



Failsworth
Learning
Partnership

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2016

WELCOME TO THE FOURTH EDITION OF FAILSWORTH LEARNING PARTNERSHIP'S NEWSLETTER

The Failsworth Learning Partnership is the Foundation Trust of Failsworth School. The Partnership links together the local schools and community groups who are working to enrich the learning opportunities for all our children and their families, and to help them grow to make a positive contribution to their community.



Failsworth School

Ofsted May 16

I am delighted to inform the Trust partners that Failsworth School has successfully removed Special Measures after a recent Ofsted visit on 24th/25th May 2016. The Ofsted team have graded the school as Requiring Improvement and they have graded Leadership and Management as good. This is a testimony to the hard work and joined up thinking between the Interim Executive Board (IEB), the Local Authority who have provided additional support, the Interim Executive Headteacher Neil Hutchinson and the Head of School, Phill Quirk. The Ofsted team have recognised that "Much of teaching is now good" and "The leadership team, with strong support from the Interim Executive Board (IEB) and the Local Authority, have embedded a clear vision and ambition for the future of Failsworth School."

Ofsted continued by saying "Pupils behave appropriately around the building, where they are unfailingly polite and respectful" and "Pupils who met with inspectors were of the view that in many classes work was now harder, questioning more challenging and the marking and feedback they received more helpful."

Although we are very pleased with Ofsted's judgement we are not complacent as we are fully aware of the journey ahead. This

was recognised by Ofsted who acknowledged that "leaders and managers are fully aware of strengths and weakness in the school and have put appropriate and effective plans in place to secure rapid improvements in teaching and learning."

Finally, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and it was pleasing to see that Ofsted recognised "The school is popular with the local community. It is oversubscribed and the great majority of parents and carers who completed a school parental survey were supportive of the school and its leadership."

Leadership of the School going forward

From 1st July 2016 Phill Quirk will be taking over as Acting Headteacher and he has been asked by the IEB to continue the recent strong work of all partners in securing rapid improvement. Phill joined the school 13 years ago as Deputy Headteacher and more recently he has been Head of School. In addition, Neil Hutchinson will continue to work with the school for 1 day per week in an Executive Headteacher role.



We believe the future is bright for Failsworth School and we will continue to improve quickly in order to secure at least a Good Ofsted judgement.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, students, parents and partners of the school for their continued support of the school.

Year 7 and 8 Trip to MOSI

During Summer Term 2, 11 of our students from years 7 and 8 attended a Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) careers event at the Museum of Science and Industry where they met both local and national employers; NHS, Laing O'Rourke, Royal Society of Chemistry, RAF, Siemens, Ferodo, AECOM, Sharp Future, FP Diesel, UK Fast and BAE systems. The students learned about job and apprenticeship opportunities and were able to get involved.

Declan Schofield (Year 7) was given a business card and invited to go along to a computer programming club at Sharp Future (in Newton Heath). He was totally in his element telling the employers about his YouTube channel and his website that he set up himself!

Matthew Quinn and Dylan Savage (Year 8) both tried their hand at changing brake pads. Sophie Lang and Alana Hardman (Year 8) enjoyed using the Oculus technology brought in by Laing O'Rourke to simulate using the controls on a crane. James Hall was engrossed in the missile and flight simulator brought in by the RAF and Callum Tomlinson (Year 7) was a brilliant trip leader/tour guide navigating Mr Lowe and myself around the museum!

The students were amazing all day. They communicated not only

with employers but with pupils from other schools. Our Year 7's were a little apprehensive about being the youngest but it was lovely to see how quickly they all became a group and the Year 8's really took them under their wing. They were a credit to the school and staff.



Failsworth School Summer Tea Party

Failsworth School held its fifth bi-annual event for residents from local care homes and sheltered accommodation on Thursday 23rd of June.

Residents from Acorn Lodge, Brierfields and Charles Morris House joined staff, pupils and VIP guests at this highly successful Failsworth community event.

Over seventy guests were treated to an entertaining, British-themed summer afternoon tea party in the school theatre. In addition



to a feast of culinary delights there was an eclectic mix of performances from the school's many talented musicians, singers and dancers. Executive Headteacher, Neil Hutchinson, who took time to entertain the residents with his magic skills, said "We are delighted that our continuing tradition as an integral part of the vibrant Failsworth community enables us to welcome neighbours and friends into our school".



