



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Fearnfile

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Challenging our brains...

Fearnhill students have been exploring all kinds of different ways of thinking over the last couple of weeks.

Have you ever wondered what is the optimum time to be dunking your biscuit? Just ask those students who have been experimenting in science to answer that question for you. We have also been speculating about the number of different languages spoken in the world with a quiz to celebrate the European Day of Languages. Meanwhile our sixth formers have been learning about the growing opportunities presented by apprenticeships as they reflect on their next steps. So many options!

This is Black History Month and across different departments there have been various activities to increase understanding of black people's contributions across all areas of life., look out for full coverage in Fearnfile after half term

In the sporting arena, we had a busy week last week with the house dodgeball tournament, when all students could be involved by taking part or supporting their house. It was great to see so many students, especially Year 7, taking part in this first whole school house event of the year.

Congratulations to the winning house – Howard.

It was a real pleasure earlier this week to have our first face to face parents evening, with Year 9, since the pandemic. It was great to talk properly in person!

Looking ahead, Halloween is at the end of this month and Year 11 rightly identified a marketing opportunity. Spooky cakes for sale to raise money for their prom kept everyone sweet this week.



We are approaching half term and, in case any student thinks they might be bored during the week off, there is a half term Halloween reading challenge... full details inside, along with a good look at the new books in the library courtesy of the Books Trust. Even further ahead, if you are planning early for Christmas, there is a lovely crochet pattern for book-based Christmas tree decorations!

Year 7 are embarking on a big adventure on Friday 21st October, as they head off to London to experience the great world city on our doorstep. There will be a full report in the next edition of Fearnfile, which means that it only remains for me to wish you a restful half term break and to thank you for all your support.

Liz Ellis, Headteacher

Wishing all our Fearnhill families a happy and restful half term - we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 31st October.

Week beginning 31/10 - week 2 Week beginning 7/11 - week 1

Student Awards

w/e 23 September

Student of the Week	Kyla 9H	22 points
Form of the Week	7R	271 points
House of the Week	Howard	893 points
Teacher of the Week	Ms Lyons, English	262 points

w/e 30 September

Student of the Week	Daniel 10N	25 points
Form of the Week	7R	233 points
House of the Week	Howard	928 points
Teacher of the Week	Ms Lyons, English	336 points

w/e 7 October

Student of the Week	Sian 10N	18 points
Form of the Week	7R	250 points
House of the Week	Neville	832 points
Teacher of the Week	Miss Bossley, Art	286 points

w/e 14 October

Student of the Week	Defne 8P	17 points
Form of the Week	8H	175 points
House of the Week	Howard	641 points
Teacher of the Week	Ms Lyons, English	256 points

Have you got what it takes to be Student of the Week? Try your best in all lessons and extra-curricular activities and you could find yourself nominated and crowned!



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entry in 2023?**

**Applications must be
received by 31 October**

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

School News

To celebrate European Day of Languages, we organised a lunchtime quiz in the MFL department to make students have a think about all the different languages that are being spoken, not only in Europe but all around the world.

One of the tasks they had to do was to find a language for each of the letters of the alphabet, e.g. Albanian for A, Bulgarian for B and so on. Some of our students were able to find languages for 21 of the letters of the alphabet. Why not try to beat their effort?

They also matched different languages with numbers of people speaking them and tried to work out the different languages in which 'Hello' was written down.

In KS3 our winner was Gabriella (7T) *photographed*.

In KS4 we had a group win by Kacey, Emily P and Grace (Y10).

The winners were announced in assembly and certificates and chocolate were handed out to celebrate.

Well done and thank you to all who took part!

Merci beaucoup! Muchas gracias!

Miss Cordon, Mrs Moreno-Heredia and Mrs Cross



All students in Sixth Form attended a virtual talk about the world of apprenticeships on Thursday 13th October.

There were talks from UCAS, PwC, Dyson, Lloyds Banking Group, Eversheds Sutherland, NHS and the Royal Navy, all discussing the availability of apprenticeships in their organisations and it really got our students thinking.

Degree apprenticeships are fantastic as you work and train within a specific sector of the organisation, get paid a brilliant starting salary and get the opportunity to do a degree alongside this. Also lots of the best organisations for apprenticeships are based in Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and London - ideal for our students at Fearnhill!

The link to the virtual talk is available on YouTube - youtu.be/w_S9wLhaLGM - so please give it a watch and get inspired!

Can you help?

Have you enjoyed a tub of chocolates recently? Our food department would love to have your empty tubs - they are useful for students taking their food items home. Please bring them into the School Office.

I run a crochet/knitting club after school in the Library. 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 News

Hello everyone! I am Miss Cordon and I am a Spanish and Business Teacher at Fearnhill. Myself and Mrs Nunneley wanted to introduce ourselves as we are teaching in the Business Department this year.

