



Fitzharrys School

Community Newsletter

Welcome to this month's Fitzharrys School Community Newsletter!

It's been a very busy month! We saw some fantastic work in the final lessons of remote learning and have been really impressed with students upon their return to face-to-face lessons. Their resilience, positivity and hard work has been really fantastic.

While many of us are readjusting to life at school we are now looking forward to a lovely Easter Break and a strong return in April.

Wonderful wellbeing

We have been really impressed by how so many of our students really put their wellbeing first during lockdown. We put forward some activities to engage with and many of the students went above and beyond.

A special mention must go out to **Marika Wasikiewicz** and her fantastic wellbeing activities.

Not only did she read several books, she also completed her second Kata in Karate and participated in the Express Yourself in Lockdown Competition in Languages and won!

Congratulations Marika!

Congratulations to Marika (7Z) – The winner of the *Express Yourself in Lockdown Languages Competition*

C'est Oreo.
Il est mon chien.
Il a sept mois.
Il a fourrure noir et marron.

Oreo adore dormir, manger et jouer. Il adore manger oeuf, bananes et pommes. Mais, il aime manger tout!
Il aime jouer avec balles. Il a beaucoup jouets.

Oreo est tres petite. Quand il est un bebe chien, il est un kilogramme.
Il aime tout chiens et a beaucoup amis. Oreo est en National Geographic Kids Magazine.

Oreo a beaucoup vetements. Il a dix vetements, deux Noel, un rouge, un rose, un bleu, un blanc, un blanc avec fraise, un souris deguisement, un violet, blue avec animaux et gris.

Il a un lapin en peluche bleue, un oiseau verte et marron et un ours marron. Il pretere le lapin bleue.

Il a trois balles: vert, arc en ciel et vert et jaune. Oreo a deux lits. Il sont les deux blanc.

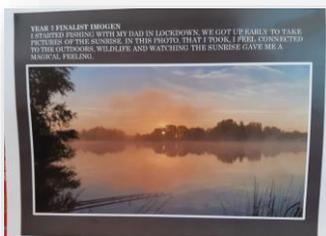
Fundraising superheroes

On Friday 19th March the school hosted a series of events to raise money for this year's comic relief and we were very impressed with students' contributions.

Events included:

- 7I's Sponsored Silence
- 10Z's Joke competition
- Emily Smith and Ella Jones' fantastic Art Gallery (pictures below)
- Along with all students attending in non-uniform.
- The school was very proud to raise a total of...

£865.95p



10Z's first prize winning joke:

Peter Wyatt, 10H:

I used to be addicted to soap.

I'm clean now.

Amazing work- looking back to lockdown

In each Newsletter we will include a sample of amazing work completed by Fitzharrys Students. If you or your child have any great work to share, please email to: acorley@fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk

Arts, technology and performance

Miss David was really impressed with the Biro drawings Year 7 completed during lockdown over several lessons.

Looking at the pieces, it's clear the hard work paid off!



Harry Wheeler



Ellie Cash



Jamie Draper



Jeslin Joji



Will Peddie



Ollie Izzo



Mr McCook would like to congratulate **Daniella Jones** on her fantastic design and make of a mobile phone stand. She used scrap materials around the house to create a really impressive stand.

Excellent job!

Food and Nutrition

Our Year 11 students wasted no time upon their return to school in creating some fantastic final cooks.

The theme was Party in the Park.

Congratulations to all of the Food and Nutrition pupils who have now completed their practical exam, either at home or in school.

Miss Randal would like to say a big well done! The food was delicious, and she hopes it inspires others to have a picnic in the park this summer!



Preparation



The final product!



Humanities and Enterprise



Miss Bonham would like to celebrate the fantastic Crusaders Shield work by **Evie Ford**.

The shield features symbols representing Abingdon, along with symbols representing her family and the school.

A really fantastic piece of work!

Ms Emeny was very pleased with the dedication shown by **Lily Moyes**. She completed a 7 day weather tracker and the picture on the left shows an example of one of the days.

As Brits we do love to talk about the weather, and this work was certainly very impressive and informative!



