



Fulbrook  
Middle  
School

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THE FULBROOK VALUE NEXT HALF TERM IS: COURAGE

## Headteacher's Letter

The end of the second term has arrived and what a term it has been! Fulbrook is 60 this academic year and, to mark this special occasion, we held an art competition: 60 Portraits for 60 Years. The exhibition was opened earlier this week and the many visitors, including every child at Fulbrook, have been impressed and inspired by the high standard of artwork. We have had entries from grandparents, parents, pupils and children from our lower schools – what a fabulous community celebration!

Fulbrook's Got Talent! Oh yes it has! Approximately 50 pupils auditioned for a place in the final of this year's talent show. However, only fourteen could be selected. That was difficult enough for Mr Evans, who organised the show, but it was arguably even more of a challenge for the judges on the night. Selecting the top three acts was an almost impossible task; I was so pleased to not be a judge this year! The range of acts was truly eclectic and highly entertaining. In my eyes, they were all winners and I am so pleased that many of them accepted the invitation to perform in front of their peers in our final assembly of the term – a much more difficult task than that of performing in front of friends and family.

The end of term is sometimes tinged with sadness, especially when it means that we have to say goodbye to a much-valued member of the Fulbrook family. Mrs. Bowden leaves us today, after ten years of loyal service to the school, to begin a new adventure: she is leaving the teaching profession to work with her husband. We thank her for all she has done and wish her every happiness for the future. She will be sorely missed.

Mrs Rosos will be teaching the classes, who have been taught by Mrs Bowden this year. She will also be 5LB's new form tutor. We have also appointed Mr. Freeman as teacher of History and English. He will be working with some of the classes in Years 7 and 8, predominantly.

I wish all pupils, parents and staff a happy and relaxed Easter break.

**Samantha Clancy**

## Young Voices

Young Voices is an incredible experience. You get to sing with THOUSANDS (6751!) of other children! Another amazing part of it is when professional singers (Tony Hadley, Sharlene Hector and Beau Dermott) come and sing with the Young Voices choir. There was also a dance group called Urban Strides who performed some brilliant dancing.

The YV choir sing lots of songs and perform lots of dances which we learn beforehand in school choir. I loved learning them and practising with the CD we were given.

But the best part was performing at the Genting Arena in Birmingham. It was really exciting with all the flashing lights, cheering audience and fantastic band. I had an amazing time there; the atmosphere was electric. I loved Young Voices!

24th January

Evie, Year 7



### La Galette des Rois!

January saw all pupils at Fulbrook take part in a fun (and delicious) activity that is celebrated in France each year. Pasquier UK donated our 'Gallettes' or king's cakes that were a big hit in all classes. Thank you! In true French tradition, we invited the youngest pupil in each class to sit beneath the table whilst the galette was being cut, so as to avoid any cheating! They were all very excited to see if they found the 'fève' or charm in their slice. The lucky winners were then crowned king or queen for a day!

### SPORTS NEWS



The PE department has been busy with a variety of exciting fixtures, clubs and extra curricular activities over the spring term. We have seen an excellent amount of effort from pupils in their lessons of Dance, Rugby, Football, Gymnastics and Speed, Agility, Quickness. As well as the engaging lessons we attempt to provide, we have had a multitude of clubs. We hope that the new year spirit continues as there has been a high number of participants in PE clubs.

Our school was very fortunate to have had two PE trainees from the University of Bedfordshire. Mr Armstrong and Miss Magnus had a massive impact on the children and department this term and we would like to thank them for all their help. We wish them the very best in their teaching futures.

The cold winter weather did not put off our pupils from participating in competitions outside of school. We have shown great teamwork at fixtures and we have displayed a terrific amount of determination. We have had success getting into county/regional competitions and have triumphed at partnership tournaments. The Y7 boys and girls got through to the County Finals for basketball and the Y5/6 Futsal Team won the county event and now progress to the regional finals.

PE quote of the term:

Try and fail... don't fail to try.

Mr. Ferrell

## **The Blue Peris trip**

On Sunday 13th January 2019, pupils from Year 8 got the chance to go to Blue Peris, Wales. We travelled by bus and got to Blue Peris at around 3 o'clock. We were told what rooms and groups we were in and went into our dorms to unpack. About 1 hour later we had to go downstairs and collect our equipment. This included our balaclava, rucksack, waterproofs, walking boots and finally our Santa sacks.

On Monday, group 3 went to climb the mountain, Tryfan. It is the 15th highest mountain in Wales and is about 1,000 metres high. We walked for about 6 hours going up and back down the mountain.

On Tuesday, group 3 went down into the mines. This was a good adventure for all of us. We imagined what it was like in the olden times.

On Wednesday group 3 went rock climbing and to the Slate Museum. We watched a man carve a leaf out of slate. We also watched a man cut some slate.

