



Farnborough Road Infant School

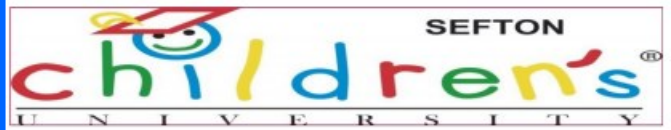
'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

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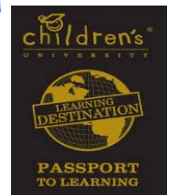
The summer term continues....Hope you all enjoyed a lovely half term.

I can't believe it is June already and we are getting ready for transition activities. They say time flies when you are having fun!



On Tuesday 13th June 72 children graduated in Year 2 from Children's University. The children who are graduating this year have done incredibly well gaining "credits" by attending clubs, accredited outside activities, learning destinations or completing the holiday challenges (which are advertised on our newsletters) Children needed to collect 30 credits during their time in the Infant School in order to graduate.

Thanks go to Miss J Sanders for organising this part of our extended school activities. If you are interested in your child collecting Children's University credits so they can graduate in Year 2 or Year 6 please purchase a passport online from the school shop and start collecting now.



Here are the names of The FRIS Children's University Graduates of 2023!



HAPPY 89th BIRTHDAY FRIS!



Last week we celebrated Farnborough Road School's 89th Birthday. On 1st June 1934, 400 children were admitted to the new Farnborough Road School. The Headmaster was Mr Bracewell and after the first assembly, the children had to be dismissed, because the furniture had not arrived! Three days later, the children reassembled at school, but still there were three classes without chairs. The official opening of the school took place at 2.45pm on 6th June. 2 days later normal lessons could begin. Classes had about 45 children in them. Prior to 1934 the local school was situated at St John's Church to this day we have retained the St John's eagle as our logo. Mr Antell and I are already discussing how we will be celebrating the school's 90th Birthday next year!



Elizabeth Allen, Millie Bakerman, Nellie Bannister, Annabel Barnes, Bradley Barton, Shae Birks, Isaac Cassidy-Wilde, Scarlett Cranshaw, Isla Cunningham, Charlie Farnworth, Lilyanne Fitzsimons, Leo Flint, Christian Glynn, Darcey Gorman, Isla Greenough, Lola Grimes, William Hadfield, Emile Hazlewood, Montgomery Hinchy, Remy Houghton, Leo Howard, Lilia Howard, Lewis Hunt,

William Hutton, Atticus Marsden, Ethan May, Ava McDonald, Ava McKenzie, Alexandra Mocanu, Maxwell Morgan, Adam Mulholland, Wren Murphy, Cara Pennington, Jacob Redmond, Lewis Reeves, Ronny Reid, Theo Richards, Dottie Stannard, Clare Styles, Mia Thompson, Odette Walshe, Emily Weaver, Bailey Wheal, George Wyatt, Archie Wynn, Olympia Zeniou, William Buchanan Brown, Aimee Jones, Oscar Lamb, Emma Morton, Scarlett Power, Zoe Reed, Imogen Serridge, Violet Swinson, Gabriel Tong, Joel Trees, Thomas Webster, Logan Blakeburn, Lacie Brady, Isabella Ferguson, Freya Hall, Matilda Hansen-Howarth, Austin Marshall, Quinn Moore, Riley Pitt, Sophia Todd, James Deery, Joshua Gannon, Alice Lui, Alice Wharton, Bethany Roberts, Samuel Kipling



Our very active PTA have been busy organising many events for the rest of the Summer term including :

Friday 23rd June - Joint Summer Fair with the Juniors

Tuesday 18th July - Year 2 Leavers Party

Wednesday 19th July - 'Ice Lolly Wednesday' and Break the Rules Day

Thanks in advance to this wonderful, dedicated team of parents who are raising money for the much needed redevelopment of our internal garden.

Look out for more information to follow. Please continue to support these events and our team in any way you can.

