

# INFORM

## The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language and Sports College

### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### Jack Hunt School Presentation Evening



World Champion and Olympic Athlete Derek Redmond presented awards and certificates to students at the annual Presentation Evening at Jack Hunt School on Thursday 5 January 2012.

During Derek's career, he held the British record for the 400m sprint, and won gold medals at the World Championships, European Championships and Commonwealth Games, but

he is best remembered for his performance at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona where he tore his hamstring in the 400m semi-final but fought through the pain and, with assistance from his father, managed to complete a full lap of the track as the crowd gave him a standing ovation.

During the Presentation Evening prizes and trophies were awarded to students, both past and present, for their hard work, commitment and contribution to subjects they have studied and areas of school life. Certificates for GCE A Levels, GCSEs and Vocational Qualifications were also presented to students who left the school last year.

Mrs Kilbey, said "We are very proud of the outstanding achievements of our students and I am immensely grateful to all the staff of Jack Hunt School who work so hard to make these achievements possible. We are delighted to welcome Derek Redmond to the school and his speech was inspirational."

See special insert of list of Award Winners.

Mrs Greaves

#### SPORTS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY STATUS

Jack Hunt School has been awarded Leadership Academy Status by Sports Leaders UK.

The Academy status recognises the high commitment the school places on developing leadership, especially Sports leadership within the school community.

In recognising the school, Sports Leaders UK wrote, "You have earned this unique status because you have been able to demonstrate your commitment to the philosophy of Sports Leaders UK and the benefits of leadership to young people and the community".



Jack Hunt delivers a number of Sports Leader courses helping students to develop fundamental leadership skills throughout their school life.

Mr Game, said, "We are extremely proud of this recognition from Sports Leaders UK. We place great emphasis on leadership at Jack Hunt and offer students a range of opportunities to develop skills and qualifications in sports leadership".

To celebrate becoming a Leadership Academy, Maria Turnbull-Kemp, from Sports Leaders UK presented a plaque on Thursday 24 January 2012 to Mr Game. This presentation also provided an opportunity to see the Sports Leaders in action during a Multi-Skill Sports Festival for Year 4 pupils from the school's cluster Primary Schools.



#### Diary Dates

##### 2012

Monday 13 February - Friday 17 February  
HALF TERM

Monday 20 February  
TERM RESUMES

Friday 24 February  
Takeover Day

Wednesday 29 February  
Duke of Edinburgh Presentation (Town Hall)

Thursday 1 March - Thursday 7 March  
Year 10 Exams  
Year 11 Module Exams

Thursday 8 March  
Year 12 Parents Evening

Friday 9 March  
Year 11 and Year 12 Reports home

Monday 12 March  
Year 7 and Year 9 Mini Reports home

Tuesday 13 - Friday 16 March  
School Musical - "Oklahoma" (Revised Dates)

Wednesday 14 March  
Year 13 Parents Evening

Monday 19 March - Friday 30 March  
Year 10 Work Experience

Friday 23 March  
Urdu Speaking Countries Day

Wednesday 28 March  
Deep Learning Day  
Year 11 Academic Mentoring Afternoon  
Bhangra Night

Friday 30 March  
TERM ENDS

Monday 16 April  
Professional Development Day

Tuesday 17 April  
TERM STARTS

Wednesday 18 April - Friday 27 April  
China Exchange Outbound Visit

Mrs Greaves



We were delighted to welcome World Champion and Olympic athlete Derek Redmond to the school at the beginning of term for

Presentation Evening. Those present were treated to a superb and moving account of the team tactics which led to the GB team winning the Olympic 4x400 metre relay, against all odds. It was inspirational to hear Derek's account and made part of a very enjoyable evening where we celebrated our students' outstanding achievements.

We are very proud to be the first and only school in the country to have been awarded Sports Leadership Academy status in recognition of the opportunities we give our students for leadership and how well they excel in those roles. We are also pleased to have been presented with the prestigious White Rose Award for the work we have done on Pledge Against Prejudice. Again, this has been

recognised nationally and the Holocaust Trust chose Jack Hunt School students to go to Downing Street and meet the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. I am very grateful to all the staff and students who have worked so hard to be national leaders in these fields.

As we move through the year towards the Year 11 final exams I have been very impressed with the number of students attending Saturday Schools and the amount of time staff are giving up to run them. They have been taking place every Saturday since October and if your child is invited to attend one, please ensure that they take up the opportunity of improving their grades. Last year we focused on the core subjects but this year all subjects have the opportunity to bring students in for extra classes on a Saturday should they wish to do so. As we move towards the half term holiday could I ask parents of students in examination years to

gently remind their children of those all-important revision timetables for the week.

