

Fred Longworth High School Newsletter

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FREDDIES' BRASS GROUP MAKES IT SCHOOL OF THE WEEK ON KEY 103!

Fred Longworth High School was the 'School of the Week' on the popular local radio station, Key 103. To promote the Brass Group's 20 concerts in 2 days event to raise money for the charity Children with Leukaemia, the brass group were recorded and interviewed by one of the co-presenters, Sean Coleman, from Mike Toolan's breakfast show. They talked about the school, the sponsored concert event, told jokes and even performed the Key 103 jingle!



A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

As we break for the summer holiday, I would like to wish all our parents, families, governors and staff a restful and safe summer. I hope you enjoy your holidays. I am particularly grateful for all the support you have provided over the past year which has been particularly successful in a number of ways!

This has been our first year as a 'Leading Edge School', one of only 100 in the country. We have used the status to share our expertise both locally and nationally.

This has also been the first year of phase 3 of our Arts College status and those of you who have seen our numerous productions and events will be in no doubt about the quality of our work. As you will see from the rest of this newsletter, Arts activities

play a big part in school. Whilst all these 'high profile' activities are very important to us, the most satisfying aspect of the school remains our core activity of teaching and learning. The quality of the climate for learning has been commented on by many visitors over the year – created through the high quality of the teaching and the good relationships which exist in school. Our teachers and support staff can be justly proud of their achievements.

END OF TERM

Term ends on Wednesday 14th July. Wednesday will be Activities Day with a range of events/activities in and out of school. Most activities should end by 1.30 p.m. after which students may go home. Packed lunches will be available for those taking FSM from 1.30 p.m.

START OF THE NEW TERM

The first day of term will be Wednesday 1st September. The new Year 7 will start at 9.05 a.m. All other Year Groups will start at 10.40 a.m. (period 2)

GOODBYE!

We are sad to say goodbye to a number of colleagues who will be leaving for pastures new. Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Aspinall, Mrs. Anderson, Ms. Healey, Ms. McGeehin, Mrs. Plester and Mr. Rimmer will all be leaving for either retirement, promotion or relocation. We would like to thank them for all their good work and we wish them well as they move on.

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HELLO!

In September we welcome a number of new staff.

Miss Aspray (Humanities), Mr. Cannon (P.E.), Miss Dodd (Food Technology), Miss Golden (English), Mr. Gregory (P.E.), Mr. Kershaw (Music), Mr. Kuta (Media Studies/Art) and Miss Patullo (Art).

We look forward to working with them all in the new year.

'ONE WORLD WEEK'

During the week of June 14th – 18th the Arts Faculty organized a 'One World Festival' to explore the styles of cultures around the world.

Music and Dance combined to produce work using Samba, (Brazilian), Katak (Indian) and even Caribbean Quadrilles as a stimulus. A professional percussionist and a professional actress ran workshops in preparation for a public performance called 'Arabian Nights' later this term for younger students. A professional drummer ran 'Samba' and 'African' sessions including staff workshops.

Feeder primary students from Shakerley were in school to give a performance and later in the term Year 7 students will deliver workshops to primary students in Year 6.

The Art Department was busy after school, making a batik wall hanging based on a multi-ethnic theme. 'Hohodza' band was in school presenting 'Welcome to Africa'.

The event was so successful that we intend to make it bigger and better next year.

INDIAN DANCE

Kathak is a major classical northern Indian dance

On Monday the 14th June 2004 our form, 8JK went to take part in a course in which we learnt a Kathak dance. The instructor was Miss Asbury she taught us how to move to Indian music and how to talk with our hands. We all had a really good time. Some people, including us, performed their own Kathak in front of the class. We were pleased with our dance.

What we learnt from it.

We learnt that Kathak is just one of many types of Indian dance and that it is part of the believers' every day life. They use this to tell stories and can even tell them with their hands with no speech used at all. It was very difficult to understand.

What did we do?