Please contact our PTA Chairs Emma McCoy or Alice Keighley on pta.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk.

We hope all our Dads enjoy their Father's day gifts this weekend!



WOOD FIRED PIZZA
500
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FRIS PTA PRESENTS

**YEAR 2
LEAVER'S PARTY**

Tuesday 18th July
4:15 - 6pm

WOOD FIRED PIZZAS, TREATS, DRINKS & DISCO
(ALTERNATIVE FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN WITH
SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS)

PLEASE CONFIRM ON PARENTPAY IF YOUR
CHILD WILL BE ATTENDING

THIS IS A FREE EVENT, FULLY FUNDED BY FRIS PTA



This week we have said goodbye to Mrs Hepworth who has taught at Farnborough Road Infant School for 24 years and has taken the decision to retire.

Mrs Hepworth was first a parent volunteer in my class when her daughter Sophie was in Year 1. She then went on to secure a job as a Teaching Assistant and for the last few years has very successfully had a major role to play in the organisation and delivery of the Phonics intervention across Year 1 and Year 2.

Our phonics results are fabulous, always achieving significantly above the national (82%) and year on year we have had more children successfully pass their phonics screening assessment at the end of year one. (We are currently on track for at least 90% of Y1 children passing their phonics screening again this year!) Children are then well on their way to becoming confident and independent readers. Thank you Kay for all your hard work in supporting our children over the years and we wish you all the best for a long and happy retirement.

Online Safety Newsletter

June 2023

Rec Room

Rec Room is available across different platforms and is free to play. It can be played with or without a VR headset. Rec room consists of player created rooms, in which players can play games and interact with others.

Rec Room is rated as 9+ by the App store. For players under 13 years of age, they are assigned a junior account. When creating a junior account, you can also add your own email address, which will allow you to manage your child's password and other settings such as in app purchases. Users with a junior account will not be able to message each other.

You should be aware of the following if your child is playing Rec Room:

- In app purchases: make sure your bank account details are not linked to the device your child is playing on.
- Chat: if your child does not have a junior account then there is a chat facility within Rec Room so there is a risk that your child could communicate with strangers.
- Inappropriate content: your child may come across themes or content that is not appropriate for your child.

Rec Room does have reporting facilities so if your child is playing Rec Room, then please ensure they know how to use them and to talk to a trusted adult if they see anything that concerns them.

You can find out more about Rec Room here:

<https://recroom.com/parents-guide>

Social Media Influencers

What is an Influencer?

An influencer is somebody prominent on a social media platform such as YouTube and Instagram, who have a high number of followers. Influencers share their opinions/ideas and may be paid to advertise/promote products through their account. Whilst there are some great influencers, there are some that choose to share their own opinions, which could be misogynistic or racist for example. These opinions can be expressed or interpreted as fact. It is important to talk to your child about the spread of misinformation online and how we should fact check and critically analyse what we see and hear online.

What we see on social media platforms is influenced by algorithms, which predict what type of content we are most likely to interact with. Whilst there are benefits of algorithms, it can mean that once we start looking at certain content, our social media feed can become more aligned with that opinion, so we don't see a balanced picture. You can find out more here: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/algorithms/>

Further information

The NSPCC have created an article detailing what you need to know about online influencers. You can read it here:

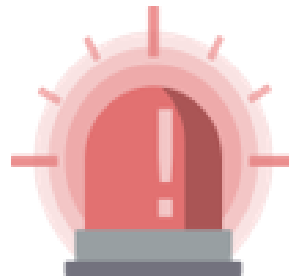
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-05-16-the-influence-of-influencers/>



Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
Current as of the date released 1.6.23.

Omegle

Omegle have updated their terms and conditions. You must be 18+ to use Omegle. Omegle is a social networking/chat website that connects two strangers together for either a text or a video chat. Chats are anonymous unless a user provides this information.



Omegle should not be accessed by children due to the potential imagery shared and language used which can be explicit.

What should I be aware of?

