



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

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Never a dull moment...

Over the last two weeks a great deal has happened, both around the world and at Fearnhill.

Last week we had a two-day inspection visit from Ofsted, as well as our Open Evening on Thursday 15th. We have also been talking in assemblies about Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the personal qualities she brought to her life and work.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those students, staff and parents who responded to the Ofsted survey; it is really important that everyone feels their voice is heard, and helpful for us to make sure we are responding if there are concerns. I cannot share the outcome of the inspection yet as there is a formal checking process that has to take place, but I can say that we are very happy that the inspectors saw Fearnhill as it really is and recognised the great work happening here every day.

They met with students, staff and governors, visited lessons and talked informally with students during break and lunchtime. The full report will be published within 30 days of the end of the inspection, so we hope to share it with you by half term.

Our **Open Evening** was a very busy event, and you can see some great photos inside. It is a great opportunity to celebrate what the school does and for our students to share their experiences with visitors. Year 7 did particularly well as part of the guiding team, showing guests around when they have only been at the school for two weeks themselves!

It is testimony to their excellent attitude and confidence that they did this so well, as did all the students involved on the evening.

You can also hear more about the new accommodation for our **Student Support and Inclusion** departments; meet the team and check out the new rooms!

The action continues as we are very excited to have a genuine superstar visiting us next week; Helen Sharman,



the first British astronaut, will be with us to talk to students in Years 9-13 about her experiences. There will be a full report in our next edition.

Year 9 have also started on a **storytelling project** with input from the British Schools Museum in Hitchin; read more inside!

Finally, it was lovely to meet many Year 7 parents and carers last night at our **Year 7 welcome evening**. Students were able to show their families the work they have been doing, while adults were involved in science and Spanish taster lessons. There was also the opportunity to chat informally with form tutors.

Thank you as always for your support!

our **Liz Ellis, Headteacher**

Confused over which timetable week it is? Wk bg 26/9 - week 2 Wk bg 3/10 - week 1

Students Awards

w/e Friday 9 September

Student of the week	Cecelia 7R	24 points
Form of the week	7R	373 points
House of the week	Howard	857 points
Staff member of the week	Miss Christie, English	342 points

w/e Friday 16 September

Student of the week	Franky 8N	23 points
Form of the week	8H	274 points
House of the week	Neville	938 points
Staff member of the week	Ms Lyons, English	344 points

Job Opportunity

We are hiring!

**Fearnhill School is looking for part time cleaners — Monday to Friday
2 hours a day, 3.30 - 5.30.(times negotiable). Term time only £9.60 per hour.
This is an ideal opportunity for students as applications will be
considered from those aged 16+**

**For further info please contact Hazel Rainbow,
hazel.rainbow10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk
or 01462 621200**

Can you help?

I run a crochet/knitting club after school in the Library, but I need resources to help make this happen. If you have any unused hooks, needles or wool in your loft we would really appreciate them. Please hand into the Library or School Office. Thank you!

Mrs Thurlby, Library & Literacy Assistant

We are always looking for ways to engage our students in work-related learning experiences and through employer interaction. If you feel you could offer work experience, a talk or a number of sessions regarding your business, employability skills and/or how to be successful in the work place, please get in touch by emailing admin@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk and writing 'employer engagement' in the subject line.

Do you have piles of newspapers cluttering up your house? Our Art department is looking for newspapers (not magazines) for forthcoming projects—please hand into the Art department or School Office. Thank you.

School Uniform

Uniform/belongings to be named

Please can you ensure that all uniform, PE kit, bags and belongings are named where possible.

We have already had a large number of 'lost' items handed in at the office which we have no way of knowing who they belong to.

Any child who loses anything at school can come to the main office to check the lost property box.

A reminder that a lost property display will be held once a half term.



Wall of Fame

We know we have some pretty amazing students who get up to all sorts of different endeavours out of school – and we'd like to hear about them!

Do you know of any Fearnhill students who have won an award out of school for their endeavours? It could be baking the best cake, being awarded a medal for bravery, first in a ballroom dancing competition, performing in a show or achieving a top grade in a music exam. We would like to celebrate our students by having a Wall of Fame to give recognition to pupils who go that extra mile to embrace excellence out of hours. The ideal Fearnhill Student.

We are not looking for students who get lots of recognition IN school ... although being exceptional in school obviously doesn't preclude them getting recognition for what they do out of school.

If you'd like to nominate anyone, please send their name and brief details to our media administrator Ann Lynn and she'll take it from there. Ann.lynn10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk

Year 7



Thank you to those who attended the Year 7 Pastoral Meeting this week.

