

WEEKLY BULLETIN



John Ferneley College

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Our fantastic performers at the KS3 Showcase last week!

Dear Parents / Carers,

It honestly feels like less than 24 hours since I was last writing the bulletin and I have no idea how we are only 2 weeks away from half term either.

Never mind!

I was already disappointed that I couldn't get to the Key Stage 3 showcase on Friday night – I love attending our shows and it's one of the few I have missed. However, when I heard how awesome it was, I was even more cross. I really hope you got to go and if not, definitely get the dates for the show currently in rehearsal – it's Fame. You know: FAME!!!!

I spoke to a few students this week, who have been urged to take part by parents who remember the Kids from Fame TV series in the eighties. It is going to be a complete treat!

Another high point of this week was visiting the extremely energetic team that comprises the student newspaper group: they are working hard on its first publication, which I am sure, knowing Miss Whitmore, will be completely awesome.

Well done, everybody – lots of great things in the pipeline, from our very brilliant students. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Stansfield
Executive Headteacher – John Ferneley College
CEO - Mowbray Education Trust



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KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2023 - Black History Month!

- **Tuesday 3rd October** - Year 7 CLS Warehouse Library Trip
- **Tuesday 3rd October, 3pm - 4:30pm** - FAME Rehearsals
- **Thursday 5th October, 4pm - 5pm** - Science Year 5/6 Transition Event
- **Tuesday 10th October, 3pm - 8pm** - FAME Rehearsals
- **Wednesday 11th October, 4pm - 5:30pm** - MFL & Food Tech Year 5/6 Transition Event



REMINDER

If you have ordered revision guides and not yet received them, please email hbattisson@johnferneley.org.
Guides can be collected from Student Services on a Tuesday or Thursday.





TRICK OR TREAT

Monday 30th October

4:00PM - 6:00PM

AT JOHN FERNELEY COLLEGE

Trick or Treat Hunt - 'Scary' Movie

Prize for Best Costume - Halloween Crafts

Bake Sale - Raffle and Competitions



MFL Stars of the week



Mr Coupe's stars of the week
are Ethan D (Y7),
Brody MW (Y10), Amie F
(Y10) and Gianni D (Y8)



Mrs Newbold's stars of the week
are Connie A (Y9) and Katie S (Y9)

Mr Smith's stars of the week are
Tyler F (Y9) and Alex K (Y7)



Mrs Huskisson-Ettrick's
stars of the week are
Sophie N (Y8) and Ben H
(Y8)

Mrs Mitchell's stars of the week
are James J (Y9) and Alanya T
(Y7)



For handing in OUTSTANDING pieces of homework!



Oliva B

Katie S

Freya E

Sam B

Keep up the good work!
- Miss Farmer



We've got Worry Boxes!

If you have any concerns or worries for yourself or someone else, the Worry Boxes are there for you to safely and anonymously share that with us.

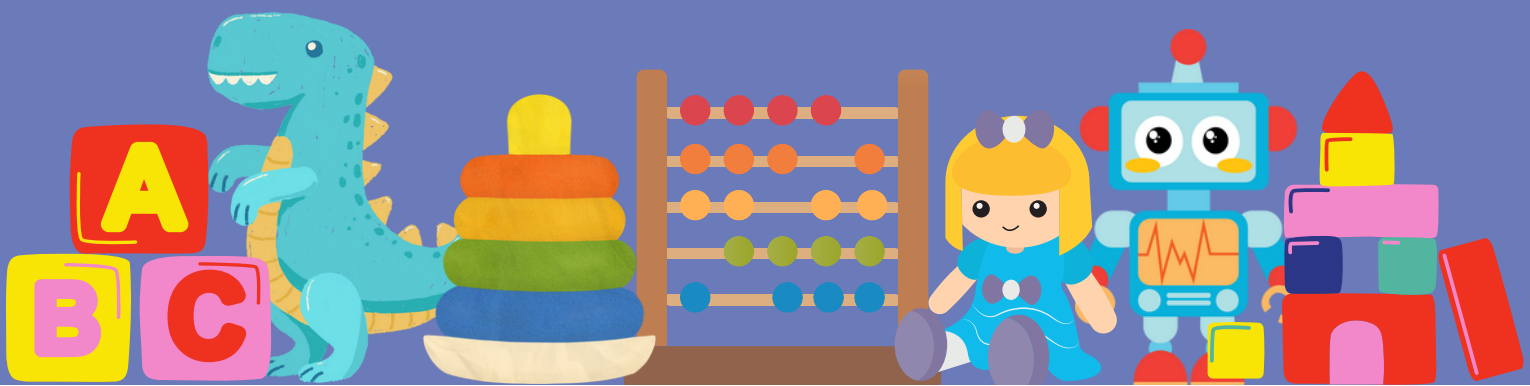
The boxes can be found in Enrichment, Performance and Enterprise.



