

19th October 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am delighted to announce that our school has been chosen, one of only six schools across the country, to receive one of our National 'Legacy 110' Awards, 2018. This award is in recognition of the exceptional, innovative and engaging First World War post-tour community project completed by the pupils who were involved with the Battlefields Tours programme. Ben Tudor, Brandon Mayor, Mrs Ashworth and the former Head of Humanities, Mrs Cheshire have been invited to attend a prestigious awards event in the New Armouries Banqueting Suite at the Tower of London on Wednesday 7th November. There will be an opportunity to showcase their project before receiving their certificates and prizes. They will also have the opportunity to tour the Tower of London before the event as admission is included as part of the Awards prize. This is a super accolade and I am so proud yet again that our pupils have gained national recognition. Well done and I look forward to hearing all about it!

We launched our new school website this week www.fearns.lancs.sch.uk please take a look if you haven't already. I am sure you will agree that the website looks much more current and is very easy to navigate. You will also find the school DVD is available to view and the pupils featured all do a super job promoting the school. The link to Insight can be found in the parents section.

Pizza revision for Year 11 pupils will begin straight after the half-term break. Sessions take place on Wednesdays after school and pupils are provided with pizza at each session. Please see the timetable which is attached to this newsletter. Pupils will also receive a copy of this.

Homework is fundamental in further developing your child's learning and promotes independent learning. We would really appreciate your feedback to enable us to ensure that the homework your child receives is suitable. Your support is crucial to this process. A good piece of homework demonstrates that your child has understood what has been asked of them and equally would highlight any areas where your child may be having difficulty. If you could please complete the attached questionnaire and return to Mr Ribot or email to: aribot@fearns.lancs.sch.uk by Friday 2nd November. Your continued support is much appreciated.

This week Year 8 have completed the British Heart Foundation's Heartstart training course. This training is designed to prepare pupils to handle an emergency situation and enable them to administer lifesaving techniques in the event of an emergency. Pupils participated extremely well and found the course very interesting. In addition to this, Year 10 also completed their Heartstart refresher training last week. Many thanks to Ms Thompson and Ms Sinclair for delivering the training for our pupils.

On Wednesday we had our annual Year 7 Halloween evening. Pupils took part in creating masks, devising a Halloween character and dancing. The pupils had a fantastic time with many dressing up in Halloween fancy dress. All money raised from the evening will go to the Rossendale Hospice. A big thank you to Mrs Warburton for organising the event.

Thank you to all those parents who have returned the reply slips and deposits for their child to go on the French trip. We are very pleased with the response and the trip will be going ahead as planned. Further information and letters will be sent out after the half-term with pupils. There are still a few places left if anyone else would like to come; please see Mrs Haworth as soon as possible.

Please could I remind parents/guardians about the Rossendale Hospice box which your child should have brought home a couple of weeks ago. If you feel that you are able to support this worthy cause please place any spare change you may have into the box and return it to school by Wednesday 31st October. Rossendale Hospice offers a range of services to patients and their families living with a life-limiting illness. All of their services are provided free of charge. To find out more information visit their website www.rossendalehospice.org

Big Bike Day

Carers Link Lancashire have been in touch with us and have asked us to promote a free event they are organising which is open to everyone during the half-term holiday. It is on Wednesday 24th October from 10.00am to 3.00pm at Thompsons Park, Ormerod Road, Burnley. There will be various activities going on at the event with every type of bike imaginable. There will also be other activities organised by the park rangers such as pumpkin carving/kayaking/spooky trails and more!

A further reminder for parents/guardians that the consultation period on conversion to Academy status will run until 6th November 2018. There is a consultation document and questionnaire available to view and complete on the school website. 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.

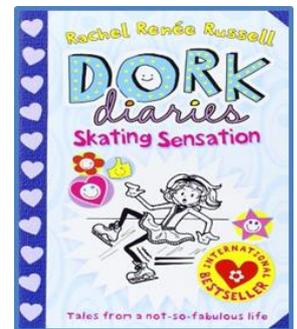


Bert the Bookworm Recommends...

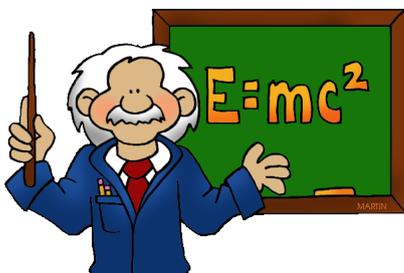
Dork Diaries Skating Sensation by Rachel Renee Russell

My favourite character is Brianna because she has a personality just like me. This story was amazing because Nikki had a crush and Brianna was a little witch and she was very creative. Nikki helped Brandon to get him to stay at Chicago High and get together.

Ellie Eaton – 8A



Numeracy Question



The answer to last week's numeracy question is 676.

This week's numeracy question is: A tower is built with layers of consecutive square numbers of cubes, 1 on top, then 4, then 9 and so on. How many layers are there if the tower needs 9455 cubes?

I hope you all have a well-earned rest over half-term.

Mrs H Stead
Headteacher