

Head's Message

Over the past few weeks, the Farlingaye community has had to cope with the tragic deaths of two of our wonderful young people, Becky Ashton and Rebecca De Roeper. Dealing with the shock and grief that attends the aftermath of such terrible losses has severely tested the strength of our community, and it is perhaps the only consolation that we can feel in this situation is that the value and the power of togetherness has been demonstrated clearly during these testing times. Students, staff and families have united in their desire to comfort and support each other, and to carry each other forward. I am enormously grateful to all those who have come together in this way, and to those members of external organisations who have lent us their kindness and expertise. What we have learned is that resilience in the face of loss is vital to us, and has moved us to reflect further on the way in which the development of positive emotions, such as joy and gratitude, can help to strengthen this emotional resilience to the benefit of all. Exploration of how to build a healthy and positive emotional landscape within school was the subject of a very recent Professional Development day in school. Staff received timely and extremely valuable advice from a number of our own staff who have had training in this area, as well as from a noted expert in the field, Dr Hazel Harrison, who gave an excellent presentation to us all, and conducted workshops for groups of staff. We have asked Dr Harrison if she would be available and willing to give a presentation to Farlingaye families, and we will be endeavouring to organise such an event during next term. Please do be alert for the publications of details relating to this in the future.



As we enter the final weeks of term, we have been preparing for all the seasonal celebrations that are such a key feature of life at Farlingaye. The many special events, such as the fantastic Christmas concerts, will see students demonstrating their skill and flair in performances that are the culmination of a concerted giving of their time and efforts over weeks and months. We will also be continuing our tradition of giving to others, through our Shoebox Appeal, the Christmas Hampers, and the gifts for Senior Citizens. Thanks go to all those who have contributed to any of these acts of collective generosity, which are in themselves a demonstration of all that is good at Farlingaye.

I would like to wish all members of the Farlingaye community a peaceful and happy holiday.

Dr Andy Sievewright, Headteacher

Donation to Cystic Fibrosis

A team of staff, ex-staff and family from Farlingaye won the local Rotary Club Quiz Night last month, regaining the trophy for Farlingaye.

The prizes for first, second and third places were donations to the charity of the teams' choosing.

We were pleased to send £316.66 to The Cystic Fibrosis Trust in memory of Katie and Becky Ashton.

The Quiz Team: Mr Simmons, Ms Tyndale-Hardy, Mr Hatfield, Mrs Redsell, Mrs Shaw, Mr Senior from the Rotary Club, and Mrs Norris.



Year 10 Boys' Football

A strong line-up faced the visiting team, Hartismere, in the County Cup clash. Teddy Baker was available after missing the last game due to ITFC Academy commitments, Euan Childs was also back into the midfield after being absent with an injury. Farlingaye looked the stronger team right from the start and exerted some good pressure on our opposition. Josh Knight went close with a couple of chances and we looked very comfortable at the back, Tom Curtis was hardly called into action at all in the Farlingaye goal. Plenty of chances were created but none converted in the remainder of the first half. This created a bit of tension, as players began to think it could be one of those games. However, early in the second half, Josh Knight scrambled home our opener after Josh Smedley had seen his header saved. From then on we had a firm grip on the game and continued to push for more goals. Teddy Baker scored from the penalty spot and George Fricker came on to score from distance. The final score was a comfortable 4-0 win.

Another away trip, saw them travel to Peterborough. We had a strong squad of players who were in good spirits despite the lengthy journey. We were playing Nene Park Academy, who have strong connections with Peterborough United. Many of our opposition were a part of the Football Academy set-up.

We started the game in a strong and confident manner and were quickly rewarded when Matt Sheridan finished well after some excellent work from Josh Knight down our righthand side. The pitch was heavy and bobbly at the same time and made it difficult for either team to play flowing football, it was going to be a battle.

They had one or two excellent players, their striker was strong and quick and kept Josh Smedley and Olly Fisher busy throughout the game. He managed to force his way into the box and his deflected shot looped over Tom Curtis in our goal. For our second goal, it was almost an exact copy with Josh Knight once again beating their left back to fire in a cross, this time Matt Sheridan was able to meet it at the front post and get enough of a connection to squeeze it past their keeper.

The second half was even more of a battle with both sides having good chances. Eventually they broke through and equalised. Chances continued to fall to both sides but the main drama was still to come! With less than a minute to play they managed to force the ball over the line, but the eagle eyed linesman ruled it out. We responded and took the ball straight up the other end, it was a last gasp chance, just as we went to shoot a defender put in a clumsy tackle and reluctantly the home referee awarded us a penalty. There was uproar and some of the home team began to walk off. Teddy Baker had the confidence to step and take the penalty. Their Goal keeper saved it! And the final whistle was blown. We had to quickly recover ourselves and dig deep for extra time. Again, there were chances and we could have nicked it at the last, George Fricker had a half-chance as did Josh Smedley.

