Finham Lion

The Olympic torch comes to Coventry!

Finham Park Top Six Events Of The Year!

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Music for the summer

The Summer Holidays are coming up. You can all prepare yourself for a 6 week break! This season, many new songs have been released that I can assure, would most definitely get you into the summer mood. This weather isn’t exactly how we would picture ‘Summer’, however, despite the gloomy rain, cloud and wind, we should just make the most of it...

Below, are some songs that are in the Top 40. I picked these specifically because they all relate to summer or what you all may get up to. These music artists have all recently become incredibly popular after releasing their new songs.

1) Will.i.am – This is love (feat. Eva Simons)
2) Cheryl – Call my name
3) Fun – We are young
4) Katy Perry – Wide awake
5) Labrinth – Express yourself
6) The Wanted – Chasing the sun
7) DJ Fresh and Dizzee Rascal – The Power
8) Carly Rae Jepson – Call me Maybe
9) Nicki Minaj – Starships
10) Gary Barlow and the commonwealth band – Sing

Why was the Godiva Festival cancelled?

Thousands were outraged when they found out Coventry Godiva Festival was cancelled. They were made aware of this from official Godiva twitter account as well as the website also all the signs with the word cancelled taped across it to let people know. Everyone was very confused, with organisers giving only a vague reason the cancellation occurred. Coventry City Council has estimated it has missed out on nearly £500,000 after the Godiva Festival was cancelled - and admitted it had not taken out insurance to cover cancellation of the music event.

The UK’s biggest free festival was called off by council leaders, on advice of expert events organisers on Friday morning. Council deputy leader George Duggins said on Friday the extremely muddy and wet conditions were dangerous - and crew members said vehicles could not get on or off the War Memorial Park site. Council deputy leader George Duggins said on Friday the extremely muddy and wet conditions were dangerous - and crew members said vehicles could not get on or off the War Memorial Park site. Council deputy leader George Duggins said on Friday the extremely muddy and wet conditions were dangerous - and crew members said vehicles could not get on or off the War Memorial Park site. Council deputy leader George Duggins said on Friday the extremely muddy and wet conditions were dangerous - and crew members said vehicles could not get on or off the War Memorial Park site. Council deputy leader George Duggins said on Friday the extremely muddy and wet conditions were dangerous - and crew members said vehicles could not get on or off the War Memorial Park site.

Dream school trips!

Everyone loves school trips (well, the less educational ones) but what is your dream trip?

What sort of trip would you like to go on if the school offered? Would you like to go on a trip aboard or just somewhere in England? You can choose your school trip? If the school announced they were going to allow students from every year group to anywhere around the world, where would you go?

It is hard to just to choose one place in the whole world, but if I would choose these are the place I would go because it would be fun for everyone and an unbelievable time. I would love to go somewhere in the USA, the state that I would love to go to would have to be either New York or Florida. With sooo much to do in each state it is just too hard to choose which one. What about a place in the UK, what if we don’t want to go aboard. I know it might be hard to believe but there are many places in the UK that would be amazing to go to. What about the theme parks we have like Alton Towers. However in the UK I would like to go to Scotland.

In Scotland there is so many things and places we could go, such as the Edinburgh Dungeons, if you don’t like that you could go rafting on the River Spey. There is many outdoor activities such as water sports and snow sports, if your into snow sports there is skiing, you can go indoor skiing or if your ready for a challenge you would love to go skiing on mountains.

Now it’s up to where would you love to go for your Dream school trip, would you prefer to go aboard, any where in the world or would you like to stay in the UK but have the equal amount of fun doing different things?

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Thousands were outraged by the decision especially as when it came to the time the Godiva festival would have been the sun was shining and it carried on this way up until Sunday. However, the fair still took place on the car park.

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8 ways to pack your suitcase

1) Pack in outfits – instead of picking out totally random clothes thinking this would be good for a hot day pick outfits that you definitely know you will wear. This means surprisingly you have more room in your suitcase and when it comes to the time of picking what to wear it shouldn’t be too hard because you already have full outfits to choose from.

2) Bulkiest first! To save room when packing your suitcase pick out the outfit you are going to wear on the journey try to make it so your wearing your most bulkiest clothes, eg jumpers and coats this saves room in your suitcase and you can assure that you will be warm on the journey.

3) Save some room! This has happened to everyone, were you try to ram everything into your suitcase so there’s no possible way to fit anything else in and you have to sit on it just to close the zip, but then you go on holiday and buy souvenirs or new clothes then you come to pack to go home and they don’t fit, save some room to ensure everything fits in there and back!

