



Ferndown Middle Newsletter

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Key Dates



Term Dates are available on the school website

Friday 30th June – Summer Fair and Mufti Day
Monday 3rd July – Sports Day – see attached information
Thursday 6th July – Year 7 Activity Day at FUS
Friday 7th July – Transfer day (all years)
Wednesday 12th July – Summer Concert 7pm
Monday 17th July – Parent’s Evening 3.30pm -5pm
Thursday 20th July – Year 8 Rewards Evening – letter to follow
Friday 21st July – End of Term (2pm)

Summer Fair
Friday 30th June
3.30pm – 5.30pm

Reminder - Silent Auction, Bottle Tombola, Sweet Tombola, refreshments, children’s games and many other stalls and activities. Please note the Fair will go ahead inside if wet.
Mufti Day – Friday 30th June (Non Uniform day)
Yr 5 Cakes, Yr 6 Sweets (no nuts and preferably no chocolate)
Yr 7 Bottles - soft drinks, Yr 8 Bottles - soft drinks
Please check that all ‘best before’ dates are after 30th June 2017

Project Week
Local Adventure Trip



Mrs Baynham

Fantastic weather, exciting activities and well behaved, enthusiastic students meant that everyone enjoyed the Local Adventure experience.

The week started with a day at Moors Valley. The students explored the play trail on foot and ventured further afield on bikes. The play park was also a popular spot.

The week at Butchers Coppice began with rifle shooting, archery and the most popular event tomahawk throwing. Jasper and Beth especially enjoyed the tomahawks! The trampolines were great fun and there are some super "bouncers" among the pupils, especially Luke and James.

The rock climbing wall proved challenging for the students, who had to scale the lofty height and the teachers who spent a long time belaying the students. We all developed superb muscles. Abseiling was great fun and most students gave it a go and overcame their fears.

Then came the more challenging activities; students were asked to climb a high and very wobbly tower (I know this because my group of students insisted I went first!) and then to jump off and attempt to grab a bar. Then, students worked in teams, crate stacking to see who could build, and stay standing on a tower of milk crates. The winning group created a crate stack of 17 crates. Well done Sydney and Leah.

The zip wire was great fun and there was a superb view from the top of the very high tower. The cooling breeze was enjoyed by all as we sped along the wire.

Lunchtime picnics, visits to the tuck shop and free time to play games with friends or the instructors all added to the fun of the week.

My thanks go to the staff, instructors and students who worked so well as a team and helped us create so many wonderful memories. Remember the photographs can be seen on the website.

Project Week

Please visit our website: www.fernmid.dorset.sch.uk for lots of photographs and write-ups from our recent project week.

Cakes for Cancer



A big 'well done' to a team of Year 8 girls; Stephanie, Maddie, Jenny, Francesca, Lilli and Abi who decided to raise funds for Breast Cancer Care. They are an inspiration to us all – they baked cakes and sold them at break time, raising over £50 for the charity. Well done girls, you are superb citizens!

Mrs Baynham

Jon Egging Trust



Thank you very much for all your support for our fundraising events for the Jon Egging Trust. The total money raised from the mufti day, raffle ticket sales and bookmark sales amounted to £544 – a fantastic amount for a very worthwhile charity!

Warning from Police – Snapchat Location Feature

It has come to our attention that Snapchat released an update last week that will impact on all users. The update now includes a map which plots all users of Snapchat, and it can be zoomed in to and locations of users clearly identified. These users don't even need to be your friends for them to see your last location. People have access to see everyone.

In order to remove yourself from this feature you should go to your settings and enable "**Ghost Mode**". You will also need to change your Avatar to "**Ghost Mode**". To access the map you need to "pinch the screen" and this will give you the option to set yourself to private, not public.

It is our advice that all users of Snapchat do this as soon as possible to maintain your online security. Please follow the link below:

<http://m.plymouthherald.co.uk/warning-over-new-snapchat-feature-which-reveals-your-child-s-exact-location/story-30408411-detail/story.html>

Sport News

Football

We hosted Broadstone in the final of the **Years 7&8 PEDSSA Girls Football Cup**. We started in confident mood and dominated the first half with solid defence and quick attacking play. At half time the score was 1-0 to us. At the start of the second half I felt we lost a little focus and unfortunately conceded two quick goals as a consequence. We soon got our focus back and equalised from what I thought was Sydney but video technology (kindly provided from Mr Keegan) showed that Chloe got the final touch. Broadstone eventually scored their third and we could not score an equaliser and lost 3-2. On reflection (as with the boys finals) it is extremely disappointing to lose in a final but this should not diminish the fantastic season we have had. The next step for the girls that do not play for a team is to join a club out of school and any girls (in this team or any girl in school in fact) should see the PE Department for any information. Be proud of your silver medals girls, it has been a fantastic season!