The inevitable happened and we faced a penalty shoot-out. On this occasion it was not our day as we lost 4-2. A bitter disappointment but a hugely valuable life lesson. Traffic hold ups on the A14 gave us plenty of time to ponder things and it was good to see so many of the players remain positive and in good spirits. We remain in the County Cup and as ever will set our sights on the next game. Well done lads!

Mr Sparkes

British Orienteering Schools Championships

I took part in the British Schools Orienteering Championships three weeks ago and won a national gold medal! This took a lot of commitment and training and after 2 years of winning bronze or silver medals, I finally got gold. Orienteering is a sport that involves a mix of cross country running and map reading. Everybody starts at different times and you need to get round all the checkpoints in the fastest time possible; however you need to find your way to each checkpoint using your map. This particular event was structured slightly differently, there were 30 checkpoints and you needed to go to as many checkpoints as possible in 45 minutes. I do an orienteering course every week and attend a special training session with the East Anglian Junior Squad every month. This helps me with both my map reading and my running. I am also a member of the Farlingaye and Framlingham running clubs. All this training finally paid off and now I have my British gold medal.

Barney Barnes

Artist Visit

On November 3rd, Alfie Carpenter visited our school to work with students across all year groups as an artist in residence for a day. Alfie is a former student of Farlingaye who is now a successful professional artist exhibiting in Suffolk and across the UK. Students explored ideas based around the theme of "Origins" for our focus fortnight. They experimented with transforming found materials, such as old clothing, letters and stamps and other discarded items into beautiful mixed media landscapes. Alfie shared ideas about layered compositions and building an artwork through use of a range of textures, mark making and collage techniques. Students thoroughly enjoyed the day and the experience of working with a practising artist. Mrs Hetherington



Green Council Update

Hedgehog Homes

As part of our continued attempts to make the school grounds a bit more wildlife friendly, the Green Council members have been creating some hedgehog homes this term. According to the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, hedgehog numbers have declined by up to one third in the last ten years, so we were keen to add this to our previous wildlife projects such as the bird boxes and insect hotels. The hedgehog home is made out of two paving slabs for the base and roof, along with walls and an entrance tunnel made from old bricks. We have lined them with hay and if there are any hedgehogs locally, hopefully it will give them a cosy place to spend the winter. It is not easy to tell if your hedgehog homes have residents, but apparently you can sometimes hear them snoring so we will be listening out for this! Thank you to the students who helped with this activity. If you'd like to try to make a hedgehog home in your own garden you can find the design we used at wildlifegadgetman.com

Solar Panels

As you have probably heard, we were unsuccessful in our attempts to get funding for solar panels from the M&S Energy Fund, however we would like to thank everybody who voted for us, promoted it amongst their friends or pledged money. We are still keen to get solar panels for the school so we will need to consider our next move. Please let us know if you have any ideas or if you hear of any other funding schemes.

Mr Hatfield



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Minsmere Report

To refine their investigative abilities and lock in two required practicals, Farlingaye's A2 level biology students headed to RSPB Minsmere at the start of the month. Across a Monday and Friday, we explored a variety of things from succession to biodiversity across the reserve.

The weather was promising on the first day and, after the students were split into two groups, we headed to the coastline where we would discuss and investigate 'succession', which is essentially the concept of the landscape changing the further back we retreated from the sea, by virtue of one species outcompeting another. We placed quadrats along a transect line stretching backwards from the shore and hypothesised what we would discover - this being anything from an increase in species richness (the number of species) to soil moisture changing. Lunch followed before we walked to a hide where we would settle down with our binoculars to observe the variety of different birds on show at Minsmere. We then returned to the welcome centre, discussed what we learned and set off home.

On the Monday, we would hop on the bus to head over to an area of heathland where we would first carry out a small risk assessment, before exploring three different sites and discovering how biodiversity differed and is maintained. After more quadrat flinging and the occasional student nearly plunging down a rabbit hole, we all met up one final time to thank the team at Minsmere and produce some posters on our findings.

It was an excellent two days; a lot was learned, much was seen and some vital practical skills were showcased.

Liam Flin

Farlingaye Flyers

For the Farlingaye Flyers, the autumn term kicked off with a "Jumping with Style" competition at Easton College. Beth Fewings and her horse, Sean, competed in the 90cm and 1m classes.