**WORRY
BOX**

Child Development Plea!

If anyone has any toys/games which are suitable for 3-4 year olds, and they are happy to gift or lend them, please send them in! The Child Development group are looking at play and suitable play activities for young children.

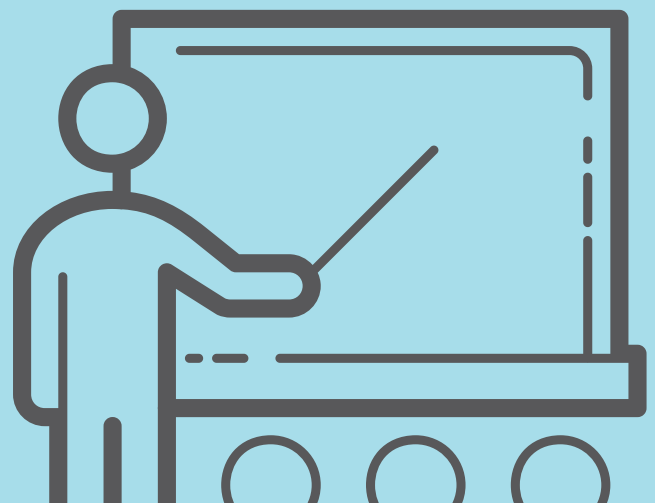
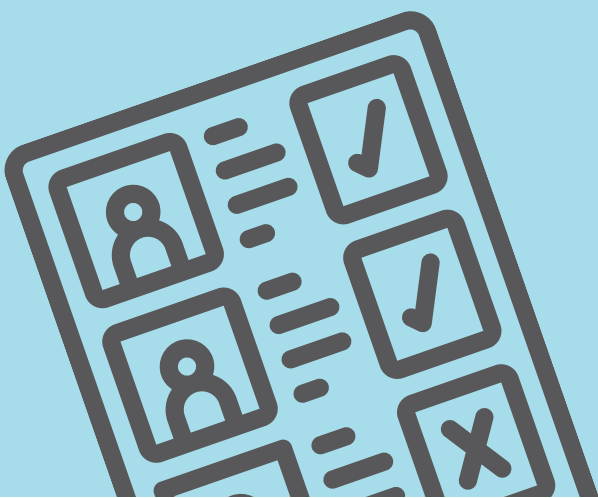


attendance ~~MATTERS~~



Attendance Percentage	Number of days absent	Number of weeks absent	Number of lessons missed (hours of learning)	
100%	0 days	0 weeks	0 lessons/hours	Excellent
95%	9 days	1 week 4 days	45 lessons/hours	Satisfactory
90%	19 days	3 weeks 4 days	95 lessons/hours	Poor
85%	28 days	5 weeks 3 days	140 lessons/hours	Very Poor
80%	38 days	7 weeks 3 days	190 lessons/hours	Major concern
75%	46 days	9 weeks 1 day	230 lessons/hours	Major concern
70%	57 days	11 weeks 2 days	285 lessons/hours	Major concern

**NB Just 2 weeks holiday taken during term time will reduce your child's percentage attendance to less than 95%.
Over 5 years at JFC 90% attendance means your child has missed out on half a year of learning! (475 hours of lessons)**



National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2023

Poster Competition

Theme:

"#WeStandTogether #NoPlaceForHate #SafePlaceForAll"

Fee:

Free

Entries:

Voluntary for students to participate and schools are free to decide how this will be run locally (as part of curriculum or for students to do in their free time).

