



FBEC STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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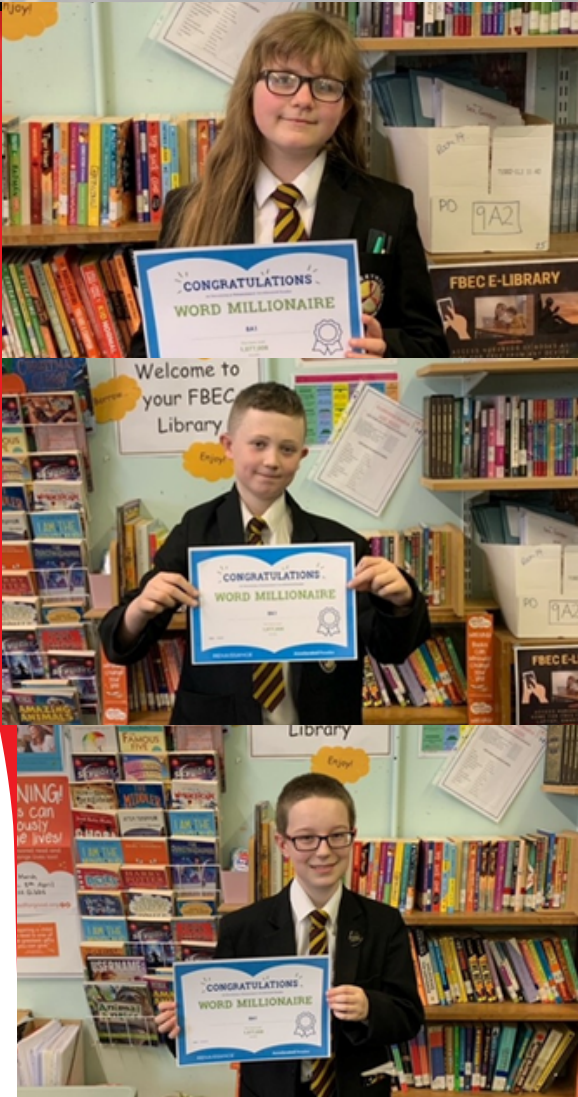
INTEGRITY



CREATIVITY



EXCELLENCE



FBEC Word Millionaires!

Congratulations to 8A1, who are the first class this year to have read ONE MILLION words! This is an incredible achievement - students have worked so hard in Reading lessons and have done lots of quizzing and moving up levels to help them achieve this brilliant total! Pictured are some of the students with the highest word counts in the class, although each and every student deserves credit for this achievement.

We are excited to see who will be the next class to become Word Millionaires, and to find out who will be our first Student Word Millionaire! We are so proud of our students for their efforts and achievements this year in Reading - well done everyone!





ASPIRE DAY

We are proud to announce that FBEC will be holding our 'Aspire Day' on Wednesday 27th April 2022 for all students. According to the dictionary, the word 'aspire' means to direct one's hopes or ambitions towards achieving something. We are working with a number of providers including: Durham University, Beamish Museum, Dare to Aspire and our outstanding teachers to ensure you have a day filled with endless possibilities. You will be given the opportunity to demonstrate integrity, channel your creativity and strive for excellence. Ultimately, it's your chance to show us what you're truly capable of.



SPEED CHECK

On Wednesday some of our Student Leaders volunteered to help assist the police in carrying out speed checks on Merrington Road in front of the school. Several students and local residents had expressed concern about the speed of some of the drivers using the road, and so students from Years 7,8 and 9 used the latest technology to check the speed of traffic. Our Student Leaders are keen to help our community wherever possible, and were delighted that the vast majority of vehicles drove carefully and under the speed limit. They also spoke to some of the residents in the bungalows around the school to keep them updated.



Sporting Success!

On Wednesday 6th of April we welcomed Craig Hampton into FBEC to work with our Sport Leaders. Craig works for County Durham Sport and is working alongside schools and young people to promote an increase in levels of physical activity for young people. FBEC have signed the Active 30 pledge, agreeing to provide at least 30 minutes of physical activity a day for our young people. However, Active 30 doesn't stop at the school gate, young people should continue to be physically active outside of school and in the holidays.

Craig worked with all of our Sport Leaders where they developed resources and fun activities that all young people can get involved in, in and outside of school. Not only did our Sport Leaders design resources and games but they also got stuck in and played the games themselves. Romilly in Year 7 has given us a run down of what they did - "First we played two different types of stuck in the mud as a warm up. After, we designed a game for people at home. It had to be suitable for those at home because they wouldn't have equipment you have in school. You might not have bibs at home so you could improvise by using t-shirts. We then finished by writing the equipment that was needed, seeing whether the game could be played at home."

FBEC's Sport Leaders are certainly on their way to making a positive difference in the world of sport and physical activity. Well done to you all!



Year 11 photographs have been given out to students today. If you wish to purchase any of the photographs please return order and payment to school no later than Friday 29th April.



Internet Safety Tip

Don't open files attached to emails from someone you don't know. They could contain a computer virus or material that could make you feel uncomfortable.