In October, Haydn Sykes and his pony Billy and Shannon Smith with Orient, competed in the 80cm and 90cm Arena Eventing competition at The Jays.

There was a great turnout from the Flyers to compete at the NSEA Eventers Challenge on Saturday, 25th November at The Jays in Bury St Edmunds. The course, which was a combination of show jumps and XC style jumps including a water splash was indeed a challenge.

In the 70cm class, the team of Erin Roberts, Rachel Hall and Fredrika Anderson set the ball rolling with a determined effort. In the 80cm class, the team comprising Rachel Hall, Fredrika Anderson, Haydn Sykes and Andrew Taylor put in a sterling performance to be placed 3rd of the eight teams competing, a great result. A special mention to Freddy for her clear round and successful gamble to jump the final Joker fence, gaining the team five valuable points. Erin Roberts and Grace Hayward competed as individuals in the 80cm class too.

In the 90cm class, Haydn Sykes, Andrew Taylor, Beth Fewings and Olivia Lewis took the mantle. Special mention here to Haydn Sykes, who finished his round even though he started having an asthma attack whilst jumping. Beth Fewings and Olivia Lewis finished the day off in the 1m round.

It was a good day for the school to have so many Flyers competing and fielding teams in three classes. There was great team moral with lots of encouragement and support from the more experienced flyers for some of the newer members, who were not only competing for the school for the first time but also riding an Arena Eventing course for the first time too. Well done everyone.



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Third Farlingaye German Conference

On Saturday December 19th, over 60 students from 10 local schools met for a day of talks and workshops on all things German. The day started with an inspiring talk by Liam Flin in Year 13, about his participation in the German Scholarship Programme, a scheme for talented students of German, funded by the German government. Mr Lewington, parent of Lily Lewington in Year 12, talked about how German can help you build a successful career. Dr MacMillan, Reader in the School of Chemistry at the University of East Anglia, showed how German can enhance your career prospects in Science. Georgiana Iote, a final year student at the University of Essex gave an account of her year abroad studying in Berlin. A poetry writing masterclass led by Frau Kupfer, a visiting teacher from the Winckelmann Gymnasium in Stendal, Germany, allowed students to produce their own micro poems. Farlingaye's own German Language Assistant and that of Hadleigh High School, led a session on funny compound nouns. Did you know that in German a skunk is a 'stink-animal' and a sloth a 'lazy-animal'? Farlingaye's Year 12 students introduced the delegates to German music. During the lunch break there was an opportunity to sample some German food – pretzels and 'Berliner' and to informally chat to speakers and our current Year 12 students about studying German at A level. After a talk by a freelance journalist on British-German communication against the background of the recent vote to leave the European Union, the day concluded with a talk by Dr Kolkenbrock of the University of Cambridge, who spoke about studying German at university. I would like to thank the "Think German Network" at the University of East Anglia for their financial support and all participating speakers. Thanks also go to the Association for Language Learning who sponsored the prize-draw.

Mrs Green

Book Review

Miss Crossley recommends... 'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child' by J.K. Rowling, Jack Thorne and John Tiffany 'It was always difficult being Harry Potter and it isn't much easier now that he is an overworked employee of the Ministry of Magic, a husband and father of three school-age children.'

I was anxious when I heard Harry Potter was making a comeback; I loved the original stories so much that I feared nothing could match them. I thought I might as well just pop to the bookshop, have a look at the front cover....see if it takes my fancy....I don't have to buy it after all! Of course I had to buy it, this is Harry Potter! I couldn't bear not to know where his life had ended up, was he still with Ginny, were Ron and Hermione still together, how were his children? The answer to this last question is tricky, especially if your name is Albus Severus Potter and you are the youngest son of the famous Harry Potter. This is mostly his story, how Albus struggles with the legacy of his father and how he'll do anything to break free. It's what he decides to do however that could change everyone's lives forever.

This book has everything Harry Potter fans loved about the originals: tension, drama, humour, sadness and of course... magic!



Focus Fortnight

Focus Fortnight this year explored the theme of “Origins”. We had an amazing few weeks, with so many staff and students being involved, it was a delight to experience the excitement and thought the activities elicited.

The fortnight started with a number of competitions, setting up the challenge of the fortnight for the students. From here language taster sessions, history and world affairs lectures, science seminars, open mic concerts, cooking workshops and artists in residence interspersed the mountain biking, song writing and theatre workshops. And as if this wasn't enough Year 9 visited the Suffolk Skills Show, the Farlingaye Careers Conference hosted 30 organisations and was visited by almost 1300 students, 18 speakers presented at the One Life Day and a fantastic morning was spent hosting grandparents and comparing education in the 21st century with their own experiences.

