

## FBA Weekly Update (20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022)

### Headteachers' Message

We were delighted to be able to welcome in to FBA the Year 6 students that will join us in September. This is an exciting couple of days as we get to meet our new students and find out all about them. It is always interesting to observe how the students come in to the school - some are noticeable nervous whilst others hide it well. Some come with friends from their existing school and others are on their own. These first steps are so important as change is always challenging; however, we are so pleased to see that the new members of our school community soon start to relax and grow in confidence over the two days. We wish them a really enjoyable last few weeks at primary school and we very much look forward to welcoming them fully in September.

This week saw the end of the external examinations for Year 11 and Year 13. For many students at GCSE level they have sat over 20 examinations in a relatively short period of time which, when we sit back and reflect, is an incredibly achievement. We would like to pass on our congratulations and admiration to all our students. They have been truly outstanding in their hard working and calm approach towards their exams and we hope they have an amazing summer break.

### Notices



This week's account to follow is:

@emmawatson.

This is the social media account of actress Emma Watson. She uses her account as a platform for greater good and education. Keep your eyes peeled in next week's bulletin for more on Watson



**This week's inspirational woman is Lizzo**

American songwriter, rapper and singer Lizzo. Throughout her life, Lizzo has been interested in music. She is a classically trained flutist and began rapping aged 14.

She started releasing music in 2011 before making her breakthrough in 2019. Throughout her career she has faced difficulties and even considered quitting the music industry all together.

Lizzo prides herself on her love of philosophy. At almost every gig she tells the crowd "I love you, you're beautiful, you can do anything". She is a firm believer her philosophy and positive attitude led to her career breakthrough.



We are very excited that Mr Dutnall, Miss Darabasz, Miss Carr and Miss Lynch are traveling to Boston in the USA next week to take part and present at the third Global Forum on Girls' Education. The forum will be a unique opportunity for educators, researchers, advocates, authors, and practitioners from around the world to convene and share ideas about how best to prepare and empower girls to be ethical, globally minded changemakers who lead with courage, competence, and empathy. We are really proud that they have been invited to attend and we look forward to using their learning to continue to make FBA a brilliant school.

## Enrichment and Extra-curricular activities

### Personal Development Day 3

On Monday, we held the third Personal Development Day of the year when students took part in a wide variety of activities.

#### Year 7

The Year 7 students travelled to Stansted Mountfitchet Castle, a Motte and Bailey Castle in North West Essex. The students explored its rich history and enjoyed getting the teachers in the stocks.

Thank you to Miss Townsend for all her hard work in organising the visit.



### Year 8 Forensic Science Day



A big thank you to the six suspects and Miss Johnson for being the victim. Also, a special thanks goes to Lola Kingsnorth (Year 12) who created and edited the videos, and for Mr Sullivan for putting the day together.

The Year 8 students played detective for the day to solve the murder of the beloved Head of Year and Music teacher Mrs Johnson! Six suspected murderers were interviewed, and their evidence was collected. It was then the job of the Year 8 students to solve this dastardly murder. The suspects were Mr Turrell, Mrs Darabasz, Mr Swinburne, Miss Carr, Miss Richardson, and Mrs McGrath. The analytical tasks included fingerprint, blood spatter and trace evidence analysis and the students had to learn new skills and draw on old ones to catch the killer.

After a whole day investigation and careful analysis of the evidence, it was decided that Miss Carr was the murderer, and she was subsequently arrested! Overall, the year 8 students showed their exceptional scientific skills and were a credit to themselves throughout the whole day.

## Year 9 Nuclear Races

Whilst not being a murder victim, Miss Johnson organised a fantastic trip to the Nuclear Races near Brentwood. The students, and some brave staff, took part in a range of adventurous activities involving plenty of mud! They also visited the Secret Nuclear Bunker at Kelvedon Hatch.

Thank you to Miss Johnson for arranging such a memorable day.



Our Year 9 and 10 students did us really proud, and in particular the following classes and students should be commended for their effort and attainment in this competition:

**10L/F1 was the highest class overall in school and ranked 27th in the UK!**

The top three students in school were:

- 1st = **Mara DIACONU**, who ranked 50th in the country for French with 5022 "peanuts" awarded.
- 2nd = **Gemma NEWTON**, who ranked 75th in the country for French with 4400 "peanuts" awarded.
- 3rd = **Gorjess KEHLAR**, who ranked 92th in the country for French with 3990 "peanuts" awarded.

Madame Lakhan would like to highlight the fact that these were all her students, and that she is immensely proud of them - congratulations!

## PE Update

### Sports Leaders

We are very proud of the Sports Leaders who helped out at the Hylands School Sports Day. Once again, they were tremendous ambassadors for the school.



### Year 12 Treasure Hunt

The Year 12 students took part in the now traditional London treasure hunt. The girls sauntered out of the school in the morning but we running back to make sure they were the first to return with the clues answered.

### Languages at FBA

Over the course of three days, secondary schools across the UK were able to take part in the biggest language competition ever, the Nutty Tilez UK Championships 2022.

Filled with feedback loops and fast-paced competition, the game challenged students' recall and spelling in French or Spanish and its 50 levels of 20 words underpin over 70% of the GCSE curriculum.



## The Farm

It has been a sun-scorching week here at the farm, so we have been taking appropriate measures to keep our animals cool. Some animals (Barry the goat) like a spot of sunbathing, however, others such as our furry miniature Shetlands, Rocky and Rosie, get rather hot and itchy. In the absence of pony sunscreen and sunglasses, we have clipped the ponies again, so they will feel more comfortable on hot summer days.

### Dates for the Diary

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 8 Residential and start of 18+ week
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 9 & 10 Celebration Event
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 7 Celebration Event
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 8 Celebration Event
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

And finally, it is **International Joke Day** on the 1<sup>st</sup> July so here are a few school related jokes to make you smile (or cringed):

**Q.** Why did the M&M go to school?

**A.** Because he really wanted to be a Smartie!

**A book never written:** "When Does School Start?" by Wendy Belrings.

What kind of school do you go to if you're...

...an ice cream man? Sundae school.

...a giant? High school.

...a surfer? Boarding school.

...King Arthur? Knight school.

**A book never written:** "The Best Subject in School" by Jim Class.

**Q:** What vegetables do librarians like?

**A:** Quiet peas.

**Q:** Did you hear about the kidnapping at school?

**A:** It's okay. He woke up.



"What do librarians take with them when they go fishing? A bookworm"

**I wanted to marry my English teacher when she got out of jail,**  
but apparently you can't end a sentence with a proposition.

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