

News

RESPECT



Standing on Ceremony!

Badges of honour were awarded to 27 Fir Vale School Cadets.

Parents and staff were invited to a special ceremony in school to see the cadets on parade and receive their berets and badges. Promotions of one Sergeant, two Lance Corporals and two Corporals, who are rising up in the ranks.



Fatima



Kevin, Tooba & Harris



Mohammed, Bethany & Sa-I-Rah

A better place for everyone!

Our Pupil Parliament has already helped to make school a better place for everyone! Form Representatives discussed ideas from their form, and then in December Pupil Parliament met with Mrs Smith.

As a result, new outdoor equipment is being ordered for break times, a lunch time prayer space has been established and we are all working hard to get our school and PE uniforms correct every day so we will hopefully be allowed to have a non-uniform day soon!

At the last Pupil Parliament meeting, we

were in talks with the company in charge of food and the canteen to see if we can improve the food offer for students at lunch times and maybe other times of the day too. Together we can make our voices heard!



Headteacher's Update



It was a real privilege to award some of our students their badges and berets at our cadet ceremony.

Our cadets are trained in leadership skills and First Aid as part of their roles as medical corps.

Cadets go on trips, arrange fund raising for our local foodbank and assist at events in school.

I'm very proud of them!

Their unit is unique in South Yorkshire.

Diverse, inclusive, fabulous! Well done!

Rachel Smith, Headteacher

Better Learners, Better Workers

As part of the Better Learners, Better Workers programme, Y9 students experience work-place visits in the Engineering, Construction and Health Care employment sectors.

We visited Straaltechniek UK limited, which is a global engineering company and heard from the Chairperson about his journey through school, how he had to make changes and work hard, the story of how he became successful and built the business he has today.

Students toured the company, experienced the different departments and heard from some of the staff, including an apprentice who took part in the Better Learners, Better Workers programme himself!





During the Mindful Elective, we made wooden Mandalas for decorations before Xmas, and practised mindful breathing to help our sleep, whilst making repetitive patterns using Scratch Art.

Pick A Card!



What fun! At break and lunchtime students get very excited and competitive when answering random questions. Staff on duty have hundreds of questions for them to choose from. "It is a really good way of getting the students interacting with one another," said Ms Smith, History teacher, who came up with the great idea!

Girls' Football Update



The KS4 girls football team played against Silverdale beating them 7-4. It was a strong team performance and some fantastic football was played. Maheen scored five goals and Niyab scored two. Player of the match was Mya.



Y7 & 8 girls took part in a futsal tournament at Concord Sports Centre, finishing overall in 4th place across Sheffield. The highlights were beating King Edward VII and the 1-1 draws with Parkwood and Sheffield Park. Lilirose, Raya and Khadija were the goal scorers.

Tell it to the Tree!

If you pop into the Link you will notice our new tree!



Staff and students have been busy putting it together, decorating it and using it as a space to check in with one another. The tree will display messages around mental

health and what support there is for students in school.

Team Challenge Day!

Spaghetti Tower!



Students across Year 7 took part in the 'Spaghetti Tower Challenge' as part of the school's Team Challenge Day.

They were then set the challenge of competing to build their own record-breaking tower!

The twist was that the only materials they were given access to were sticky marshmallows and brittle spaghetti. Our year 7s impressed everyone with their cooperation and ingenuity in creating some impressive feats of construction.

Basketball Update

UTC - 10 vs Fir Vale - 13

This was the first time that all the students have played together within a competitive game. They showed an incredible amount of commitment even when they were down in points. The team kept their heads up and carried on pushing to win against UTC. Fantastic!

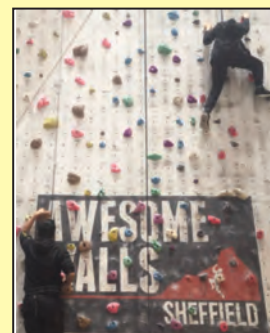


Awesome!

One of the many electives that Fir Vale students can choose from on a Wednesday afternoon is indoor climbing at the local 'Awesome Walls'.

When the students first walk in and see the main wall they are mesmerised.

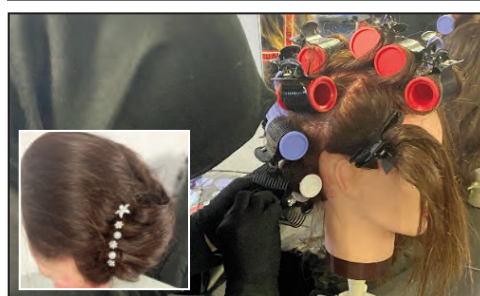
However it's not long before they are tackling the climbs themselves.



Year 7s visited Leeds Royal Armouries Museum and enjoyed watching a sword fight demonstration.



Instrumental lessons afterschool are happening again. All welcome!



Alicia Y10 Practicing some setting and dressing in L2 Hair & Beauty work.

Dates for your diary

Monday 21st February 2022

Training Day (no students in school)

Tuesday 22nd February 2022

First Day of Term

Thursday 3rd March 2022

Y9 Open Evening

Thursday 31 March 2022

Y8 & Y11 Parents' Evening

Friday 1st April 2022

Training Day (no students in school)