

NEWSLETTER



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Summer Term #1 2023

Dear Fountains Families,

Once again, the year has flown by, and we find ourselves drawing nearer to the end of another very successful school year.

Students are still working extremely hard, with KS4 students completing a range of GCSEs and Entry Level accreditation, and some post 16 students busily completing their Functional Skills exams and ASDAN courses. We wish them all success!

In the rest of the school students have been given a breadth of exciting learning experiences which they have absolutely embraced. The Fire Service visit was definitely a highlight for Kaleidoscope, Standon Bowers OEC residential an absolute hit with most of the KS4 students, and KS3 were fortunate enough to attend a very exciting theatre visit, amongst a wealth of other things.

At half term, we will say a very sad goodbye to Kath Linstead, who has worked tirelessly for the school as School Business Manager for nearly 16 years. She will be massively missed by us all, but we are sure she will make the most of her well-deserved retirement. Deb Dolman will be returning to the school to take over the role, and we know that she will be made very welcome.

The onset of the work on the four new classrooms is imminent. I think that you will all agree, that they will be an enormous asset to our very successful school. We will keep you updated as the work progresses, and will look forward to their completion in the Autumn Term. The next half term will see a number of transition opportunities for students coming into school, moving to other classes and departments, and moving on to their next provisions. It is an exciting time for all involved, with new chapters to look forward to.

Wishing you a restful, and hopefully sunny half-term.

Bev Rowley
Head of School

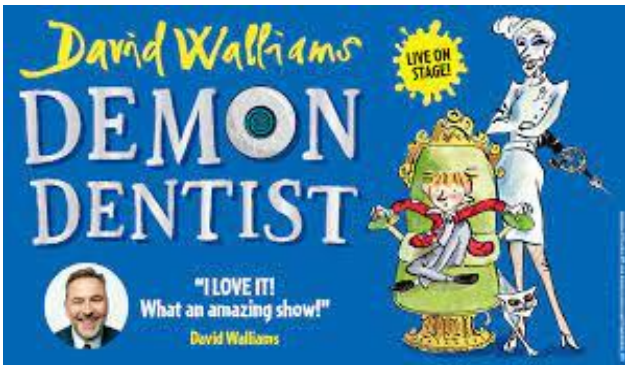


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Key Stage 3

On Thursday 20th April, 36 pupils and 6 staff from KS3 went to the Theatre Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham to watch the Demon Dentist by David Walliams. Pupils were an absolute credit to the school and relished the opportunity of experiencing a live theatre production based on a popular book. For some of the pupils, it was their very first opportunity to visit a theatre and see a production.



Key stage 4

KS4 had a successful residential to Standon Bowers, this involved the students taking part in the low ropes and bridge building. All of them were very tired at the end of each day. They really enjoyed the food as many would go up for seconds and even thirds!



4SDW have also enjoyed some exciting Eid celebrations including traditional cooking, music, mehndi and crafts.

Kaleidoscope

In Kaleidoscope we have been exploring directions and weight in Maths; cooking a variety of foods such as tacos and quiche have helped with this.

We have practised road safety by walking to places, including the Jinny trail.

We have also used role play to learn about the people who help us in their jobs. The pupils have enjoyed this, as well as having a visit from two Police officers in their car and Firemen from Burton Fire Station, along with a fire engine.



KS5 – Post 16

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying expedition took place on Thursday 11th May to Friday 12th May at Cannock Chase. All the participants worked extremely hard to get to this point and were outstanding on expedition.

The Silver DofE Edinburgh practise took place on Wednesday 10th -Friday 12th May and all students have been extremely busy developing their teamwork and navigation skills ready for the final on Wednesday 24th -Friday 26th May in the Peak District.



Duke of Edinburgh students also raised £150.00 for Burton Mind as part of their voluntary element.

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The King's Coronation

The King's Coronation was a very successful school day where Post 16 came to school to join us for a street party, music, a cream scone and a picnic lunch followed by ice cream. Our school charity Fountains HS in the Community bought the students a little keepsake Coronation tin from Myle, London. They were kind enough to offer this at a reduced rate.



Hobby Craft

The Hobbycraft interns are getting on very well, they are at the stage where they are starting to work independently.

Staff and Hobbycraft colleagues are on hand to help if needed.

They are now working full time in the eCommerce department, packing orders which have come in from the internet. They all had a very positive meeting with some of the managers and team leaders just after Easter and everyone is pleased with the progress that they are making.



