

Achievement

Oh what a night! Staff, pupils, parents and special guests joined in the celebration of our pupils recognitions and achievements.

Fir Vale School's Annual Presentation Evening was a fantastic success, with proud parents applauding their child for receiving the recognition for top in either Attainment or Progress in a subject.

The Junior Leadership Team hosted the evening with Head Boy Ismaeel and Head Girl Attiyah welcoming our special guest for the evening, Inam Khan, Deputy Lieutenant of the Northamptonshire Lieutenancy. He spoke of his career from being raised in Fir Vale and progressing to a police sergeant.

Deputy Head Boy, Ussman and Deputy Head Girl Nof also presented alongside to celebrate our pupil's achievements.

Mrs Smith, Headteacher hosted the special awards, along with Deputy Headteacher, Miss Charlton, presenting the school's values trophies: **Achievement, Opportunity, Respect, Togetherness, Determination and Kindness.**

The closing remarks were from Usma Saeed, Chair of Governors.



Y11 Conference



What a fantastic experience! Pupils attended their first ever conference at the Bramall Lane, Platinum Suite.

It was a day of exam skills and revision skills' workshops for our Y11s. A special revision skills company was hired for the day to deliver the workshops. "We were equipped with memory techniques." Hafsa, Y11. "After the Y11 conference my revision was much more efficient and organised." Nof, Y11.

Headteacher's Update

Calling all parents!

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you think you might be interested in this role, please come and have a chat with Mrs Smith.



Winner – Kindle Fire 7

We are delighted to announce the lucky winner from Y5 and Y6 Open evening is Aaliyah from Whiteways Primary School. Congratulations!

This year we have welcomed Y5 and Y6 pupils from Whiteways, Owler Brook, Byron Wood, Oasis Fir Vale and Hucklow to our specialist sessions. These have included Basketball, Badminton, Literacy Murder Mystery, Design Technology and Spectacular Science!

This is a wonderful way for pupils to experience the outstanding specialist teaching and learning at Fir Vale School and, for those children who have chosen Fir Vale as their secondary school, it provides valuable transition experiences to help them prepare for the next phase in their education.

We have lots more planned for the rest of the academic year!



Mrs Dodd has been decorating the Fir Vale School Christmas tree as tradition dictates! Her helpers this year were students who had been nominated by their peers as being particularly kind and supportive to others. Kindness is one of our school values.



Electives

Fir Vale students build skills and widen their experience as part of their weekly Electives choices.

Every Wednesday afternoon we dedicate 2 lessons of our timetable to 'Electives'. Every pupil has the opportunity to choose an activity that will support their personal development and enrichment beyond their academic curriculum. Electives are in place for vital life experiences and develop skills such as confidence, team work and communications.



The World Foods group have bravely embarked on a culinary journey that has taken them through India, Mexico, Italy, America, Thailand and Korea sampling some of the delicious foods that are found around the world.



The group have been building on their skills in the kitchen as well as improving how they work as a team at the same time as creating some tasty dishes that we have enjoyed eating together. We have begun to compile 'tried and tested' recipes that will begin to form our very own Fir Vale cookbook.



Y10 and Y11 pupils have been getting creative in their chosen elective session this half term. The students have upcycled this furniture using the art of **decoupage** to give it a new lease of life!

Cohesive Community Gardening

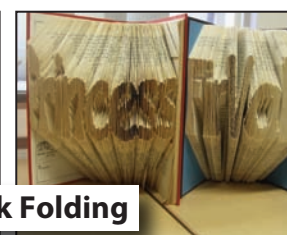


"Over the past 6 weeks we have been making planters for our local primary schools in the area in a project called Cohesive Community Gardening.

The project aims to strengthen our bond and give back to the community.

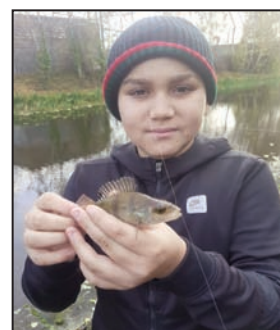
Throughout this project we have learnt various skills such as: measuring, cutting wood, painting wood, drilling holes, screwing wood together and stapling."