And another well done to **Evie Ford** for her fantastic Castle! Not only did she make a brilliant model but also included a detailed information booklet about how 'Fortiven Castle' was constructed.

A real Humanities superhero!

Science

It's been a really exciting time in Year 7 science with all classes making Spacecrafts during lockdown.

Students used household items to design and make a model and the participation from all of year seven was fantastic.

The five winners selected were:

Harry Wheeler
William Peddie
Lucas Knowles
George Drinkwater
Ethan Richards

A big well done to everyone that took part.



In science this year,
We learnt about cells,
In your body they dwell,
Making every living organism,
Whether it's in the shape of a cube or prism,
Inside the cell are organelles,
Which carry out a particular function,
The cell membrane is like a shell,
The cytoplasm is like a bath,
The nucleus is the control centre,
The cell membrane also controls what can enter,
The nucleus contains DNA,
Like what in your prey,
The mitochondria is the powerhouse,
It converts power, fat and protein we eat,
Into usable energy, repair
The ribosome is used to heal,
The cell when it's in despair,
But beware because there are some parts,
That only exist in plant cells,
Such as the vacuole, cell wall and chloroplast
There are unicellular organisms,
Which are made up of only one cell,
One of these organisms is called an amoeba,
But don't forget the euglena as well!

Another well done to **Marika Wasikiewicz** for her beautiful poem on cells. Dr Ouvre was very impressed!

Exciting opportunities!



Get ready to take your mike and shoot a clip! Do you think you could sing or rap in French? Do you have the skills to make a video clip for your song? If so, this competition is for you!

The Institut français du Royaume-Uni, in association with Francophonie UK, is inviting you to submit a short video, or animated clip, to accompany a song or rap in French. The competition is open to all UK primary and secondary schools across the 4 nations + Channel Islands. Shortlisted videos will be streamed on our dedicated UK YouTube channel and the regional finalists will compete for the national Francophonie UK School Music Awards as part of Fête de la Musique in June 2021!

Who: All students in UK schools + Channel Islands, from 7 to 18 years of age
What: School French music-video contest
When: Submit your video by 29/03/2021 to your Mrs Philbin by email.

Win book tokens galore, tablets, and attend a live Fête de la Musique concert!

RULES

1. The competition is open to any student or groups of students in full time education in the UK primary and secondary school systems of England, Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland, and the Channel Islands, in 3 age-group categories: 7-11, 12-15, and 16-18.
2. The video should be approx. 3 minutes long and must be a new original piece of work produced in 2020-21. Any style of music will be accepted provided that the song is performed in French, but **NO COPYRIGHTED MUSIC OR VIDEO CAN BE USED.**
3. By participating in this competition all competitors give their consent for the entries to be published on the Francophonie UK YouTube channel. **PLEASE SEEK ADULT'S GUIDANCE** - it is the competitor's responsibility to make his/her parents aware of this.
4. In May 2021, local juries in 9 geographical areas (including 5 in England) will announce their laureates in 3 age-categories and award book token prizes for regional winning entries. Regional winners will automatically enter the national final.
5. UK national winners will be announced in June 2021 during a Francophonie UK School Music Awards Ceremony with a live music concert at the Institut français in London. Each winning national entry will receive a tablet offered by TV5Monde!

