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The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language and Sports College

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jack Hunt School Take Over Day

On Wednesday 20 February students were given the chance to "Take Over" the school and local businesses.

This has become an annual event in the school calendar and this year an incredible 71 positions were made available for students including Headteacher, Head of House, Laboratory Technician, Catering Staff and IT Network Manager. Successful students spent the day shadowing their members of staff enabling them to gain a real insight into the running of a large Secondary School and get to see what really happens behind the scenes.



In addition to the school positions, "Take Over" placements were also offered at Peterborough Hospital, Partner Primary Schools and Anglian Water. Positions at Peterborough Hospital included work shadowing in Nursing, Physiotherapy, Midwifery, Pharmacy, Radiography and Biomedical Science. At Partner Primary Schools students were offered a range of positions including Teaching posts, Teaching Assistants and Headteachers.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to experience work placements to develop their knowledge and understanding of their chosen job. We had over 170 applications for the posts on offer and our students were very excited to be taking part. We are extremely thankful to our local partners who have supported this Take Over Day offering a wide variety of opportunities to our students.



Mr Game

SIGN2SING WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

On Wednesday 6 February 2013, at precisely 2.45pm, children, young people and adults from the local Peterborough deaf community supported Middleton and Jack Hunt School children with their respective Sign2Sing attempts.

The students joined tens of thousands of individuals across the UK to set another new record for the most people singing and performing a song in sign language at the same time. Steve Powell, Chief Executive of Sign Health hoped that over 1,200 schools would participate this year to ensure the current world record is broken. He said, "Last year, 114,277 children took part in our second Sign2Sing event and broke our previous record".

Miss Quail said, "It was an inspirational event that has brought together deaf role models from the extended community for a very worthy cause and we look forward to organising something for Deaf Awareness Week later this school year".



Diary Dates

2013

Monday 25 March - Wednesday 27 March
Year 11 Revision Days

Tuesday 26 March
Deep Learning Day

Wednesday 27 March BREAK UP AT 3.05PM

Monday 15 April
Staff Professional Development Day

Tuesday 16 April TERM STARTS

Wednesday 24 April
Bhangra Night

Thursday 25 April
Junior Maths Challenge
Year 7 Parents Evening

Friday 26 April
Year 8 Reports home

Friday 19 April - Tuesday 30 April
China Exchange Outbound Visit

Thursday 2 May
Trip to the Royal Albert Hall

Monday 6 May BANK HOLIDAY

Thursday 9 May
Urdu International Conference

Friday 10 May - Monday 24 June
Summer Examinations

Friday 17 May
Year 10 Reports home

Friday 24 May
Year 11 Celebration Event

Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May HALF TERM

Headteacher's Column



My colleagues and I always enjoy Take Over Day and the opportunities it gives to so many of our students, both within the school and

our Trust partners. Personally, I value the chance to share with the student who is taking over as Headteacher what the role actually involves and to get their feedback. I always ask the Take Over Senior Leadership Team to work as a group for part of the day on improvements they would like to see in the school and they always raise very thoughtful ideas.

Mrs Keber writes of many of the audience being moved to tears by the outstanding

performance of *Les Misérables* and I am happy to be included as one of those. I was so moved by the end of the production that I was rendered speechless; not something that happens often! I was so proud of the entire cast who had created a spell-binding evening, worthy of any professional company.

This has been a short term, but as you can see from all that has been achieved, an incredibly busy one. I would like to thank staff for all the Saturday Schools, which we have now started for some Year 9s in addition to Years 10 and 11; revision classes after school; extra-curricular

activities and trips which they run. We have many activities planned through Extended Schools for the Easter Holidays and, as usual, there are also Year 11 sessions planned. Whether students are in school or not; the Easter Holidays are the time for serious revision for all exam students.

Sadly we are saying 'goodbye' to two members of staff. Mrs Read has accepted a promoted post as Deputy Curriculum Area Leader and Ms Bozinovic is returning to Canada to get married. We wish them the best of luck for the future.

I also wish all of you an enjoyable Easter Holiday with your families.

Pamela Kilbey

MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP SELL OUT "LES MISÉRABLES"

For the second time in 10 years, the school's Musical Theatre Group performed the musical version of Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*, on four nights to full houses. One hundred and fifty years ago, Hugo's tale of oppression and redemption was received by an enthusiastic public – and the story continues to reach out to new audiences daily throughout the world through book, musical and film.

Back in 2004, the school's first production of *Les Mis* was staged and the part of Marius was played by the now famous Aston Merrygold well before he became a member of JLS. The set was amazing - enormous and complex, designed by the fathers of Valjean and Javert along with Mr Keber. We chose this time round to work with a more minimalist design!