Mike Y10



Book Folding

What a Catch!



A group of Y7 pupils enjoyed their chosen elective of fishing on the banks of the Sheffield Canal. Pupils were new to fishing and very quickly learnt the art with excellent results, catching a variety of species of fish including a native Cray fish.



A Walk in the Park!

Pupils enjoyed their great adventure walking in Rother Valley Park. A wonderful opportunity to enjoy nature and the great outdoors.

Sheffield Book Awards!

A group of KS4 pupils went to a very special Sheffield Children's Book Awards this year at the Crucible Theatre.

They studied a selection of books in their Elective that were selected by the Schools Library Service and then watched the Awards Ceremony, met some amazing authors and proudly represented our school!

Science Modelling

Mr Wannell and his Y7 Elective class have been making some models.



Dance Leaders!



Y8 and Y9 pupils have been visiting Oasis Primary School as part of their 'Dance leaders' Elective.

They've been delivering weekly dance workshops to Y5 and Y6 students who have absolutely loved it!

Word on the Street!

Y11 Photography students recently went on a visit to watch a local Graffiti artist spray a wall in the community for I Let 4 U, using their skills to capture the work in progress. The students had a great time with the graffiti artist asking lots of questions and enjoying the chance to take on a live photo shoot.



Fir Vale Cadets



Fir Vale Cadets visited 212 Field Ambulance at Endcliffe Hall.

Cadets were involved in four activities: a teambuilding exercise, weapon handling, a medical scenario where casualties were assessed and evacuated and finally a tour around the hall, that we were told is haunted.

We clearly have some future leaders and medics in our ranks, and the staff at Endcliffe Hall were very impressed with the conduct, enthusiasm and engagement of our Cadets.



Pizza to Go!

Mr Hussain, Head of Y9, joins some of his year group in their DT lesson.



Community Kitchen!



As a reward for regularly showing the Fir Vale values of Kindness, Respect, Determination and Achievement a select group of Y7s were given the opportunity to work together to make goulash.

This extra activity is part of a program to develop more creative and practical approaches to learning.



Rapid Language Acquisition at Fir Vale School in the Literacy Hub

Fundraising! What a great day!



With a yellow and black theme, Fir Vale staff and pupils raised funds for Children in Need. Raising over **£857**, pupils ran a bake sale and got involved in lots of activities, including pavement art to express kindness.



Drama Ambassadors



Drama Ambassador Event - 30 KS3 Drama Ambassadors have been selected from Y7, 8 & 9 for their exceptional talents in the subject. These students were able to work together to explore their talents. They now wear their Drama ambassador

badges with pride and await the exciting challenges ahead of them.

Mohammed, Sam, Jimmi, Mohammed & Sebastian.

Behind the Scenes!

The 'Behind the Scenes' elective group demonstrated their skills and made costumes and applied the stage make-up for the 'Lights, Camera, Action!' performing group who played the witches from Shakespeare's Macbeth.



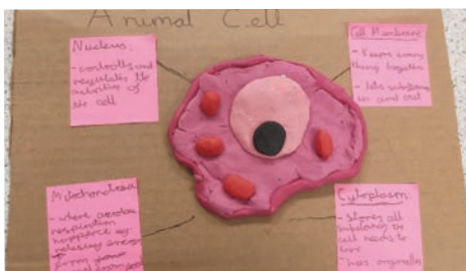
A trip to the theatre was on the cards!

Y11 pupils were rewarded with a trip to see Grease the musical for their effort in Dance. They had a great time and were a credit to the school.

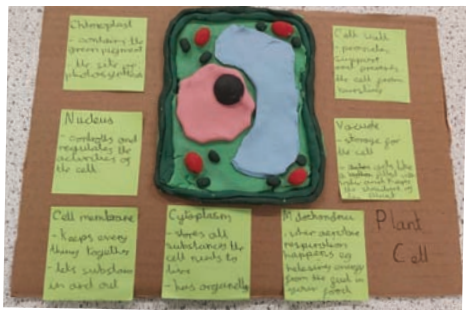
STEM Competition!