In the **Year 7 Boys English Schools' FA National Cup** we were drawn against our close friends from Cranborne Middle in the quarter finals. This was always going to be a tough match and we had to be switched on from the start if we wanted to stand any chance of progression to semi-finals. We won by an impressive 5-2 victory. I congratulate Cranborne in reaching the last eight of the National Cup two and this is a superb advert for Poole and East Dorset Football and in particular Middle School Football. Reaching the semi-finals of any competition is pleasing but to reach the last four nationally is a superb achievement and we will be doing our very best to try and reach the final. Brilliant performance lads!

In the semi-final we travelled to Grenaway Middle School in Hertfordshire for our anticipated match. There was a great atmosphere as there was about 50-100 people watching and supporting the home team (apart from Mr and Mrs Hawkins that made the long journey to support us which was greatly appreciated). We struggled to get into our stride; eventually we settled and just before half time Harrison scored a fantastic header to give us the lead. We were thirty minutes away from playing at a

Premiership Ground! Grenaway started with impetus but our defence stood firm. Unfortunately we conceded an equaliser with less than ten minutes to go and this certainly disheartened us. We then quickly conceded three more goals before the end. What pleased me was that we did not drop our heads and Connor scored a great long range strike and we nearly quickly added a third. We eventually lost 4-2. It was very sad to get so close to an English Schools' National Cup Final but reaching the last four in the whole of the country is just a magnificent achievement. Let us savour that statement again by stating we were in the last four of the whole country! We should be extremely proud of our journey and the way we have represented ourselves. We have had disappointments in finals throughout this season but reaching them and reaching a national cup semi-final shows what a fantastic season our boys and girls have had in all the football teams (writing match reports in June proves that the season has been over ten months) and we will look forward to the next season in about three months!



Rounders - a huge well done to our Year 8 girls' rounders team who played three league games in one evening. Despite it being their first league games of the season, the girls showed experience and focus. Firstly they played Sturminster Newton, losing by 5 rounders to 3.5. Next they played Lytchett, convincingly beating them by 7.5 rounders to 3; a fantastic win! Finally they played Gillingham and despite putting in a tremendous amount of effort, narrowly lost by just half a rounder! Well done to all of the girls involved, you did FMS proud!

Cricket - we hosted St Osmunds in the Under 13 County Cup. We scored 58 runs, which was a competitive score; Will scored 30 runs in an impressive display. St Osmunds batted well to start off with but we managed to stifle them with accurate bowling from Wills, Kristian and Nathan, as well as safe wicket keeping from Barney. The match was extremely close and St Osmunds eventually won by one run in the final over of the match. This is what school cricket is all about, where all pupils demonstrated superb sporting behaviour and competed to the very end.

The Under 12's had a very tough fixture away to Bournemouth School for Boys. BSB batted first and scored 120 runs in their allotted overs. Connor took a brilliant catch and the spirits of the team were buoyant. We managed to score 85 runs that on another day would have been enough for a victory. I was very proud of the efforts of the boys and again in which the spirit the game was played.

Our Under 13's played St Michael's in the East Dorset Qualifier for the 8 a-side hardball competition. We fielded superbly; Barney kept wicket and Will took a brilliant catch of Edison's bowling. Joe and Nathan looked lively bowling and Barney ran out one of their batters from Keagan's accurate fielding and St Michael's got 50 runs. The boys worked extremely hard and thoroughly deserve to look forward to their county finals.

2017 FERNDOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS DAY



June 2017

Dear Parent / Guardian

It is that time of year when the weather is becoming brighter and warmer! Therefore the school **Sports Day** is upon us again.

This year it is being held on **Monday 3rd July and a timetable is attached for the day.** It is expected that all pupils will come to school on this day dressed in their school P.E. kit. **After the event pupils will be dismissed at 3.20 p.m. as normal.**

For those of you who have not attended our school Sports Day before, it is a very enjoyable event. Our aim is for **ALL PUPILS** to participate in at least one sporting event. All pupils are divided into one of five house colour groups where they will compete against pupils from their own year group in the other house colour groups. There are enough events for all pupils to participate and we encourage everyone to take part, whilst being supported by their friends and family.

Thank you for your continued help and support; we look forward to seeing you for this thoroughly enjoyable day. We do hope that as many parents and family members as possible come and support pupils as this really does make it a successful event.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

S. Higgins

PE Co-ordinator

Sports Day Timetable

Lesson 1 – 9.10-10.10

- Year 5 Cricket and Rounders.
- Year 7 & 8 Field - Long Jump, Discus, Javelin, Shot.

Lesson 2 – 10.10 – 11.10

- Year 5 Track – 75m, 150m, and 600m, Hurdles, Boys, Girls & Mixed Relays.
- Year 7 Cricket and Rounders.

Lesson 3 – 11.25-12.20

- Year 7 Track – 100m, 200m, and 800m, Hurdles, Boys, Girls & Mixed Relays.
- Year 5 & 6 Field – Cricket Throw, Rounders Throw, Long Jump.

Lesson 4 – 1.30-2.25

- Year 6 Track – 75m, 150m, 600m, Hurdles, Boys, Girls & Mixed Relays.
- Year 8 Cricket and Rounders.

Lesson 5 – 2.25 – 3.20

- Year 8 Track – 100m, 200m, 800m, Hurdles; Boys, Girls & Mixed Relays.