

Feltonfleet Weekly

Friday 14th October 2011



From the Headmaster

Perseverance, fostering a can do, will do, and don't give up attitude to life was my interest in last week's newsletter, and it has generated a minor avalanche of feedback and friction since (I am delighted to say). I often wonder if my roughly weekly witterings in this excellent journal excite much reaction at home. Well, it is clear from my touch-line natters, front of school sharings, and dialogue in my meetings with some of you over the past week, not to mention some terrific parlaying during and after the superb senior schools heads panel evening on Wednesday that we are as one on this. Resilience, instilling it, building it, and allowing our children the space to take the next step on their journey is challenging all of us (and our children).

So, I thought you might enjoy and admire some of the feedback I have received from my colleagues. On the back of the perseverance article I asked them to send me some random anecdotes to illustrate "perseverance in action" from the past week. For the sake of the child's modesty I have either air brushed out the name or substituted one (from Biblical sources!). For the sake of art, some photos, too, which capture the never give up/have a go spirit in our school, and the sense of self-worth which grows if you really focus, stick at it, persevere and achieve that success which inspires us all to come back and try again even more strongly next time, and to make everyone feel better as well. So, here we go;

Matthew isn't the most confident footballer but the rock in defence of the UI B's. His progress has been to stop anyone attacking and then control the ball before passing. This has had a massive impact on the team....a good example of pure perseverance.



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From the Headmaster continued

Daphne has found it a real challenge to organise herself and her belongings, planner, and prep, and generally learning to become more independent. She has made a huge effort and shown a real determination to try and overcome her lack of natural organisational skills!

Jacob has worked extremely hard to improve his handwriting, and by writing smaller letters he is able to control his pen and produce neater, more legible writing.

Abraham in Year 8 wrote a short a play (which he didn't find at all easy but plugged away until he felt it was right) and performed it confidently and impressively to an admiring Year 4 audience.

Boys in Year 5 and 6 have demonstrated great perseverance in avoiding the temptation to slide across the PAC floor in their socks!

Dinah was one of several children who struggled to draw a self-portrait in Year 5 art this week. She knew where all the features should go but she was discouraged by the first lines she put on paper. She wanted to give up but persevered and listened carefully to instructions.

A little girl in Calvi was sitting alone on a bench during play time. I asked why she was sitting alone. Was she alright? She replied, "I'm just having some quiet time to think as I've lost some things out of my head and I really need to find them." She remained on the bench a little while longer, gathering her thoughts and was not going to be distracted until she had. And then off she went to play with her friends.

Margaret learnt to dive off the start block this week. It was a process of persistence, courage, and perseverance.

Year 6 pupils working in a group situation to produce a poster. They had conflicting ideas, found working as a group difficult and there was quite a lot of frustration but they persevered listening to each other, discussed the pros and cons, made a decision and produced a really excellent abstract piece of paper.

Some children in the Junior Department struggled with their efforts to get up the climbing wall this week because they needed to get over the triangular overhang. But, with much hanging on and perseverance they all got over it and reached the top.



From the Headmaster continued

Perseverance, reaching the top, success at last. There's a lesson there for all of us. But here's the one which tells us most about the children in our school - "Luke has been determined to do everything as best he could in spite of his badly broken arm – and always with a smile". Wonderful children, inspiring teachers, smashing parents, a very successful first half. I am a lucky man.

Have a very good half-term, and wrap up warmly when those darker days of November envelop us when we come back.



Boarding News

I am pleased to announce next term's boarding trial nights. I do hope that you are able to allow your child the opportunity to experience one of these fun packed evenings and gain a little flavour of what it like to be a Feltonfleet Boarder. Please note that spaces are strictly limited.

Monday 31 Oct	Year 7 Girls	Pamper and Beauty Evening – a full evening of relaxation and pampering
Monday 7 Nov	Year 6 Boys	Climbing Skills– traversing skills and climbing techniques developed through games
Monday 14 Nov	Year 6 Girls	Climbing Skills – traversing skills and climbing techniques developed through games
Monday 21 Nov	Year 5 Boys	Fencing – an evening of swordplay. On Guard!
Monday 28 Nov	Year 6 Girls	Fencing – an evening of swordplay. On Guard!

Full details and booking forms will be sent very soon but if you would like more information on these evenings or boarding general please feel free to contact me.

