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The Week at FBA (6th – 10th December 2021)

We do long for the day when we are not talking about COVID and it stops dominating the world that we live; alas, we are not quite in that place and time yet. We are extremely appreciative of your understanding this week regarding students learning at home for some of the time. We are happy to say that all the members of staff that were isolating are well again and will be in school next week so we therefore plan for all year groups to be in school for the rest of the term.

We do have a number of students that have tested positive and we wrote in the week to request that you continue to test regularly and consider increasing the frequency of testing. Students must continue to wear face coverings in communal areas, sanitise their hands frequently and follow the other guidance in school. All assemblies are now virtual and we have reduced the number of other activities where large groups of students are present.



The canteen will be serving a Christmas dinner on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday alongside a range of other food.



End of Term Plans

On Friday 17th December, students will have normal lessons Periods 1 – 3. They will register with their form tutors at 11:55 and there will be a staggered dismissal:

- 12:00 – 6th form
- 12:05 – Yr 11
- 12:10 – Yr 10
- 12:15 – Yr 9
- 12:20 – Yr 8
- 12:25 – Yr 7

Christmas Jumper Day



We will run a Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 15th December. Students and staff are invited to wear their best Christmas jumpers and donate £1 to Save the Children via ParentPay.

Music

Music – Advent Calendar

If you haven't done so already, please check out the Music Department advent calendar. Every day between now and Christmas Day there will be a new piece of music to enjoy that will be posted on Twitter @FBA_Music or @fba_official. If you don't have Twitter but want to see the daily videos they can also be found at

<https://sites.google.com/francesbardsley.co.uk/music/home>

The FBA Choirs

Despite COVID restricting our normal festivities and concerts, it has not dampened the Christmas spirit of the Music Department. On Tuesday, the Chamber Choir and Training Choir were delighted to be asked back by TfL to sing in Liverpool Street station.

The students decided that all money raised should go to the Teenage Cancer Trust.

We are really pleased to announce that they raised an impressive total of £383 from their singing! They were a great credit to the Music Department and ambassadors of the school.



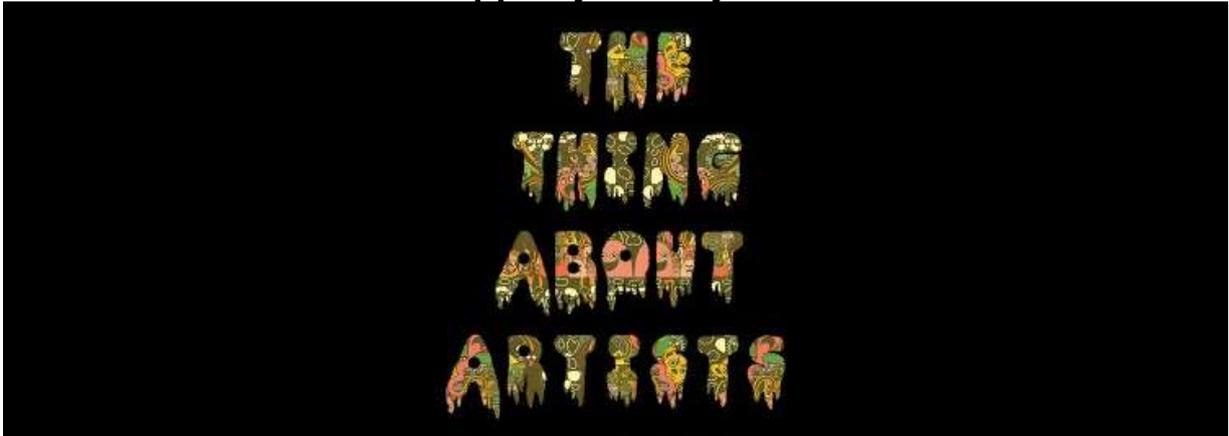
The Chamber Choir are looking forward to their radio appearance with Time Radio next Wednesday.

PE



Congratulations to the Under 16 netball team who are through to the third round of the Essex Cup after winning against Gable Hall 24-22. Miss Cracknell was extremely impressed with how well all the students played.

The Appleby Gallery at FBA



The latest exhibition in the Appleby Gallery is titled 'The Thing About Artists'. It is a fascinating peek into the world of forty-eight of the most fabulous urban artists coming out of London and Essex over the last few decades. It is an amazing mash-up of styles including graffiti, pop art, illustration and photography that will grab your imagination and set it on fire! Featuring engaging artist interviews with frank outlooks on their roots, style, culture, work and inspiration, this book is an incredible opportunity to shout about the creative talent of artists to inspire the next generation.

The exhibition was made possible by the generous support of Arts Council England, Havering Changing, London Borough of Havering, project partners and Spacehive pledges from individuals.