Our second visit from the Gold Apple School was extremely successful and I would like to thank all the parents who hosted the Chinese students. I know how excited our students are about their trip to China after Easter.

We have also been extremely saddened this term by the sudden illness of our Senior Laboratory Technician, Elizabeth Halley who passed away in January. Elizabeth had given 20 years excellent service to the school and will be much missed for her calm, efficient and supportive nature by the staff. The first Safer Schools Officer to work in the school, Karen Patterson, was involved in a fatal car crash in January. She is well remembered for the professionalism, sensitivity and great sense of humour she brought to the role. Both families are in our thoughts at this extremely difficult time.

*Pamela Kilbey*

### PLEDGE AGAINST PREJUDICE: UPDATE

Jack Hunt School students' Pledge Against Prejudice goes from strength to strength. With a team of Pledge Ambassadors at the helm, The Pledge Against Prejudice continues to unite our school and the wider community to raise awareness and funds for those suffering due to prejudicial views.

#### Holocaust Survivor Testimony

In October, Zigi Shipper returned to speak to our Year 10 students about his experiences of the holocaust. Zigi is a holocaust survivor who works with the Holocaust Educational Trust, travelling all over the country to share his testimony with young people.

Zigi's message is a powerful one: we must remain open minded about people who are different to ourselves, greeting with them tolerance and a desire for understanding, if we are to avoid repeating the mistakes of the past.

Zigi's deeply moving and powerful testimony prompted many questions from the Year 10 students, many of whom stayed beyond the end of the assembly to meet Zigi in person and have a photograph taken with him.

#### Aegis Trust and the White Rose Award



On 18 November, Jonathan McQuitty from the Aegis Trust visited the school to thank students for raising over £800 to support the work of the charity in campaigning against crimes against humanity.

Jonathan spoke to Year 9 students about his experiences in Rwanda and presented Aegis' prestigious White Rose Award in recognition of all the hard work in the Pledge Against Prejudice.

Jonathan said: "It was great to come and meet with the Year 9 group, and the Pledge Against Prejudice team, to explain how the funds are used preventing genocide and crimes against humanity, making a real difference to people's lives in Rwanda particularly through education. Finding out more about how the student team, currently led by Georgia and Lucy, have taken responsibility for the initiative was inspiring, as are their plans for its future."

#### Unity Rules Football Tournament



On 21 November, over 100 Year 7 and 8 boys took part in our first Unity Rules Football Tournament at The Grange 3G pitches. Teams were made up of players from different cultures, religions and races according to Unity Rules and each team represented one of the Olympic countries who will compete later this year.

The event, which was organised by the Restorative Trainers and PE Department, proved a hugely popular success – so much so that it is hoped a basketball event can be organised for Year 7 and 8 girls later in the year.

Thanks must go to our fantastic Year 10 Sports Leaders and RAYLA students who supported on the day by refereeing matches and organising equipment, as well as awarding special medals for demonstrating the Olympic Values of respect and friendship.

#### No 10 Downing Street Meeting for Student Ambassadors

Rt Hon David Cameron MP, the Prime Minister, and Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP, the Deputy Prime Minister, joined Holocaust survivor Ben Helfgott MBE and Student Ambassadors, Sam Tuck, Georgia Evans and Lucy Johnstone who have taken part in the Holocaust Educational Trust's Lessons from Auschwitz Project in signing the Trust's Holocaust Memorial Day Book of Commitment at 10 Downing Street.

Former student, Sam Tuck, and Year 13 students, Georgia and Lucy were really excited about their visit to No 10 and realised their ambition to take the campaign to fight prejudice and bigotry to the Prime Minister.



*Mr Roberts*



## Christmas Hamper Competition



Jack Hunt School held its annual competition to design, create and fill Christmas Hampers. Tutor Groups produced spectacular hampers, in a variety of designs.

This is the fourth year running that the school has organised the Hamper Competition and each Tutor Group were given just a cardboard box, donated by Arrowpak International, and then their creativity took over. The students really enjoyed the challenge and said they enjoyed working as a team and sharing ideas.

Congratulations to the winning Tutor Group EAHD, who designed their hamper in the shape of a Winter Olympics Snow Slope and Ice Rink and filled it with food presents.