Our Monday Breakfast club numbers are growing each week. This combined with our early morning swim teams joining us for breakfast means that our chefs are working super hard to provide all the children with such a great breakfast. It is such an important meal for children (and adults) and one that is now enjoyed by more children than ever. Please remember that children from Year 3 upwards can book into breakfast each morning and take advantage of this great start to any day.

Please contact matrons@feltonfleet.co.uk if you need to book this option.

Peter Harnden, Head of Boarding

Lower School News

Nursery class enjoyed a visit to **RHS Wisley** on Wednesday and came back full of enthusiasm and excitement. **Year two** dressed as Victorian children for their trip to **Holly Lodge** to find out what it really was like to live and go to school in the Victorian times. Fantastic costumes- well done Year 2 parents. Our theme for assemblies this week has been '**Responsibility**' and the children certainly demonstrated this on both these trips. Well done, I know your teachers were proud of you. **Reception** and **Year 1** impressed me in assembly with their knowledge of how we can be responsible for looking after our planet.



The **Juniors** had a visit from Open Box theatre company for some history drama workshops. **Year 3** travelled back in time to Ancient Egypt and **Year 4** to Roman Britain. **Year 3** had fun in Geography this week making models of the River Nile in play dough to show all the different river features. **Year 4** invited **Year 2** to have a Halloween bonfire in the woods on Friday afternoon. Wow learning is so much fun! It was lovely to see so many of the Junior parents at parents evenings this week and I am so pleased that your children have settled into their new classes so happily. Have a super half term.

Sue Ward, Assistant Head Lower School

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1. Y3&4 Parent's Coffee Morning

Parents of Pupils in Year 3 & 4 are invited to a Coffee Morning with the Headmaster on Friday 4th November at 8.30am. I warmly invite you to join Sue and me, together with a number of colleagues, in the Old Library. Please reply by email to my PA lucy.goodall@feltonfleet.co.uk

Philip Ward

2. Chess Club

Whether your sons and daughters are grand masters, fair players, beginners, or would just like to learn, do encourage them to come along and join us. We want to set up some matches, then a tournament, and hopefully build up a team to compete with other schools in the future - and win! Will your children be our Feltonfleet Chess Champions of the future? Let's get them all practising now. Chess clubs began in the first week of October and pupils have made an encouraging start. Do get them to come along to the Library and sign up at the times shown below. We look forward to seeing them!

Senior	Y7+Y8	13.25-13.55	Mondays
Middle	Y5+Y6	12.55-13.25	Tuesdays
Junior	Y3+Y4	12.25-12.55	Wednesdays

Mr Havelin

3. MFL Notices

There will be a French and Spanish Common Entrance information evening on Tuesday January 10th. The evening will start at 6.30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Centre where there will be some drinks and snacks and the presentation will start at 7 p.m. After the presentation there will be some time for questions.

The purpose of the meeting is to explain the Common Entrance French and Spanish papers. In other words, to talk through what is expected of the children in terms of the different language examinations. We will look at some sample papers, and also spend some time talking about the CE speaking exam and how best to help the children come out of this knowing that they have achieved their best potential.

The evening is open to parents of children currently in year 7 and 8.

Mr Lanzon, Head of MFL

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4. Education City

Feltonfleet School pays for our pupils from Years 5-8 to use the Education City service at home. On their website you can find a variety of activities, tests and games to support English, Maths, Science & French work at home. Useful to keep the brain active and school ready during the half-term break! Your child should be bringing home a card with their individual login details today (Friday).

www.educationcity.com

Richard Beach
Director of ICT, Head of Middle School

5. Music Notices

Concerts after half term

Years 7 & 8 Monday November 14th at 6.15 pm in the Memorial Hall

Years 5 & 6 Thursday November 24th at 6.15 pm in the Memorial Hall

All those who are interested in applying to play or sing solos in these concerts need to speak to me by the first day back after half-term (Monday Oct. 31st) in order that I can arrange auditions during that week.

We look forward to seeing a large audience of supportive parents and friends at both concerts!

Anne Turner
Director of Music

6. Pre-Testing for Senior Schools

If your son or daughter is having a pre-test and/or interview for a senior school, please can you let Jane Ashfold and I know so that we can prepare them as fully as possible. Also, can I take this opportunity to remind you that to let the school know in advance if there is a planned absence.

Thank you very much.
Shelley Guest
Deputy Head

7. Christmas Drinks Party

The Headmaster and the Friends of Feltonfleet will be hosting a Christmas Drinks Party on Saturday 3 December 2011 at the Oatlands Park Hotel. There will be drinks, canapes and music. Tickets will be go on sale week after half-term.

