



Well Deserved!

16 students have taken part in the Dame Kelly Holmes project throughout the year. They have developed their leadership skills and confidence and delivered activities to Oasis Primary School students. They have been outstanding and enjoyed a well deserved reward trip to Ninja Warrior!

SPORT ROUND - UP

Girls' Rounders Team

Well done to the girls' rounders teams this season! Some fantastic performances and great togetherness shown throughout. It was finished off with a well deserved win against Hinde House!



Athletics

KS3 students qualified to compete in the Sheffield City Finals. We came in the top 3 in Sheffield for 4 different events. A huge congratulations to all students!



Football

Y9 football team went undefeated this year and gained promotion. Well done!



Bowled Over!



Students enjoyed a great afternoon out with Maths teacher, Mr Darazkan playing a competitive game of bowling and collecting data for the 'Statistics Data Analysis Project'.

Community Celebrations

This month we teamed up with our local primary schools to do a pop up street performance in Page Hall.

It was a great event with fabulous singing, dancing and drumming in the sunshine.



Dates for your diary

Monday 5th September 2022

Start of the New School Term 22/23

Wednesday 21st September 2022

Y5/Y6 Open Day/Evening

Tuesday 4th October 2022

Y11 Annual Conference

Thursday 6th October 2022

Y7 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 11th October 2022

Careers Fair

News

Determination



What a Treat!

"It was amazing! I have been waiting all year for this. It's nice to be rewarded for always attending school." Y8 student

Over the course of this academic year students tracked their attendance and behaviour data in order to earn a place on the end of year reward trip to Alton Towers.

All students with 100% attendance and less than 10 negatives gained a free place! Over 300 of our Y7 - Y10 students enjoyed a fantastic day out and their behaviour was a credit to themselves and the school.



'Better Learners, Better Workers' scoop the big prize!

Twelve of our Y9 students have been following the 'Better Learners Better Workers' programme all of this academic year.

This included visits to construction sites and an engineering company an army skills day and working with the NHS.

The final task involved working on a project with a team from the NHS to devise a promotional campaign on an aspect of preventative health care.

Fir Vale School competed in two teams of six students and demonstrated exceptional subject knowledge, communication skills and innovation.

Students presented to a large audience, a panel of judges from the NHS and local businesses at the Cutlers Hall in Sheffield.

We are pleased to announce that Fir Vale School won first place!

Congratulations!

Headteacher's Update

I have never known an edition with as much celebration as this one! It has been fantastic to see our students getting (and taking) opportunities to widen their experiences.

One of our priorities this year has been to expand our students' horizons, develop their experience of the local area, and hone their social skills.

Our increased participation in trips and experiences has ensured students are getting an all-round education.

Have a wonderful relaxing break and see you all on the 5th September!

*Rachel Smith,
Headteacher*

Winning Entry!



Congratulations to Mohammed for his winning entry to stop fly-tipping in our local area.

Angela from the local neighbourhood service came to congratulate him. Look out for Mohammed's design in print soon!

In it to win it!



Every week there is a raffle draw for students who have been awarded tickets.

Throughout the school day, staff identify students who are working hard and engaging in learning. The more tickets they collect, the more chance they have of winning. Students get to choose their own prize.

A Sprinkle of Magic...

We are very proud of our students involved in the Fir Vale gardening projects.

Their determination and togetherness have been evident throughout the year.

All of the work has been student led and they are also reaching out to the community

with their 'gardening goodies', as well as building a legacy for current and future students.

The allotment and memorial garden are really taking shape and we look forward to seeing the gardening community grow, even more!



The Fir Vale School "Cohesive Community Gardening Group" is aiming to improve the local environment by creating a community garden opposite Owler Brook Primary School. They are using planters made by students of Fir Vale School to help with this.



The group has also begun to create an allotment in the school grounds. They have marked out and dug flower beds, built a shed and are currently growing potatoes, onions, beans and a range of herbs which have already been used in the school cooking lessons.

World Music Week!

The music department held a variety of activities during the week to celebrate our musical achievements. Students played the piano to start off the week.

The Voice semi-finalist, Lucy Milburn came into school to work with all of Year 7. They had a great time listening to her perform and joining in by singing 'Roar' by Katy Perry.



That week also saw the music department head out armed with guitars for students to play at lunchtime, which created smiles all round.



Tengu Taiko came to school to deliver Taiko workshops to key stage 3 students. Taiko are loud Japanese drums and the students had a fantastic time learning to play these instruments and watching the amazing performances.

It's in the Hair!

Sabrina in Y10, who studies Hair & Beauty styled Ms Hall's hair for her trip to London as part of the Teacher of the Year Award. Good Luck to Ms Hall!



Preparation is the Key!

Y10 Child Care students prepared and cooked a meal for a 4 year old child as part of their Level 2 Child Development course.

The students enjoyed choosing ingredients, designing the meal and then independently cooking it. Thoughts were also given to how the meal could be presented to a small child.



Out for a Stroll



Y10 English students had a lovely morning in Sheffield city centre.

They experienced a relaxing stroll through Crookes Valley Park, where they watched people fishing, then went on to Weston Park Museum.

They experienced a heated rally on the tennis courts, made friends with the park's pigeons and met a lovely dog called Woody!

Within the museum's exhibits, pupils enjoyed finding out about life in Sheffield and how different Sheffield itself use to be. They even managed to spot Fir Vale School on a 200 year old map!

Some pupils were surprised to find out how clothes used to be washed – the clothes horse confused many!



Duke of Edinburgh Students completed their Bronze expedition navigating 27 kilometres over 2 days with a one night camp whilst enjoying some fantastic scenery.



Evening Walk!

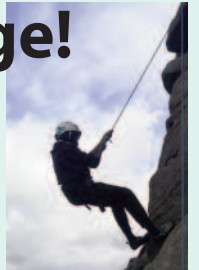
Ms Smith & Mr Highfield took a group of Y7 students to the Longshaw Estate for an evening walk in the sunshine.

Fatehi said his favourite thing was the cows!



Living on the Edge!

Fir Vale students enjoyed rock climbing. They went to Burbage Edge, which is only thirty minutes away from school in The Peak District. People come from all over the country to climb here.



Out in The Field

Year 10 Geography students went to the Longshaw Estate to complete some rivers fieldwork for their paper 3 exam.

They measured the width and depth of the river and the velocity of the river. It was a really hot day and their treat was to either paddle in the water or have an ice cream.



Careers Week!

In July we hosted our very own Careers Week.

All students had the experience of meeting people in a range of careers, learning about their career journey and careers that were in the different job sectors. This included representatives from the NHS, the Civil Service and construction, for example. Students benefitted from the opportunities to ask questions, learn from people and were encouraged to think about their own next steps.

If you would like to be involved in future careers and aspiration events please contact jspurr@firvale.com



Rewards & Recognition

This week in assemblies, we celebrated the students who showed determination and achievement through their improved behaviour, progress, and attendance. Well done to all of our students who have done well this year. We are very proud of you!