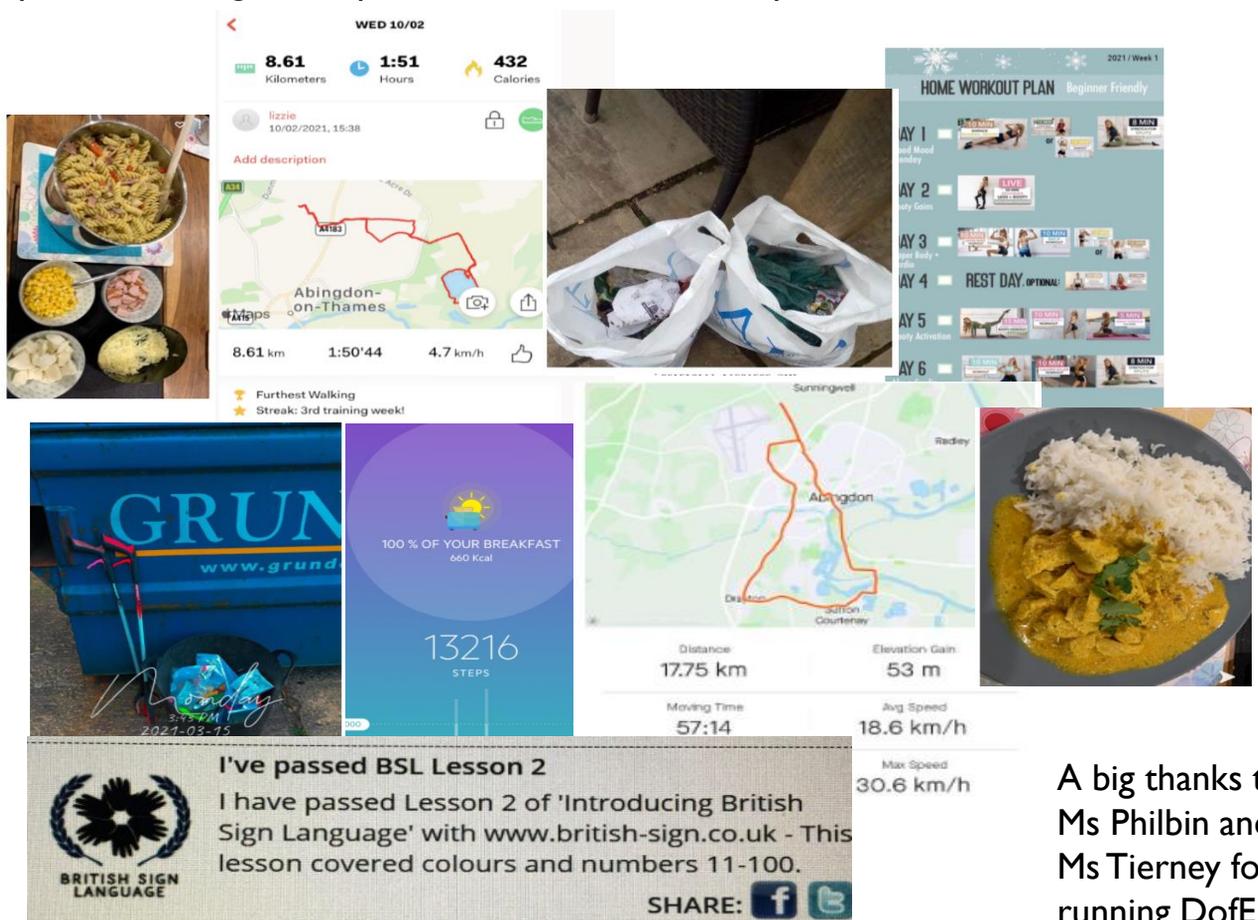
Duke of Edinburgh

DofE meetings have now started on Wednesdays after school in person. We have had two meetings with half the group attending. These are now taking the place of the Teams virtual meetings held during lockdown.

Our participants have been busy continuing their skills, volunteering and physical sections and have uploaded lots of evidence for the activities that they are undertaking for their Bronze award. These include exercising in the local area, cooking at home, helping in the community by litter picking and learning sign language.

In the classroom we have started to look at First aid and begun to study maps and routes ready for our expeditions later in the year.

We will continue meetings after Easter and hope to be able to arrange a couple of Saturday morning sessions to practise cooking – ‘Ready Steady Cook’ style, putting up tents and organise a practice walk – watch this space!



A big thanks to Ms Philbin and Ms Tierney for running DofE

Wellbeing



Throughout lockdown and upon return to school we have continued to put wellbeing at the forefront of what we do.

During the final stages of remote learning, we were really impressed by all students that attended the HIIT and Pilates sessions. Well done to all involved!



We also saw Coaches Corner continue where students could engage with discussions with key professionals in sport and coaching. On 2nd March we had **Dr Marcus Hannon**, Head of Nutrition at Aston Villa. All that attended found it really interesting!

Thank you for reading!

We wish all members of the Fitzharrys community a happy and restful Half Term.

Look out for your next edition of the *Fitzharrys Community Newsletter* in April 2021.