The exhibition features 48 colourful A1 posters displaying frank interviews from the artists with a selection of their art. It also includes our very own super talented Mr Adams talking about his life as an artist.



Language of the Month for December

The schools in the LIFE Education Trust have a Language of the Month. For December, we are looking at three Scandinavian Languages - Norwegian, Swedish and Danish.

Christmas begins in Scandinavia from 13th December with St Lucia Day. Children will put out their slippers and hope for them to be filled with sweets and small gifts by the morning.

	Danish	Norwegian	Swedish
Welcome	Velkommen	Velkommen	Välkommen
Hello	Hej	Hallo	Hallå
Goodbye	Farvel	Ha det	Adjö
Yes	Ja	Ja	Ja
No	Ingen	Nei	Nej
Thank you	Tak skal du have (Tak)	Takk skal du ha (Takk)	Tack
Please	Vær venlig	Vær så snill	Snälla du
Sorry	Undskyld	Beklager	Förlåt
Good Morning	God morgen	God morgen	God morgon
Good afternoon	God eftermiddag	God ettermiddag	God eftermiddag
Come here	Kom her	Kom hit	Kom hit
Well done	Godt klaret	Bra gjort	Bra gjort

The Farm



Our animals have received diligent care, regular cleaning and a change of bedding this week to keep them warm and in good health during the cold and wet – thank you to the multitude of students who have visited the farm and helped care for our animals.

Rocky and Rosie, the Shetland ponies, have had their teeth rasped this week. Tooth rasping is the filing down of teeth with a specialist tungsten alloy file, and is carried out routinely to help reduce any overgrown teeth, remove any sharp points that can damage the cheek or tongue, as well as reducing rostral (premolar) and caudal (molar) hooks if overgrown. Ponies live until around 30 years of age, so good dental health is necessary to help them maintain a healthy mouth and teeth for the duration of their lives.

Lost property

It never ceases to amaze how students can fail to notice that they have lost items of clothing, PE kit equipment and glasses!

We have a large number of items to be collected from our lost property shelves which are freely accessible to students

Coats



Shoes, water bottles and hats and gloves

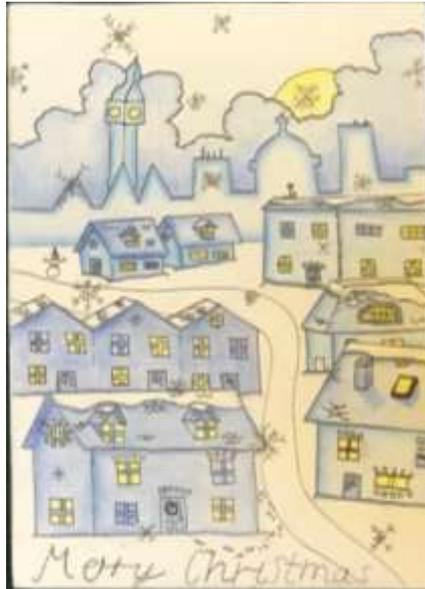


We have also a lot of lost glasses that are waiting to find their students! If you recognise any of these, please see Mrs Bayfield in **G54**

Uniform update

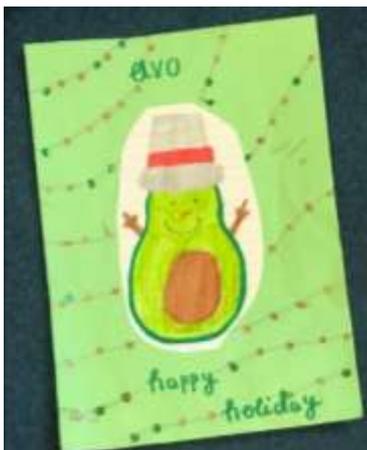
After receiving valuable feedback from students, parents and carers, we created a student work party to work with Havering School Wear to design different shapes of trousers for September 2022. We aim will be to have various fitting to hopefully to please everyone.

FBA Christmas Card Competition



We are delighted to announce the winner of the Christmas Card competition. Congratulations to Caro in Year 8 for her stunning design. We have made copies of the card and these are being sent to friends and associates of the school in the local area.

Here are some of the other designs that caught our eye.



And finally on the lighter side of life, more than 40 camels have been disqualified from a Saudi beauty pageant after they had been given Botox, facelifts, and muscle-boosting hormones. The animals were kicked out of the Abdulaziz Camel Festival, where breeders compete to win the £49 million prize pot.



Authorities discovered dozens of breeders stretched camel lips and noses, used hormones to boost the beasts' muscles, injected camels' heads and lips with Botox to make them bigger, inflated body parts with rubber bands and used fillers to relax their faces.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and stay safe and well

With best wishes

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