Failsworth Sports Campus

Villa Tournament 2016

This year's Annual Villa Tournament was again a huge success with a record 250+ teams wanting to enter the competition.

215 teams took part from under 6's through to Open Age with many age groups being represented by both male and female teams.

The Failsworth Sports Campus staff received high praise for all their efforts over the weekend with the chairman of Failsworth Villa quoted as saying "I would like to formally say thank you and your team for making last weekend's Failsworth Villa Football festival a success. We could not have done this without your help and support, and your whole team are a credit to you. They worked tirelessly all weekend, and nothing was too much trouble for them.

Both sites (Soccer Centre and School) were spotlessly clean throughout the whole weekend, which just goes to show how hard they worked, considering the amount of footfall we saw (over 200 teams took part). Judging by the feedback we received, lots of people from outside the area were hugely impressed too."

Failsworth Teams did especially well this year with winners in 6 out of the 13 age groups, all of whom train at the Failsworth Sports Campus on a weekly bases.

- Failsworth Dynamos Male U8
- Failsworth Boys Male U10
- Failsworth Dynamos Male U12
- Failsworth West Male U13
- Failsworth Villa Female U16
- Failsworth Dynamos Male Open Age



EARLY HELP – Free Help for you and your family.

Early Help offers support to help people living in Oldham with issues that may be causing problems in their lives.

- We will help you to get a better understanding of the things that may be causing you problems (such as, training, your children, feeling lonely, your health, housing, money and so on).
- Work out with you how we can help you get those things sorted, sometimes this might mean giving you someone to help you sort out these issues.
- Give you this support for free.

Smoking – Free Help to stop smoking!

Free NHS Health Check for those aged 40 – 74 years of age!

Free 2 year old childcare places - 15 hours free per week!

For further information please ring 0161 770 6672 to make an appointment for a free visit to see if you are eligible for any of the above.



WOW Group – Roman Road Independent Methodist Church

The Wow Group runs on Wednesday between 1.30pm to 3.30pm. The group is for adults with complex needs and their carers. The adults enjoy the opportunity to do all sorts of arts and crafts, games, quizzes, cooking and more in a welcoming and friendly setting.

The adults enjoyed the Afternoon Tea in June to celebrate the Queen's birthday. Members of the local community were also invited to take part.



Ruby Slippers Drama Academy

On Sun 13th June, Ruby Slippers Drama Academy took part in Failsforth Carnival. Although the rain came pouring down, that certainly didn't stop these youngsters aged 4-15 from putting on a fantastic performance. Dressed in leotards, homemade fish costumes, mermaid outfits, ears and tails with wellies on their feet, they sang, danced and acted out scenes from a variety of Disney films.

Jo Bell the director and teacher said, "I was so impressed with these young people who stood around wet and cold waiting patiently for their performance. You would never have known because they behaved like true professionals. Thank you to all their families who supported them and made Sunday's carnival a success."

Their next big musical Production will be Oliver! If you would like more information about auditions for this or how to enrol please call 07874141552 or email rubyslippersdrama@yahoo.co.uk. Ruby Slippers Drama Academy can also be found on Facebook.

We are pleased to announce that Ruby Slippers Drama Academy is now a centre for Arts Award, so students can come to us to complete their bronze or Silver Award. If any school is interested in their pupils completing this award, we are also able to come in and deliver the Arts Award to students in schools.

We have two students who will complete their Bronze this term and Grace Barker, current Year 10 at Failsforth High School who will complete Silver. These awards are equivalent to GCSE certificates.



Failsworth Owl

Year 3 pupils at Mather Street have been supporting the local residents with their 'love where you live' project by helping them to transform a plot of derelict land next to Failsworth Metrolink stop into a vibrant garden. The locals have planted shrubs and greenery and put surfacing in place. The Mather Street pupils added the finishing touches by planting wild flowers to add colour and attract insects. Taking pride of place in the garden is a carved owl which has replaced the one which was vandalised a number of years ago. Pupil, Jessica Dooley, won the competition to name the owl, calling him Mr Hooty.



