

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am pleased to announce that yet again Fearn's' pupils have made it through to the finals of Rossendale Awards for Enterprising Young Person Award. This year two groups: The Fearn's Enterprise Challenge Team and the Fearn's Premier League Challenge Team have been selected to attend the ceremony at The Riverside, Whitworth on Wednesday 14th November. The award will be presented to a young person or team of people under the age of eighteen from Rossendale who will be judged to have achieved the most from their enterprise project. I look forward to reporting back to you about the events of the evening and as always we wish both groups well, we are so proud of our pupils and hope they receive the recognition they deserve for their super efforts.

Thirty-one Year 10 pupils have been on a residential trip at Lakeside, Windermere for four days this week. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and worked effectively in groups. This was part of a national pilot programme by NCS (National Citizens Service). The pupils have been canoeing, hiking, abseiling and climbing. A full report will be given in the next newsletter along with a selection of images.

The drama department funded an enrichment activity (with Frantic Assembly) giving the Year 11 Performing Arts class the opportunity to work with an "internationally renowned" theatre company (*known for "inspiring innovative practice and unlocking creative potential"*). The group undertook an intense, challenging 4 hour physical theatre workshop with students from Lostock Hall Academy. The workshop was hugely beneficial to the pupils and enjoyed by all.

Mock interview day was a huge success! The day started with presentations from six local FE Colleges talking about what each of them offers and how they differ. All Year 11 pupils that were in school on Wednesday completed a mock interview, some completed two! The Army and Rossendale Leisure Trust conducted interviews, along with the Colleges to ensure pupils had some experience of an interview that would be relevant to their future (based on their careers discussions). All visitors commented on the good behaviour and manners of our pupils.

Kalumn Ridgway, Dale Lord and Miss Ashworth are representing Fearn's on a 4-day First World War Centenary Battlefields Wilfred Owen Tour this week. They travelled to Belgium yesterday and begin their tour today when they will visit Essex Farm Cemetery where John McCrae wrote 'In Flanders Fields' and will attend a ceremony of the Last Post at Menin Gate. On Saturday they will visit the Somme and Thiepval Memorial. Then, on Sunday, they will attend a special commemoration service at Orrs Cemetery where Wilfred Owen is buried, 100 years since his death, before travelling home. This will be followed up next week in the newsletter on their return from what should be a very interesting and informative trip.

It is Year 9 and Year 10 Progress Evening on Tuesday 6th November. Please could you return your reply slip as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Your support is invaluable to your child at this crucial time in their education and we encourage you to attend if possible. If you are not able to attend on Tuesday evening please contact your child's Form Tutor to arrange to come in at a convenient time. Thank you for your continued support.

A final 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.

Please find attached to this newsletter the autumn edition of the 'We Are Reading' newsletter. It is packed full of reports of literacy activities which have been taking place throughout the Lancashire borough recently.

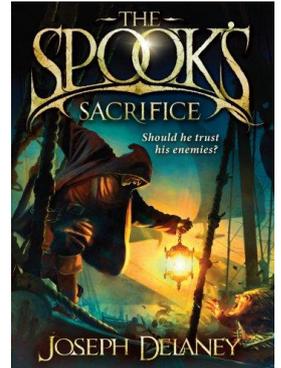


Bert the Bookworm Recommends...

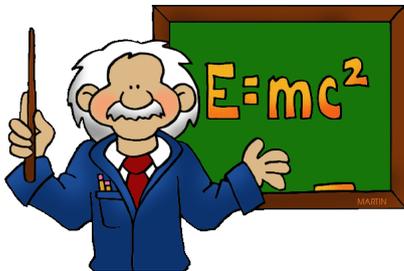
The Spooks Sacrifice by Joseph Delaney

This is one of my favourite books. Tom's mam needs him to help her to defeat the Ordeen and the Fiend. Tom journeys with mam to Greece (her homeland) along with his master, Alice, Mab and her sisters. Mam reveals to Tom that she is the mother of all witches and tells Tom she is transforming into her last form. After Grimalkin wins the battle inside the Ord, the Ordeen is given a cup of Tom's blood that will weaken her because Tom is mam's son and mam is the Ordeen's enemy. Eventually, they find the Ordeen but there is a barrier only Tom can cross. My favourite part was when Tom and his mam fight the Ordeen. I would definitely recommend this book to people who like horror and action books. I give it 10 out of 10.

Evie Burke – 7A



Numeracy Question



The answer to the last numeracy question is 30.

This week's numeracy question is: Henry, Ian and John each had 60p. Henry bought a banana and an apple and had 26p left. Ian bought an apple and a pear and had 29p left. John bought a banana and a pear and had 27p left. How much would 6 bananas, 3 apples and 5 pears cost?

I hope you have a pleasant weekend.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read 'Mrs H Stead'.

Mrs H Stead
Headteacher