

Head's Message

In recent weeks members of the senior staff at Farlingaye have been looking at ways to work more closely with local primary schools to address proactively one of the key failings of the UK education system: the lack of coherent and consistent working across phases. Too often in the past secondary schools and primary schools have failed to understand fully each other's work with students. This has often had a negative impact on those students. Working with our partner schools, we intend to build a clear and shared understanding of the learning journey of our students from their days in Reception up until their departure from Sixth Form, so that we can all design a coherent 4-18 curriculum, shape long-term pastoral support and character development, and make decisions on how assessment and feedback can consistently support our students' progress throughout their learning journeys. Discussions are still in the early stages, but we have made good progress in beginning to define how all of the schools involved can work together in ways that will benefit us all. More information will be made available to students and their families as our discussions and planning continue.

Within school, we have been immersed in our latest Focus Fortnight, which had Origins as its theme. Thanks and congratulations go to Cathy Laird and her extensive team of Farlingaye staff members, visitors and guests for creating such a fantastic range of opportunities for students. The theme was broadly and diversely interpreted so that students could immerse themselves in explorations of topics as varied as discovering career paths, the physical origins of the universe, the role of Bawdsey in the development of radar technology (and therefore in assuring an allied victory in WW2) and how a fine artist moves from idea to artwork.

You will see from a piece by Dr Louise Franks in this edition of the Forum that Tim Fosker, our long-time Chair of Governors, has stepped down. I would like to extend my own thanks to Mr Fosker, who has been extremely supportive during my transition into the position of headteacher at Farlingaye. I would also like to wish Dr Franks all the best during her tenure as Chair, and to encourage parents of Farlingaye students to continue to involve themselves in the governance of the school. The Governing Body plays a vital role in ensuring that the school serves our community well, and I would welcome your involvement in the upcoming parent governor nomination process.

Dr Andy Sievewright, Headteacher



Biology Photo Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the Biology Photo Competition:

KS3: 1st = Susannah Brooks (photo shown) 2nd = Benny McGuire

KS4: 1st = Alex Hazelwood 2nd = Vince Skye

KS5: 1st = Pheobe Mansfield 2nd = Alistair Wells

Staff: 1st = Miss Rai 2nd = Mr Barrie

Thanks for all your entries. Prizes will be winging their way to the winners very soon and the winning entries will be displayed in

science. Please see them at <http://www.farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk/Forum/>

Dr Biran



Clothes Show Competition

Last month, six Farlingaye students entered The Clothes Show 'Young Artist of the Year Award' as part of the Creative Awards competitions. This included Della Stiff, Natasha Owen, Bryony Lawson, Lucinda Green from Year 11 and Emily Richards, Annabel Kimber and Tilly Hobbin-Cooke from Year 9. The Creative Awards are designed to help students discover creativity, imagination and original thinking within Art and Design and the briefs are based on core criteria, outlined by leading examining bodies. For this brief, entrants were asked to 'take inspiration from your favourite superhero looking at the world of fantasy or your real life hero. Look at their current style then bring them up to date with current trends. For example, what would Wonder Woman's street style be today?'

All our students produced some fantastic unique artwork. The winner of the competition will receive £500 prize money, Young Artist of the Year trophy, the winning image will be presented on The Clothes Show Style Studio, free tickets to Clothes Show 2017 and £500 will be donated to the school.

The Technology faculty would like to congratulate all students who entered on their stunning work. We will be putting it all on display in the Technology Block foyer.

Della Stiff is a finalist with her fantastic re-design of Batwoman. We look forward to the presentation show on 6th December. Good Luck Della!

Mrs Cornell



STEM club

Our latest group of STEM club students have been challenged every week with a project that has stretched their problem solving, team-working and perseverance. They have recently been constructing supporting towers, simulation lander probes and measuring the flight of various paper aeroplane solutions. Well done to all involved!

Mr Hawtin



Rotary Young Chef Competition

On Wednesday 12th October, seven students from Years 7-11 competed against each other in the 'RIBI Young Chef' competition supported by family friends and staff. The contestants were from Year 7 Bill Goodyear, William Page, Annabelle Whittle, Year 8 Tiffany Gray-Moloney, Year 9 Jack Nelson-Tunks, Year 11 Izzy Golder and Shannon Smith.

Each student had to prepare and serve a three course meal for two people based on healthy eating within two hours. They had a maximum budget of £15 and the judges marked them on their choice of dish, skills, hygiene, time management, taste and presentation of their dish and their table. Everyone did fantastically well and it was amazing to see the range of talent from within the school.

The prize winners were: 1st Prize: Izzy Golder, 2nd Prize: Shannon Smith, 3rd Prize: William Page
Mrs Gray



News from the Governors

As the newly elected Chair of the Governing Board, I'd like to pay tribute to my predecessor Tim Fosker. I'm Louise Franks and I was elected as a parent governor at the school in September 2010 and until recently served as the Chair of Finance. Since my arrival, Tim has been annually elected to Chair the Governing Board and during his tenure has worked tirelessly to help Farlingaye remain one of the top publicly funded schools in the County. Tim most recently led the team that appointed Dr Sievewright as successor to Ms Hargadon and, although choosing to step back from being the Chair, is remaining on the Board to support the transition of leadership within the school. At the time of my election to the Board of Governors, Emma Bond was similarly elected and it is a timely opportunity to also thank her for her contribution as our Safeguarding Governor and Vice Chair of the Board. Emma's tenure as a Governor finished at the start of the term and we now seek nominations from our parent body for election to the Board as a parent governor. The school will shortly be inviting interested individuals to apply and thereafter the parent body will be asked to vote for their chosen representative. The role of a Governor is an honorary position and personally, I have found this to be immensely rewarding, knowing that in my own contribution to the leadership team I have had some hand in the continuing success of the students at the school. If anyone would like to find out more about what being a Governor is all about, then please do not hesitate to contact me via mail@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk. To 'meet' the members of the board please visit the Farlingaye school website and click on the Governors tab.