MATHER STREET
primary school



Morrison's Supermarket

Mather Street pupils celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday by holding a British Values Day in school where all the children dressed up in red, white and blue and took part in a wide range of exciting activities. In addition, the Year 1 pupils went along to Morrison's in Failsworth to take part in a tea party and produce pictures for the staff to decorate the store with.



Termly Enrichment Day



We have had our termly enrichment day which was Geography based. The Year 6 children learned about mountain ranges etc and as part of the experience they camped out overnight. The children made their own food, put up and took down the tents, worked with a scout leader on making wooden shelters, used a sky scanner to look at Jupiter and Mars, created a paper mache mountain range of the UK and completed diary entries of what it would have been like to be on Everest. They played lots of camping games too!

The whole school worked on outdoor learning experiences with a focus on enhancing the children's geographical skills.



Fundraising—Reuben's Retreat

We have raised £275 for a very worthy cause - Reuben's Retreat (for children who are terminally ill or have life limiting diseases). One of our new families had a child who died of a brain tumour some time ago. The children gave a donation to raise money in exchange for wearing multi-coloured clothes for the day. The School Council also donated money they made by selling toast.

School Facilities Available for Hire

Failsworth School hosts a number of community groups and organisations on a Tuesday evening. Please contact Paul Watson at the Sports Campus for further information on 0161 688 3926 or pwatson@failsworthlg.co.uk.

Our facilities are also available for hire on other occasions during the week. For further information about availability, please contact Mary Lynch at Kier Workplace Services on 0161 688 3900 or mary.lynch@kier.co.uk.

Sports Facilities Available for Hire

Our state of the art sports facilities are open 7 days a week for community use. Facilities include 3g football pitches, grass football pitches, multi use games area (MUGA) and Tennis Courts.

For more information about hiring our sports facilities, please contact Paul Watson, Sports Campus Manager, on 0161 688 3926 or email pwatson@failsworthlg.co.uk



Woodhouses Primary School



Big Breakfast

The school Ethos Group planned and organised a big breakfast to raise money for the charity Christian Aid. The pupils brought in food to prepare and eat at the Big Breakfast. The children at the school were joined by family members and representatives from the local community who thoroughly enjoyed the time together at the beginning of the day and raised over £200 from this event. Along with other sponsored events, the total amount raised for Christian Aid was over £600! Well done Woodhouses Primary.



Dress Like a Rockstar

Woodhouses made a fantastic start to our new Times Table initiative. We held a Dress like a Rock Star day and had every child and adult in school turn up in their greatest rock gear! Each child enjoyed the start to our new initiative by designing their own Rock star avatar before getting underway with some super-fast times tables gigs.



Year 6 Robin Wood

The children had an epic time at the Robin Wood activity centre! They all jumped out of their comfort zones and took part in a range of activities including archery, climbing and caving. Crate building was the highlight as the children got to play human sized Jenga while building towers from crates.



Update



The New Tennis Sessions ran by the Failsworth Community Tennis Club at the Failsworth Sports Campus have now been confirmed. As requested by the community, the sessions now take place on Thursdays as follows:-

5:00pm - 5:45pm	Tots Tennis 3yrs-5yrs Old
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Mini Tennis Red 5yrs-8yrs Old
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Mini Tennis Orange 8yrs-11yrs Old
8:00pm - 9:00pm	Rusty Rackets Open Age

The Tennis Club now has a steady attendance of around 20-25 per week which was boosted recently due to the Davis cup legacy scheme, which had allowed children 6 weeks of free Tennis lessons.

On 16th July the launch of the Rusty Racket sessions for adults will take place, a session for people who have played tennis before, but who have not played in a while. It will give them a chance to come down and meet new people. The goals of each session will be some coaching and also some friendly match play.



Failsworth Learning Partnership Membership

As a student, parent, member of staff, or as part of the Failsworth community, we would like to invite you to become a member of the Partnership.

As a member you can:

- Have a say in the future of the Partnership and what it does
- Make a difference in your community
- Find out about events and opportunities in Failsworth's Learning Community

Membership is free and should you wish to apply for this, please contact:

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