- No registration is required to access Omegle (therefore no age verification) and there are no reporting facilities.
- Users are given an option to save the chat's log and share the link. It is also possible for other users to take screenshots of text and video chats.

You can find out more information from Internet Matters, including imitation apps that you should also be aware of:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-omegle-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Money Savvy Online



Have you been scammed online?

As scammers become more sophisticated, it's important that we learn about the different approaches that they might use and what to look out for so we can protect ourselves.

Barclays have listed some of the most common scams on their website:

<https://www.barclays.co.uk/fraud-and-scams/scams-protection/>

MoneySense from NatWest

NatWest have an area on their website full of useful articles and guidance to support your child and enhance your understanding. Articles include avoiding fraud and online scams, information on digital game currency, the dangers of fraud and do you know what a money mule is?

The site also includes activities to complete with your child to enhance their understanding of money including a 'savings challenge' for ages 5 – 8 and 'money and your mental health' aimed at young adults. You can find this information and lots more here:

<https://natwest.mymoneysense.com/parents/>

JusTalk

Users can use this app to video chat, call and text. There are two versions – JusTalk and JusTalk Kids with both versions having the option to unlock further functions via a premium subscription. JusTalk is rated as 12+ and JusTalk Kids is rated as 4+ on the App store. Even though the apps may be rated as age appropriate for your child, there are still risks in using either version, such as in app purchases.

The Ineqe Safeguarding Group provide an overview of JusTalk, including the risks you need to be aware of:

<https://ineqe.com/2023/02/08/what-is-the-justalk-app/>

Free Webinar

London Grid for Learning (LgFL) are working with the Early Years Alliance to deliver a 1-hour webinar on Thursday 8th June 10-11am to parents of children aged 0-5 years, about simple steps to take to keep children safe when using online devices. You can find out more at the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-connect-screens-in-the-early-years-tickets-633434709267>

What is artificial intelligence (AI)?

AI is when a computer/machine can learn and perform tasks like a human. Its popularity is increasing due to the likes of ChatGPT and more recently, My AI from Snapchat. Internet Matters have created a guide about using AI with your child and lists some popular AI tools that you should be aware of:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/parent-guide-to-artificial-intelligence-ai-tools/>

In addition, Childnet have produced this blog about Snapchat's My AI:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/snapchat-its-new-ai-chatbot-and-its-impact-on-young-people/>

FRIS PTA LEGO MASTERS CHALLENGE

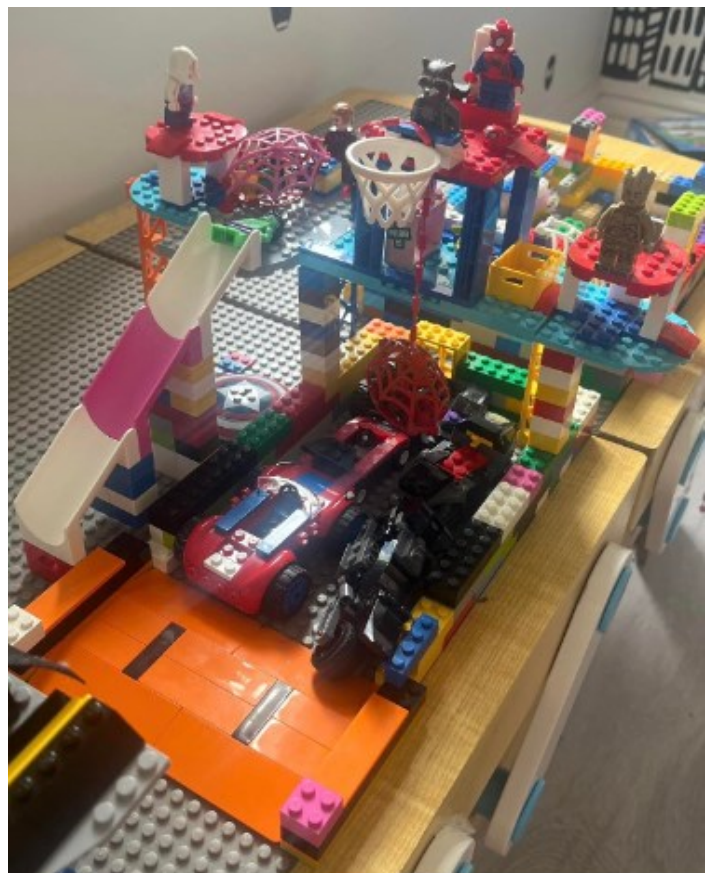
We had 24 entries to the Lego Masters Challenge

