



FARNBOROUGH HILL
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NEWSLETTER



The Caring Face of Academic Excellence

DRAMA EXTRAVAGANZA



The compères from 'A Brief and Incomplete Trot Through American History'

In what has proved to be the shortest half-term in history Mrs Robinson, our Director of Drama, chose to produce not one but three performance events! The fact that she has lived to tell the tale is a testament to her talent and dedication!

'**Bugsy Malone**', the children's gangster spoof by Alan Parker, was presented by Years 7 - 10. This comic musical was a lot of fun and, as expected, really messy!

The comic masterpiece '**A Brief and Incomplete Trot Through**

American History' was written by Mrs Robinson. This was entertaining and amusing, with some great musical numbers and was followed by a tasty American Diner experience.

Finally, a twilight dance demonstration performance entitled '**A Journey Through Jazz**' was performed by the Sugarfoot Stompers along with presentations of dance from our senior girls.

See pages 4-5 for some more photographs.

Dandy Dan and his nemesis from 'Bugsy Malone'

A Brief and Incomplete Trot through American History



RETREAT WEEK

An important event in the school year is Retreat Week. It is run by the SPEC team and each year group (Years 7-11) is off timetable for one day. The team this year included old girl **Sophie Duffin** who was delighted to return to school during her Gap Year. Each day involves activities, discussion, sharing, drama, music, art, meditation and reflection and concludes with a liturgy which brings the whole day together. Whilst the theme for each year group is the same, the activities and input are adapted to suit each age group, and are varied in their content. The theme this year was Space. My space, our space, God space, friend space.... are we so caught up about being in "MY SPACE" that we forget about the world around us? It is important to look beyond the surface and beyond 'MY SPACE'.



PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALISTS

Lower Sixth Formers **Joanna Belcher**, as Chairman; **Natasha Adams**, as Speaker, and **Caroline Haines**, as Vote of Thanks, performed tremendously in the Northern Area Final of the Rotary 'Youth Speaks' Public Speaking Competition. Mrs Winch-Johnson commented "Our girls were excellent in delivery, poise and, crucially, in the following of public speaking rules which paid off since they were winners on the night and went through to the Area District Final."



BUGSY MALONE



PUBLIC SPEAKING WINNER

Charlotte Fowles has won first prize in the Woking Catenian Public Speaking Competition with her talk 'Internet Fuss!' She was awarded a cup and a substantial prize.

Mrs Winch-Johnson, saw Charlotte's potential during the Year 8 Public Speaking Competition which forms a part of the English department's oral work. She became a member of the team who were runners-up in the Rotary Public Speaking competition. Now she has gained this prestigious solo prize against very stiff competition. We look forward to more wonderful talks from her in the future.





INFORMAL MUSIC EVENING

At the Informal Music Evening the **Junior Choir** entertained with a Tango and Take That, the **Swing Band** swung, the newly formed '**Hillside Jazz Trio**' transformed the school hall into Ronnie Scott's (well, with a bit of imagination) and there were many and varied solos and duets. Even St Trinian's put in an appearance (probably a good thing that there is no photographic evidence of that!) Thanks to all our fantastic musicians for a great evening's entertainment.



Women in technology

Year 8 attended a thought-provoking and challenging workshop at IBM in Farnborough entitled "**Women in Technology**". The aim of the workshop was to inform the students about careers in information technology and to develop their team-work and IT skills. The facilitators from IBM were all women and provided the students with excellent role models.

Johan Ross reports:

"We made a Lego robot and had to get it to complete a maze. I think that the day was a huge success and seemed to go very quickly!" (see below).



Skiing trip to Holzgau

Mrs Phillips reports: During half term, an excited party of 48 girls and 5 teachers experienced the skiing delights of Salober, in Austria. The weather conditions could not have been better: the sun shone, the thick snow was perfect for skiing and we had the opportunity to swim, ice skate and join a torch-lit walk in the moonlight. It was a memorable week, concluding with an exciting slalom task and a noisy karaoke evening.



Ski Trip leader, Deputy Head, Mrs Griffiths



YEAR 9 TRIP TO BATH

Abi Paterson reports:

Year 9 Latin and Roman World students went to Bath for the day. We went around the Baths to see the ruins and saw a hypocaust, the Great Bath and the Sacred Spring. We also got to taste some water from the Great Bath – it was warm and disgusting! After lunch we watched a presentation and there was a chance to touch some artefacts and see replicas of items used in Roman times. It was a really interesting day.