Friends of Feltonfleet

FELTONFLEET SCHOOL



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS, CARERS & SPECTATORS

In a spirit of competition and fair play for all:

PLEASE:

- 1. Encourage your child to learn and play by the rules.**
- 2. Respect the opinions and decisions of officials, coaches and managers.**
- 3. Encourage children to play, do not force them.**
- 4. Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials and players.**
- 5. Praise your child's efforts, whether they win or lose.**
- 6. Get to know your child's coach/manager.**
- 7. Set a good example by recognising and applauding all good play**
- 8. Use proper language at all times.**

PLEASE DON'T:

- 9. Coach from the side-lines.**
- 10. Punish, ridicule or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.**
- 11. Please keep dogs on their lead at all times.**

• Results • Results • Results •

Saturday 8th Oct Football

2nd XI won 4-1
U10 'a' drew 5-5
U10 'b' drew 3-3

Wednesday 12th Oct Football

1st v Yateley Manor Won 3-0
2nd v Yateley Manor Won 2-1
3rd v Yateley Manor Won 3-0
4th v Barrow Hills Won 4-0
U11A v Yateley Manor Lost 3-0
U11B v Yateley Manor Won 5-2
10A v Yateley Manor Lost 3-2
10B v Yateley Manor Drew 2-2
10C v Yateley Manor Won 2-1
10D v Yateley Manor Won 2-1



Wednesday 12th Oct Netball

V Twickenham Prep
U10A lost 2-1
U10B won 7-0
U11A won 4-2
U11B lost 4-1
v Ripley Court
U12B lost 9-5



Thursday 13th Oct Netball

v Caterham Prep
U9A won 3-2
U9B lost 10-0
U9C lost 4-2
v Eagle House
U8A won 4-3
U8B lost 1-0

Girls IAPs Hockey

U12 IAPS Hockey Tournament
Group stage
FF v Holmwood lost 6-0
FF v Cranleigh lost 1-0
FF v Chigwell won 1-0
FF v Ashford lost 2-0
FF v Bishop Stortford lost 3-0
Final position in group: 5th place
Plate competition
FF v Taverhsam Hall won 1-0
Final place – 1st in the plate competition



Next Menu

Week 8(4): Monday 31st Oct to Friday 4th Nov

Boarding Breakfast

Full cooked English breakfast/cereals/toast/juices/tea served each morning

Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Beef Lasagne	Main Meal Cumberland Sausages	Main Meal Beef & Seasonal Root Vegetable Casserole	Main Meal Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing	Main Meal Battered Fresh Fish
Vegetarian Meal Mushroom Stroganoff	Vegetarian Meal Stuffed Peppers	Vegetarian Meal Quorn & Vegetable Chilli-con-carne	Vegetarian Meal Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian Meal Sun Dried Tomato & Olive Couscous
Vegetable Cauliflower Cheese	Vegetable Steamed Broccoli Florets	Vegetable Sautéed Savoy Cabbage	Vegetable Roasted Carrots	Vegetable Garden Peas
Vegetable Sweetcorn & Sliced Green beans	Vegetable Fresh Sliced Carrot	Vegetable Sweetcorn	Vegetable Sautéed Leeks	Vegetable Baked Beans
Potato Buttered and Herbed New Potato	Potato Cheesy Creamed Mandarin & Pineapple Crumble	Potato Steamed Baby New	Potato Roasted with Cracked Pepper & Sea Salt	Potato Cajun Spiced Wedges
Hot Dessert Vanilla Sponge and Custard	Hot Dessert Mandarin & Pineapple Crumble	Cold Dessert Fruit Jelly	Hot Dessert Creamy Rice Pudding with Vanilla	Hot Dessert Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

Available Daily: A Selection of Salads, Fresh Yogurts, Apple, Bananas, Oranges, Pears

Supper

2-course hot meal served each evening with vegetarian option available, plus salad bar

FELTONFLEET SCHOOL

FIREWORKS NIGHT

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2011

Pre-ordered tickets £9 per adult to include one meal, or £10 on the day

Free entrance for all children aged 13 and under

Meal tokens £2.50 each

Sausage Baguettes

Spud Stall

Krispy Kremes

Hot Choc and Marshmallows

Chuppas + Choccy

Spicy Mulled Wine

GLOW STICKS

NB Sparklers NOT allowed