Our 3 prizes went to

1st : Austin Marshall—Year 2-
Jurassic park boat

2nd : Sam Kipling—Year 2 -Family Pieces

3rd : Chase McCoy -Reception—Amazing world of super heroes
Each winner will receive a cinema voucher and a certificate.



Important Dates this half term

We have lots of events happening over the last half term I have colour coded them for you according to year group :

Nursery—Pink, Reception— Yellow, Year 1—Blue, Year 2—Red Black across year groups

Week Beginning 19th June National Sports Week

20th June Sports Day Year 1 and Year 2 Parents invited to attend



21st June Judo Festival OLOL

22nd June Reading Ambassadors to Edge Hill

26th June Reception Sports Activity Morning



23rd June Own Clothes Day and Summer Fair 3.15-4.30pm

Week beginning Monday 26th June ARTS WEEK— Theme -Where in the World?

26th June Diversity Week

28th June School Council Celebration Birkdale High

27th June New Nursery Parents Meeting 5pm or 6pm

28th June New Reception Parents Meeting 5pm or 6pm

29th New to Y3 Meeting FRJS

29th June Move Up Morning



30th June am Girls Euros Football Thornton—Year 1 and Year 2 Teams

30th June Year 1 Multi Skills Morning Birkdale High

30th June Year 2 Multi Skills Afternoon Birkdale High

1st July Ainsdale Show

**AINSDALE
SUMMER SHOW**

5th and 6th July Rock n River Y2 Trip

7th July Reports to parents

Deaf Active Performance Year 2 parents 10th July 9.15am

Reception concert 10th July 2pm & 11th July 9am

Butterflies concert 11th July 10.30am

Year 1 Concert 11th July 2pm & 12th July 9am

Mrs Tickle's Ladybirds 12th July 10.30am

Year 2 Concert 12th July 2pm & 13th July 9am

Mrs Duckworth's Ladybirds 13th July 10.30am

18th July Year 2 Leavers Party 4-5.30pm

19th July Break the Rules Day—Ice Lolly Wednesday

Break up for Summer Holidays 2pm





FARNBOROUGH ROAD INFANT SCHOOL
HOLIDAY DATES - 2023/2024
 (including INSET days)

2023		
AUTUMN TERM		
INSET	Monday 4th September	School Closed for pupils Teachers and TAs in school
INSET	Tuesday 5th September	School Closed for pupils Teachers and TAs in school
Half Term 1	Start of Term: Wednesday 6th September at 08.45am School finishes for half term on Friday 20th October at 3.15pm	
Half Term	Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October [one week]	
Half Term 2	Return to school Monday 30th October at 08.45am School Finishes for end of term on Thursday 21st December at 2.00pm	
INSET	Friday 22nd December	School Closed for pupils Teachers and TAs in school

2024		
SPRING TERM		
Half Term 3	Start of Term: Monday 8th January at 08.45am School finishes for half term on Friday 9th February at 3.15pm	
Half Term	Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February [one week]	
Half Term 4	Return to school Monday 19th February at 08.45am School finishes for end of term Thursday 28th March at 2.00pm	