Staff introduced many of the Fearnhill teaching concepts and behavioural expectations and answered parents' questions and concerns. Parents were also treated to their own Spanish and Science lessons.

Word of the Week



Gargantuan - huge or enormous.



Quaint - Attractively unusual or old-fashioned.

English



Year 9 students enjoyed a morning of 'dark storytelling' featuring the works of Edgar Allan Poe.

The event was organised by school volunteer Jenny Ellis who brought along Max from the British Schools Museum in Hitchin. The duo warmed up the students with a series of vocal exercises then read aloud some suspense poems. Students became involved in directing the action by offering advice on delivery, content and vocal projection.



Library



COMING SOON!
A HALFTERM READING
CHALLENGE...



KEEP YOUR
EYES PEELED
FOR MORE INFO

Congratulations to the students who took part in the summer reading challenge. Winners were:

Samuel - 10P

Michaela - 9H

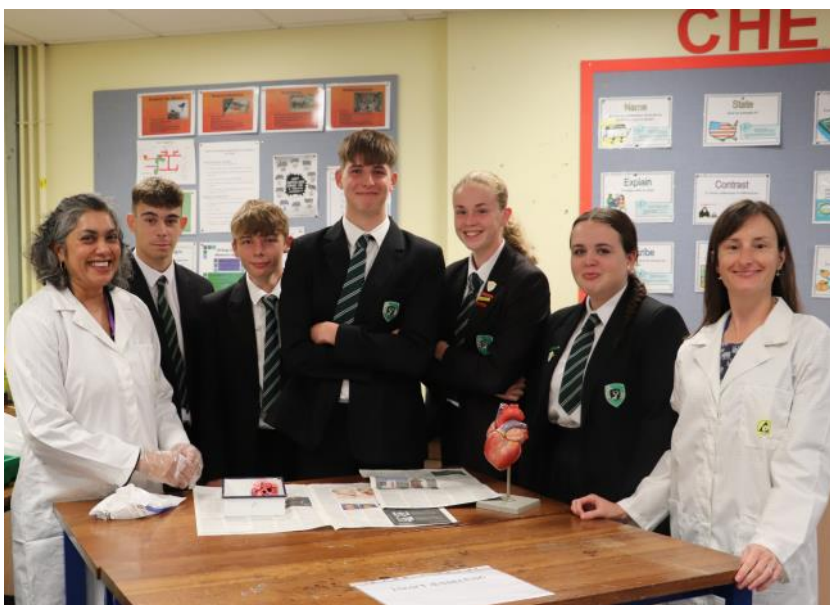
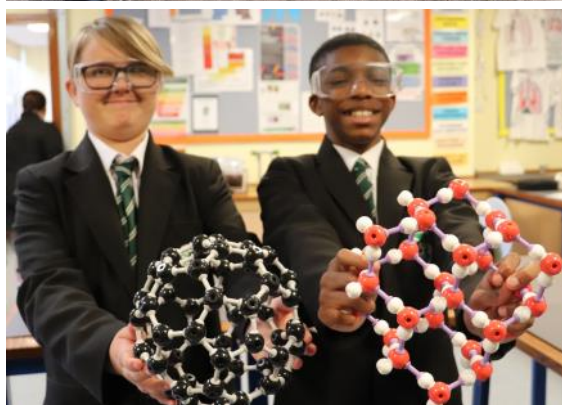
Mya - 8N

A seagull and a stick of rock was the main prize, all entrants won rock for reading their first 2 books.

The Library is open before school from 8am and after school until 4pm.
You can also visit the library during break and lunch times to read a book, do some homework on the computer or play a card or board game (sorry, no computer games!)

Mrs Thurlby, Library & Literacy Assistant

Open Evening



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Inclusion has moved

Inclusion has now moved inside the main building.

We are really pleased with our new accommodation and can already see the difference it is making to students being able to access computers and the internet as well as having a nice bright space to regulate and talk to staff. We will also be running many of our interventions from here. We have also had a reorganisation of the team and whilst still working with departments our highly skilled Inclusion Leaders will now also be working under the umbrella of the Inclusion Department.



Ms Brown
Head of Inclusion
SENDCO

I have worked in many schools across Hertfordshire and London. I have been a Head of English and a Head of Year.

As a SENCO I am passionate about supporting students with their learning and emotional wellbeing. It is also my role to support and inform staff to ensure we help every student to be the very best they can be.



Mrs Liaqat-Ahmed
Inclusion Leader

I mainly support students in their Science lesson.

I love spending time with my family and friends when I'm not at work. I enjoy reading novels and sewing in my spare time.



Ms Boreham
SEND Admin Assistant

I do paperwork and interventions for the inclusion department

I enjoy gaming, my favourites are *Hollow Knight* and *Stardew Valley*.