The school has been asked to take part in a competition over the Christmas holidays. Pupils need to design a shelter for the Mars Rover. The winners' photo will appear in the next issue.





Excellent Homework!



Hair & Beauty



The style of the month won by Jana, Y10.

Y7 Extra Activities

Well done to the Year 7s who have settled extremely well at Fir Vale.

Since starting at Fir Vale, as a Year group they have collectively achieved over 7,600 Recognition Points!

They have been busy academically - having to complete tests and assessments and we are proud that they approached these with maturity.

They have also been involved in music sessions, sports interventions, litter picking and voting for their pupil parliament - ensuring the pupil's voice is listened to!

We are pleased to see new friendships being forged and the children doing their best to support our Fir Vale Standards. Keep up the good work Year 7!

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 5th January 2022
First Day of Term

Thursday 6th January 2022
Y8 & Y9 Parents' Evening

Thursday 13th January 2022
Parent Drop-ins (3:15pm - 4:15pm)
Why not come and chat with our SLT?

Out in the Field!



The Year 11 Geography pupils went on a fieldtrip to Burbage Brook above Hathersage to complete some fieldwork on measuring rivers.

The pupils were absolutely fantastic on the trip and learnt skills and techniques for the exam and it was good revision for the rivers topic.

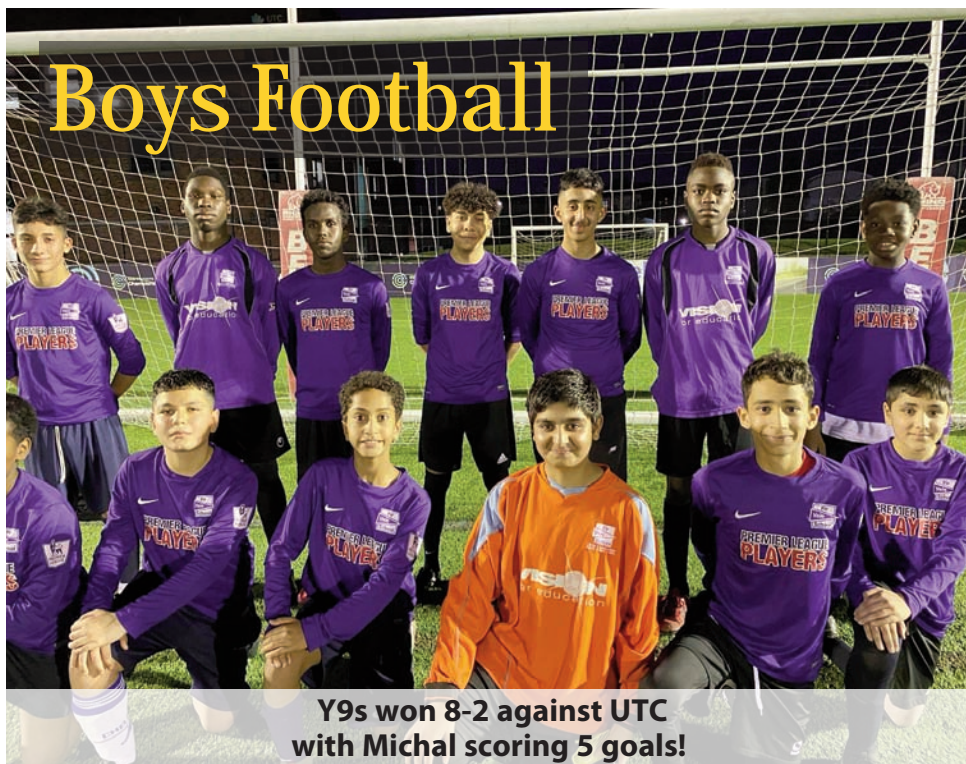
Girls Football



The Y7 and 8 girls football team participated in the EFL girls cup, beating Sheffield Park Academy 1-0 and drawing with Tapton A and

B 1-1. Raya scored all the goals and was player of the day for Fir Vale. Good luck to Birley in the next stages.

Boys Football



Y9s won 8-2 against UTC with Michal scoring 5 goals!