FUND RAISING



Pictured are members of Year 7, with Year Head, Mrs Glover, who held a fund-raising day in aid of their chosen charity, Childhood Friends, raising £294.



Pictured are Esme Langford and Jessica Mabin on Cafod Family Fast Day, when we raised £597.70 for the charity.

Students have been busy fund-raising through their house activities...

More House: sent £360 from the Christmas Bazaar to Naomi House Children's Hospice.

Howard House: held a raffle for a chocolate hamper in aid of Our Lady's Hospice, Lusaka, Zambia raising £45.

Campion House: presented Diabetes UK with a cheque for £300 and gave £500 to the Kairos Community.

Becket House: raised £337.01 with their 'Copper Carpet' activity (pictured) in aid of Kaloko Trust, supporting children's education in Zambia. **Justine Alcroft** single-handedly collected over £60 in small change!

Fisher House: raised £190 for Treloar's School.



Trip to Ypres

At the beginning of February the whole of Year 9 went to Belgium for the day to find out more about the First World War. **Lucy Chisnall** reports:

Ypres was totally destroyed during the War and has now been completely rebuilt. It was a very fascinating town with a great museum. We visited a set of reconstructed trenches, which was very interesting (and very muddy!). We got to walk around in them and the bravest amongst us went in the pitch black dugouts! Then we visited cemeteries, both British and German, which was a very moving experience. At Tyne Cot (the largest Commonwealth war cemetery in the world), we held our own little remembrance service in which Mr Forrest-Biggs played the 'Last Post' on his trumpet. It was an amazing day as we packed so much in.

PARENTS' DIARY 2008

SUMMER TERM

15 Apr	School re-opens for pupils – 8.50 pm
25 Apr	Take Our Daughters to Work day – Second Form
29 Apr	Fifth Form Drama Performance 7.00 pm
5 May	May Day Holiday
10 May	Choral Concert – 7.30 pm
17 May	Open Morning compulsory for all students in Forms I-III – 9.30 am – 12 noon
	Closing Service for students and parents – 12 noon
21 May	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents – 2.00 - 4.00 pm
23 May	Attainment & Effort Assessments Forms I-IV
	Half Term begins – 4.00 pm
2 Jun	Half Term ends – 8.50 am
	School Examinations begin
12 Jun	Musical Soirée – 7.00 pm
14 Jun	Friends of Farnborough Hill Evening on the Hill – 6.30 pm
17 Jun	'Busy Bees' Taster Day for Prospective Pupils
19 Jun	Induction Afternoon for New First Form – 2.30 pm
23-27 Jun	Work Experience Week – Fifth Form
24 Jun	Fourth Form Drama Performance – 6.30 pm
26 Jun	Science and Engineering Ambassadors' Presentation Third Form – 7.30 pm
26 Jun	Sixth Form Taster Day for Fourth Form students
28 Jun	UVI Leavers' Ball
30 Jun	Inter-House Sports
4 Jul	Attainment & Effort Assessments Forms I-IV
	Records of Achievement Forms I-IV
	Term Ends – 11.00 am
	Leavers' Mass – 11.30 am
7 Jul	John Lewis in school for uniform 12 noon - 6.00 pm

CROSS COUNTRY

Following her success in the Aldershot and District Championships, Georgia Peel was selected to run in the Hampshire Schools' Cross Country Championships. Against a strong field, Georgia ran a good race and finished in first position. Representing Hampshire, she came 8th in the English Schools Cross Country Championships, which secured her a place in the England team. Georgia says 'I was over-the-moon to be selected to run for my country.' Her first race in this capacity will be in Perth, Scotland at the end of March. We will watch her progress with great interest!



NETBALL

The U12 netball team are now the Aldershot and District champions.

- Jessica Granville**
- Hannah Langdon**
- Tamsyn Wombwell**
- Georgia Edney**
- Kloe Storrie**
- Lauren Walker**
- Louise Beynon**
- Olivia Parrott**
- Melissa Hopkins**

The girls are pictured with their certificates, medals and the tournament trophy which were proudly presented in assembly.



Many congratulations to the U12 netball team on an excellent result!



Calling all parents...

Did you know that we update our website almost daily? If you want to know what is happening at school looking at the website is one of the easiest ways to find out. You will see more details on the stories featured in this newsletter in the news section. Why not put www.farnborough-hill.org.uk on your favourites?

ATHLETICS

Elise Peever represented Surrey in the South East regional finals of the National Indoor Sports Hall Athletics Championships. She won the overall gold for triple-jump and was a member of the winning team who will go on to compete in the National Finals at the NEC in Birmingham in April.

Good luck Elise!

