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## ...Children in Need 2020

FHS comes together for Children in Need each year and always puts the heart of the school community into fundraising. As well as a non-uniform day, students have been purchasing and donning their Pudsey merchandise – the school is bursting with furry ears and spots! There is also a raffle to win a Giant Pudsey with the winner yet to be announced! In Years 7 and 8, students have also held a cake

sale to raise even more funds. Putting activities together this year has been a challenge but nothing will get in the way of the generosity of the FHS community in getting behind this very worthy cause. In tutor time this week, students have been learning about the work of Children in Need and the impact it has on those it helps. The elves will begin the coin counting next week and we will update our totaliser on the website when the grand total is known. Perhaps more than ever this year students have relished the fun and positivity involved in supporting others... perhaps the tag line for the Children in Need campaign this year is one we may all heed in the times we find ourselves in... Together We Can.

## ...Lest We Forget

On Wednesday 11 November, Year 11 Junior Leadership representatives Daisy and Thomas proudly represented Formby High School by laying a poppy wreath at the Formby War Memorial on behalf of us all to remember the fallen. The wreath from the school featured a heart-felt message of remembrance written by the students. The whole school observed a two minute silence at 11am, preceded by a moving last post trumpet salute by Miss Dilworth which resonated around the campus on a beautiful autumn morning. In classrooms, during the minutes of silence students watched a powerful presentation of images helping us all to remember and honour those who gave their lives for our freedom. The School Parliament has been busy selling poppies throughout school over recent days to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – well done to all!



## ...In Remembrance

In October, the school lost a much loved member of the school community, Professor Ken Ridings, who served as a Governor at the school for more than 14 years until his retirement in July this year. Professor Ridings had a life-long passion for education which shone through in his long and outstanding service as a Community Governor at the school. We cannot overstate the impact he had on driving the development of this school and offering firm support and challenge in his governance. As well as a keen eye for detail which kept us all on our toes, Professor Ridings had a particular passion for the Creative Arts, serving as Link

Governor to this department for many years, and fought hard to ensure that the Arts remained part of the fabric of FHS. Everyone at FHS owes him a huge debt of gratitude for his incredible contributions to the school. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, including of course his grandsons who attend the school. Thank you, Professor Ridings, for all you have done for the school – you will be missed and remembered by all.

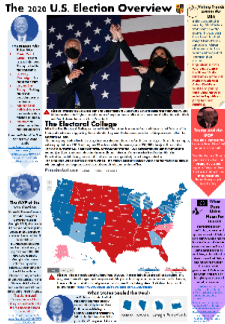


## ...Creative Arts Continue to Shine

This year's nomination for the prestigious Educate Awards for Outstanding Arts in a Secondary School reflects the vast amount of digital, creative work undertaken by our students and staff during lockdown to produce a sensational Virtual Arts Festival in July. All these and more are on [our YouTube channel](#). From digital art galleries, virtual choirs and orchestras, 'Over the Rainbow', Gold Arts Award Showreel... the Arts are an intrinsic part of FHS. Winners will be announced in late January. Watch this space!



## ... Election Fever



With the US Presidential election taking up media headlines across the world last week (and beyond), there were lots of questions from students, not only in Politics lessons but across the school. Cue Mr Fitzgibbons, Teacher of History and Politics, renowned for his outstanding resources, who put together some fantastic infographics, including a guide to the US Presidential Election, an election night tracker with fun activities to follow the action, and a helpful overview after election day. Well done, Mr Fitzgibbon, for enabling us all to follow events with a greater understanding and helping us to decipher how it could all unfold far better than any of the media channels did!

## ...Junior Leadership Team

Election fever continued at school too as all year groups set to electing this year's Junior Leadership Team. Unfortunately, due to recent absences, Year 10 has yet to complete their election but we will be sure to update you when they do! Here are our proud JLT Representatives for 2020/21 so far:

• Year 7: Florence and Matthew	• Year 9: Kate and Billie
• Year 8: Molly and Charlotte	• Year 11: Thomas and Daisy

## ...Read for Good



Back in March this year, alongside World Book Day, Year 7 started to take part in Readathon sponsored read. This charity raises money to provide hospitals with books and professional storytellers, giving the children in hospital the chance to escape to other worlds in their imagination. Our sponsored read was cut short with the arrival of Covid-19; despite the abrupt end we still managed to raise **£185.00** for Read for Good. Thank you and well done to those (now Year 8s) who took part.

## ...Sporting Matters

Our very own Mr Hunt, Teacher of PE and professional referee for the FA, was honoured to be selected to officiate at the FA Cup Youth Final which took place at St. George's Park (the home of the Football Association) on 2 December between Manchester City and Chelsea. 114 previous winners of the FA Youth Cup have gone on to represent their country and earn senior caps, with 50 of those winners representing England, the most recent of those being Reece James who earned his first cap against Wales last month. Both Peter Bonetti (Chelsea) and Bobby Charlton (Manchester United) won the FA Youth Cup and were part of the 1966 England World Cup squad. In FHS sporting news, the PE department is pleased to announce the winners of the first half term InterForm competition in Athletics; well done to 7O, 8R and 9O!



## On the Horizon...

★ INSET (Staff Only) – 27 November

★ Y13 Drama Devised Performances – 2 Dec