We had a 100-strong group of tremendously dedicated, talented and good-humoured



performers, musicians and movement choreographers not forgetting those who designed costume, props, set, lighting and sound, and the crews, both front-of-house and backstage. The difficult task of teaching the complex and demanding musical numbers fell to Miss Hardy, the show's Musical Director, and Mr Yard, Accompanist.

Mrs Keber, Co-ordinator and Director said, "Despite the added pressure of the recent mid-year exams for Years 9 to 13, our performers astonished us once again with their talent, wit, courage and camaraderie. Many of the audience were moved to tears by the outstanding performances of such numbers as *Bring Him Home*, *I Dreamed a Dream*, *On My Own* and *One Day More*."



Library Art Club Competition Winner

Congratulations to Year 9 student, Britney Taylor for her success in the Library Art Club Competition.

Entrants were required to colour in and add a caption relating to a picture from Axel Scheffler Children's Book Illustrator of 'The Grunts in Trouble'.

Britney received one of five runner up prizes which consisted of a signed author copy of the book for herself and three copies for the School Library which were presented to her by Mrs Kilbey along with a Headteacher's Award.

To celebrate World Book Day the Library is encouraging students to enter another national competition. The winning entry will receive a Merlin Annual Pass which enables entry into UK's top attractions such as Alton Towers, Sea Life Centres, Thorpe Park, and Warwick Castle. The deadline for entries is 30 April. Any students who are interested please see Mrs Mann in the Library for further details.



Mrs Mann

Pledge Against Prejudice visit to Auschwitz

Annually, the school sends two student ambassadors to Auschwitz as part of the Lessons From Auschwitz Project, run by the charity Holocaust Educational Trust. They spend nearly 24 hours travelling, touring and learning about Auschwitz and the terrible consequences of prejudice.

Over the course of four and a half years, Auschwitz saw the deaths of nearly 1.1 million people and the Holocaust as an event itself took over six million. It is estimated that, against these numbers, only 500 people survived both the Nazi camps and the ghettos.

In the early months of 2013, up and coming Pledge Ambassadors, Year 12 students Jordan Pask and Shagol Omar visited the site and described the day as 'deeply moving' and 'extraordinary'. Jordan explained "It's a hard thing to describe – it's incredibly interesting yet immensely moving and sad all at once". Shagol agreed, adding, "It's very overwhelming and a lot to take in all in one day." Both concluded however, that it is not an experience they have regretted and deemed it a 'once in a lifetime opportunity'.

The school recognises the amount of maturity and bravery it takes to experience and digest such a ghostly and chilling environment and, as with all its previous ambassadors, is immensely proud of both Jordan and Shagol for taking brave and selfless steps to creating a prejudice free future.

Georgia Evans, Pledge Against Prejudice Leader

Peterborough Drama Festival

On Saturday 2 March, 12 students took part in the Peterborough Drama Festival at Dogsthorpe Infant and Junior School. The Festival, which has taken place in the city since the 1950's, saw over 700 entrants in the three day event.

Year 8/9 Drama Club students, Kayleigh Burdis, Kelsey Asplen and James Lee came 1st in their Improvisation Category, with Mollie Swallow, Rameesha Iqbal and Simona Eidlukonyte coming 2nd. Eloise Piccaver, Safiyyah Mastrocristino, Aimee Herson and Zahra Sadikot in Year 7 also came a credible 2nd in their category.

Calum Daly and Hadiya Suge in Year 10 took part in the Duologue Category and chose to perform a unique and innovative excerpt from



the play 'Two' by Jim Cartwright. The thought provoking piece was well received by both the audience and the adjudicator.

Mrs Plane said, 'I was delighted to take the students to this year's Festival and very proud of their performances. All four pieces received very positive comments from the adjudicator and the students are already planning on returning again next year'.

Mrs Tuck

Students Go Further for Fairtrade Fortnight

The school marked the nationally celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight which ran from Monday 25 February to Sunday 10 March.

The aim of this fortnight was to promote and create a greater awareness of Fairtrade in and around school and persuade people to buy products carrying the FAIRTRADE Mark.

The Student Fairtrade Working Team of Iqra Khalid, Nadine Hidalgo and Alisha Ali are working towards achieving the Schools Fairtrade Award and helped organise SEAL lesson resources, challenges and competitions. An in-school Fairtrade Wrapper Challenge was won by Aminah Hussain (7CSM).

To mark the end of the fortnight Maggie Noble, TraidCraft Representative and the Student Fairtrade Working Team ran a tuck shop in the Block 4 Foyer.

