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FERRYHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE SUMMER

MESSAGE FROM MRS PICARD - HEAD OF SCHOOL

As we finish this academic year, it is a time to reflect on all of our achievements and successes. Assemblies and activities this week have focussed on celebrating all of the hard work, determination and dedication that our staff and students have shown. There have been so many wonderful experiences that our students have had this year including winning the silver medal in the Goldsmiths Award for their work within the local community as well as breaking all school records for the number of achievement points received this year.

Our students have also had the opportunities of some life changing experiences such as visiting Kenya, to work with a local school and community, and all of the wonderful Turing fully funded trips over the year including Vietnam, San Diego, California and Dubai. We can't wait to announce all of next year's plans soon.

I would like to thank all of our students, parents and carers for their unwavering support. Ferryhill students have really excelled this year. I know you will all join me in thanking our wonderful staff that always go that extra mile for our students.

I wish you all have an enjoyable and safe summer break, and look forward to welcoming all of students back in September.

FINAL FAREWELL FROM MR PINKNEY

As many of you will be aware, today will be my last day at Ferryhill School (or FBEC as I will always remember it by). Since being appointed as Deputy Head 17 years ago I have met, supported, taught and mentored so many young people. Many of those young people will live long in my memory and I hope that I have had some influence on their lives.



I would also like to thank all parents and carers who have supported me over the years. Obviously there have been challenges, however, I have always strived to get the best outcomes for all.

On Tuesday I had a very emotional final assembly in my current role as Head of Year 9. The young people who have been with me in my final year really sum up, as Mr Bowden our former head teacher once said, "The partnership between school, the young people and parents is extremely important, as is the support needed for young people to achieve their emotional and academic objectives". They are a great year group and I will miss them loads.

The school is in a great position with a 'good' OFSTED result, full year groups and fantastic staff who I know will continue to work hard to support the young people of Ferryhill School.

Finally, I would like to thank the Pastoral Team at Ferryhill School who have supported me throughout my time at school. They really are the best group of people I could ever have wished to work for.

CHANGES TO THE TIMING OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Over the coming days, parents and carers will receive communication from school via email outlining how the school day will look from September 2023.

MORNING AND AFTERNOON MEETING

We are pleased to announce that we will be introducing morning and afternoon meeting for all Ferryhill students in September. We will be implementing Morning Meeting to ensure our students are fully prepared for their school day. Once students arrive at school, they will go to their allocated Year group space where they will be reminded of our 5 learning habits to ensure they are ready to learn. Following this, students will carry out activities designed to support vocabulary, metacognition, and acquisition of powerful knowledge so they can excel.



Afternoon Meeting follows a similar format across every year group at the end of the school day. This time will be used for Heads of Year to celebrate the successes of the day including:

- Attendance
- ClassCharts achievements
- Outstanding efforts in lessons
- Student success outside of the school

For us, every second counts from a learning point of view, therefore Morning and Afternoon meetings are a perfect opportunity to both learn and reward the positives so students can be the best possible versions of themselves.

HISTORY STUDENTS VISIT THE DISCOVERY MUSEUM



40 students went to the Discovery Museum on a trip to look at key historical events, this included some science inventions and old technologies. They were taken round the Turbinia Gallery where they found out some key information about the Turbinia ship. The World War II (Newcastle Story), where they looked at shelters, damage that had occurred and Fire Guards responsibilities. They also looked at the history of the Enigma machine used during World War 2 and the ship that was instrumental in breaking the enigma code. They then travelled back in time to look at the North East Inventors and their inventions such as Joseph Swan, George and Robert Stevenson, William Armstrong and Charles Parsons. The students then discovered the science maze where there were lots of interactive and unusual science and technology gadgets for them to try which included the 1st battery Sinclair C5 assisted cycle. The students had a fantastic time and were a credit to the school.

TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

12 Ferryhill students from across years 9 and 10 travelled to Nakuru Kenya with Mrs Langdale for a volunteering experience of a lifetime.

Students have spent the last 18 months fundraising for this opportunity which allowed them to volunteer at The Walk Academy School that supports children from The Slums into education.

Students spent 5 days at The Walk Academy, carrying out a range of daily tasks and activities. These included:

Construction - helping moving rubble, making cement and plastering.

Catering - working in the school kitchen to provide over 500 children with the only meal they would get that day.

Teaching - before travelling students planned a lesson to teach to the children

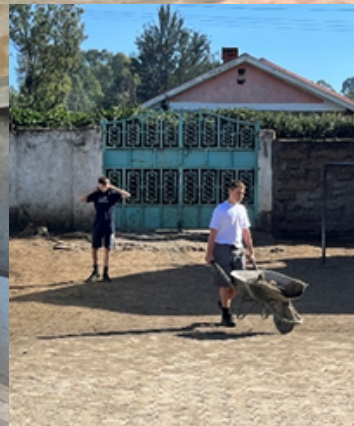
Assistant- helping teachers and staff with any additional tasks, including marking tests or supporting in classroom.