2024		
SUMMER TERM		
Half Term 5	Start of Term: Monday 15th April at 08.45am School finishes for half term on Thursday 23rd May at 3.15pm	
Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May	School Closed for all
INSET	Friday 24th May	School Closed for pupils Teachers and TAs in school
INSET	Monday 3rd June	School Closed for pupils Teachers Report Writing
Half Term	Friday 24th May to Monday 3rd June [one week and 2 days]	
Half Term 6	Return to school Tuesday 4th June at 08.45am School finishes for end of term on Tuesday 23rd July at 2.00pm	



FARNBOROUGH ROAD INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOLS PTA **SUMMER FAIR 2023**

FRIDAY 23 JUNE END OF SCHOOL DAY - 4:30pm

CHILDREN CAN WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON THIS
IN EXCHANGE FOR BOTTLES FOR THE TOMBOLAS TO BE
BROUGHT TO SCHOOL ON **FRIDAY 16 JUNE**

COME AND HAVE A FIESTA OF FUN! What YOU can do to help

WE NEED **EVERYONE** TO DO THEIR LITTLE BIT TO **HELP** AT THE SUMMER FAIR! You can help by -

- Buying raffle tickets (see next page)
- Making sure your child wears 'OWN CLOTHES' on the day of the fair and brings their donation on Friday 16 June
- Sending clean, good condition used uniform and World Book Day Dress costumes
- Donating children's books, toys and games for sale.
- Donating Teddies for the Teddy Tombola

Stalls available on the day include:

- Coconut Shy
- Stocks
- Bouncy Castles
- Face Painting
- Hairsprays & Glitter Tattoos
- Spin the Wheel
- Hook a Duck
- Tin Can Alley
- Bottle Tombola
- Toy & Book Stall
- Splat the Rat
- Ice Cream Vans

- Lucky Dip
- Roll a Coin
- Beat the Goalie
- Name the Huge Unicorn Teddy
- Treasure Trail
- Golden Ice Cream
- Donut Wall
- Teddy Tombola
- Raffle
- Uniform Shop
- World Book Day Costumes Shop
- BBQ

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE!

As this is an after school event, the school staff will NOT be supervising the children as they will ALL be very busy on stalls.

Please make sure you collect your children promptly from their classrooms at the end of the day.

**PTO FOR ALL DETAILS ABOUT OUR
EXCITING
RAFFLE**

ENTER TO WIN!

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THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT



FARNBOROUGH ROAD INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOLS PTA **SUMMER FAIR 2023** FRIDAY 23 JUNE

Dear Parents / Carers,

The PTA will be holding a raffle with winners and prizes drawn and announced towards the end of the fair.

Each book of 5 tickets costs £5, or £1 per raffle ticket

This year, we have decided to sell raffle tickets via ParentPay!

Raffle tickets are available to purchase on your child's ParentPay account until **Tuesday 20th June**. After June 20th, tickets will be passed to class for the children to write their names on the stubs which will go directly into the draw, and your tickets will be sent home. Although your child's name will be on the stubs, tickets are individually numbered allowing you to still allocate them to friends and family.

There will also be an opportunity to purchase Raffle Tickets at the fair too!

Prizes include:

- 2x adult any day passes to the Southport Flower Show 2023
- 4x tickets to the Southport Air Show for Saturday or Sunday admission
- Family pass, 4 ride all day wristbands for Southport Pleasureland
- £100 cash from Fletchers Solicitors
- 2x play entry tickets for Jollies play barn
- 1 Family day pass to Farmer Ted's
- 30 minute treatment of your choice at Massage Therapy Rooms
- 2 children's places at "Kids in the Woods Club" with Greenwood Forest School
- 2 x individual day passes Shane Hutton's Summer Sport Club
- 1 hour dog walk voucher from Birkdale Dog Walking
- Amazon £50 voucher
- Love to shop £50 voucher
- 2 x tickets in the Carlsberg Dugout Lounge at Anfield for the first home game of next season, including food.

Plus, loads more fabulous prizes donated by local businesses!

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP AT THE SUMMER FAIR?

If you are able to help, either in the morning setting up or in the afternoon at the fair, or even all day, we would be extremely grateful!

Please email: pta.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk

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