We first started by doing a simple warm-up by walking around the room in time with the Indian music. Then we had to pair up and chat about anything and then talk about the same topic but only using our hands. Once we had done that we had to make three freeze frames on some kind of emotion. We chose the emotion 'anger' and our first freeze frame was one of us holding the other by the neck then the both of us hitting each other and our final one was where we both looked separate ways. After that the teacher demonstrated a short sequence that symbolized the emotion love. Later on we learnt the sequence and used it in our compositions. Before making our compositions we had to stand in line then walk across the room to the beat of the music whilst focusing on a part of the room. To finish off we had to work in pairs to include the short sequence and our freeze frame. We sat in a circle and in turn showed our compositions and

this is how we finished the lesson.

What we learnt from this workshop?

We learnt that Indian dance mostly consists of slow movement in the hand and some of the body. We learnt names of different dances and things about the Indian dance and the dancers. We also learnt how to work together to produce good work within our class. We enjoyed the experience with Miss Asbury in the Indian Dance Workshop.

Emma Tilzey and Jessica Lee 8JK

AFRICAN DANCE

On Monday the fourteenth of June, a Zimbabwean band called Hohodza came to our school to help us with our Citizenship Week for music. We were asked to go into three groups, drumming, dancing and percussion. When we were in these groups we went to different parts of the drama studio to learn about what we were doing and to practice what we were going to do.

I did drumming and there were seven people doing this. We all had a go at trying to improvise a tune on the drum but I was asked to keep going at a count of four, along with Melissa.

When it came to performing we had to play all the way through because we were the main sounds. There were two groups of dancers performing separately at first, then there were the percussions and then us playing alone.

We (the drummers) were working with a man called Simba, whose real name is Simbarashe Mudzingwa. He, along with Portia G. Gwanzura are the lead singers of the band.

Stacey Riley

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FREDDIES' BRASS GROUP PERFORM 20 CONCERTS IN 2 DAYS!

A group of 11 students from Fred Longworth High School will complete an astonishing 20 concerts in two days on the 12th and 13th of July! This amazing undertaking is all in aid of 'Children with Leukaemia'. The concert venues will include local primary schools, retirement homes, churches, hospices – even the streets of Tyldesley and Atherton!

The Brass Group will start the series of concerts on the Monday with a concert in the staff room and finish the following day with an evening performance at The Trafford Centre. The group consists of Nick Garbett (Year 11), Matthew Taylor (Year 10), Daniel Swindells, Chris Turnbull, Sarah Gaskell (Year 9), Chris Schofield (Year 8), Matthew Turnbull, Matthew Farrimond, Charlotte Garbett, Michael Collier and John Gaskell (Year 7).

ARTSMARK GOLD AWARDS

Fred Longworth High School has once again achieved one of 476 Artsmark Gold Awards.

Arts Council England's Artsmark award recognizes schools that demonstrate a commitment to providing opportunities across all art-forms from drama to music, design to literature, dance to sculpture. The scheme also encourages schools to work in partnership with professional artists and arts organizations.

Rick Asbury, Head of Arts College, said: "I am delighted that the commitment and hard work of both staff and students has been recognized. Our Arts Faculty delivers a well-balanced, progressive and enjoyable arts education that enables students to work with many professional and local artists."

There is a huge amount of arts activity at 'Freddies'. Music students have been working with Chris. Perry, a professional drummer on 'Samba' rhythms.

A drama production entitled 'Arabian Nights' is being produced by Victoria Fleming, a professional actress. This will be performed at the end of the summer term. In dance, we have worked with 'Candoco Dance Company' integrating students with disabilities. Dancers have also worked with Sarah Black, English National Ballet and Rambert,

performing at the Lowry and Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. Visual Art have been displaying the work of local artist and teacher, Roberta Wynette, to provide stimulus for our students to produce work on 'City Landscape'. This is only a small sample of our activities.

A big thank you to staff for all their hard work in achieving this prestigious award!