Our Business students have had an excellent start back to the new year and are showing some great potential for their studies over the next year. Year 10 are starting their new course and beginning to learn about how businesses work, as well as the key terminology to describe areas of businesses. Year 11 have had a great start back, debating about ethical considerations Businesses need to make and how this can affect their operations and objectives. Our new Year 12 students are recapping their knowledge of how businesses function and beginning to make some in depth analysis of business decisions in real world examples. Finally, our Year 13 students have begun to consider and analyse the corporate objectives and missions of businesses in the world around us.

Both myself (*photo, top*) and Mrs Nunneley (*photo, bottom*) have been really impressed by our students and their enthusiasm for the subject. Well done! If you have any questions about the course, please get in touch. Here's to a great year ahead!



Year 11 students held a Halloween fund-raising cake sale this week - raising a Spooktacular £132 towards their end of year Prom.

Thank you to staff and students who baked cakes - and to staff and students who bought them!



Word of the Week



Clandestine - kept secret, or done secretly.



Arcane - secret or mysterious knowledge that is known to only a few...



The Library was delighted to receive our annual box of books from BookTrust, the UK's largest children's reading charity. Each year, BookTrust reaches 3.9 million children across the UK with books, resources and support to help develop a love of reading



**THE LIBRARY CHRISTMAS TREE
IS LOOKING BARE
CAN YOU HELP?
WE NEED
HOME MADE BOOK THEMED
DECORATIONS
FOR THE 1ST DEC
THANK YOU**

How to Crochet a Book Christmas Tree Decoration (remember Crochet Club on Tuesday if you need wool or help!)



Make the pages.

Row 1: Make a chain of 32.

Row 2: Then starting in the 2nd chain from hook, crochet 31 single crochet across. Turn.

Row 3: Chain 1 then work 31 single crochet. Turn.

Row 4: Chain 1 then work 31 single crochet.
Fasten off.

Make the cover

Row 1: Make a chain of 23.

Rows 2 to 11: Chain 1 then crochet 22 single crochet. Turn.

Row 12: Chain 1 then crochet 22 single crochet. Fasten off.

Sew on face

Sew or crochet the book together
Add a cord to hang from the tree.



Science

Year 7 students enjoyed some practical experiments in the Science labs this week, conducting some vital research into an extremely important topic ... what is the optimum time to dunk a biscuit!



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



OCTOBER HALF TERM READING CHALLENGE

DURING THE HOLIDAY READ A
BOOK MORE THAN 2CM THICK. (OR
BOOKS THAT TOGETHER MEASURE MORE THAN 2CM)
THEN BRING IT/THEM TO THE
LIBRARY AT LUNCH
TIME ON
HALLOWEEN
FOR A CHANCE
TO WIN A PRIZE!



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

Dodgeball - House Tournament



	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Seniors	Total
Gorst	26	26	52	78	44	226
Howard	51	51	102	153	32	389
Pearsall	20	20	40	60	32	172
Neville	38	38	76	114	32	298

Netball

The Year 9 Netball team played two League matches at John Henry Newman School.

Team:

Lucy T- Captain Niamh H

Jess S- 9P

Michaela P

Niamh A

Hannah B

Michelle K/ Rosie T

Fearnhill 2- 10 Priory

Fearnhill 3-14 Highfield

Player of the Match - Michelle and Jess





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

SSN = Ms Straughn LBN = Ms Balchin OSD = Mr Shepherd MTR = Mr Turner JMN = Mrs Martin AWS = Mr Williams GMD = Mr McLeod

All Clubs/Practices will take place after school, unless stated otherwise, from 3:00-3:45pm

Help us improve your walking and cycling routes

Have your say on the proposals by 7 November

Scan the QR code or visit the website to find out more:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/LCWIP-NorthHerts

Diversity

IT'S OKAY TO BE DIFFERENT AT FEARNHILL

DIVERSITY RUNS EVERY WEEK 1 WEDNESDAY LUNCH IN 11
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

We aim to provide a safe place to talk about our differences, learn about each other and to discuss how diversity can be celebrated at Fearnhill

For further information or questions contact:
katie.mpholok@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk

Student Clubs



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Extracurricular Activities Autumn Term 2022-2023

Day	Club	Year Group	When	Where
M o n d a y	Badminton/Table Tennis	7-13	Lunch	PE
	Basketball	8 & 9	After school	PE
	Dungeons & Dragons	7-13	After school	Lib
	Fearnhill Boys Choir (FBC)	7-11	Lunch	MU1
	History	7-11	Lunch	H2
	Homework	7-11	Lunch & after school	Inclusion
	Netball	10-13	After school	PE
	Rugby	7	After school	PE
	Sport Studies Intervention	11	Lunch	PE

T u e s d a y	Craft	7-11	After school	Lib
	Gardening	10-13	After school	Library
	Homework	7-11	After school	Inclusion
	School Production	7-13	Lunch	Hall
	GCSE PE Intervention	11	Lunch	PE
	Rugby	7	After school	PE
	Science	7-9	Lunch	S3

