



Ferndown Middle Newsletter

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Key Dates



Term Dates are available on the school website

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June Half Term
Friday 29th June – Summer Fair (3.30pm – 5.30pm)
Monday 2nd July – Sports' Day
Friday 6th July – Transfer Day
Tuesday 17th July – Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18th July – Summer Concert
Friday 20th July – End of Term – 2pm finish

Summer Fair

FMS are holding their annual Summer Fair on 29th June and are looking for your support.
We need lots of helpers on the day for setting up and running stalls. Please let the front office know if you can help set up, be at the fair or if you have a stall you would like to run.
We would be very grateful for any prizes for the main raffle and any great ideas for fund-raising on the day.
All money raised will benefit all our pupils across the school.
Many thanks - Mrs J Brazier

Governor Subject Visits by Mojo Billington - Parent Governor

At Ferndown Middle School each subject within the curriculum has one or more governors linked to it. The linked governors carry out visits to see how the subject is taught, and what the successes and challenges are for the subject area. We also consider how the development plan for the subject is implemented and how it dovetails with the overall development plan for the School.
During the last 6 months I have taken part in Governor visits for Science and Music. We met with the subject leaders to get an overview of the subject, observed lessons, talked to pupils and conducted Science book reviews to check the consistency of marking and feedback in a subject that is taught by many different teachers. The work that the subject leaders put in to make their areas of learning relevant, effective and enjoyable was apparent, as well as the evaluation of data to see which changes have had the greatest positive impact on the students' progress and attainment.
It is a real privilege to spend time in classes, to experience the level of engagement pupils have in their lessons and the high teaching standards in evidence at our school. I was particularly impressed by our school's commitment to a broad and balanced education for our children.
If you would like to know more about the role of the School Governor please contact the Chair of Governors Paul Tuttiett via the School Office.

Music News

After a successful talent show showcasing a variety of performances from all the year groups, the music department is in full swing rehearsing for the summer celebration of Arts. The theme of the event is "From Jungles to Savannahs" including music and drama favourites from The Lion King and Jungle Book. There is still time to join a club to get a chance to perform on the 18th of July:
Mon – African Drum/Samba
Mon – Ukulele
Mon – Steel Pans
Tue – Sing!
Thu – African Dance NEW!
Fri – Orchestra

Art



It has been another successful art competition with lots of pupils getting involved in the '5 Day Drawing Challenge'. It is fantastic to see the quality of art work improving so dramatically due to many pupils practising in their own time; whether this be at home or during the school day. It is also encouraging to see the confidence of pupils increasing, with them believing in themselves and having the desire and enthusiasm to get involved in all of the opportunities that are available to them throughout the art and design department.

I would like to congratulate the winners and runners-up who have since received a certificate and prizes as recognition for their hard work and effort. The results are as follows:

KS3 winner- Jasmine Orak

KS3 runner-up- Molly Jones

Year 6 winner- Sophie Ing 6SG

Year 6 runner-up- Jasmine Vick 6SG

Year 5 winner- Sophie Steed 5JB

Year 5 runner-up- Amelia Hales 5KL

A huge thank you to all those who took part; if you weren't successful this time there will be more opportunities coming up next term, so keep your eyes peeled!

Some of the entries for the '5 Day Drawing Challenge' are on display in the foyer, so if you have time I would strongly advise you to go and have a look.



The art department would like to say a massive thank you to all those who spent their time and effort in creating their 'eggcellent egg competition entries' for the art competition. They have highlighted how creative and imaginative Ferndown Middle School pupils are. The standard of entries was outstanding, everyone who got involved should be exceptionally proud of themselves. Due to the high standard that was seen throughout, we have had to make the decision to award extra prizes for KS2 as the judges were split and the results were a tie.

After much deliberation with staff members I would like to congratulate the joint KS3 winners; Daisy Collins and Charlotte Guy and Carese Rogers who did a joint entry. We have then awarded a winner and runner up separately for year 5 and Year 6. The winner for year 5 is Harrison Nazer and the joint runners up are Summer Woodfield and Dillon Gilbert. The winner for year 6 is Blake Melvin and the runner up is Seb Smith.

Congratulations to all of the winners!

I would strongly recommend that you come and have a look at what the pupils have created; all of the creations will be displayed in the art room and pictures will feature on the school website. It is well worth a look if you haven't already!

Again a massive thank you to everyone who put the time and effort into creating their masterpieces and if you were unsuccessful this year please ensure you give it a go next year!

