

WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

 John Ferneley College

This week has brought mixed emotions in school. In response to the ongoing conflicts currently in the news, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind parents that as part of our school curriculum we often tackle topical events within lesson. With this in mind, over the coming weeks Humanities will cover the factual element of the conflict in Ukraine and Personal Development will cover the emotional response with a focus on wellbeing and self-help for students that are worried or anxious. Our school community response to a plea for clothing and supplies for residents displaced from Ukraine has been overwhelming and we thank you for your generosity and support.

On Thursday, we celebrated **World Book Day** with many of our staff making the most of the opportunity to dress up – and what a great bunch they were! A lucky group of students also got to visit a **Waterstones** in Nottingham on Wednesday and it was fabulous to receive some wonderful feedback about their exemplary behaviour on the trip. Feedback like this always makes us very proud. Thank you to Mrs Newman and Mrs Neath for organising the trip.

Our second week of **Year 11 mocks** is coming to an end today and again, I commend our students for their response to these exams.

I have had the chance to get out and about and into lessons once again this week and received some great student feedback about lessons. Next week we begin our **Art Subject Review** and I'm looking forward to seeing students in action in these lessons as well.

Finally, our **Transition Programme** is now well underway as we look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 cohort in August. During **Drop Down Day**, which takes place next Thursday, our current Year 7 students will be making links with our new starters. This is going to be a very busy few weeks!

If you haven't yet heard about the launch for our new PTA group, **John Ferneley Community**, please do join us at our **launch event next Tuesday (8th March 2022) at 5.00pm**. Our student ambassadors have come up with lots of great ideas for fundraising and community events and we really want to build a group to help bring the ideas together. Please email us at jfcommunity@johnferneley.org if you would like to know more.

Have a lovely weekend and please do remember that you are very welcome to pop into school **every Tuesday, between 9.00am - 10.00am**, to chat through any concerns you have, or simply to come and have a look around.

Best wishes,
Natalie Teece
Head of School



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD TRAINING WEEKEND

On Saturday and Sunday, we hosted our team of DofE approved activity providers, First4Adventure, who trained our Bronze Award participants in preparation for their expeditions later this year.

Students were trained in first aid, map reading, camp cooking and putting up the tents.



SUPPORTING UKRAINE

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who has donated towards the appeal to help the Ukrainian refugees. We have been overwhelmed by the amount of support and generosity from the local community.

On Wednesday, we delivered a minibus and car full of your amazing donations. Once again, a huge **THANK YOU** for your continued support. Your donations will go a long way to help those most in need.



WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a wonderful day on Thursday celebrating World Book Day. Our staff looked fabulous all dressed up as book characters!

We have had lots of activities taking place across the school and in the library for students to take part in to celebrate the 25th Anniversary.

World Book Day tokens have been handed out to students, but if any student needs another one, please pop to the library.



Eating Disorders

Awareness Week (February 28 - March 6) is an international awareness event, fighting the myths and misunderstandings that surround eating disorders. It is a time to raise awareness and to help those struggling to access the help they need.

We recognise that we must raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of an eating disorder and encourage and empower people to take action now, no matter how long their symptoms have been present.

Eating Disorders Awareness Week

**February 28 - March 6
2022**

Beat
Eating disorders

Eating disorders. Know the first signs?



Lips

Are they obsessive about food?



Flips

Is their behaviour changing?



Hips

Do they have distorted beliefs about their body size?



Kips

Are they often tired or struggling to concentrate?



Nips

Do they disappear to the toilet after meals?



Skips

Have they started exercising excessively?

If you're worried someone you care about is showing any signs of an eating disorder – even if they're not on our list – act quickly and get in touch. We can give you the answers and support you need to help them on the road to recovery as soon as possible.

Don't delay. Visit beateatingdisorders.org.uk/tips



For some useful resources, please visit our website, here >

www.johnferneley.org/supportlinks

And for further information on Eating Disorders Awareness Week, and lots of useful resources, please visit the BEAT website, here >
www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk

You are not alone.

Support is available. If you have any concerns, or would just like to speak to someone, please speak to your Head of Year, Tutor or Mrs Strickland.



WHAT WE OFFER

- Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year for each year group
- Support and Well-Being Hub
- Trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSA)
- Alternative Provision (The Den) - ASDAN Route
- Form Tutor Programme
- Weekly themed assemblies covering a range of topics
- Well-Being Dog
- Supportive Attendance team
- Trained staff in Level 2 and 3 Counselling Skills
- Experienced Designated Safeguarding Leads
- A range of different mentoring options available
- School Nurse
- Designated Education Mental Health Practitioners

PASTORAL SUPPORT

We take the health and well-being of our students very seriously and have a range of support options available, working closely with staff internally and local agencies.



HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS

The Den is a fun environment. I like being able to use this as a base and have learnt a lot from being here - **Leo**

The Support Hub has helped me stay in school. Everything they say they will do, happens!