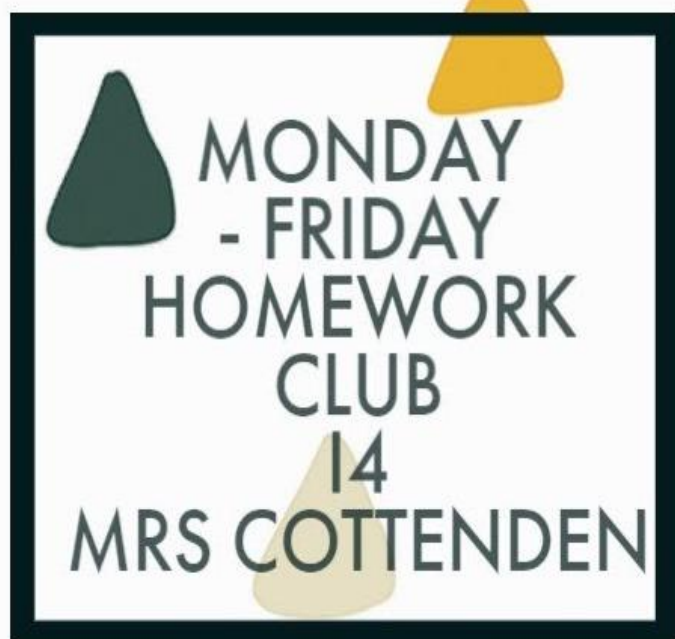
W e d n e s d a y	Architectural modelling	7-9	After school	T7
	Basketball	11-13	Lunch	PE
	Dance	7-11	After school	PE
	Football	7	After school	PE
	Homework	7-11	Lunch & after school	Inclusion
	Netball	8 & 9	After school	PE
	Photography	8 & 9	After school	T5
	Reading	7-11	After school	Lib
	School Production	7-13	After school	Hall
	Sustainable Society	7-13	Lunch	H1
	Ukulele Jam	7-13	Lunch	MU2

Day	Club	Year Group	When	Where
T h u r s d a y	Badminton/Table Tennis	7-13	Lunch	PE
	Basketball	10 & 11	After school	PE
	Debating Society	7-13	Lunch	English
	Fearnhill Voices	7-13	Lunch	MU1
	Football	7-9	After school	PE
	Homework	7-11	After school	Inclusion
	Jigsaw Puzzle/Lego	7-11	Lunch	Inclusion
	Netball	7	After school	PE
	School Production	7-13	After school	Hall

F r i d a y	Basketball	7	After school	PE
	Chess	7-13	Lunch	M4
	Christian Union	All	Lunch	H4
	Homework	7-11	Lunch & after school	Inclusion
	Relax it's Friday (Colouring & audio)	7-11	After school	Library
	Sixth Form Activities	12 & 13	Lunch	PE



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

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.



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FEED YOUR FAMILY ON A BUDGET MASTERCLASS!

Food shop costing more each week? Energy bills going up? Worried about rising household costs?

As qualified nutritionists we are here to offer some tips and ideas to help support you in finding ways to make sustainable changes that are cheaper AND healthier.

This workshop covers:

- Challenges to feeding a family on a budget
- Lower cost healthy swaps
- How meal planning can help to keep costs down
- Shopping tips to stick to the list and the budget
- Do cooking methods make a difference?
- Helpful resources
- Q&A opportunity to share your ideas and tips!

TWO DATES TO CHOOSE FROM:

Tuesday 4th October 12:00 - 13:00

Wednesday 26th October 18:00 - 19:00

SIGN UP FOR FREE
ON EVENTBRITE!



External Opportunities

COFFEE MORNING

for refugees and asylum seekers
at North Herts Museum & Hitchin Town Hall

**WEDNESDAY
26 OCTOBER** 10am – 12pm

A fantastic opportunity for ALL refugees in the area to connect with one another and be offered support.

YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Speak to groups that will be able to help with needs and concerns e.g. food.
- Be offered advice and information from representatives on local English lessons and other educational courses.
- Gain initial career advice.
- Find out about local support services.
- Learn about Hitchin and any events, groups etc. in the area.



North Herts Museum Café and Hitchin Town Hall, Brand Street, Hitchin SG5 1JE



New classes available at Hitchin!

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Thought of the Month



“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” – Nelson Mandela

Calendar

24 – 28	Half Term
31	Week 2, Return to school Monday
	Year 13 mocks start
3 November	Year 11 reports home
9	Year 8 reports home
	Post 16 evening @Fearnhill
10	District Cross Country
	Post 16 evening @ Highfield
22	Year 8 Parents Evening
23	Year 9 reports home
25	Inset Day
28	Occasional Day
30	Year 11 MFL speaking mock
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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