Coffee Bean Café

Our wonderful café is open and has had an amazing term including an Easter Bingo event. Fathers' Day themed events will be announced in due course. On top of that we are open 3 days per week serving our fantastic customers!

Potting Shed

This term KS5 learners have been very busy over at the Potting Shed. They have been preparing planters ready to be displayed along Station Street in Burton. They used staging out techniques and uniform sequencing to ensure all the planters look amazing!

Miss Sultan's class in KS5 have been experimenting with pumpkins seed for the first time and our learner, Mustafa has been very excited to see his seeds grow each week.

As the warmer weather approaches, the Potting Shed gets very hot. Learners are encouraged to wear suitable clothing, sun hats, sun cream and drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.

The Potting Shed is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am till 2 pm, during term time only. Tomato plants, courgettes and broccoli are all ready to buy.



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Careers and Enterprise

This half term Post 16 students have been on placement in several sectors.

Sophie has had a supported placement at Waitrose in Uttoxeter stacking shelves and working on the tills.

Mason has been volunteering with Trent and Dove and has had the privilege of attending an awards evening hosted at Burton Albion.

Burton Albion Community Trust

Connor has been nominated for a BACT Staff Awards for Spring 2023, he was a participant along with his brother and sister at an after-school club when the Community Trust started in 2010. Since then, Connor has been a regular on our Able Too Albion/Ability Counts Programmes representing Burton Albion against teams such as West Brom, Aston Villa, Stoke City and most recently Manchester City. Connor is described as a very popular member of the group and his confidence has grown and grown! Connor recently started volunteering at the Disability Walking Football sessions and some school sessions along with BACT. Alongside this he has recently undertaken his FA Playmaker course.

Congratulations Connor on your nomination!

Post 16 Fountains Primary Visit

On Tuesday 16th May year 6 students visited Fountains Post 16 based at Burton College as part of their Careers week. Pupils got involved in sunflower seed planting as well as making use of the Lego room.

Football and Developing Coaching Skills

This term our amazing Post 16 students have been privileged to use the community 3G pitches at Burton Albion FC. Despite the interesting British weather, our students have shown a high level of commitment and resilience when focusing on new development areas including spatial awareness, fitness and stamina drills as well as playing in team situations.

We are very proud... well done to all the group!

A huge thank you to Burton Albion Community Trust for their continued support. #Together

SLQ Level 2 Qualification in Community Sports Leadership

Last summer Harry attended a 4-day course at Shobnall Leisure Centre, with the support of staff, completing 16+ hours of volunteering Harry passed his course and received his certificate.

He has led a football training session and helped staff run 'out of school' activities sessions in the school holidays. Most recently he spent 4 days volunteering 10am – 2pm over the Easter holidays.

We are very proud of the feedback the coaches gave him on his last day, saying how hard he had worked and what confidence he had gained over those few days.

Well done, Harry!

Tuck Shop

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

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Thank You AI Global Media

AI Global Media have raised £1000 for Fountains High School through their fundraising activities during Autism Acceptance Week w/c 27th March.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will be commencing Monday 5th June – 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.

Fountains Against Bullying

Fountains High school are a Gold Status Anti-bullying Alliance school. This means we have shown to be actively working against bullying both in and out of the classroom. We believe that bullying must be challenged, in whatever form it may appear. Our young people are given regular opportunities through assemblies, PSHE lessons, GRIT lessons and school council to learn about how to identify incidents of bullying and deal with them appropriately.

We take bullying very seriously at school, and all incidents are investigated thoroughly, reviewed with all appropriate staff and dealt with restoratively, whenever possible. Parents and Carers are always informed of any incidents involving their children and the actions taken. All incidents and outcomes are kept on record.



School Start & End Times

Arrive at 8.40am for a start time of 8.50am – finish time 3.10pm. We thank parents for ensuring their children are on time.

Diary Dates

Last day of term Friday 26th May

Pupils return Monday 5th June

Last day of term Friday 21st July

Upcoming Events

Next term on the 20th June we have our annual sponsored walk. Last year it was a great success walking around the washlands so we are completing the same route again.

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>

A Fond Farewell

The end of this term brings us to say goodbye to our wonderful School Business Manager Kath Linstead. After working for Fountains for over 15 years, Kath will be enjoying a fun packed, relaxing and well-deserved break. As a Fountains family we would like to wish her a long, healthy and happy retirement.



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