4) Creases? Well no more all your clothes you can roll up instead of folding them, this means you save room and you can avoid getting your clothes creased also any other clothing you can roll up and put in items like your shoes!

5) Avoiding leakages, everyone goes through one time when packing were something has leaked and its gone everywhere but to avoid this you can put your shampoo's moisturises and conditioners in plastic bags so that if they do leak they won’t go everywhere.

Who likes Kanye West? Well, Kanye West is set to release his sixth studio album later this year, according to hints dropped by DefJam records. Carly Rae Jepson is a Canadian recording artist, singer and song writer. She had many controversial views after releasing her new song ‘Call me maybe’. Many thought it was annoying, auto tuned and repetitive. Conversely, others have become a massive fan of her and found her new song addictive and enjoyable. Either way, Carly Rae Jepson has gained popularity since the release of ‘Call me Maybe’. Connor Maynard filmed the new video for his track ‘Vegas Girl’ in New York City. Following on from his smash hit ‘Can't Say No’, his new video sees him rolling around the streets looking for a girl that he accidentally bumped into... The single will be released on July 22nd.
By Anupriya Rajendran

On Wednesday the 2nd of May, Finham Park School hosted its annual Star Studded Celebration of Success which took place in the Transport Museum and lasted from 6:15pm until 11:00pm. The evening was put together to appreciate and reward the efforts of exceptional students and staff at our school. The evening saw staff and students being presented with trophies in reward for their exceptional school based efforts and achievements in. After arriving, guests spent half an hour sociably mingling around before being taken up into the hall. They were welcomed by a red carpet which emphasized the formality of the event. When everybody was seated at their tables, Mr. Gunn and Ms Ford introduced themselves as hosts of the evening. The wind band then performed a piece for us to ease us into the evening. Firstly, Mr. Baillie took to the stage to welcome and congratulate those who had been invited to the evening and went on to deliver a brief motivational speech about the ‘World Class’ potential of our school. When he had finished Mr. Gunn and Ms Ford went on to talk about the plan for the evening throwing some humor into their script. Then, the awards commenced. The first to be given out were the subject awards which were given to students who were attaining the highest level in each subject per year group. Starting from Year 7 and working up the school, subjects student had been selected for included Maths, English, Science, Performing Arts, Modern Foreign Languages, Technology, Media and many more. The subject awards were followed by dinner and more social time. The hour was filled with fun, especially as a magician had been hired to perform tricks to entertain everyone. Some of his tricks were very shocking indeed! As soon as the hour was up, a few of our upper school students performed the humorous song ‘small people’ which they dedicated to Mr. Piester. When that was over, other awards including Student Leader awards, GCSE award and special governor awards for Highest Overall Attainment were given out. However, it was not only the students who were being praised. Several teachers also achieved awards such as Service to the School and Unsung Hero awards. When each person had received their award, they had to get their photo taken by a professional photography company. These photos were taken with the awards students had achieved to capture the moment of pride.

Finally, the evening was rounded off by a disco which gave everybody the opportunity to let their hair down and fully enjoy themselves! With some hit tunes booming out, a few of the teachers couldn’t resist themselves and threw a few moves on the dance floor. Spirits were high and everybody was getting rather worn out by the time it hit 11:00 pm and the disco drew to a close. Overall, this years Star Studded Awards was amazing but most importantly it showcased the efforts and achievements of those who make Finham Park School the amazing place it is!

“Appreciating staff and students”

The Queen

This year, Her Majesty the Queen has reigned this country for 60 years. This act of dedication was marked with celebrations up and down the country and around the world with various events. Millions of people celebrated in their own way with street parties and family get-togethers. This diamond jubilee was the third celebration to mark a major achievement, with the silver jubilee celebrated after 25 years in 1977 and the golden jubilee celebrated after 50 years in 2002.

Her Majesty the Queen was born on 21 April 1926 in London, the first child of Prince Albert and his wife, formerly Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon. Because she was third in line to the throne, it seemed unlikely that Princess Elizabeth would ever be queen, but after her uncle abdicated (gave up being king), she became heir to the throne. The Princess’s early years were spent at 145 Piccadilly, and four years later, her sister Margaret Rose was born, making the family of four very close. In 1940 during the Blitz, they were moved to Windsor Castle and stayed there for most of the Second World War but their parents remained at Buckingham Palace - a promise made to the nation at the start of World War II.

