

WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,



Good afternoon all,

It has been another great week on site, with lots taking place. This week, we welcomed more prospective students to take part in a collaboration between Design Technology and Modern Foreign languages – a huge thank you to both departments for organising a magnificent transition event.

Today, we hosted Melton Police PSCO's at lunchtime for a penalty shoot-out with our students, aimed at building connections with local young people and to help spread awareness for the national campaign #saynotohate Stamp It Out – there were many goals from John Ferneley students!

Thank you to those of you who have completed our Parent Survey (Autumn 2021) - if you haven't yet had the chance to do so, please do complete at your earliest convenience, as your feedback is important to us. A reminder that the deadline for all responses to this survey is Friday 22nd October.

A quick link to the survey can be found below:

[Parent Survey - click here to complete](#)

We are following this up with a student survey this week and our Student Ambassadors have been invited to next week's Senior Leadership meeting to present their feedback, after undertaking a consultation with other students this week.

Finally, we are delighted to be able to relaunch The Duke of Edinburgh Award this week, and we look forward to having many students from Years 9-11 signed up and accessing this great opportunity once again. A polite reminder that our Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening for parents/guardians is next week, Thursday 14th October (4.30pm – 5.30pm) in the Auditorium – all welcome to attend.

In the meantime, please remember that I am available at 9am on a Tuesday if you have anything to share, or would like advice about any key concerns.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Natalie Teece
Head of School



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What do you need help with?

My child's feelings and behaviour

Getting help for my child

Talking to my child

Parents Helpline and Webchat

I don't know where to start

Activities you can do with your child

Quick activities when you have less time

Here are some short activities that you and your child can do together:

💡 20-minute activities for younger children

💡 20-minute activities for teenagers

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We can help you with that.

We have information and advice on:

Supporting your child through the Covid-19 pandemic

ADHD

Anger

Anxiety

Autism and mental health

Babies and infants under five

Bullying

Challenging behaviour

Depression

Drugs and alcohol

Eating problems

Exam time



It's DofE Launch Week!

Assemblies this week for Years 9, 10 and 11 have introduced the students to the challenges (and fun!) involved to achieve their Bronze Award – check out the video below to see what they could get up to, and look out for letters being emailed home this week with more information on the scheme and enrolment process!



Click here > [Duke of Edinburgh Video](#)

Duke of Edinburgh Parent Information Evening

We are hosting a **DofE Parents Information Evening** on **Thursday 14th October at 4.30pm** in the School Auditorium, and you are invited!

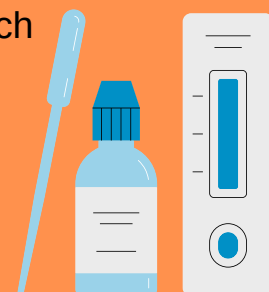
Interested in signing up? Encourage your child to speak to **Mrs Woolaston - DofE Coordinator** (based in the restaurant office) to register their interest, or email jwoolaston@johnferneley.org



Keeping our school community as safe as possible

Thank you for continuing to do all you can to protect each other. The next batch of student home test kits were distributed this week to all those students who have parental consent for test kits. We are very pleased to see how much maturity and resilience our students continue to show throughout home testing, with self-testing kits.

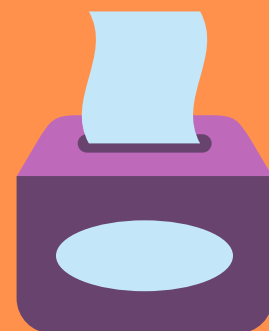
Please can we remind you as parents/guardians that home testing twice weekly remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection between staff and students. That is why, whilst some measures are relaxed, if necessary, in response to the latest data, we all need to be prepared to step measures up or down in future depending on local circumstances. Remember, kits are widely available from local pharmacies or can be ordered online too.



Taking precautions

There are many precautionary measures your child can do to avoid catching or spreading coronavirus:

- wash your hands with soap and water often, and utilise the hand sanitiser stations in and around school
- when you leave your home, always wash your hands when you return
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards



OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2021

KEY UPCOMING DIARY DATES



- **October 2021** - Black History Month is here!
- **Thursday 14th October** - Duke of Edinburgh Parents Information Evening - more information [here](#).
- **GCSE Dance Exam (Year 11)** - postponed to Friday 15th October.
- **Friday 15th October** - last day of term, finish at 3pm.
- **Monday 25th October** - first day back after half term, Week 1
- **Thursday 28th October** - Year 11 Support Success Evening, 5.30pm - 6.30pm (Auditorium)
- **Wednesday 3rd November** - Drop Down Day (Futures Enrichment Day)
- **Thursday 4th November** - Year 8 Parents' Evening, 3.45pm - 6.45pm
- **Monday 8th November to Friday 19th November** - Year 11 Mock exams
- **Tuesday 16th November** - Parent Forum Meeting
- **Wednesday 24th November** - Year 10 Support Success Evening, 5.30pm - 6.30pm (Auditorium)



European Day of Languages Quiz and Treasure Hunt Winners

Joint winners of the European Day of Languages quiz are: 7CG and 10AB – Christie and Adam. Well done! Mrs Grimes will be delivering a prize to their tutors on Monday.

The treasure hunt winners are: Katie (7TC) and Isabelle (7DL). Prizes can be collected on Monday from languages. Well done!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Please find below a link to a worksheet in celebration of Black History Month, which highlights some recommended reads and resources.

Click here > [Black History Month 2021 Worksheet](#)

This Book is Anti-Racist (10+)

Tiffany Jewell

Often using personal anecdotes about her own schooling, family and experiences as a young mixed race girl, Jewell's fascinating, friendly and hugely relatable guide is essential reading for kids with questions about racism, politics and history as well as the current #blacklivesmatter movement.



