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RAINBOW!

Forest Hill School's new LGBTQ+ magazine!

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HELLO FOREST HILL SCHOOL!

We are so excited to announce that we are about to submit all of our evidence to Stonewall to gain the next Stonewall Award.

Thank you so much to everyone who has worked hard towards this, it is so very much appreciated!

Forest Hill School is committed to improving equality for everyone. If you have any ideas on how we can continue to work on this, please do let us know.

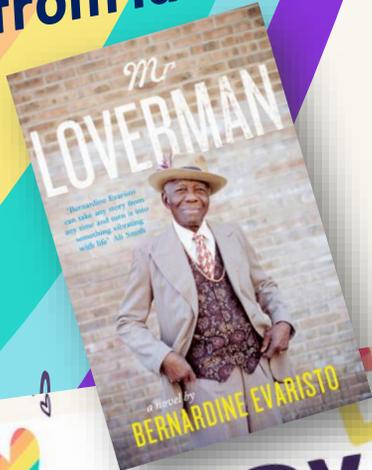
#equalitymattersatFHS

We would love to hear from anyone that would like to contribute to the magazine. Please contact our editors, Ms Suart and Mr Cox:
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We hope you enjoy this edition!

Ms Suart & Mr Cox

Some highlights
from last month!



HAPPY
PRIDE
MONTH!



LGBTQ+ NEWS



Protests erupt in Georgia after journalist killed by anti-LGBTQ+ protesters

Around 50 journalists were attacked at a cancelled Pride march last week as Tbilisi Pride offices were ransacked by anti-LGBTQ+ protesters.

MJ Rodriguez becomes the first trans performer to earn a Primetime Emmy nomination in a lead acting category for her role as Blanca in Pose.

In an interview, she said:
"I would like trans women, and specifically trans women of colour – especially younger girls who are trans and of colour – to take away that this is more than possible. If you're persistent, if you keep your eyes on the prize, if you never let anyone tell you otherwise, you'll keep living and knowing that your existence is worth it, and that you have a purpose on this earth."

Read all about it!

The European Parliament has voted in favour of urgent legal action over Hungary's new law banning the depiction of homosexuality to under-18s.



FHS NEWS

FHS applies for the next Stonewall Award!



For three years, FHS has held a **Stonewall Bronze Award** but we are about to send off our application for the next one!

Ms Suart would like to say a **MASSIVE THANK YOU to everyone who has worked hard to collate and send any evidence** of our great LGBTQ+ work to go towards our application. Ms Suart is very excited to send everything off and **will send an update as soon as she hears!**



LGBTQ+ ROLE
MODEL OF THE
MONTH

Chella Man

(Actor, Model, Activist/
Trans, Genderqueer,
Disabled)



*"No matter where you are in life right now,
it is always possible to reach **the individual
you know you are meant to be.**"*



Chella Man is known for sharing his experiences as a **transgender, deaf, genderqueer, and Chinese and Jewish person of colour**. Man rose to wider prominence in 2019 for portraying mute superhero Jericho in the second season of the DC Universe series Titans.

LGBTQ+ WORD OF THE MONTH



Gender

Euphoria

Gender Euphoria is the opposite of gender dysphoria and is **the comfort or joy experienced when one presents as, or is viewed as one's true gender and/or joy experienced when imagining oneself as a given gender**. Gender euphoria is a sign that someone is transgender even if they don't experience gender dysphoria. For example, someone may not feel dysphoria when presenting as their assigned gender at birth, however they may feel gender euphoria when presenting as or identifying as another gender.

Why have we chosen this word?

- *Trans identities are valid and should be celebrated!*



FEATURE OF THE MONTH

In honour of England's recent success at Euro 2020, this month, our chosen feature looks at...

LGBTQ+ and Football

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HBT and Football



It's estimated that around 6% of the population are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans. In football terms that's more than **2000**

LGBTQ+ fans at an average Premier League game or 5000 at Wembley!

However, **homophobic, biphobic and transphobic abuse is regularly heard in English and Welsh Football stadia.** Much more needs to be done to make LGBTQ+ supporters feel welcome.

<https://prideinfootball.co.uk/>



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Who was the first openly gay footballer?



Justin Fashanu was an English footballer who played for a variety of clubs between 1978 and 1997. He was known by his early clubs to be gay, and came out publicly later in his career, **becoming the first professional footballer to be openly gay.** Tragically, Fashanu took his own life in 1998.

