

FOCUSON...



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Celebrating our school and community

...Kevin Williams Penalty Shootout



Last Tuesday (15 April) marked the thirty-sixth anniversary of the Hillsborough tragedy, when 97 Liverpool Football Club supporters lost their lives attending an FA Cup semi-final match. Every year, Formby High School marks the anniversary of the Hillsborough disaster by coming together to remember Kevin Williams, a Formby High School Year 11 student who sadly lost his life at the tragedy. An avid Liverpool FC supporter, Kevin also loved playing football and was a proud and distinguished member of the Year 11 football

team. He was also the son of Anne Williams, one of the leading campaigners in the fight for justice for the victims of the disaster. It has been an annual Formby High School tradition to honour his memory through the sport he loved in the form a penalty shoot-out between the Year 11 football team and staff, with the rest of students lending their support. The shoot-out took place at lunch time today where the staff team emerged victorious this year! More than the result, however, is the importance of this opportunity to continue this tradition in Kevin's name and ensure he, and the other victims of Hillsborough and their families are remembered.



...Pi Day

On 14/03/2025 (Pi Day) several Year 7 students took part in our Pi Day Competition with Mr Williams and Mr Duckworth, recalling as many digits of Pi as they could. Maicie is our winner for 2025 and also broke the Formby High record, beating the previous record (her brother) by 36 digits! Maicie managed to recall 199 digits of Pi... now, that is impressive! A huge congratulations to all those who participated, a special mention to Nora and Molly who finished in 2nd and 3rd place respectively. Students received recognition from Mr Wood, a certificate and an Amazon voucher for their efforts. Well done girls!

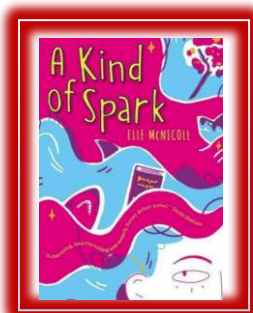


• Maicie - 199 digits

• Nora - 154 digits

• Molly - 79 digits

... Library Corner



Our Library Corner news features and book recommendations have been brought to us by Mrs Ambrose, our Librarian since 2018. Mrs Ambrose will be leaving us next week for pastures new and we could not let her leave without a huge thank you from the newsroom, all her colleagues and the countless students she has supported over the years. Passionate about reading, Mrs Ambrose has been a tireless ambassador for reading for the school and set up the new Library on her arrival in 2018. She leaves with our very best wishes for a happy and successful future. Her final book recommendation for the newsletter is a winner of both Blue Peter and Waterstones book awards as well as being one of Formby High's Year 7 group reads - *A Kind of Spark* tells the story of

11-year-old Addie as she campaigns for a memorial in memory of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown. Addie knows there's more to the story of these 'witches', just like there is more to hers. Can Addie challenge how the people in her town see her, and her autism, and make her voice heard?

...Sixth Form Matters

Today the full Year 12 cohort have been visiting the UK University and Apprenticeship Fair hosted by Lancaster University. The event which was expected to attract over 4,000 students throughout the day, offers a unique opportunity to support students in exploring which university, course or apprenticeship they would like to apply to when they finish in Year 13. Coming up on 7 May, students will be invited to a 'Year 12 Find Your Future' event at FHS, with a special information session that evening for their parents. FHS students who have attended in the past have found the event to be incredibly useful in supporting their decision making. We must take this opportunity to congratulate our current Year 13 students who have secured fabulous offers at a wide range of universities as well as some highly sought after degree apprenticeships, including Balfour Beatty and Jaguar Land Rover.



Claudia (Year 7) was selected to represent Merseyside Schools Cross Country Team at a race against Chesire in Chesire on Wednesday 2 April. This is a fantastic accomplishment as only 15 were selected from right across Merseyside. Unfortunately Chesire won the race (by only 4 points) but Claudia ran very well... great stuff, Claudia! Well done also to Felix (Year 8) who was recently interviewed on Tony Snell's Morning Show on BBC Radio Merseyside alongside his father. The interview was to talk about a charity bike challenge Felix and his dad are taking part in to raise funds for NW Cancer Research (incorporating Clatterbridge Cancer Research)

in memory of a close family friend who sadly passed away last year. They will both be doing the Liverpool-Chester bike ride in July (including riding through the Queensway Tunnel), with his father on his Penny Farthing bike! Good luck in your training prep, Felix, and we wish you success with your [fundraising](#).



...Sporting Matters

...LAMDA

Our Creative Arts Team would like to say a massive well done to those students who completed their LAMDA Acting exams over the Easter holidays. Mrs Donlevy said "These students gave up time during their Easter break to impress the examiners in their solo examinations. Eleven students took part, and we want to say well done to all of them for their commitment and professionalism. They represented the school excellently. "



The summer term sees our examination cohorts on the final countdown to the start of examinations in a matter of weeks and other year groups at key points of their curriculum for the academic year. Regular attendance is key to academic success, and we ask that students, with the full support and encouragement of parents, continue to prioritise attendance for the remainder of the term, as every school day counts. For any concerns or support regarding attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Attendance Team. Let's continue to work together to ensure our students stay engaged and focused on maintaining or improving their attendance.

...Attendance Matters

On the Horizon...

- ★ Y9 LEAP Dance Festival performance – 29 Apr
- ★ UKMT Junior Maths Challenge – 1 May
- ★ Y7 Subject Consultation Evening – 1 May
- ★ NODA Regional Awards – 3 May
- ★ Y12 Find Your Future – 7 May
- ★ DofE Bronze Qualifier Expedition – 9/10 May