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The Week at FBA (20th – 24th September 2021)

It was lovely to meet and share our wonderful school with prospective students and parents during the Virtual Open Evening this week. We talked about our founder Frances Bardsley and her vision for educating girls in Romford. As joint head teachers we share her vision and want to ensure that FBA empowers young women with the knowledge and personal characteristics needed to live successful and fulfilling lives.

We want to publicly thank Vinu (head girl) and Annicia (deputy head girl) for their brilliant talk, sharing their thoughts about life at FBA.



A picture of Frances Bardsley and her staff

It is fitting that we focused on the legacy of Frances Bardsley as we look forward to celebrating the school's 115th birthday on Friday 1st October.

Bake Off at FBA

The Great British Bake Off has started again this week on Channel 4. Baking is high on our agenda too. In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the European Day of Languages, Madame Lakhan has been giving assemblies to each year group. She also held a MacMillan Coffee morning with cakes from around the world baked by our students.

Thank you to all the students who ruined my diet with their delicious cakes and merci beaucoup to Madame Lakhan for organising the event.



House Cakes

As part of the school birthday celebrations, we will hold the annual House Cake Competition for Years 7, 8 and 9. Details of the event have been put on the Notice Board on Show my Homework. (Please remember that the cakes cannot contain nuts)



The Appleby Gallery

Black History Month – October 2021

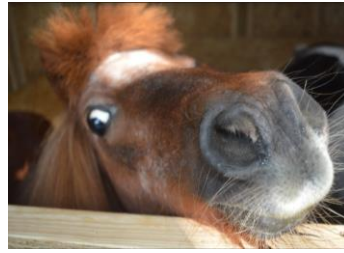
This October, The Appleby Gallery is hosting an exhibition in celebration of Black History Month. As well as featuring local artists we are inviting members of our community to loan us items that celebrate their own cultural identity and diversity. This may include artworks, photographs, posters, books, clothing, any recipes and ingredients (dried store cupboard items) or other cultural items you feel may be suitable for exhibition.

If you are an artist, poet, or other creative whose work relates to Black History (contemporary history included) then we would love to hear from you.

We hope this exhibition will be a real community collaboration across all ages, we invite our wider local community and staff and students of the LIFE Academy Trust to participate. We hope that you will join us to make this celebration of Black History Month a success. Please help spread the word.

For more information or to give us details of what you would like to loan please email Mrs Walker via walker@fbaok.co.uk

The Farm



The farm continues to be a popular destination for students at break, lunch and after school, so the animals have enjoyed lots of love and attention this week!

Our ponies Rocky and Rosie have settled into their new paddock, and are enjoying their lovely new space and stable. Our goats, Billy and Barry have had their hooves trimmed to ensure that their soles, or 'soft frogs' are even and comfortable to walk on.

Extra Bank Holiday

The UK will celebrate The Queen's 70th anniversary as monarch in 2022. The May Bank Holiday Weekend has been moved to Thursday 2nd June and an additional Bank Holiday given on Friday 3rd June. As the extra Bank Holiday falls in half term, the Department for Education has granted schools an additional day off in the academic year. We have decided to add this to the summer holidays so Friday 22nd July will be the extra day Bank Holiday and we will break up on Thursday 21st July 2022.

Canteen

Just a quick reminder that the canteen is open to students for breakfast from 7:45 each day with a range of food available. It is open to all year groups.

Similar to shops and restaurants, the canteen are suffering from a lack of availability of some items from their suppliers especially bottled water. At the moment, they have been able to purchase alternatives and we will let you know if this continues to be an issue.

British Council Global Learning Project



Students and staff from FBA took part in a British Council's Global Learning Project. We teamed up with Scotts Primary School, Crownfield Infants School and The RJ Mitchell School to make links with schools in Bangladesh or Pakistan.

At the end of the summer term, a group of Year 8 students from Frances Bardsley hosted a Zoom session for Scotts and Crownfield Infants, where they focused on the Sustainable Development Goals. This was a great teaching opportunity for our students and the primary school students really enjoyed being taught by older peers.

The finale was the Global Learning Day on the 16th July which involved all the UK cluster schools. Students in Key Stage 3 at FBA took part in activities related to the Sustainable Development Goals.

A huge thank you to Miss Spinks and Miss Wren for the leading the project and congratulations to the Year 8 students involved.

Year 7

Well done to Year 7 on the completion of their UKCAT Tests this week. They are now nearing the end of the Romford Project which we hope they have thoroughly enjoyed.

Dates for the Diary

- Thursday 30th September - Personal Development Day 1. The students will take part in a range of enrichment and development activities in school
- Friday 1st October – School Birthday
There will be an early finish for students to allow for a period of time for staff training in school. A separate letter has been sent to parents/carers with specific details.
- Tuesday 5th October – Year 11 Virtual Examination Preparation Evening at 7:00pm
A separate letter will be sent to parents/carers with specific details.

As we celebrate the European Day of Languages, we hope you have a bon week-end or Buen(a) fin de semana!

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