Three decades on, **Fashanu remains the only male footballer to reveal his sexuality while playing professionally in the top tiers.** However, Fashanu's legacy lives on and **in 2020, he was inducted into the National Football Museum Hall of Fame.**

What about the England football team?



The current 2020 England football team has been **widely praised for its commitment to demonstrating equality of all kinds.**

In fact, Captain Harry Kane even wore a rainbow arm band throughout the matches. Also, the football used in the final appeared on a rainbow car!

While some people might argue this is performative, it can also be argued that these are all important steps in bringing LGBTQ+ issues and people into the forefront of sports conversations.

Are there any LGBTQ+ football teams?



Stonewall FC was established in February 1991 in London, when one of the founding members placed an advert in a gay publication, asking if like minded people wanted to play competitive football.

Thirty years on from that first season in the Sportsman's Senior Sunday Football League, they have grown in membership now fielding three competitive 11-a-side teams, **a Women & Non-binary team and offering regular training and recreational 5-a-side football.**

Throughout this journey, the club have also gone on to achieve a number of international tournament successes, with a Stonewall FC team **reaching the final of every LGBTQ+ tournament they've entered, since the year 2000.**

What are Stonewall FC's values?

One thing that hasn't changed since the club's inception, is **their commitment to creating footballing environments where people can be comfortable as their authentic-selves and to facilitate their footballing ability.**

Through this ambition, they are proud to have been a driving force in helping **tackle discrimination within the game and will continue to challenge homophobia, transphobia and biphobia in football.**

Stonewall FC will continue to be a safe space for anyone who wishes to get involved with football.

<https://www.stonewallfc.com/ourstory>





Further information

Forest Hill School and the PE Department are committed to equality in Sport. In fact, **Mr Hollidge even wears rainbow laces in his trainers!**

If you have any questions, he is always available.



For more information on Justin Fashanu's life and legacy:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-norfolk-54617759>

For more information on Stonewall FC:

<https://www.stonewallfc.com/>

For more information on Rainbow Laces:

<https://www.stonewall.org.uk/our-work/campaigns/rainbow-laces>

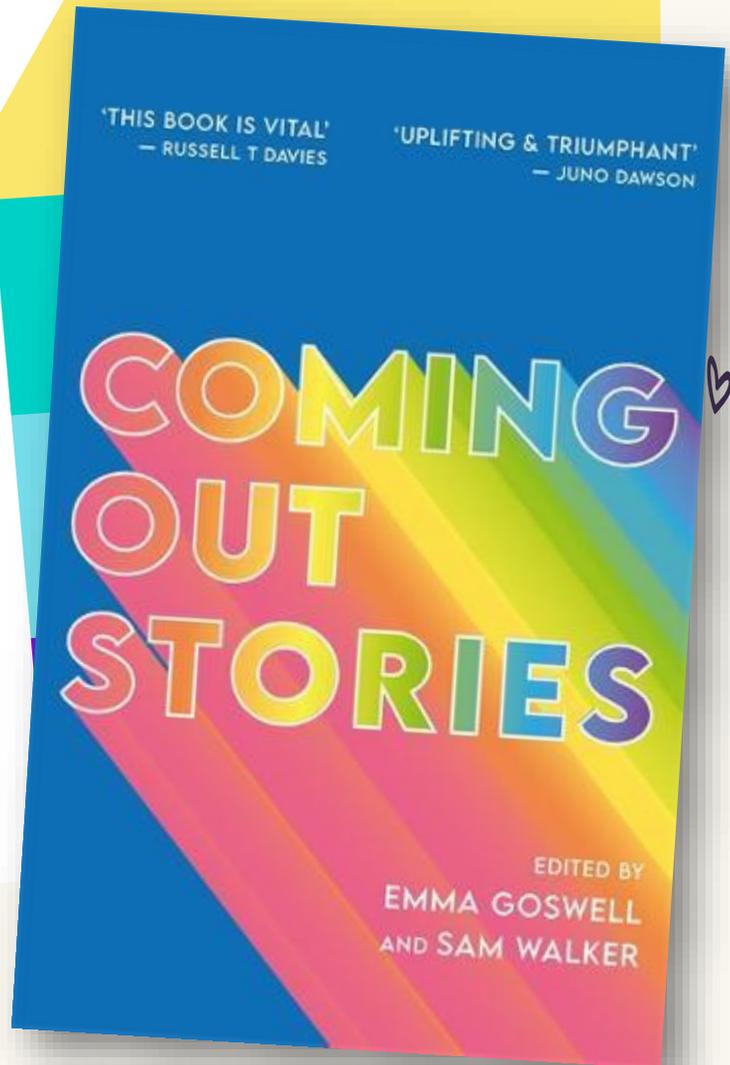


LGBTQ+ BOOK OF THE MONTH

Coming Out Stories—
Edited by
Emma Goswell
and Sam Walker

Waterstones says...