On Thursday we went 'SLT', sea level traversing. This meant that some of us got very cold. We climbed some very steep rocks with just a piece of rope.

Every night there were different activities, for example problem solving, night line, rock climbing. The food was also amazing. Every day there was a duty group and that meant you had to serve the children and wash up after everyone had gone. We also had brew at 8:30 and the people who owned Blue Peris provided us with a hot chocolate and a cookie every night.

Sadly, Friday was our last day. We all had to wake up at 7am, like we did every morning, and pack all our clothes. We also had to bring back all our equipment we had used.

Everyone loved this trip and we all brought back many memories. This was also Year 8's last residential so we all had to make the most of it.

Thank you to all the teachers who booked this for us. This wouldn't have happened without all of you. Thank you to Mr Thomas, Mrs Sheward, Miss McDowall and Mr Evans.

Isabelle, Year 8



## Breakfast Club

Fulbrook's Breakfast Club runs from 8am each school day, with a last arrival time of 8.20am. All pupils are welcome and there are some places still available each day. The cost is £2 per pupil each day, payable on the day or weekly in advance. There is no charge for any pupils who are eligible for 'Pupil Premium' funding.

A selection of cereals, toast and juices are available and there is no need to reserve a place in advance.

## Caterlink

**lunches:** School lunches at Fulbrook are provided by 'Caterlink' in the school hall each day. A range of hot and cold foods is available at a cost of £2.05 per day - £10.25 per week. Next half term is 35 days long. The cost is:  $35 \times £2.05 = £71.75$ . **You can pay for lunches by adding credit to your child's account via <https://meals.caterlinkltd.co.uk/meals/signin>. Cheque and cash payments cannot be accepted for meal payments. All families have received a registration letter with an individual number for each child. Please register to enable you to add credit for meals. Should pupils wish to purchase fruit-flavoured drinks, cash may be brought in each day. Water is always available.**



### Forthcoming Events

Further details to follow

13th April  
Stall at Woburn Sands  
Community Market

24th May  
Falconry Day at the school

14th June  
Quiz Night at the school

### CHAIRMAN'S CIVIC SERVICE

In February, Fulbrook Choir were invited to take part in the Chairman's Civic Service at St. Mary's in Woburn.

Chairman of the Council, Cllr. Fiona Chapman MBE, praised the choir's performance which helped to make the afternoon such a memorable occasion for everyone present.



### DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### APRIL 2019

5th—Last Day of Spring Term  
23rd—First day of Summer Term

#### MAY 2019

6th—Bank Holiday  
13th-16th—Y6 SATs Tests  
24th—PTA Falconry Day  
27th-31st May — HALF TERM

#### JUNE 2019

3rd—Staff INSET Day.  
School closed to pupils.  
7th-9th—Y6 Trip to Grafham Water  
11th—Y8 Girls HPV, Round 2  
12th—Y8 Careers Morning  
12th—Book Look/Parent Forum  
17th-21st—Y5 Residential to The Shires  
21st—Super Learning Day—Music  
28th—Sports Afternoon

#### JULY 2019

2nd—Reserve Sports Afternoon  
Awards' Evening, 6-8.45pm  
3rd—New Intake Evening 6.30 pm  
Y8 Transfer Day  
4th—Y8 Transfer Day  
16th—Y8 Ball  
18th—Trips Day  
19th—Last Day of Term

## 'MAD ABOUT HARRY'

Thank you to everyone who supported our events to raise money for Harry, a Fulbrook pupil, to have specialised medical treatment abroad.

Ten male members of staff 'Braved the Shave' and two more had their legs waxed. Female staff dressed up as 'Fabba' and performed 'Waterloo' during assembly.

The PTA held a family breakfast and donated all their profit to the fund.

Pupils came up with lots of good fundraising ideas including: a cake sale, sponge throwing at the staff, raffles, guess the number of sweets in the jar, a disco and 'Funky Trainer Friday'.

On 8th February we held 'A Hat for Harry' day when pupils and staff all wore hats for a donation to the fund.

The total sum raised by Fulbrook was a fantastic £8160.12! We wish Harry all the best with his treatment.



## SUPER LEARNING DAY

On 26th March, we held our spring Super Learning Day. The theme was “The Arts” so children spent the day off timetable, enjoying activities based around the ‘Umbrellas’ picture by Renoir.

The day inspired some wonderful poems:

Water drops crash down  
On the umbrellas' shields  
Which protect the crowd  
Katie, Year 5

Droplets crashing down  
As the silence fades away  
Streets are now flooded  
As clouds are left defenceless  
Whilst I clutch my shield of silk  
Tamia, Year 8



### Rainbow

The giant frown formed  
By the sun and rain at the same time  
Reflecting through the raindrop makes me  
But I only live for five minutes  
To disappear into the sky  
They never give me a grave  
So do me a favour—make me a grave  
And chisel deep on the gravestone:  
Here lies a rainbow.  
Bevan, Year 7