The hampers were distributed, with the help of the winning Tutor Group, to Peterborough Street's Shelter for the Homeless, Peterborough Foyer and Age UK and the school would like to thank Arrowpak International for helping with the deliveries.

I was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm, creativity and generosity of all students. It was brilliant to see students working together to create and fill the Hampers and the end results were fantastic. The Hampers keep getting bigger and better every year!

*Miss Whitwood*

## PDDCS Christmas party

Over 100 young deaf children and family members attended the PDDCS (Peterborough & District Deaf Children Society) Christmas Party at Jack Hunt School on Saturday 3 December. The magic act was followed by a visit from Santa. It was a very enjoyable day for everyone.

*Miss Quail*

## UK Youth MP

At Jack Hunt School we held an election for the next Peterborough UK Youth MP. The role is to represent all young people from Peterborough in Parliament. Several students from Years 10 – 13 applied and from these it was narrowed down to two candidates. All Tutor Groups were then invited to vote for the candidate they felt would best represent them and other young people in Peterborough.



Our successful candidate going through to the next round of elections is Rukhsar Khalid, Year 10. Rukhsar already has a range of experience in student voice, from helping students with cyber bullying as a Cyber Mentor and assisting students with solving their disputes as a Restorative Leader.

Rukhsar hopes to help the young people of Peterborough with issues such as bullying, binge drinking, sexual health and opportunities after leaving school. Good luck Rukhsar!

*Miss Small*

## The Mayor's Musical Visit



In December the Mayor enjoyed a morning of music. Deaf children from across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire continue to learn how to play a range of musical instruments as well as some Indian dancing. 'Music and the Deaf' is held on a

monthly basis at Jack Hunt School and is free to any child or teenager with any level of hearing loss. For further details contact Teresa Quail - [tquail@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:tquail@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk).

*Miss Quail*

## UK Senior Mathematics Challenge



Congratulations to Zoheb Ahmed and Hannah Burbridge both in Year 13, who jointly achieved Best in School Award and a Silver Certificate in the recent Senior Mathematics Challenge in December.

A further Silver Certificate was gained by Dominic Bowyer in Year 12. Two Bronze Certificates were achieved by Adam Fox in Year 13 and Stacey Bailey in Year 12. Well done to all who took part this year.

*Ms Sharman*

## Student Council

"We are run by students, for students aged 11 to 18 years old. We support young people's voice on issues which affect their lives at school. **We are student voice!**"

Over the last few weeks we have been running an election process through the House and Tutor Groups to elect members for a new Student Council.

The newly formed Student Council comprising 32 members in total is made up of five students from each House ranging from Year 7 to Year 13 and students from the deaf community. Over the next coming weeks a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed.

Student Council would like to know ideas about the issues young people at Jack Hunt School are dealing with on a daily basis so that they can help to make a difference.

Items on the agenda at the moment include the school canteen and school toilets, KS3 Leadership, charity and fundraising. More ideas and questions will be posted on our Notice Board.

Students can let Student Council know their ideas or problems by talking to their Form Reps, Personal Tutor and Heads of House.

*Student Council & Miss Small*

## Senior Citizen's Christmas Party

The Senior Citizen's Christmas Party was held on Tuesday 13 December 2011. The annual event was a huge success and over 90 guests from the local community attended.

A buffet was provided and there was a visit from Santa and his elves who had a gift



for everyone. Entertainment comprised of Festive Songs from the School Choir, winners of the school talent contest and a medley of songs from this year's musical Oklahoma. Afterwards the guests were also able to play a few rounds of Bingo with prizes donated by the Jack Hunt School Committee Fund.

One lady commented on how much she enjoys the event and that she looks forward to coming every year: Other comments included, "You should be very proud of your students. They are a real credit to the school and I look forward to coming again next year."

Once again the students took on the event organiser roles, the serving, hospitality and the presenting duties, planning the day and preparing the refreshments.

Each year the students and staff taking part in the event say how much they have enjoyed the day and the students in particular always comment on how they enjoy talking to and spending time with the Senior Citizens.

*Miss Lawrence*



## EXTENDED SCHOOLS CLUSTER NEWS

**New Website Address** - Our website continues to receive compliments on information and content. To make it even easier to remember you can also use [www.jackhuntcluster.co.uk](http://www.jackhuntcluster.co.uk).

**Cluster Banner** - In addition to the cluster logo, we now have a new 'Cluster Banner' which was designed by students in 2009. This helps raise awareness that the Jack Hunt Cluster is made up of nine schools working together.