"Filled with **inspiring stories, helpful advice and empowering quotes** from leading LGBTQ+ figures, this uplifting volume based on the popular *Coming Out Stories* podcast is a perfect how-to guide for **embracing life as your most authentic self.**"





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Ms Suart says...
*"This looks like such a brilliant book which celebrates LGBTQ+ identities and experiences. Our word of the month in the last magazine was 'Coming Out', so this book will help you to further understand this and to celebrate people's true selves! **We should all be allies and consider how we can best support LGBTQ+ people.**"*

LGBTQ+ BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY



FOREST HILL SCHOOL
ASPIRING TO EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

Our school library has lots of books with LGBTQ+ themes.

Please see below the links to find them and borrow them!

- LGBTQ+ books to read on the eplatform
- LGBTQ+ books to listen to on the eplatform
- LGBTQ+ books to click & collect from the library

LGBTQ+ SCHOOL DISPLAY OF THE MONTH!



Our school has lots of wonderful LGBTQ+ displays. Each month, we will choose one and share it with you.

This month it's our **STONEWALL POSTERS** which are displayed across the school. We have used these to **improve visibility of LGBTQ+ identities and different families!**

Please **ask your teacher for a poster** if your classroom doesn't have one!



NEED ADVICE?

If you have been affected by anything in this issue, need support or would like more information, there are lots of people and organisations who can support you.

For example:

At FHS:

- **Equality Ambassadors:
Ms Suart, Mr Cox & Ms Learoyd**
- **Your tutor**
- **Your Head of Year**
- **Any member of SLT**
- **Ms Rhodes (school counsellor)**

External organisations and charities:

- **Stonewall** <https://www.stonewall.org.uk/>
- **Metro** <https://metrocharity.org.uk/>
- **Mermaids** <https://mermaidsuk.org.uk/>



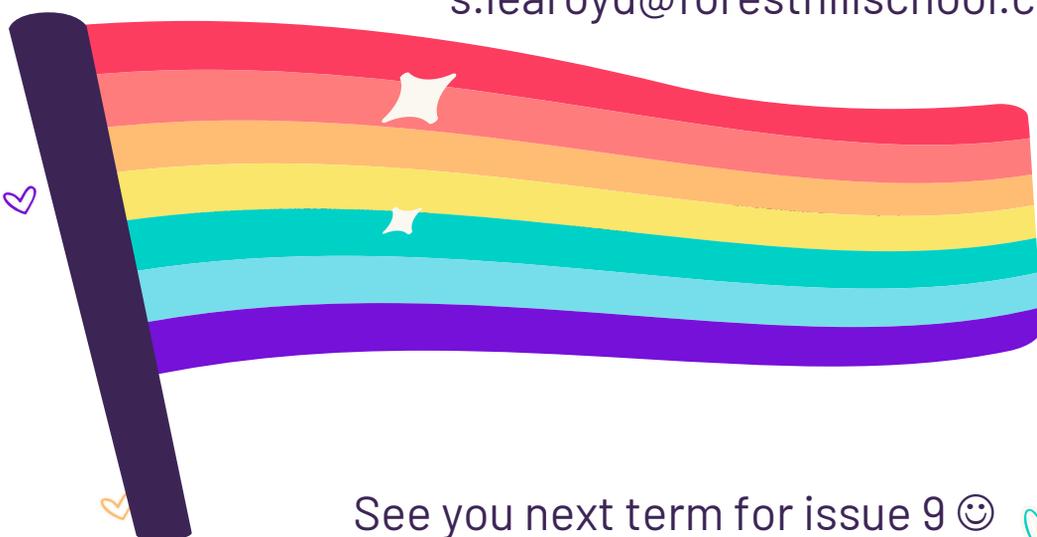
THANKS FOR READING!

For anyone needing support or feeling marginalised due to your identity... we are PROUD to be in solidarity with you.

You matter.

Please email Ms Suart, Mr Cox or Ms Learoyd for any further information or support:

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