School Games Award



We are delighted to announce that Ferndown Middle School, has achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2017/18 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We would like to say thank you and well done to all of our students for their continued commitment to PE and sport at Ferndown Middle and to all of the parents/carers who support their children and encourage them to be active and take part in clubs and fixtures. This is a wonderful achievement and something we are extremely proud of.

Faraday Challenge



On Wednesday 10th May, 12 year 8 pupils travelled to St Mary's CE Middle School to take part in the Faraday Challenge Day. The competition was one of 150 events taking part all over the country and involving thousands of year 8 pupils, working on a real design brief. The pupils were given a design task on the day which involved creating an attraction for younger visitors to Thorpe Park. This was a real design brief created by Thorpe Park and required some complex problem solving, creativity and teamwork. The pupils then had to present their design to the judges and the other groups in an 'Apprentice style' pitch. The pupils were a credit to the school and their solutions were very creative. In the end there was only 6 points between the teams and our teams narrowly missed out to a team from St Mary's Middle School. Congratulations to the year 8 pupils involved.

School Games Cycling Event



Our Year 7 & 8 pupils had a fantastic day at the School Games Cycling Event held at Moors Valley. They were given the opportunity to take part in a range of races, including a timed trial and relay. They worked excellently as a team and showed real potential. Well done on your superb efforts!

Fund Raising for JTYAF



We are three 40 something parents from Ferndown who see the amazing work that the JTYAF do in order to fulfil hopes and dreams for young people. We hope to raise some much needed funds for them while we walk along our stunning coast. Hopefully donations will be plentiful and blisters non-existent!

We are taking part in a 100km challenge in July along the Jurassic Coast. We are raising funds for the John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation which is very special to Ferndown and has helped numerous pupils.

Our fundraising page can be found at www.justgiving.com/100kmforJTYAF

Sports News

We have recently had some great successes in PE at Ferndown Middle School. We are proud to be able to share our successes with you and hope you are able to join us in congratulating all of the children that have been involved in representing the school. A special thank you must go to Mr Kinsey, Mrs Turner and Miss Demonte for the time and energy they have put in to organising and managing our wonderful teams.

Year 6 Boys PEDSSA Cup Final

On Wednesday the Year 6 boys' football team played Oakdale Junior School in the final of the PEDSSA cup. The boys have worked tirelessly this season, showing relentless commitment to training and a true team spirit. Despite losing in the final, the boys should be genuinely proud of their achievements this year. They clearly have a bright and promising future ahead, particularly if they continue to work so hard and demonstrate such a willingness to learn. Well done to all of the boys involved!



Everyone at FMS would like to say a huge congratulations to Reece in year 6 who represented Dorset's Under 11 football team at the DANONE Nations Cup 7-a-side tournament at Keynsham on Saturday. The boys won their final 2-0, making them South West Champions! Reece and the team will be going to the National Finals on May 19th which will be held at either the Ricoh Arena, Coventry or Hillsborough, Sheffield. We would like to wish Reece the very best of luck at the National Finals. We are all extremely proud of your achievements. Go for it Reece!

Year 7 and 8 Girls PEDSSA Cup Semi-Final

On Wednesday the Year 7 and 8 girls' football team faced Lockyer's Middle School in the semi-finals of the PEDSSA cup. Ferndown were losing 2-1 at half time. After half time, the girls came back with renewed energy, scoring a staggering 3 goals in the second half to ensure they took the victory. Well done to this magnificent team on their 4-2 win. A special mention to our year 7 girls who stepped in to play at the last minute and to Ellise for playing out of position in goal; you highlight what true team spirit is about.



Year 8 Boys PEDSSA Cup Final

In the space of a week the year 8 boys' football team won their semi-final against St Edwards 5-3, to qualify for the final of the PEDSSA Cup.

The final was held at Poole Grammar School. Ferndown took the lead with a fantastic goal by Wesley; in the second half Ferndown's hard work, resilience and determination created an opportunity to push forward and extend their lead with a goal from Aiden. As Cranborne pressed to get back in the game, Ferndown took advantage and counter attacked, further extending their lead with two great goals, one from captain Alfie and the

other from Ryan.

After being unsuccessful in their previous three consecutive finals. This was a fitting end to the season for our year 8 team, who have shown so much commitment and passion to their football over their years at Ferndown Middle. Well done boys, we are so proud of each and every one of you.



Ferndown's 'Living for Sport' - a huge well done to our Ferndown's 'Living for Sport' group who welcomed students from Parley First School to Ferndown Middle School. The afternoon gave our visitors the opportunity to try out a new sport, use some of our fantastic facilities and most importantly have fun. Our team made the Parley students feel genuinely welcome and did a superb job of not only organising but running the event. Well done to everyone involved!

