

NEWSLETTER



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Spring Term #2 2023

Dear Fountains Families,

It has been another very busy term, and we are sure that you are all ready for the Easter Break, and hopefully some sunshine.

It has been lovely to welcome parents and carers into school and Post 16 for our Progress Evening recently. We were overwhelmed with the positive feedback from the Parental Survey conducted at the event. 98% of respondents stated that their child was well taught in school, 100% said their child felt safe in school and 100% would recommend the school to another parent. This is a reflection of the positive contribution made to the best outcomes for our students by the whole school community.

At the end of this term, we will say a sad goodbye to Mr Wood. He has worked for the school for over 21 years. We would like to thank him for his commitment to our students over that time, and wish him a long and happy retirement.

We would like to welcome Miss Walker, will now be form tutor for 3CW, for the remainder of the year.

Ms Smith returned temporarily from her retirement to teach at Fountains Post 16 this year. We thank her for this, but are now pleased to say, that Mr Dolphin was appointed as form tutor for 5ES in January, and Mrs Morrith will also be joining the team as 5TR form tutor after the Easter break.

Miss Papanania and Miss Coxon are also welcome new additions to the teaching team. We wish them all the best in their future with us at Fountains High School.

I hope you have an amazing Easter break and come back revitalised.

Gareth Allen – Executive Head teacher



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Updates Regarding Our School Safeguarding Team



I would like to take this opportunity to say hello and introduce myself as the new Designated Safeguarding Lead at Fountains High School. I am very much looking forward to working together with all of our students and families.

I would also like to share that Michelle Sturgess, who has been a member of support staff at Fountains High School for almost ten years, will be starting in-post as our Family Support Worker after Easter until the end of the school year – she is delighted to continue building positive relationships and supporting families within our school community.

Contact can be made with both Holly and Michelle via the school office.

Holly Lakin – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Please can we remind parents/carers that students should refrain from bringing personal items in to school, such as toys, teddies and activity cards etc. If your child does bring any of these items they would need to be locked away by a member of staff to be collected at the end of the school day. If there are any individual cases where a child does need to bring these in please discuss with the form tutor.

Mobile Phones



Please remember we do not allow the use of mobile phones within the school. All

students must hand in their phone at the start of the day to their class teacher. Parents and carers must turn their phone off when entering the school grounds.

Contact Details

If you change any of your personal or emergency details please update the office at your earliest convenience.



Holidays/ absences

Due to government guidelines all schools have been requested not to authorise holidays during term time.

Medication

In line with our policy all medication sent into school for pupils must have a dispensing label on it from the pharmacist.



It must be handed in to taxi escorts or directly to school staff. Please update school if anything changes.

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Key Stage 3

In KS3 this half term, pupils have been exploring a range of topics throughout the curriculum. From listening to Michael Rosen poetry in English, looking at different lifecycles in Science and creating our own castles in Humanities, the pupils have thrived on extending their learning opportunities. Within maths in students have covered fractions along with mass and capacity this term. They have applied their learning to a range of fun activities including making mocktails to embed capacity, cutting up various foods such as pizzas, and fruit to make a fruit salad, for fractions and using digital scales to read their own weight as well as record.



In 3DGWS students turned their classroom into a spa for a morning. All students enjoyed various treatments, such as foot spa and massage, hand spa and nail treatment, and head and back massage. They responded with wonderment and awe and they practiced gathering data through their senses, as part of their weekly Habits of mind sessions.



Key stage 4

Students in 4ST and 4AW, went to Dudley zoo on the 6th March, as part of their Geography ELC. They took part in a conservation workshop, looking what zoo's do to try help and protect different endangered species. They had a go at identifying different animals by checking their microchips, got to hold a snake and Madagascan Tenrec and had a tour round the Orangutan enclosure as part of their studies on the Borneo Rainforest. The students had a great time!



Some KS4 students enjoyed a trip to Tenpin bowling in Derby - a chance to socialise with each other out of school hours, enjoying a game and a bite to eat. This is part of our 'KS4 Socials' programme, we aim to arrange an after-school event at least once a term.



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Kaleidoscope

Within Kaleidoscope this half term students have been exploring 'How things change'. In science lessons, students have planted seeds, learnt what a plant needs to grow and cared for their plants. This has also been embedded through our sensory story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' in which students have sequenced the transformation of the caterpillar within the story.

As part of engage and experience sessions students have cared for and planted plants in the sensory garden, and also taken opportunities to immerse themselves in Easter themed activities. Some students within the department, have also enjoyed accessing the community, visiting the Coffee Bean, supermarkets and also Bikeability at Shobnall, and have displayed excellent functional Maths and English skills as well as exemplary behaviour whilst off site.