I have two children and a degree in psychology.



Miss Flett
Inclusion Leader

I support students in their English lessons.

I like to read biographies and enjoy watching history documentaries.

Family is really important to me and I love to spend time with them, including my dog Gracie.

Inclusion—meet the team



Mrs Cottenden
Inclusion Leader

I support students with their literacy and homework.
I like watching my son playing football and walking my dog!



Mrs Fletcher
Inclusion Leader

I have now been here over 16 years! I really enjoy working at Fearnhill. The staff and students are amazing, working together to create an incredible environment to allow students to learn and grow.

I support in Maths, Business and Computing lessons. It's wonderful to see students learn new skills and grasp concepts they previously struggled with. I also supervise the Before School Club in the canteen from 8am each day. It's really nice to greet the students as they meet up with their friends before the school day begins.

When I'm not at work, I enjoy spending time with my family. I have two grown up sons, my eldest son teaches at a Stonehill Primary School. I also have an adorable cat called Flossie, who is very demanding!



Mrs Thurlby
Library and Literacy Leader

I work in the Library and will support you in your library lessons. I really enjoy reading and want to help you all find books you want to read so you can enjoy it too!

The Library is open every break and lunchtime for you to come and read, do homework or play a boardgame with your friends. We also have some clubs running after school which you are able to attend.

A few of you may also be with me for literacy intervention. When I am not in school I have 3 nearly grown-up children who are at university or have just finished. I am working towards a degree and hope to become a qualified Librarian. I also enjoy crocheting and you will see some of my creations in the Library.



Ms Holloway
Inclusion Leader

I like jigsaw puzzles, particularly 'Wasgij?'s. I have a degree in Contour Fashion. I enjoy murder mystery stories and I write a quiz for a local brewery once a month.

Sport

Over the summer we have carried out some improvements to our provision to support our growing numbers. Improvements include installing a dance studio (below) - we are very proud of this and Ms Martin has already started her Dance classes in there.



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PE SPORTS CLUBS/PRACTICES

Autumn Term 2022

	Netball	Basketball	Rugby	Football	Badminton/ Table Tennis	Other
Mon	Yr 10-13 LBN	Yr 8&9 OSD	Yr 7 MTR		All Yrs 1:25-1:55pm SSN	Yr 11 Sport Intervention - I3 1:25-1:55pm LBN
Tues			Key Stage 3 GMD			Yr 11 GCSE Intervention - B2 1:25-1:55pm SSN
Weds	Yr 8&9 LBN	Yr 10-13 1:25-1:55pm OSD		Yr 7 Girls SSN		All Yrs Dance JMN
Thurs	Yr 7 SSN	Yr 10-13 OSD		Yr 8&9 Boys AWS Yr 7 Boys MTR	All Yrs 1:25-1:55pm LBN	
Fri		Yr 7 MTR				6th Form Activities 1:25-1:55pm SSN

Student Support

Student Support and Inclusion have moved!

Our new home is now in the main school building - students can find Mrs Tollervey & Ms Brown and their teams upstairs next to Homework Club.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2022



**“One small positive thought in the morning
can change your whole day”**



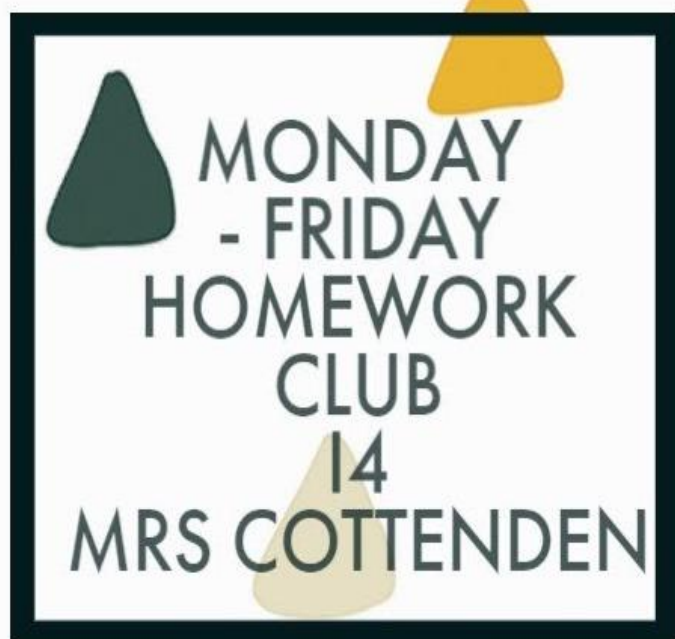
Self-Care September 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes	6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'	1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential	2 Notice the things you do well, however small	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly	4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it
12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break	8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok	11 Make time to do something you really enjoy
19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside	15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you
26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn	22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love	25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing
29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are					

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

Student Clubs



KS3&4



We are proud to offer the National School Breakfast Programme at our school, come and enjoy a healthy breakfast with us.