The teachers down the Support Hub offer a range of support and listen to everything that you have to say. They always find a way to make you feel better and give you the best advice - **Rosie**



To discuss our Pastoral Support in further detail, please contact > ask@johnferneley.org

MARCH 2022

KEY UPCOMING DIARY DATES

- **Monday 7th March - Wednesday 9th March - Drama Exam**
- **Monday 7th March - Friday 11th March - National Career's Week**
- **Monday 7th March - World Maths Day**
- **Monday 7th March and Tuesday 8th March - COVID-19 Vaccinations**
- **Tuesday 8th March - International Women's Day**
- **Tuesday 8th March - John Ferneley Community Launch Event [5.00pm - 6.00pm]**
- **Thursday 10th March - Drop Down Day**
- **Monday 14th - Friday 18th March - MFL Speaking Mock Week**
- **Monday 14th - Friday 18th March - Sport Week on behalf of Comic Relief**
- **Tuesday 15th March - Music and Drama Year 5 & 6 Transition Event**
- **Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day**
- **Monday 21st March - Primary Showcase of 'Encore'**
- **Wednesday 23rd - Saturday 26th March - 'Encore' (7.30pm - 9.45pm)**
- **Thursday 24th March - Geography and History Year 5 & 6 Transition Event**
- **Monday 28th March - Teenage Booster and Meningitis Vaccination [Year 9]**
- **Monday 28th March - Year 11 Parents Evening (4.00pm - 7.00pm)**
- **Wednesday 30th March - PE Year 5 & 6 Transition Event**





Why join?

- Support the school
- Flexible
- Be better connected
- Change school for the better
- Create lasting memories
- It's fun!

We Need You!

Fundraising

Fun

**Parent
Voice**

Sign Up Now

jfcommunity@johnferneley.org

**Join us for our launch
event ~ Tuesday 8th
March at 5.00pm**



6 REASONS TO JOIN

IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE

Whether you're a full-time parent or working the nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think, and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs such as distributing letter or running a stall keep everything running smoothly.

SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

JFCommunity is vital to the success of the school. Funds raised enrich your child's learning and make every student's experience better

BE BETTER CONNECTED

Create closer links with the head, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, JFCommunity is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community. You will see how things work from both sides.

CHANGE SCHOOL FOR THE BETTER

Have your say on important decisions. Work with the school and other parents to see where improvements can be made, and implement them. Directly influence the experience of your child and hundreds of others.

CREATE LASTING MEMORIES

Children are only at school for a few years, but they will cherish the activities and games we fund, learn using the resources we buy, and remember the events we hold. Help keep JFCommunity going so future students can benefit too.

BECAUSE IT'S FUN!

Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Suggest your ideas and watch as it turns into reality. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.

RED NOSE DAY - FRIDAY 18TH MARCH 2022

I am writing to make you aware that John Ferneley College will be supporting Comic Relief's Red Nose Day on **Friday 18th March 2022**.

Staff and students **are invited to wear non-school uniform** with a suggested minimum donation of £1; this money will be collected in tutor time or alternatively, there will be a payment option added to School Gateway. Please do ensure that students are still dressed appropriately for school, remembering that lessons will still be going ahead as usual. If they have PE on this day, they will still need their kits.

The student ambassadors have been busy arranging other fundraising events that will take place on the day. They are planning to have cake sales, a tombola and staff members in the stocks (volunteers allowing!) and other fabulous activities. To support these events and raise as much money as possible, please provide your child with some change so that they can buy a cake or throw a soggy sponge!

We encourage as many students and staff as possible to show their support for this fabulous charity.

If you have any queries about the above, please do not hesitate to get in touch via email below.

Judith Johnson

Assistant Headteacher – Personal Development

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JOHN FERNELEY COLLEGE SPORT WEEK ON BEHALF OF COMIC RELIEF

As there isn't an official Sport Relief this year, our PE Department will be hosting a 'John Ferneley College Sport Week' to raise money for Comic Relief.

The Sport Week will start on Monday 14th March, with a variety of activities taking place.

Students can participate in a 'Fun Run in Red', with a cake sale and lunchtime activities taking place throughout the week too, all in aid of Comic Relief.

Keep an eye out for more information coming soon!

Updated Sports Enrichment Clubs - Spring Term

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Badminton (Year 7)	Badminton (Year 8)	Badminton (Year 9)	Badminton (Year 10)	Badminton (Year 11)
		Dance Club (KS3)			
After-school	Netball Club (All Years)	Boys Basketball (Year 7 and 8)		Girls Football (All Years)	Basketball Club (KS4)
	Rugby Club (Year 7 and 8)			Rugby Club (Year 10)	
	Badminton Club (All Years) From Monday 28th March				

VACCINATION PROGRAMME - TEENAGE BOOSTER AND MENINGITIS VACCINATION - YEAR 9

As part of the national vaccination programme, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's Community Immunisation Service would like to offer to all young people in school Year 9 the Teenage Booster and Meningitis vaccination in school.

The vaccinations will now be taking place on **Monday 28th March 2022**. Please find an NHS information letter and online consent form below for parents/guardians to read and action consent.

[NHS Teenage Booster Vaccination Programme - Information Letter](#)

Please note:

- Only students whose parent/guardian have sent consent for will receive the vaccination.
- You can not give consent via the school, only by completing the online form.
- Consent needs to be completed electronically by Friday 4th March 2022.
- The school code (required to complete the consent process) is: LE137617

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any additional support that may be required during the vaccination, you can contact the NHS Immunisation team by telephone: 0300 300 0007, or by email on communityimmunisations.service@nhs.net.



**Free
on-site
parking**



John Ferneley College

COMMUNITY FACILITY HIRE LETTINGS

We are really proud of our state-of-the-art facilities, and would love for the community to benefit from them as well.

OPEN HOURS

Term time:

Monday – Friday:
5.30pm – 10pm

Saturday:

9am - 5pm

School Holidays:

Monday - Friday:
8am – 10pm

**Dance
Studio**

**Multi-Use
Games Area
(MUGA)**

**Large
Auditorium**

Sports Hall



John Ferneley College

WORK-IT-WEEKLY

A multi-sport programme
focusing on different sports
each week!

**Starting Monday 14th
March 2022**

**3.30pm - 4.30pm |
Sports Hall**

For more information, please speak to Mr
Weekes