Design:

All entries should be submitted on A4 paper only

The only requirement for entry is that the poster will focus on the theme "#WeStandTogether #NoPlaceForHate #SafePlaceForAll" students are free to consider any design, wording and formatting.

Please include your name (first name and initial of surname only), age and school in the bottom left-hand corner.

Limitations in Design:

Please do not include your own logos in your design.

Please do not include any key information within the outer 10mm (1cm) area of your design.

Copyright:

Please do not use any copyrighted or trademarked images within your poster. If you choose to photograph anyone to include in your design, please ensure they provide their consent for the images to be used on any reprinted material (or if under 18 that consent from their parents is provided) – please do not include names on your posters.

Judging Process:

- **All entries are to be submitted to a designated person within the school;**
- **All entries submitted by the closing date to be judged by the school and the top five (5) identified; (all entries will be collected by a member of the local policing team)**
- **The Neighbourhood Policing Area (NPA) team will judge the top 5 entries from all participating schools in their area and put forward their top five (5) for consideration in the final judging stage.**
- **The top five designs from all Neighbourhood Policing Areas (NPAs) will be judged by a panel consisting of members of the Local Policing Directorate (LPD).**

National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2023

Poster Competition

Winning Entries:

From all entries submitted to the final judging stage five (5) winners will be announced.

The winning posters will be reproduced and distributed as part of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland HCAW campaign.

The National Hate Crime Awareness Week logo and reporting information will be added to the winning posters so please do not add your own logos.

Anything included within the initial 10mm (1cm) of the design will not be included in the reproduced poster so do not include any key information within this area of your design.

Deadline:

The competition closing date will be Monday 30th October 2023 with winners announced by close of play on Friday 3rd November 2023.

Prize:

The top five winning entries will each receive a prize of £20.00.

ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE RETAINED BY THE SCHOOL AND RETURNED TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING AREA TEAM.

These will be collected by the Leicestershire Police Hate Crime Officer and included in a booklet even if not one of the winning entries.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about THE DANGERS OF VAPING

Data collected for ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) shows an increase in 11 to 17-year-olds experimenting with vaping: from 7.7% in 2022 to 11.8% in 2023. It's concerning that these age-restricted products are getting into the hands of under 18s as most contain nicotine, which can be detrimental to brain development and cause long-term addiction. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings; vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

NICOTINE ADDICTION

Since they were initially developed to help people stop smoking, the vast majority of vape liquids contain nicotine. Not only is this a highly addictive stimulant, but it can also have detrimental effects on brain development in the under-25s. Nicotine can decrease the ability to pay attention, weaken impulse control, affect mood and increase the likelihood of substance addiction as an adult.

WHAT IS VAPING?

Vapes contain a liquid (vape juice/e-liquid) that is heated by a battery and evaporates, creating a chemical vapour which the user inhales. They can be disposable (once the liquid or battery runs out, the vape is thrown away) or rechargeable (the user replaces the liquid and recharges the battery on demand). Most vape liquids contain nicotine and other chemicals.

LACK OF AWARENESS

A proportion of young people tend to view vapes as harmless, mainly because of the products' appearance and the perception (often strengthened on social media) that "vaping is cool" and on trend. In many instances, young people don't fully appreciate the concept of addiction; that is, they aren't adequately aware of the risk of becoming hooked on nicotine before trying a vape.

POTENTIAL TOXICITY

Many vape liquids have been found to contain 'heavy' metals such as lead, tin, nickel and (in some cases) mercury – all of which are toxic. These metals often take the form of tiny shards inside a device's liquid tank, which are then inhaled into the body. Some media reports have suggested these metals are particularly prevalent in illegally imported vapes which don't comply with UK regulations.

