

Issue 4

Monday 29 Oct

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 13** Academic Review Day
- 22** KS4/5 Music Concert
KKT 6.30pm

DECEMBER

- 04** Expressive Arts Showcase
Atrium 7pm
- 05-07** German Christmas Market Trip
- 21** Last Day of Autumn Term



'Partnership of Equals' conference

On Friday 12 October, several students attended the 'Partnership of Equals' conference at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in Westminster. The event promoted gender equality and inclusion.

The boys worked with students from all over the country, analysing how dance, politics and drama impact gender politics and identity. One of the highlights was a performance of 'Macbeth' where the attitudes to gender and power were closely analysed and discussed. There was also a talk from Edwina Dunn who started the 'Female Lead' project to promote the positive impact of influential women. Our boys were extremely keen to ask questions and work alongside other schools to contribute ideas to gender equality. Jack Byrne and Alexander Kemmeni's poetry, based on the concept of equality, was published and distributed at the event – much to the delight of both the boys.



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Please be considerate of our neighbours

Forest Hill School has always been very proud to be a local school and proud to be part of the wider Forest Hill, Lewisham and South London communities.

A few of our neighbours have made us aware that on occasion parents dropping off or picking up students are parking across driveways preventing them from getting out or in.

We know Dacres, Brampton and Mayow roads can be very busy, particularly during pick-up and drop-off times. Nonetheless please be considerate of our neighbours. They are part of our communities as well.

Thank you.

WORD OF THE WEEK:

Cathartic

Meaning:

something that clears emotional problems or tensions

Example:

“Watching that comedy was a *cathartic* experience for Jill: she relaxed and laughed for the first time in ages.”

Author Visit: Andy Briggs



We were really pleased that author Andy Briggs paid us another visit this week, having first been to FHS a few years ago. He is a screenwriter, graphic novelist, children's book author, and has worked on fantastic Hollywood studio projects such as Judge Dredd, for Spiderman creator Stan Lee and for legendary producer

Robert Evans. Andy's latest exploration into sci-fi adventure is Drone Racer, an action packed novel which he brought to life for the audience of KS3 boys and the Year 6 pupils we invited from a few local primary schools. Copies of Drone Racer (and many of Andy's other books) are available to borrow from the school library.

Lewisham Young Mayor Election Results

Shortly before half-term, all the Young Mayor candidates went to a fantastic results announcement event in the council chamber with the Mayor Damien Egan and Janet Daby MP, as well as with their families and supporters. All the candidates received a certificate and photograph and can join the Young Mayor Advisors team who will work with the Young Mayor. This means they can continue to use their enthusiasm and commitment to influence decisions in Lewisham and work with politicians and others around what they think is important.

The top four positions from the Young Mayor elections are below:

Young Mayor: Adam Abdullah, Addey and Stanhope School

Deputy Young Mayor: Nike Ajjola, Haberdasher Askes Knights Academy

UK Youth Parliament Member: Kelis James-Kappo, Sedgemoor School

Deputy UK Youth Parliament Member: Tanisha Barret-Thomas: Abbey Manor College

Sadly none of our FHS candidates got a main position this year, but they did an amazing job with their campaigns and very much deserve to be congratulated again. It is a real achievement to take part in this process.

Many thanks to the hard work of students and staff in supporting the Young Mayor campaign this year!