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FERRYHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WORLD BOOK DAY AT FERRYHILL



We celebrated World Book Day at school this week, and as part of our day, students took part in 'The Masked Reader'. Students had to guess which member of staff was hidden behind their favourite childhood book. We had lots of entries and it was fantastic to see our students getting involved in the activity. Entries will be checked and prizes for the winners will be awarded early next week so stay tuned!

All students also received their World Book Day £1 book token, to be used to buy one of the special World Book Day £1 books, or to get £1 off any book worth £2.99 or more. Tokens can be redeemed at most supermarkets and also local bookstores.

This, along with our annual sponsored Readathon which launched this week, means that Reading continues to be celebrated and enjoyed here at Ferryhill, and we love to see our students taking part and enjoying their reading and love of books!

The Key - funds Performing Arts Theatre Visit

Year 9 Performing Arts class had an amazing experience watching the acclaimed National Theatre production *The Ocean at the End of the Lane*.

The production is based on the novel by Neil Gaiman and incorporated many aspects of drama and performance currently being studied by our students.

With an all-star cast including Charlie Brook and Trevor Fox, the boundary between the world we take for granted and whatever lies beyond is much more permeable than we expect.

The production contained incredible effects of high intensity lighting, haze and smoke with some incredible pyrotechnics.

The Daily Telegraph reviewed the performance as 5 star 'Spellbinding. Theatre at its best' and it was amazing that our students experienced this on opening night at Sunderland Empire Theatre.

Students would like to thank The Key for allowing such an incredible stage 1 project and they can't wait to start developing stage 2!



FOOTBALL SUCCESS!



Our Year 7 football team had a fantastic week against Parkside with a 1-0 win. Ferryhill showed great resilience after a goalless first half but found a way through late in the second half. Our Year 9 team had a very convincing win putting 7 past Parkside on route to a 7-0 victory. Finally, the Year 11 team in the cup, came up against some tough opponents losing 3-2. Next week, our Year 7 and 9 teams will take on Woodham at home.



Ghost by Jason Reynolds



Running. That's all Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons -until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medallist who sees something in Ghost: crazy natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him?

Parking/Exit Off Site After School

Can we please ask that parents/carers do not park down the back of the car park, in the car park or around the side entrance/bungalows at the end of the school day (2.30pm) unless you have permission to do so. This not only causes issues for both staff trying to leave and for residents living nearby but it also causes issues around the safety of our students.



Students are reminded to exit the school site via the pedestrian gates below the car park only. Students should not exit the school site via either the top car park or bottom car park gates or over the fence. It is important that we separate traffic and pedestrians on site which is why we have these procedures in place.

Behaviour consequences will be issued to students who fail to follow school procedures.



International
Women's Day

ASSEMBLIES

Next week's
assemblies will focus
on International
Women's Day

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for 1 Parent Governor on our Governing Body. The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

To be a parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills.

Our Governing Body has a membership of 12, with representatives from the staff, local community and parents.

The Governing Body is not involved in the day to day running of the school; they have a strategic role with responsibility for overseeing leadership and management. It has 3 core functions:

- setting strategic direction
- creating robust accountability
- ensuring best use of financial resources

The full Governing Body must meet at least three times per academic year, and as a school, we also have frequent Committee meetings each term. There is an expectation that governors will also undertake monitoring visits into school to find out more about the school throughout the year. Individual governors do not have any powers, instead the Governing Body works closely with the Executive Headteacher and Head of School to make decisions collectively as a team.

Any parent, or carer, of a registered pupil at the school at the time of election is eligible to stand for election as a Parent Governor (subject to certain exceptions, e.g. anyone employed at the school for more than 500 hours per annum is not eligible). Parent Governors, may on occasion, be elected by other parents at the school if there are more applications than spaces available.

Appointment is also subject to eligibility criteria and completion of a Disclosure & Barring Service check.

All governors must abide by our agreed Code of Conduct covering issues such as confidentiality, conflicts of interest, training requirements.

Prospective candidates are invited to speak with the Executive Headteacher and Chair of Governors prior to submitting an application so they are fully aware of the roles and responsibilities involved – please contact Mrs Forster, MAT Company Secretary, to make an appointment.