The Crossover (10+)

Kwame Alexander

Josh and JB are basketball legends at their school. They also happen to be identical twins, but it's easy to tell them apart if you know how to look. As the boys build up the most important matches of their lives, tensions grow between them.



Film

Black Panther

T'Challa is the king of Wakanda, the secretive and highly advanced African nation, as well as the powerful warrior known as the Black Panther. This is the first Marvel film with a predominantly black cast.



TV

BBC Adaptation of Malorie Blackman's *Noughts and Crosses*.

In a dystopian London, Sephy and Callum fall in love despite the odds. Can they breach the divide between the black elite and white underclass?



John Ferneley College **Sport**



Year 7 netball (04/10/21)

A tremendous win for the Year 7 Netball team this week. The girls played Longfield at home and finalised the game at 11-3 to John Ferneley College. A special mention to Abbie E, Hallie W and Gracie B who played a combination of Goal Shooter (GS) and Goal Attack (GA) throughout the match and who had a tough job at securing the goals as Longfield had some very tall circle defenders which could have made it extremely difficult for us to score. However, the girls used their speed and accuracy of feeds into the circle to get into the best possible position to score. Amazing play girls, well done! Bring on the next match!

Year 7 boys futsal vs. Longfield (04/10/21)

It was a great evening for the Year 7 boys football team as they competed in a futsal competition which saw them play Longfield five times, winning four out of five matches. There was some great futsal being played as the team scored a total of 23 goals, everyone got a good amount of playing time and contributed to the success of John Ferneley. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to Longfield for hosting this event.

Players: Alfie S, Alfie W, Archie W, Connor F, Corey F, Dexter K, Henry L, Jake W, Miir H, Ollie G, Rohan T, Sam M, Tyler D, Tyler F

Team: Abbie E, Gracie B, Hallie W, Betsy A, Lola C, Holly M, Ella A, Danielle D, Izzy P and Izzy F.



Priory Belvoir Academy vs. John Ferneley College (06/10/21)

After an incredible 5-4 win against Belvoir academy in our last meeting, the team was excited to play them again at Belvoir in a game we knew would be a tough challenge.

1st Half

The game started brightly for the team, our attacking threat from Rohan, Sam, and Alfie looked to be putting Belvoir under a lot of pressure, but we were caught on the counterattack and Belvoir took the lead. The team stayed positive and kept pushing for an equalizer; we managed to win a freekick which was around 20-25 yards away, and with the confidence of an established midfielder, Max hit the ball into the roof of the net, 1-1. Belvoir responded quickly, putting a lot of pressure on our defence until they scored to take the lead before half time, Belvoir 2-1 John Ferneley.

2nd Half

We made three substitutions at half time to change our fortunes, the team is full of quality and hopefully Connor, Corey, and Tyler could provide us with it. The second half was all one way, we had chance after chance and most of the possession, but the ball wouldn't go in the net. Alfie, Corey, and Keoni played brilliantly in defence, Belvoir's plan was to hit us on the counterattack again, and with 15 minutes to go they took a 3-1 lead. Most teams would accept defeat and become negative, not this team though, everyone encouraged each other and knew we could still get something from this game. More and more chances followed, with just 5 minutes left we threw everything we had at Belvoir, until finally Sam M scored a lovely low shot into the bottom corner, 3-2.

Now with only 1 minute remaining it was now or never, Alfie bravely winning the ball in midfield to pass it down the left wing to Rohan who put an incredible cross into the penalty area, and there was Connor to tap it in for an incredible comeback, 3-3. The celebrations were fantastic to see, the team spirit from everyone involved was brilliant and will only get better. Congratulations to the whole team for an incredible comeback.

Players: Alfie S, Alfie W, Connor F, Finn J, Corey F, Dexter K, Keoni L, Max L, Rohan T, Sam M, Tyler D, Tyler F



Leicester City, Leicestershire and Rutland Schools Cross Country Report

Saturday 2nd October saw the first schools league cross country race for over a year and a half. First off were the Inter Girls where Rosie A turned in a dominant performance to finish first, she led from the gun and was never threatened. Lily K also ran in this race but unfortunately turned her ankle and was unable to complete the race. Inter Boys were next up and Noah P was the first John Ferneley runner back after a very strong run. Reuben P turned in a very good performance in his first ever race.

Next up were the Junior Girls who turned in a really strong team performance. Megan O ran brilliantly to come second showing just how much she has improved as a runner over the last couple of years. Lucy D and Millie B were the next runners back finishing 4th & 6th respectively. Megan A ran bravely in her first every race to complete the course. Ruby A was running really well but struggled on the second lap due to illness. William H was our top runner in the Junior Boys and he ran really well throughout the two laps and finished in 13th Place. The team was completed by three boys William R, Harry H and Jaiden P who were all running for the first time, they did not find it easy but they never gave up and they all completed the course.

The last runners to compete was Year 7. Ben R and James J both ran well with Ben finishing ahead of James. The girls team of Charlene A, Lily Belle S and Olivia H all ran bravely in difficult conditions to complete the course. They were helped and encouraged by Lucy, Ruby, Rosie and Millie who after completing their races stayed on and encouraged and ran with other runners, which was brilliant to see clocking up a total of 10 miles in the process!

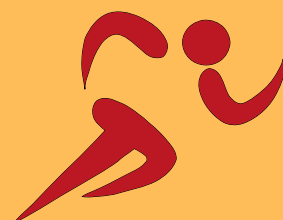
Next Race is Saturday 30th October - all welcome!



Leicester City, Leicestershire and Rutland Schools Cross Country is back!

Upcoming race dates:

- Saturday 30th October 2021
- Saturday 27th November 2021



If you're interested in running for John Ferneley, please see Mr Jacobs to sign up!



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