Achievement

Head Boy, Malik Zahman and Head Girl, Alisha Siddiq are very excited about being chosen to represent Fir Vale School.

With Deputy Head Boy, Mohammed Jamaal Baroo and Deputy Head Girl, Jasmin Ahmed and along with the team of Prefects did their inaugural speech at the Y5/6 Open Evening. Parents and teachers were impressed with their confidence and inspirational message on seizing the opportunity and working hard to achieve success.

Headteacher’s Update

I’ve been thrilled by the enthusiasm and successes of our pupils since September.

Auditions for the Winter Showcase have started with super performances in assemblies.

Our new Junior Leadership Team (JLT) has expanded to six with Ammarah Ali and Naema Hassan being voted in to the Junior Leadership Team by the Prefects.

The team has lots of ideas about improving the school going forward.

Thank you to staff new and old for working together to make Fir Vale a successful, thriving school.

Check out our website for this term’s homework for your child.

www.firvale.com

Aspirations & Destinations Event

Over 25 external Post 16 providers attended our annual event giving our students advice for future career pathways.

Congratulations! to Dalal Al-Najar who won an iPad Mini at our Y5/6 Open Evening prize draw.

Winners!
Mind your Language!

Fir Vale School entered students for Arabic, Urdu, Spanish, French, Chinese and Italian last year.

This year students will be entered again for home languages.

Ms Mir a qualified teacher, who started at Fir Vale as a Learning Support Assistant said: “It’s an exciting opportunity to teach the Urdu language.”

After school sessions are running Thursdays and Fridays for Y7/8/9 students as a starter course in the Urdu language.

It’s Designer!

We welcome Mr Webster & Miss Croft to the DT department.

It’s all adding up in Maths!

A big Fir Vale welcome to our three new Maths Teachers: Miss Baxter, Mr Darazkan and Mrs Kauser.

They have had a great start and are all enjoying teaching Maths to our fantastic Fir Vale students!

They are even teaching a brand new Maths qualification to high ability students in their own time every Monday after school.

It’s a matter of Science!

Mr Davies and Mrs Priest have both joined the Science department. They both come with a wealth of knowledge from Hinde House School.

“An amazing welcome from all staff and inquisitive students. It’s been a pleasure to join a well established and hardworking team who have the students best interests at heart. Looking forward to the many challenges in the year ahead.”

It’s all in the Words!

Having successfully completed her Teacher Training Programme, English Teacher, Miss Sloan joined us in September. She is calm, dedicated and has already developed close working relationships with the pupils in her class.

Ms Johnson, English Teacher joined us from Ecclesfield in September. She is an exceptionally talented and experienced teacher and has already built firm relationships with her classes.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 7 November 2019
Annual Presentation Evening (6:00pm - 8:00pm)

Monday 11 November 2019
Meet the Headteacher (9:30am & 5:15pm)

Wednesday 27 November 2019
Y8/Y10 Parents’ Evening (3:30pm - 6:00pm)

Tuesday 17 December 2019
Winter Showcase (3:30pm - 4:30pm)
Level 3 Maths After School Club

McMillan Coffee Morning!

Students and staff baked cakes to host a fundraising Coffee Morning for the McMillan Appeal. Thank You!

£285

The Salon

Our new purpose-built Salon is setting foundations for the future. Hair and Beauty is a new course this year where students will study a qualification which will take them to the next level. The recognised qualification will give students the key skills and confidence to access further education.

£200

Focus on Student Art!

Anika Majid, who has used oil pastels to produce and image exploring shape and forms. Lovely work, Anika!

100% Attendance

Congratulations to Kaif Ghaffar, who was the lucky winner of the £25 Nandos voucher for 100% attendance and no lates during the last half term of school July 2019.

This incentive runs every half term. Students meeting the criteria are entered into the prize draw, at the end of the term a name is picked at random and the winning student is presented with the voucher during the first week of the new term.

Ensuring your child attends school every day and on time is incredibly important, just 10 minutes late to school or lessons each day equates to 33 hours of lost learning time each year. Their future is in your hands!

Photo Competition

Well done to everyone who entered our ‘Summer’ themed competition and congratulations to our winners Rudayna Y10 and Ms Charlton from the staff entry.

Fantastic images I’m sure you will agree?

WAKE ME UP!
The team are out every morning.

Parents and Carers please speak to your children about not bringing valuable items to school. School cannot be responsible for the loss of any of these items, such as... Jewellery, mobile phones, designer clothing and other luxury items.

Leave it out!
Girls having a ‘kick around’

Y8 & Y9 girls played in the first fixture night of the season. They won every game, beating Bradfield, Chaucer, Ecclesfield and Firth Park, only conceding one goal all night. A great start to the season!

Y8 & Y9 girls playing football.

The U16 girl’s football team had their first fixture this week, winning 2 games against Sheffield Girl’s High and Hinde House. The goal scorers were Maheen and Mya. Well done!

The U16 girl’s football team.

Playing for the school’s girls football team and trialling over the summer, Alisha and Maheen are now playing for Sheffield United U16 Girl’s Football Squad. Alisha said: I wouldn’t have achieved my goal without the encouragement and inspiration from Miss Spurr, my PE Teacher.”

Alisha and Maheen playing football.

Re-start a Heart Day

Fir Vale School was very proud to offer emergency CPR training to all Year 7 pupils in partnership with Yorkshire Ambulance Service.

The earlier a patient can receive CPR and assistance from a defibrillator, the greater their chance of survival.

This exciting event is led by the Resuscitation Council (UK) in partnership with The British Heart Foundation, British Red Cross, St John Ambulance, and Yorkshire Ambulance Service.

Fir Vale Cadets

32 Pupils have enrolled onto Fir Vale School’s Cadet programme.

Training towards Summer Camp at Catterick Garrison in July is very exciting & challenging.

Mr Harris, School Staff Instructor is teaching all the recruits First Aid and Advanced First Aid.

Fir Vale Cadets.

Music and the Deaf

Music and the Deaf have been working on the Modulate project with Sheffield Music Hub, Fir Vale School, Owler Brook and Oasis Fir Vale to increase music-making for deaf young people.

We have worked on three ‘Inspiration Days’ to directly engage students with a hearing impairment in making music.

The project will also provide bursaries for students to pursue instrumental lessons.

The students have experienced hearing live music from a variety of musicians.

As part of the project students have had the opportunity to try the flute, P-Buzz, cornet and ukulele, and have created their own music based on the theme of the weather.