What an amazing opportunity for us all to reflect on the world in which we live and where we have come from! Displays are now around the school reminding us not only of the fun we had but also to reinforce these key messages.

Mrs Laird

Below: Students participating in Alfie Carpenter's Art Session and Teaching Languages in the Primary Schools



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Senior Maths Challenge

In the recent Senior Maths Challenge, open to students in Years 11, 12 and 13, nearly 70 students participated and produced a fantastic set of results with many notable performances. In total, 72% of the students received a certificate. Gold certificates were awarded to Mia Gaines and Kieran Harris in Year 13 while Alex Cooke and Peter Strulo struck gold in Year 12. Additionally, the award of 17 Silver and 29 Bronze certificates really emphasises the Maths talent across the senior year groups. Following the Senior Maths Challenge, around 3,000 students are invited to sit a follow on competition called the Senior Kangaroo. I am delighted to announce that three of our students, Mia Gaines, Kieran Harris and Alex Cooke all scored highly enough to qualify for this competition. They will sit the paper in the coming weeks.

Exceptional performances

Highest in the school	Alex Cooke
Highest in Year 13	Mia Gaines
Highest in Year 12	Alex Cooke
Highest in Year 11	Raff Zoio

Examples of questions (No calculators allowed!!)

Q1. How many times does the digit 9 appear in the answer to 987654321×9 ?

A. 0 B. 1 C. 5 D. 8 E. 9

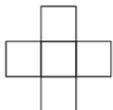
Q2. On a Monday, all prices in Isla's shop are 10% more than normal. On Friday all prices in Isla's shop are 10% less than normal. James bought a book on Monday for £5.50. What would be the price of another copy of this book be on a Friday?

A. £5.50 B. £5.00 C. £4.95 D. £4.50 E. £4.40

Q4. Alex draws a scalene triangle. One of the angles is 80° . Which of the following could be the difference between the other two angles in Alex's triangle?

A. 0° B. 60° C. 80° D. 100° E. 120°

Q5. All the digits 2,3,4,5 and 6 are placed in the grid, one in each cell, to form two-three digit numbers that are squares. Which digit is placed in the centre of the grid?



A. 2 B. 3 C. 4 D. 5 E. 6

Well done to everyone who took part, rising to the challenge and representing Farlingaye so well.

Mr Daly

(Answers on the back page.)

Sylvia Manley and Jean Winter Charitable Trust

We are really pleased to announce that Keith Manley has set up a trust in remembrance of Sylvia Manley and Jean Winter who were grandmothers of two of our ex-students. The trust will make awards to students each year in the following categories:

Awards to students with special needs for achievement

Awards to students who are the sole or principal carer at home for a sibling. Parent or grandparent

Awards for outstanding service to the community.

Thank you to both families for their generosity to the school and it is a great opportunity to recognise the achievements of those students who will be considered under the criteria of the Trust.

For information about term dates please go to our website.

<http://www.farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk/Term-Dates-2016-2017/>

Suffolk Sports Award

We were thrilled to win the Abbecroft Leisure School of Sporting Excellence & Participation of the Year Award. This award is given to a school demonstrating excellence in extra-curricular clubs with links to local community clubs and coaches.

Our students have the opportunity to participate in as many extra-curricular opportunities as possible and we have huge numbers of students attending clubs. We were delighted that the award recognised the achievements of various teams and individuals, and our ethos of participation and the opportunity to try out new sports and activities.

The school encourages every student to lead an active and healthy lifestyle and deliver this in addition to the school's drive for excellence.

Follow us on twitter @FarlingayePE to keep up to date on fixtures.



Important Notice

You will have been emailed a letter with details of arrangements for the end of term.

Please return the permission slip as soon as possible, to allow your child to leave school early on the relevant day.

You can find a copy of the form on the website at [Christmas letter](#)



Shoebboxes

What an awesome job we have done together with the shoe boxes this year as a school. We have managed to make, sort and gift wrap 102 shoe boxes that are on their way with all the boxes from Suffolk in the next few days.

It was really great to see our students working on them together with their families and in groups.

Well done to all of you that took part. Finally, on behalf of the children that will receive them, may I wish you a blessed Christmas. Thanks.

Mr Williams

To read more about any of these stories please follow this link <http://www.farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk/Forum/>

Maths Answers

1 B 2 D 4 C 5 A