4th overall. Excellent work girls!

In our first match of the season our Year 7 boys' team played Cranborne in an exciting match. We took the lead through an excellent finish from Josh where he calmly placed the ball in the bottom corner. We let two goals in either side of half time and there was a worry that we would lose the match. However Alfie set Connor up to equalise with three minutes left to leave the match in a 2-2 draw.

In their second match of the season our Year 7 boys' team beat St Michaels 3-0. It was an entertaining first half and was end to end. Ryan got us a great goal on half time with a super strike from the edge of the penalty area. In the second half Josh and Alfie scored goals and it was a great all round team performance.

The Year 8 boys' team played their first match of the season against St Michael's. For many it was their first football match for the school and although we lost there was room for optimism for the coming season. Connor and Jack played exceptionally well in defence and kept the spirits up of the team with their encouragement.

The Year 6 boys' team played their first match of the season against St Ives Primary. In an exciting start we shared four early goals in an end to end match. Our lads played some magnificent football where we passed the ball quickly and created numerous opportunities. We won 7-2 with great goals coming from Morgan (2), Tyler (2), Jake (2) and one from Jack. Although we won, the most pleasing aspect for me was the positivity, encouragement and sportsmanship displayed from our lads. A great start to the season lads!

A huge well done to our Years 5 and 6 girls' football team who took part in the first tournament of the year on Tuesday 11th October. With so many keen footballers in years 5 and 6 we were able to enter two fantastic teams into the tournament. Ferndown B reached the final in their group and consequently took second place, whilst Ferndown A finished 5th in their group. Praise must go to all of the girls involved who put in a tremendous amount of effort throughout the tournament. Well done girls!

A reminder that all girls in Years 5 and 6 are invited to join football club at lunch times on Mondays with Mr Keegan. Have lunch first and then meet at the gate to the field.

Rugby - Our Year 6 pupils participated in the East Dorset School Games Tag Rugby Competition kindly hosted by Wimborne Rugby Club. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon where we won one, drew two and lost one out of the four matches.

Exciting News!



Kaysea Taylor from Year 6 went to the Bournemouth Arts Festival and entered a raffle for a school to win a bench made from lots of recycled milk bottles. Kaysea was lucky enough to win the bench for Ferndown Middle School! Well done Kaysea!