Spring Term 2023 Period 6

As we move closer towards the Year 11 GCSE examinations, our Period 6 timetable has changed slightly to ensure that every student receives the relevant support in all subject areas. Sessions will run from Monday to Friday between 2:30pm – 3:30pm. Attendance of Period 6 is NOT optional and will also form part of being invited to this year's prom but more importantly, attendance will have an impact on performance in exams.

Students will be brought down to the dining hall by Period 5 teachers at 2:25pm where refreshments will be available. Following this, they will then be collected by Period 6 teachers and taken to their sessions. Finally, late buses will be available each night of the week and will drop off at the same locations as last term. We really value the ongoing support from parents with Period 6 in our drive for excellence for all Ferryhill students.

Week A					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Option B	Maths	English	Maths / Sci	Lecture Rotations	
Art NCA	DHO E1	BSO A1	JJO	KBR / SMO	All other students
Eng SSH	BCL E2	LHD A2	SBI	NAN	
Geog PCO	KPI A1	NDO E2	LDU	KPI	
H&S CHA	A2 (Split LDA, AWO OBE)	KCA E1	DWI	SHA	
Phot TSU	11C1 MKI	EMU C1	11C1 MKI		
Sports CEL	11C2 DHO	RML C2	11C2 & 11 WR JEM	Interventions	
Hist JFR	11WR	NAN WR		LGI Business E1	
Hist SHA	AGR to support			MCG Business C1	
				GBO (Bus Support)	
				CEL Sports	

Week B					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Maths / Sci	Option A	Option C	English	Lecture Rotations	
SKN D4	Geography PCO	Engineering SSH	BSO A1	KBR / SMO	All other students
ACO D5	H&S CHA	French CJO	NAN A2	NAN	
DHO E1	History AGY	IT DLE	NDO E2	KPI	
BCL E2	History JFR	Music JPO	KCA E1	SHA	
KPI A1	History SHA	Photography TSU	EMU C1		
A2 (Split LDA, AWO OBE)	E1 Business LGI	Photography NCA	RML C2 & WR	Interventions	
JEM WR (target) AGR Support	WR Business MCG	Sports JSC		LGI Business E2	
		Art BCA		GBO (Bus Support)	
				MCG Business A1	
				MLU Business C2 & A2	
				CEL Sports	



Extra Curricular Timetable



MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
READING CLUB ALL YEAR GROUPS ROOM 14 MISS GIBBS JGI@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL	NETBALL ALL YEAR GROUPS SPORTS HALL MISS STOREY IST@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL	FOOTBALL ALL YEAR GROUPS SPORTS HALL MR ELLIOT CEL@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL
PRIDE CLUB ALL YEAR GROUPS WEEK A ONLY ROOM 18 MRS LUNN MLU@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL	STEAM CLUB ALL YEAR GROUPS ROOM 48/50 MR KNAGGS SKN@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL	ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST SCHOOL CLUB ALL YEAR GROUPS ROOM 35 MR HENDERSON GHE@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL
SMARTIES CLUB ALL YEAR GROUPS ROOM 20 MRS CASEMORE BCA@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL	HISTORY CLUB (WEEK A ONLY) ALL YEAR GROUPS ROOM 19 MR HANDLEY SHA@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL	CHOIR (STARTS 13 TH OCTOBER) ROOM 55 MR POULSON JPO@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL
SPORTS LEADERS QUALIFICATION (SPORTS LEADERS ONLY) WITH MISS STOREY IST@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL	HOMEWORK CLUB ALL YEARS ROOM 36 DR WAUGH (RUNS MON AND WED)	SEWING CLUB ALL YEAR GROUPS ROOM 20 MRS CASEMORE BCA@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL
DODGEBALL ALL YEAR GROUPS SPORTS HALL MR HEPPLE JHE@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL		
BOARD GAME CLUB ALL YEARS ROOM 12 MISS CORNER CCO@FERRYHILL.SCHOOL		
HOMEWORK CLUB ALL YEARS ROOM 36 DR WAUGH (RUNS MON AND WD)		