**New Staff to the Team** - We welcome Joanne Royle who will be available 9.30am – 4.00pm to support Extended Schools Administration and Alison Curtis who will support Community Learning and will be based from 4.00pm – 8.30pm Monday - Friday and 9.00am – 12.00 noon Saturdays in the NEW Community Reception in Block 4. Alison will be the main administrative support for the Dance and Theatre Academy. Susan Spencer will continue to support the Jack Hunt School of Music and Community Learning and is available 9.30am – 2.00pm.

**Cluster Holiday Club February 2012** - Some exciting workshop sessions have been planned. Once again we have been successful in obtaining funding for youth activities provided by Blumint. On 14 February three workshops will be held: 'Street Dance', 'Radio Broadcasting' and 'Acting in Front of the Camera' and offered to 12-19 year olds. Multisports for 5-12 year olds will be held Monday and Wednesday; BoxFit Sessions for all ages/families on Tuesday and Thursday; Table Tennis on Friday and Streetdance on Wednesday. Three sessions from Sports Xtra offering full day access: 'Dance Experience' (ages 5-12) on Wednesday; Detective Experience (ages 5-12) on Thursday and 'Spy Experiences' (ages 5-12) on Friday. Cycling sessions will take place as usual on Wednesday. There are various options for drama/percussion sessions including a 'Drummers United', a beginners workshop and percussion club for hearing impaired students in the Cluster. This last group has been so successful they were asked to perform to the Mayor of Peterborough, Councillor Paula Thacker MBE in January. A new **Arts and Crafts Holiday Club** is offered Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for Cluster students who are aged over 7 years, and whose first language is not English. Further information and flyers are available on the website, or send an email [cluster@jackhunt.net](mailto:cluster@jackhunt.net).

To complement our excellent **Dance and Theatre Academy**, the following activities are being advertised:

- Banghra Dance on Tuesday (free place for one accompanied child aged 5 plus)
- Street Dance Club – Wicked Wednesday 3.15pm and 4.15pm
- New (to be launched soon) Banghra Beat Club (Wednesday evening)

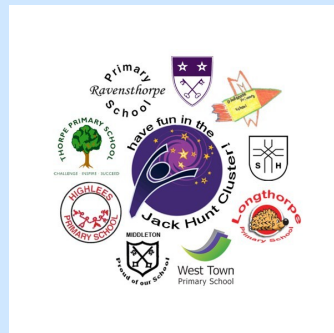
We are pleased to announce that Jenny Hall, Ballet Tutor, had a baby girl, Clara May in January. Best wishes are sent from Staff and Parents.

**Jack Hunt School of Music** – continues to thrive and welcomes the proposed new Banghra Beat Club on a Wednesday evening. Let us know if you are interested! Beginners welcome.

**Parenting Courses** – The recent '10-14 Strengthening Families' course had its graduation in December 2011 and feedback from participants continues to be excellent. The next 'Strengthening our Families, Strengthening our Communities' programme is being launched February – May and available for parents of students aged 3-18. This is being held at Thorpe Primary School and open to cluster parents. The next 10-14 programme will be in the Summer Term and offered to parents with students in Year 6 (transition year) coming to Jack Hunt School in September 2012.

Please see website or email us at [cluster@jackhunt.net](mailto:cluster@jackhunt.net).

Ms Stringer  
Extended Schools Cluster Manager



## JACK HUNT SCHOOL WELCOMES SCHOOL EXCHANGE FROM CHINA



Jack Hunt School has been hosting students and teachers from The Shanghai Gold Apple Bilingual School in China. The exchange, which is now in its second year, is an opportunity for the students to enhance language and cultural awareness in both schools and our students are looking forward to their return visit to China in April.

As well as attending lessons with their hosts,

the Chinese students had the opportunity to visit Cambridge, Oxford and London and also received a warm welcome from Mayor, Paula Thacker MBE when they were given a tour of the Town Hall and Chambers.

The Chinese students also had an opportunity to visit Longthorpe Primary School and Thorpe Primary School where they spent time with the Year 4 pupils teaching them to write their name in Mandarin using Calligraphy pens which they had brought with them. They were also taught basic words such as 'thank you', but the



highlight for the young pupils was playing a traditional Chinese game called Ti Jian Zi played with weighted feathers.

Mr Crawley, Project Leader said, "This is a fantastic opportunity for the two groups of staff and students to work together and learn about each other's respective cultures. All the students have had a fantastic time and we really look forward to our return visit to the Gold Apple School in April".

Mrs Greaves