HOLIDAY PATTERN 2004-2005

AUTUMN TERM

Starts	Wednesday 1st September 2004
Half Term	Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October 2004
End of Term	Tuesday 21st December 2004

SPRING TERM

Starts	Wednesday 5th January 2005
Half Term	Friday 11th February - Friday 18th February 2005
End of Term	Friday 18th March 2005

SUMMER TERM

Starts	Monday 4th April 2005
Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd May 2005
Half Term	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2005
End of Term	Thursday 14th July 2005

GIRLS ON TOP

Swimming

Natalie Cummings 8GD has performed fantastically in the Central Lancashire Inter association Gala. Here, in her own words Natalie tells us her qualifying times, the strokes she swam and the MEDALS she won!

"I achieved my national qualifying time in the 100M backstroke: 1.12.88 and 2.32.16 in the 200M backstroke. I also won the Gold in the 100M backstroke and Gold in the 200M back stroke. I have achieved Silver in the 100M butterfly in the Northern Counties Gala, and Silver in the 100M butterfly. I also came second in the 100M and 200M backstroke.

I will now compete at the ASA National Age Groups Championships in July at Ponds Forge International Pool in Sheffield!"

This is impressive stuff! Well done Natalie. On behalf of the P.E. Department, we wish you all the luck in the world in your future competitions.

Netball

A big well done to the Year 8 and 10 netball teams for coming top of their leagues. Excellent performance has been displayed throughout the season. All years involved, (both Years 7 and 9), have demonstrated a very committed and determined approach, attending practices every week and showing great enthusiasm throughout the year.

Miss Baugh and Mrs. Wright would also like to say a BIG thank you to Miss Wood for all her help with the Year 9 team. The girls performed exceptionally well, coming second in the league.

Hockey

Well done to all girls involved in the hockey teams. Again great commitment and enthusiasm has been demonstrated by all. Once again some more good results.

Year 7 - 4th in the tournament

Year 8 - 1st in the league

Year 9 - 5th in the league

Year 10 - 4th in the league

A BIG thank you to Miss Dobson for all her help with the Year 9 hockey team!

Tennis

The girls' tennis team has also performed tremendously well throughout the season. Holly Wilson Y8, Lisa Harrison Y8, Seema Fakira Y8, Lori Redfern Y9, Emma Wendon

Y9 and Rachael Taylor Y8 have all performed with a high degree of majority and skill throughout the whole tournament. The team got to the semi-final in the Lancs. Cup. Well played girls!

Football

An excellent performance was displayed by the Year 8 girls' football team. The girls reached the semi-final in the Wigan Schools' Tournament. Well done!

Holly Wilson - Year 8 - has transferred her school success into representing Wigan in the Tennis Youth Games. The Wigan tennis team got silver in the tournament. Well done Holly!

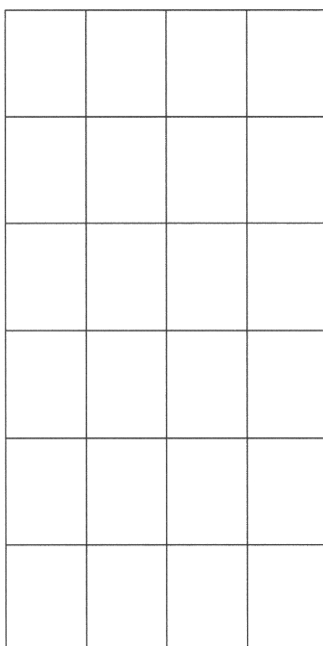
A final well done to the large number of girls who have participated in any of Freddie's Sports Teams this year. Let's keep it up and strive for further success next year!

MATHS 'POSER'

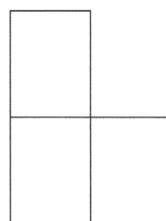
Can you tackle Mr. MacArthur's maths problem?

All correct answers will be eligible for a prize draw in the first week of next term.

GRID FILL



You have to fill the grid on the left with eight of these shapes:



You may turn them round as much as you like, but you may never put two of them together like this:

