

Dear Parent/Guardian

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting last Wednesday evening with Star Academies Trust. I do hope you left feeling reassured and excited about the proposal and consultation on conversion to Academy status. The consultation period will run until 6th November 2018. There is a consultation document and questionnaire to enable you to respond, please click on the following link: www.fearnslancessch.uk/academy Star Academies Trust want to work closely with parents and will continually seek your feedback. This ongoing engagement is critical to their approach and will support the success of the school moving forward. Please check our school website for regular updates.

I would like to thank all the pupils who helped out during Invitation Day and at Open Evening last Thursday. We had a very positive day and evening and the comments from prospective pupils and their parents were incredibly encouraging. They received a warm welcome throughout school and pupils were helping enthusiastically in all departments. Those parents who did visit the school, left feeling far more positive and we received some great feedback.

During the summer Lizzie Mawson, Jack Holden, Mason Scull, Patrick Crossley and Archie Mayor were able to experience one of the major commemorations of the First World War in France. They attended a special commemoration service which coincided with the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Amiens. The service was also attended by the Duke of Cambridge Prince William, who was representing the Royal Family. The pupils also visited Commonwealth and German cemeteries, explored a trench and visited a museum and many memorials. Thank you to Miss Ashworth for accompanying the pupils on the trip and to Mrs Cheshire (former Head of Humanities) for not only accompanying the pupils but for organising the trip and giving them the opportunity to visit the battlefields and take part in the ceremonies.



Mrs Haworth is very excited to announce that the MFL department is planning to run a school trip to Paris in France at the beginning of the Easter holidays next April. The purpose of the visit will be to allow pupils to experience French culture and also to enable them to practise their French language skills. We will be travelling by coach and ferry to the outskirts of Paris. The trip will include the opportunity to see many of the sights of Paris and also a day at Euro Disney. The trip is open to pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9; a deposit of £50.00 is required by October 12th to reserve a place. Please ask your child to see Mrs Haworth for a letter or for further information.

A member of the public has contacted us as she was so impressed by the actions of Millie Hardiker, our Head Girl. Millie went to help a lady who was on the floor outside Morrisons, other members of the public walked on by. Millie helped the lady with her shopping and ensured that she got back to her car safely. Unfortunately, during this incident a man chose to pass comment saying that “you wouldn’t find many kids from Fearn’s doing that”. Millie defended the pupils of Fearn’s by immediately correcting him and explaining if he wasn’t so quick to judge us he would realise that most of the pupils would have done just the same. Unfortunately this is another instance of an adult, who should know better, directing their unfounded views on a young person, and not only that but a young person who thinks nothing of helping out a complete stranger to then find herself on the receiving end of such negativity – we are so proud of Millie she is a shining example of our values here at Fearn’s.



Last Friday three lucky pupils who had been involved with the production of Fearn's Chat were taken to London as they had been invited to take part in a day-long journalism workshop at TES magazine. Former pupil Tanita Sims (currently studying for A-Levels at Bury College) and Year 9 pupils Elleina Pickup and Bethany Parker picked up tips from experienced reporters and took part in a variety of tasks to stimulate their interest in the world of journalism. Mrs Catherine Smyth, school press officer also took the girls on a whistle-stop tour of the sights, from Tower Bridge to the Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square to Downing Street. This was a superb opportunity for the girls and a huge thank you must go to

Catherine for her relentless support and continuous drive and passion from which so many of our pupils, past and present have benefitted.



Form 9E visited Burnley FC on Tuesday last week as part of the Premier League Enterprise Programme which is run by Burnley FC in the Community. Pupils were given a ground tour and completed workshops based around the different departments in a football club. Pupils will complete follow-up workshops at Fearn's on Friday mornings for the next 8 weeks. All pupils in Year 9 will have the opportunity to participate in this programme throughout the year.

Year 11 Progress Evening is on Tuesday 9th October. You should have received already a letter about this. If you have not received a letter please contact your child's Form Tutor. Please can you return your reply slips to your child's Form Tutor with a preferred time selected as soon as possible so that appointments can be made. Thank you for your support.

Art News from Mrs Whiteley....



Excellent start for year 7's; homework is to a good standard. Well done!

House points are now on the go again and pupils need to ensure they are being part of the 'team' by ensuring homework is in on-time and correctly presented. Rewards are given regularly. This half-term's winners are House 'Hirst'. Hirst (Damien) said *"When you've just done it, you're not sure. But when you have sat with it for a couple of hours and you don't want to do anything more to it, that's a great feeling. It can stand on its own two feet"*.

Art clubs are on: Thursday lunch **and** after school, Friday after school.

Year 11 Intervention takes place on Monday.

Our Leaders are looking to develop a programme of activities, if you would like to be an Arts Leader or would like to find out more, come along on Friday's after school.

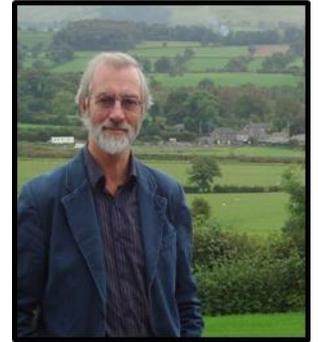


Author of the Month – Joseph Delaney

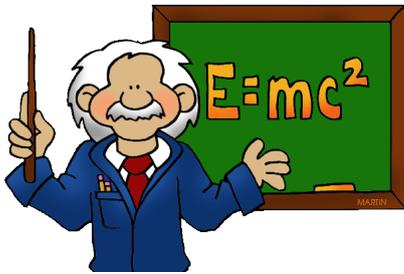
Joseph Delaney is a young adult fantasy writer who wrote the famous Spooks Apprentice series. Born in Preston, he worked as an Engineer and English teacher before starting to write full-time. His books are set in Lancashire and feature the Spook who has protected the county from witches, boggarts and other evil doers for sixty years. The time has come to find an Apprentice, he must be the seventh son of a seventh son and born with special powers. Tom Ward is all of these things, but will he succeed where twenty-nine apprentices have failed?

There are 13 books in this series and the school library has all of them. If you enjoy fantasy, scares and more than a little blood, then these are the books for you.

Mrs Humphries, School Librarian



Numeracy Question



The answer to the last numeracy question is 48.

This week's numeracy question is: A square-based pyramid is built from cubical bricks, one on the top layer, four on the next, nine on the next and so on. What is the minimum number of bricks needed if the pyramid is to be dismantled and rebuilt into two separate cubes?

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs H Stead
Headteacher