FBEC Sponsored Readathon

This week was the last week of our Sponsored Readathon – students have done lots of great reading both in school and at home! Remember, all sponsor money is to be paid via ParentPay and should be paid by Friday 8th April.



FBEC FUNDRAISING

We would like to give a big shout out to Olivia Hall who held a tombola at Hardwick Hall's Spring Fair last weekend.

Olivia raised an incredible £320 towards her volunteering experience in Kenya.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Homework Club

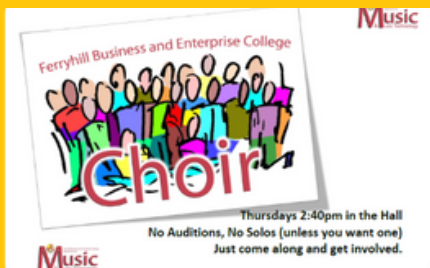
The club is held on Mondays and Wednesdays in room 36.

Board Games/Lego Club

Miss Corner is running a board game/Lego club in room 12 on a Monday 2:30-3:30.

After School History Club

Students from Year 7 and 8 are invited to our history club which runs every Thursday in room 35.



Drama Club

Every Wednesday 2:30-3:30 in the Main Hall

Steam Club

For students in Year 7, 8 and 9 STEAM Club started Wednesday 19th of January and runs once a fortnight. We will be doing different Science investigations looking at different topics such as chromatography and forces. If interested please speak to Mrs Porritt (Room 48).

Pride Club

Pride Club is open to students from all year groups and has now moved to lunchtime drop in sessions on a Tuesday
Week A
(Room 18)

After School Reading Club

All students are invited to our Reading Club which runs on a Thursday after school in room 14. Each term we will explore a new book and share our thoughts and opinions on the book, the characters and more. It's a great way to share our love of reading and also for students to make new friends.

We look forward to seeing you there,
Miss Gibbs

EXTRA CURRICULAR PE

Our PE department are pleased to announce the return of their extracurricular clubs. Please see below information on the various clubs running, these are open to all within the specified year groups.

Monday - Table Tennis - All Year groups
Netball - All Year groups

Wednesday - Dodgeball - All Year groups

Thursday - Football - All Year groups
Badminton - All Year groups

Easter Message from Mr Pinkney

At the time of writing, I'm not sure whether we are leaving summer and in to autumn/winter. As always (apart from lockdown), Easter weather is notoriously erratic. It seems we have four seasons in one month so far in spring. I was researching why Easter moves so much, in fact it can be as early as March 23rd and as late as April 23rd. I am unlikely to see either of these as the next March 23rd Easter Sunday is 2079 and none of us will see the latest date of 2258.

My assembly this week looked at the meaning of Easter and also the symbols I feel represent both the start of spring and Easter. This weekend seems not only the start of the Easter holidays (well earned for all of the school) but also a fantastic weekend of sport. Two great symbols of spring for me are the Grand National and the Masters Golf. Other symbols for me are the lambs running about in the fields, the bluebells in the woods and the lovely long evenings where you can hear the blackbirds singing.

The Easter also represents the beginning of the final run for our Year 11s as they prepare/revise for their GCSEs. It's a very intense period for students, staff and families (I have a connection to all three as my daughter is taking her GCSEs). Thank you to all the students who have engaged with both Period 6 and the National Tutoring Programme (and to the staff who have supported the extra work). Year 11 students, although hard work and revision is needed, please try to build in breaks, treats and friendships in to your revision programme.

Where the Year 11s are coming to an end of their GCSEs, our Year 8s are starting the journey. Hopefully all have handed in their option choices to Miss Gibson. Easter also sees the confirmation of secondary school places. Once again, FBEC is oversubscribed and we will have over 850 students next year.

Finally, I am sorry to end on a negative note but this last term has been a very challenging one. A small but significant group of students have not supported the behaviour expectation that we have at FBEC. As a school we are not going to tolerate behaviour that affects the learning or enjoyment of both staff and students. I will have no hesitation but to remove these students from our school if we don't see an improvement in their behaviour. Some of this group of students, alongside some former students, are also causing major issues in the community. Last week, myself and Mr Brennan met with the DCC Crime Commissioner and local residents to discuss how the school could support the community in dealing with the issues. A survey will be completed by all students and as many parents as possible to identify the impact of crime.

I am determined not to end on a negative note so I would like to congratulate all of our student leaders who have been appointed. They are making a real impact on the school and the community. Thanks to Mr Handley for organising and running the programme. This week also saw some of our Year 9 students visiting Oxford University for some taster sessions. Hopefully they will see Ellie, one of our former students who is studying at Oxford.

There we go, two positives to finish. Have a wonderful Easter (our first proper one for two years) and enjoy all the spring has to offer - hopefully not snow!



Takeaway Day

Tuesday 26th April

Donner Kebab

Tandoori Chicken

Kebab

Chicken Parmo

Veggie Burger

Sides

Pitta Bread

Salad

Fries

Garlic Sauce

Chilli Sauce

Dessert

**Chocolate Fudge Cake
& Cream**

or

Selection of Fresh Fruit

£2.20