UNCLEAR LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

The liquids in vapes also contain solvents, which can create carcinogens at the point of evaporation. Vapes were only introduced into the UK in 2005 – and, because of the relatively short timeframe involved, there is insufficient medical evidence to assess the long-term harms that regular inhalation of these chemical fluids might have on the human body.

ATTRACTIVE PACKAGING

The packaging of many disposable vapes is very appealing to young people, frequently echoing the colours and flavours of the sweets or fizzy drinks they're used to buying. There's a relative lack of regulation around vape marketing, and vaping is often depicted positively on social media – which can lead young people to develop favourable views of vaping and overlook the possible harms.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

In the UK alone, around 1.3 million disposable vapes go to landfill every week. Due to such significant numbers of these products not being recycled, their components – a lithium battery and a chemical liquid – pose a toxic risk to the environment, the ecosystem and wildlife. Vapes are also predominantly made of plastic and metal; materials that, of course, do not naturally decompose.

WIDER HEALTH CONCERNS

Studies are already showing a link between vaping and oral health problems such as tooth decay and gum disease. This is because vaping reduces the amount of saliva in the mouth, while increasing bacteria – resulting in bad breath and a build-up of plaque. There are also concerns that, in some users, vaping could lead to the development of asthma, a persistent cough and breathing difficulties.

UNREGULATED VAPING PRODUCTS

The number of retailers willing to sell vapes to under-18s is a worry, as the chance of these products being unregulated (and therefore containing illegal chemicals and higher levels of nicotine) is high. A related concern is that the mechanisms inside unregulated products are unlikely to have been tested and safety checked – presenting a possible fire risk if the liquid and battery come into contact.

SCARCE INFORMATION

The lack of information about the ingredients and potentially harmful chemicals in a vape is troubling. Some vape fluids (unregulated in the UK) contain traces of nuts, which can cause an allergic reaction or anaphylactic shock. To date, medical warnings aren't required on vape packaging – with only medical disclaimers being found on the websites of the various brands.

VAGUE INGREDIENTS LISTS

Early research has suggested that the chemicals used to produce some strawberry and banana flavour e-liquids can kill cells in the blood vessels and heart. These ingredients aren't identified on the packaging, instead falling under the umbrella term 'natural and artificial flavourings'. Such vague listings mean that consumers aren't aware of the liquid's content so can't identify potential risks.

Meet Our Expert

Run by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Healthy Schools Service (commissioned by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council), Catch Your Breath is a school-based project aimed at young people. Its goals is to embed proactive, coordinated approach among both primary and secondary schools in discouraging smoking and vaping behaviours.



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Young Parent Provider Network Meeting

Wednesday 25th October
via Microsoft Teams 4pm- 5pm

Join us to hear updates regarding services available for Young Parents across the county, including recommendations from a project supporting parents getting back into Education, Employment and Training

Please RSVP to Samantha Peverett for meeting link
Samantha.Peverett@leics.gov.uk

familyhubsleicestershire.org.uk



Young marine biologist summit driving change

Saturday 4 November 2023

Our marine environment is intricate, interconnected and vital to all life on Earth. Find out who is driving change in ocean conservation and learn how you can become part of the solution

FREE
online event

I'm really happy to join the Young Marine Biologist Summit. I learnt so much and it was so interesting as I was able to understand the explanations by the speakers.
- Gayathri, Malaysia

Expert speakers

DR EMMA
CAMP

The future of coral reefs in the face of climate change

TOM "THE
BLOWFISH"

Freaks from a Beach!

ANNA
TURN

How to be an ocean optimist



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COME AND JOIN OUR TEAM!



KS2 TEACHER

(Mowbray Education Trust)

Full-Time

Closing Date: 4th October 2023 9:00 AM

[Apply here.](#)

TRUST ESTATES OFFICER

(Mowbray Education Trust)

Full-Time

Closing Date: 29th September 2023 11:59 PM

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CLEANING SUPERVISOR

(John Ferneley College)

Part-Time

Closing Date: 29th September 2023
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NURSERY PRACTITIONER

(The Grove Primary School)

Part-Time

Closing Date: 6th October 2023 11:59 PM

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