After an incredible 5 days volunteering, students enjoyed a once in a life time experience on their 'day off'. They spent a morning on a sunrise safari through Nakuru National Park, where they saw giraffes, zebras, buffalos and a beautiful lioness.

This was followed by an afternoon visit to the Equator where they crossed between the Northern and Southern hemispheres and participated in a scientific experiment of gravitational force.

It has been an incredible 10 days for all those involved and staff and students would like to thank all those in the community who supported this amazing project!

You can find out more about our students hard work and see all of the photos by visiting Ferryhill School Adventures - page on Facebook





GOLDSMITH AWARD FINALS!!



Six of our Student Leaders recently travelled to London to take part in the final of the prestigious Goldsmiths' Awards. This recognises schools that have worked hard to improve their local communities. Having sailed through the preliminary rounds, and the regional final, Ferryhill School was one of eight finalists. We began our adventure with a tour of London and watching Grease, the musical, in the West End. After a good night's sleep in the hotel, we made our way to Goldsmiths' Hall, where in medieval times gold was valued and stamped with a "hallmark" named after the hall itself. Here we listened to the other schools give their presentations, and then it was our turn to speak. All six students spoke extremely well about the huge amount of work we have done to help, including working with the police on crime and anti-social behaviour, raising money for charity, and helping at foodbanks and charities. The judges' verdict was that Ferryhill School came a very close second, and won a prize of £1,000 to spend on helping our local community. This is a huge achievement for our school, considering that over 200 schools nationally applied for the award, and we are looking forward to continuing to help out in the new term. A huge thanks to the students who took part, and all the Student Leaders who have helped out. Mr Handley and Miss Hodgson.



Ferryhill School Student Leaders along with the Ambassadors for Community Change from local primaries recently visited London. We met with Paul Howell, and also had a tour of parliament, to discuss our project on reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

STUDENT LEADER PROJECTS



Student Leaders recently visited The Bread and Butter Thing in Spennymoor. They helped sort food to be packed into bags to be given to local families. 120 bags of food and other items were put together, containing produce worth £30 each.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

If you are in current KS3 and would be interested in a volunteering experience of a lifetime in Zanzibar, please speak to Mrs Langdale.

**ADVENTURE AWAITS
ZANZIBAR**

Join us for a volunteering trip of a life time
Volunteer in a local school - Teaching, Renovating or Sports Coaching
Explore the island of Zanzibar
Experience the local culture
Fundraising

**FERRYHILL
SCHOOL**

IF YOUR CHILD IS INTERESTED
PLEASE SEE MRS LANGDALE

JUNE / JULY 2025

BUS PASS APPLICATIONS 2023/24

Bus applications for 23/24 are now live on DCC's website. Please note that all existing students who are entitled to either free or concessionary (pay for their bus pass) travel will have their place rolled over again for next year so you don't need to apply. However, the charges for concessionary bus passes will increase for 23/24 and these costs will not be known until nearer the end of term.

Only new applications from the 23/24 Y7 September intake need to apply for either entitled (free) or concessionary bus passes. The concessionary bus passes apply to the areas of Ferryhill Station, Chilton and all of Spennymoor (from Croxdale up to Middlestone Moor). In order to guarantee a place on these buses please apply asap even though the costs are still unknown at this stage for concessionary travel as you can always reject your place once it has been allocated to you if you change your mind in the future.

Applications and information about the bus schemes are now live at <https://www.durham.gov.uk/concessionaryseats>

SUMMER RAFFLE WINNERS

Well done to the five winners of our Summer Raffle;

1st Prize £50.00 One4All Vouchers

A Bowditch

2nd Prize Wireless Earbuds

E Burnham Raycraft

3rd Prize £20.00 Xbox Voucher

J Beattie

4th Prize £20.00 PlayStation Voucher

R Richardson-Carpenter

5th Prize Stationary Hamper

D Plummer

Be smart on the internet

Always remember its great to ride the wave of the internet - just use your head while surfing!

IMPORTANT NOTICES

AEROSOLS

Aerosols are NOT allowed in school in any form i.e. deodorant, hairspray, dry shampoo etc. Please ensure that your child does not bring aerosols in to school. They can however bring an alternative to deodorant such as a roll on. These items will also no longer be available to purchase on ClassCharts rewards store.

NUT ALLERGY/PACKED LUNCHES

Due to having some students in school with nut allergies, can we please ask that parents/carers are mindful of items that are placed in their child's lunch box.

CHEWING GUM

Chewing gum is NOT allowed in school. Any student found to be chewing gum will be asked to dispose of this.

REQUEST FOR OLD/OUTGROWN UNIFORM

Can we kindly request that any old or outgrown school uniform you may have, in particular blazers and ties, are donated back to school please. This can be both the FBEC and Ferryhill school style which can be brought in by students or dropped at our main reception.

NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS - PRICE & BUCKLAND

Please note that the final order date for new school uniform is Tuesday 1 August 2023 to guarantee delivery before the start of the new school year. Please see below details on how to order and sizing information.

price-buckland.co.uk 

ORDER YOUR UNIFORM ONLINE
QUICK, EASY, FAST

ORDER BY 1st AUGUST
for delivery before the start of term.

Scan Me!

HOW TO ORDER

- 1 Visit the school finder by scanning the QR Code above or by visiting the Price and Buckland website.
- 2 Search for your school and select it from the list.
- 3 Browse the uniform range and add to basket.
- 4 Log in to your account or register as a new customer.
- 5 Complete your order by proceeding to payment and await your order confirmation email.

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HOW TO MEASURE YOUR CHILD

HEIGHT Without shoes, with the back against the wall place feet together flat on the floor. Measure from the top of the head to the ground.

NECK Measure around the base of the neck where the shirt collar would normally sit. Leave a little room for comfort.

CHEST Measure the chest at the fullest part placing the tape close up under the arms.

WAIST Measure around the natural waistline, at the narrowest part. Leave a little extra room for comfort.

HIPS Standing straight, with heels together, measure around the fullest part.

INSIDE LEG In bare feet take the measurement from the top of the inside leg to the floor.

Sweatshirts / Cardigans / Polo Shirts

Chest	20"	22"	24"	26"	28"	30"	32"	34"
Age	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12	13

Scan this QR code to check out our sizing video!

Trustpilot
"Amazing service - really speedy delivery and excellent quality."
29 January 2023

CHECK OUT OUR SUSTAINABILITY PLEDGE

Free Returns
Free Delivery over £50

ORDER SCHOOL UNIFORM ONLINE
Our uniform is supplied by Price and Buckland, who have been manufacturing exceptional schoolwear since 1959. Visit the website below to shop for your school uniform.

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RECYCLED MATERIAL

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Get reading this Summer with our Summer Reading Challenge! How many of these can you do over the six weeks?



We look forward to hearing what you read and how many of the challenges you manage to tick off the list when you return in September. We think some of your teachers will be doing these too!

Remember you have access to the online library as well as free Summer access to the myON reading site (see article in this newsletter for details), so you have thousands of books at your fingertips.

Have an amazing, reading-filled Summer!

GET READING THIS SUMMER!

We have secured access again this year for our students to the myON online reading library.

Students can access thousands of books, including

- Fiction and non-fiction myON books with audio narration from the Core Collection
- Classic titles, including books by Bronte, Dickens and Shakespeare
- Five daily myON News articles available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Mandarin at three reading levels, with embedded scaffolds to support struggling readers

Prizes will be awarded to the schools that complete the most books and spend the most time reading!

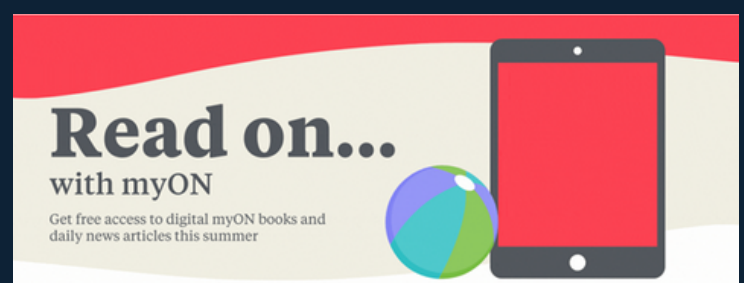
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To access myON, just do the following:

Go to <https://www.myon.co.uk> and enter your login information:

1. School Name: Summer Reads
2. Username: FBEC
3. Password: FER321!

Click the Sign In button, select a book, and start reading!



Chance Drama

Production Of



ROALD DAHL'S

Matilda

THE MUSICAL JR.

Book By
Dennis Kelly

Directed By
Robyn Collins

Music & Lyrics By
Tim Minchin

Thursday 20 July - 7PM

Friday 21 July - 7PM

Saturday 22 July - 2PM

Saturday 22 July - 7PM

**Ferryhill Sport & Education
Centre, Ferryhill,
DL17 8TB**

Tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/chance-drama

Adult: £10 | Child: £6

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International.
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.co.uk

FERRYHILL SCHOOL

 **SHREK**
The Musical JR.

BASED ON THE DREAMWORKS ANIMATION MOTION PICTURE AND THE BOOK BY WILLIAM STEIG BOOK AND LYRICS BY DAVID LINDSAY-ABAIRE MUSIC BY JEANINE TESORI ORIGINALLY PRODUCED ON BROADWAY BY DREAMWORKS THEATRICALS AND NEAL STREET PRODUCTIONS ORIGINAL PRODUCTION DIRECTED BY JASON MOORE AND ROB ASHFORD. "I'M A BELIEVER" BY NEIL DIAMOND

21 - 23 NOVEMBER 2023

7.00PM

FERRYHILL SCHOOL

TICKETS £7.50

Online Ticket Booking At

WWW.FERRYHILLMUSIC.COM

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ALL AUTHORISED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI WWW.MTISHOWS.CO.UK