Dr Louise Franks

Book recommendation

An Eagle in the Snow by Michael Morpurgo

The book is full of mystery and emotions that take you from laughing to crying, and leaves cliff-hangers on nearly every chapter.

This story is about a little boy, called Barney, who is on a train because his house was destroyed by bombs in World War II leaving his family homeless. The train is under attack from German fighters and, in the darkness, a stranger tells them stories to pass time and to stop them from worrying. The story is a real page-turner and is a good book for all ages. It has a nice cover and is full of brilliant illustrations that are all done in pencil, meaning they are all black and white as it wasn't very colourful in the war. A must read for Michael Morpurgo fans.

I think this book is exciting and will capture anyone's heart.

By Imogen Radwell 7Y

Golf

We recently attended the Suffolk Schools' Golf County Championship in Diss. The Farlingaye competitors comprised George Fricker, Kamiar Azvine, Ryan Goodarzi and Taylor Crisp. There were some fantastic shots played.

Taylor Crisp had a superb round and won his division with an exceptional net score of 63, shooting well below his handicap. This is the first time Taylor has represented the school team and long may it continue.

Well done to all the lads who competed!
Mr Sparkes

Suffolk Skills Show

Students from Year 9 were lucky enough to go to the Suffolk Skills Show at Trinity Park, where over 100 different exhibitors were on hand to talk to young people about jobs and industries they are interested in.

The Show was especially exciting for one of our students as he won one of the competitions being held by an exhibitor. David Donovan in 9H guessed the correct number of bricks in a wall and won a gift bag full of tools from Gipping Construction Ltd. Congratulations David.



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Cross Country – the results so far

There have been two cross country events so far and both have been extremely successful. The first competition we enter is the National Schools Cup. This is split into three rounds; a County round followed by a Regional round and then, for the best teams in the Country, a National Final. This year we again hosted the first round and welcomed many schools from across the County to compete on our course. Our students did fantastically and displayed a great team spirit in the way they encouraged and supported each other. Three of the four teams have qualified for the Regional final which will be held in Bedfordshire in November, our other team missed out on qualification by just one point!

The other event is the Ipswich and South Suffolk Championships, which was held at the Royal Hospital School. We took over 90 students (a few others were unfortunately unwell) and all students represented themselves and the school impeccably. We appreciate how much determination and self-discipline it takes to take part in cross country so a huge congratulations from everyone in the PE Faculty to all the runners. When all the results came in, it was very pleasing to see that both the Year 10/11 Girls and the Senior Girls finished in first place in the team competition.

Miss Alexander

Read more on <http://www.farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk/Forum/>

Senior Citizens Concert

On Friday, December 9th, there will be an afternoon concert for senior citizens. This has always been a very successful pre-Christmas event and we had lots of positive feedback from those who attended last year. If you have an elderly relative or neighbour who would like to come to the concert and you are able to get them here and home again (1.30 - 3.30 pm) please phone the Headteacher's PA, Mrs Nunn, by Friday 2nd December to book a seat. Spaces will be limited. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Entry is free; everyone is extremely welcome and refreshments will be available.

We like to give all our visitors a little Christmas gift as they leave, so please help us by donating a small gift. A small box of chocolates, or some nice biscuits would be perfect. Thank you in anticipation of your help, it will be much appreciated.

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

Year 10 Football

The eagerly awaited start of the Year 10 football season kicked off with the National Cup Competition and a rare home fixture. We were drawn against Langley who have the advantage of Norwich City FC Academy being based at their School, with Darren Eady in charge of their football and a large number of Academy players that can play for the school. We have two players who fit that category, Josh Smedley and Teddy Baker. Unfortunately, Teddy was unavailable for this game. Langley clearly had a good number of boys who play for Norwich.

This is the kind of challenge we relish.

Farlingaye grew in confidence once the second goal was scored and outwitted a strong opposition and dominated the final stages of the game. Matt Sheridan and Sean Nethercott added goals to make it a convincing 4-0 win. A great way to start the new season with a fantastic result and team performance. Well done lads!

Read the full story on <http://www.farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk/Forum/>

Mr Sparkes

Italian Inspiration Cooking

As part of Focus Fortnight, Head Chef Mark David from the Cooking Experience in Ipswich delivered a cooking workshop based on Italian origins to a group of Year 9 students. The session focused on Italian ingredients and recipes. During the session, Mark demonstrated how to make fresh pasta, so the students could have a go at home, and tiramisu and a selection of bruschetta using pancetta, sundried tomatoes, mozzarella, basil, garlic and a whole selection of ingredients. Mark talked about the origins of the ingredients and recipes.

Mrs Ewers