In maths, this half term, students have revisited Number embedding and extending their learning from the Autumn term. Our focus in Sense of Self this half term has supported students to recognise and explore the yellow zone, identifying emotions related to this zone and regulation strategies to support them.

Students in Kaleidoscope have continued to engage well in all areas of the SHINE curriculum.

KS5 – Post 16

As part of their efforts to become more independent, KS5 students participated in a British Red Cross First Aid Training Course. A first aid workshop where pupils gained helpful knowledge. They were able to assist them in gaining the self-assurance and drive to assist a total stranger. Participants were informed of the work done by the British Red Cross in the UK.

Coffee Bean Café

Our KS5 learners have been busy with class visits from KBB, Rise and KJW we also held our Mother's Day afternoon tea event which was a roaring success once again. Thank you to all that have visited. We look forward to seeing you again after Easter.



Potting Shed

The Potting Shed Team have been busy preparing for spring. The students have re potted plug plants ready for display. Courgette, tomato, onion, cucumber, cabbage, radish, carrot, broad beans and pea seeds have been sown ready for sale in the shop.



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#Together

Fountains High School are proud to announce a new partnership with the National Trust Children's Country House at Sudbury Hall. Eight of our amazing Post 16 students have now officially started a volunteer programme working as part of the Visitor Experience Team.

They're main roles are to interact and offer support to sessions run by the National Trust, working with families and children of Early Years. There is a huge potential for the future to develop further essential life skills and experience working in other areas such as archive, catering and hospitality, customer services and facilities. We are all so proud and wish them every success in this exciting new programme.

Hobby Craft

The interns are now working in the E-commerce department, packing Internet orders. Full training completed and ready to start the road to having their own packing stations. They are settling in well and getting along with the rest of the hobby craft colleagues. The Easter rush is in full swing so lots of goodies being sent all-round the UK. #working towards independence.



Burton Albion Community Trust



Burton Albion Community Trust is delighted to extend an offer of employment to Connor. From his first session with us back in 2010 as a participant, to working towards leading his very own sessions, his efforts have been nothing of exemplary. We can't wait to see what the future holds for Connor.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will be commencing Monday 24th April – please ensure that your child is collected promptly Mon-Wed at 4:10pm and Thursday 4:20 pm. Please make payment on ParentPay in advance.

Tuck Shop

RISE will be continuing the tuck shop every Friday, students can bring in a maximum of £1.00 to spend on a selection of treats.

Diary Dates

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April – Students return to school

Monday 1st May - Bank holiday

Tuesday 2nd May – Inset Day

Monday 8th May – Bank holiday for the Kings coronation

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This month Students have participated in March through March during PE lessons for the wonderful Me and Dee charity. Donations can be made via: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/fountains-high-school-1679914338577>

If you would like to know more about Me and Dee please do have a look at their website: <https://www.meanddee.co.uk>



School Start & End Times

Arrive at 8.40am for a start time of 8.50am – finish time 3.10pm

Breakfast Club

Our ongoing Free of Charge Breakfast Club has been a brilliant success. To join simply respond weekly to our google form, alternatively there is a link on our Website: or use the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/KpjOPNgG7m>

As a 'Thinking School' we continue to move forward with our metacognition journey in developing students thinking skills. This term a member of our Drive Team presented nationally to other SEN schools on how, as a school, we adapt and use 'Thinking Frames' in our lessons. Please ask your child how they use the frames and what the different types of frames are that are used to get our ideas down on paper.

Upcoming Events

KS3 – Demon Dentist theatre trip.

Some of our KS3 children are attending the Theatre Royal and Concert Hall, Nottingham to see The Demon Dentist by David Walliams, staff and children alike are very much looking forward to this.

KS4 – Standon Bowers Residential trip

The opportunity has arisen for a group of KS4 students to visit Standon Bowers Outdoor Education Centre for a residential visit. During this visit the students will be able to experience a range of adventurous, outdoor learning activities.

Located near Stafford, Standon Bowers is a licenced adventure activity centre managed by Entrust on behalf of Staffordshire County Council. Fountains High School has a long history of working with Standon Bowers and previous visits there have all been highly successful.

The Kings Coronation

Fountains High School will be Celebrating King Charles III Coronation Friday 05th May

Kaleidoscope would be very grateful for any donations of teenage boy joggers & t-shirts please, also underwear and socks. Thanks



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