Where to get free brekkie?

Breakfast Club in the canteen every morning from 8am

Or collect your free bagels from the SSC

External Opportunities



JOIN FOR FREE

Creative Arts Company

LOOKING FOR YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

**SUBMISSIONS OPEN
AGE 14-17 IN THE UK**

To Apply:

Complete this online form <https://bit.ly/3dnPcM0>
or email us at mail@thesistersgrimmcharitabletrust.com

- ✓ Work with a Grammy-nominated company.
- ✓ No experience in the arts is necessary.
- ✓ Equal opportunity for all creative young people.



WHAT IS THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD?

We are looking for dynamic young people to join our advisory group for The Sisters Grimm Charitable Trust. If you know 14 to 17 year olds who have an interest in arts and making a difference, working as part of a team and having your voice heard then we encourage them to get in touch.

We will be electing 12-15 pupils to contribute their creative and organisational ideas to every area of The Sisters Grimm Charitable Trust, including our outreach program and a West-End relaunch of our own Grammy-nominated show 'INALA' and arts and environment programme 'Art In Nature Global'.

The application includes one open-ended question (up to 500 words maximum) and a short two-minute questionnaire. All information is kept confidential and complies with the data protection act.

If you have any queries or questions about access, require support to apply and/or would like the application form and information in an alternative format then please email mail@thesistersgrimmcharitabletrust.com

External Opportunities



NESSie & Angels Free Parent Online Workshops Autumn 2022 Supporting Children with ASD / ADHD

These free workshops are designed for parent/carers of children and young people awaiting assessment or displaying traits of ASD and/or ADHD. They are all delivered online via Zoom.

Workshop	Date and time
Girls and Women	Tuesday 27 th September 1.00 – 2.30pm
Emotionally Based School Avoidance	Wednesday 5 th October 7.30 – 9.00pm
Self Harm	Tuesday 18 th October 1.00 – 2.30pm
Puberty, Relationships and Staying Safe	Tuesday 8 th November 1.00 – 2.30pm
Autism, Sexuality and Gender Diversity	Tuesday 22 nd November 1.00 – 2.30pm
Emotionally Based School Avoidance	Tuesday 6 th December 1.00 – 2.30pm

These workshops are funded by Hertfordshire County Council and open to parents/carers living in Hertfordshire.

Places must be booked in advance. Please click on the relevant workshop or visit our website: <https://nessieined.com/workshops>



Botanical INVASION

AN INFLATABLE INSTALLATION HAS TAKEN OVER THE GALLERY

Marvel at the exotic plants
Crawl through the cactus tunnel

North Hertfordshire Museum
9 July – 2 October 2022

ADMISSION FREE

Fully accessible
Open Tuesday to Saturday 10.30am – 4.30pm, Sunday 11am – 3pm

North Hertfordshire Museum, Brand Street, Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG5 1JE
Email: northherts@northherts.gov.uk 01462 474554

North Hertfordshire Council
An authority from Hertfordshire



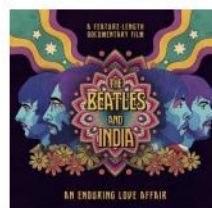
Celebrate Royston Arts Festival at Royston Picture Palace!

Sunday 18 September at 2pm



A rare chance to see this classic Disney family animation on the big screen, as Simba finds the courage to fight for his rightful place in The Pride Lands.

Sunday 18 September at 5.30pm



An engrossing documentary about the band's time in India in 1968, the influence of Indian culture on their music, and how they helped bridge two vastly different cultures.

Followed by a live Q&A with co-director Pete Compton.

Curated by ReelN Ltd (reeln.co.uk)

Find out more and book at www.roystonpicturepalace.org.uk

Calendar

26	Week 2
28	Guest speaker in school—Helen Sharman
30	Theatre trip pm
3 October	Week 1
10	Week 2
17	Week 1
18	Year 9 parents evening
24 – 28 October	Half Term
31 October	Week 2 / Return to school Monday / Year 13 mocks start
10 November	District Cross Country
25 November	Inset Day
Monday 28 November	Occasional Day
21 December	End of Term (early closure)
Spring term 2023	
6 January	8.30am term starts
13-17 February	Half term
31 March	End of term
Summer Term 2023	
17 April	8.30am term starts

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