Princess Elizabeth’s wedding to Philip Mountbatten took place at Westminster Abbey and was broadcast to 200 million radio listeners around the world. After the ceremony, the pair waved to large crowds from the balcony of Buckingham Palace. The Princess also used ration coupons to buy the material for her dress. In 1952, while Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip were touring Kenya, George VI died, so the couple returned home immediately and months later, Queen Elizabeth II was crowned at Westminster Abbey. The ceremony was broadcast across the UK, the Commonwealth and the rest of the world.

For the last 60 years, the Queen has continued to carry out her duties as head of the Commonwealth countries and many other responsibilities and in 2002, she celebrated 50 years on the throne; in 2006, her 80th birthday; and in 2012, her Diamond Jubilee. The Queen is described as patient, inquiring, elegant, relaxed and possessing a keen sense of humour. She appears to be a countryside woman who has a deep love of animals and outdoor life.
Film: Ted

So we all need a good laugh now and then right? Well this new comedy ‘Ted’ is sure to get you crying with laughter. It has all ready scored the biggest ever opening weekend for an original R-rated comedy and scored great reviews with many critics - Why not watch it?

The film is based on an immature thirty-something makes it through the ups and downs of his long-term relationship with the help of a foul-mouthed talking cuddly bear.

It gets my 5 star rating; a must watch for the summer holidays!

“From the creator of family guy”

Music: Believe by Justin Bieber

Justin Bieber’s previous albums have been a success but his great new album-Believe-is soon to be a number one album! This album has a blend of slow love songs and up-beat dance songs, so there is a range of songs everybody will like. This soon-to-be-hit album includes the amazing popular song-Boyfriend- which has hit number one in the official UK top 40 earlier. Also the album includes songs like: All around the world ft. Ludacris, Right here ft. Drake, Beauty and beat ft. Nikki Minaj and Believe. This album will be released on the 19th of June 2012, so buy it soon!

Olympic Corner

Get involved: By Harpreet and simran

2012 the year of the Olympics, if watching sweaty athletes compete with courage and determination isn’t your calling in life, do not fear... It’s not often Brits experience decent weather, now that the sun’s shining we should all try and motivate ourselves into taking part in some kind of sport activity. If one of those people who hears the word sport and sighs with despair then we think we have the perfect solution for you! Believe it or not challenging one another to a game of some sort can be quite entertaining; you can get everyone involved and pay homage to the unforgettable historical event taking place in London. If it’s simply playing a game of tennis with your siblings in the back garden or something more elaborate down the beach don’t be hesitant just go for it. Volleyball is a great sport to play with friends, its fun and requires lots of effort which of course adds to the competitive atmosphere. At the same time your friend’s choice is a great sport to play wi...
Finham Park Top six Events of the Year!

1) Children in Need
The event that has gained the top spot on the list of Finham Park Top 10 Events of this year is yet another charity day. Children in Need this year was massive! Whilst the teachers and various other pupils came in wearing wacky ties most of us made do with our non-school-uniform and donated a pound to this worthwhile cause. This has bagged a place above Sports Relief because at Finham Park this year there was a lot of creative ideas on how to raise as much money as possible. Children in Need Finham badges were sold for 50p each and raised a total of 63 pounds! Children in Need are a fantastic charity that improves the lives of children in the UK who are not safe, happy or cannot reach their full potential. Let’s hope that next year we can raise even more money!

2) Sports Relief
This year, our fundraising campaign was Sports Relief and all of us who came into school dressed in our sports kit donated 1 pound to this important charity. Various other people also took part in other fundraising activities and those in Year 7 did a sponsored walk around the school field. Overall, the UK raised an amazing 52,070,587 pounds.

3) Flexi Day
With the Olympics set to overtake our summer this year, our school Flexi Day on the 1st of February was an entire day dedicated to this upcoming event. The day consisted of all students participating in activities regarding sports and the upcoming 2012 Olympics which, as we all know, are to be hosted in our country’s capital city of London! A variety of workshops were put into action and students tried out activities that some of them had never done before.

4) Star Studded Celebration of Success
This year’s Star Studded Celebration of Success held at the Transport Museum was a great night that rewarded the efforts of staff and students at the school. (see page 3) Awards were given out for many different reasons such as talents at different subjects, overall attainment, GCSE results and staff were also nominate for awards such as service for the school.

5) Festive Concert
The Festive Concert is a yearly Finham Park tradition and showcases the talent of Finham Park School through drama, singing, dancing, media and more.

6) Coventry Telegraph Schools Award
Don’t forget the Coventry Telegraph School Awards! Who would ever forget the day that Finham Park won the ‘Best School Magazine in Coventry’ award? The day publicized our magazine and made others see what a well-rounded school we are. Not only that, but we won a sum of money for the magazine to help make it bigger and better for everyone to read!

Have A Great Summer!

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