Mrs Hayat



Art Viewpoint

Below is an article from Year 13 Art student, Harvinder Bobby Singh who wanted to express his passion for this subject and show an example of his work.

"Art is something which is special and I strongly believe that art is not entirely about being naturally gifted or talented.

From the very beginning of my secondary academic studies, I have never really been phenomenal at art, I just really enjoyed it. Art is timeless, it is something which enables me to express myself, something which I truly appreciate. It is something which I find immense meaning in, the subtle messages within every piece proves great measures of significance to me, I consider all art priceless.

I had decided to base my 'A' Level Art Coursework project on construction workers. I feel that countless people in our society provide huge contributions to better it; however their efforts are not recognised and appreciated. The message I endorse through my art is that these nameless individuals fundamentally build our future, they help form our schools, they help build our houses, and they construct our hospitals and ultimately build our roads for the future. They are a massive contribution to our lives and our world. I have always enjoyed art because it gave me the opportunity and entitlement to express how I feel about life in general".

Harvinder Bobby Singh

Mrs Reed



Year 7 Breakthrough and Forest Learning

Year 7 Breakthrough students visit Copthill School each Wednesday for Forest learning. The students are engaged in problem solving activities based on a survival theme. We are very proud of this group of students who have



persevered with their activities in some of the worst weather conditions we have encountered so far. Their perseverance learning muscle has been well and truly exercised. All the activities require group work and as a result the students have worked collaboratively. In school we have been focusing on language for learning and in particular, on reciprocity. One of the tasks given to the students was that of building a shelter in windy conditions which proved to be a challenge, but perseverance and collaboration overcame the difficulties. This term in language for learning we have been looking at resilience.

The students were then faced with a huge challenge to light a fire without matches or lighters and it was a particularly windy day which added to the difficulty. The students collected and graded their own fuel, and eventually were successful in lighting a fire. They were quite rightly very proud of their achievement and used their fires to bake their own bread.

Mrs Mosley

Textiles

Year 8 students in a Textile Class had the opportunity to use a sewing machine for the first time to create a padded picture to show



what Jack Hunt School meant to them. They were encouraged to use embroidery stitches to decorate their pictures showing the techniques that they had learnt throughout the year. They generated their design using images on a computer and transferred them onto fabric. Mrs Kilbey came to see the work that the students had produced.

Mrs Read

EXTENDED SCHOOLS CLUSTER NEWS

The Easter Holiday Club is coming up soon and we are busy taking bookings for our sessions. The Holiday Club runs from **Tuesday 2 April – Friday 12 April** with activities for all.

The February half term Holiday Club was our most successful on record and we thank families and students for taking part and for such fabulous feedback! Several people remarked how grateful they were to have this holiday club available. We also asked parents for feedback on future sessions and hope to introduce some new activities over the summer. One dilemma we have will not be unfamiliar to all, and that is costs per session. We have charged the same for over three years, but some activities are more expensive to run. Please bear with us as we try to be fair and run the popular sessions, alongside some new sessions for families to try. Your support is crucial, so thank you.

All primary schools students are given a copy of our flyer which details our whole programme. This flyer is available on our website, in the School Library and from Jack Hunt School and the Community/Extended Schools offices. Student feedback has been consistently seeing 'VERY GOOD' evaluations by those who took part.

Jack Hunt Theatre & Dance Academy plan to build on their recent examination success by offering two NEW workshops in Contemporary Dance and 'Dancing to pop songs' as part of the Easter Holiday Club. Further longer workshops are planned for the Summer Holiday Club.

Cycle Club continues to widen its membership with the Saturday morning session (9.30-11.30 am). A new 'Learn to Cycle' session as part of the February Half Term Cluster Holiday Club was well attended and we hope to see the graduates progress onto the techniques and racing sessions.

Community Reception: We welcome Julie Wren as the new Evening Receptionist who will be available in the Community Reception to answer queries and help receipt payments for the Dance and Music Schools and the Cluster Holiday Club.

Transition 2013: Another reminder about Summer Holiday 2013. For Year 6 pupils who will be coming to Jack Hunt School in September, we will have an induction programme which includes attendance for the first week of the holiday and then access to further sessions during the entire Summer Club. We hope to obtain some external funding to reduce costs, so watch this space!

Ms Stringer
Extended Schools Cluster Manager



Water Supply Challenge



On Thursday 31 January students with the highest number of positive behaviour points in each House had the opportunity to take part in the Water Supply Challenge with Anglian Water as part of the half termly theme 'Citizen Me'. Students were given the

task of supplying water to a town while navigating obstacles such as railways and roads within a certain budget and time frame. They used their teamwork and problem solving skills to first plan and then build their pipe network, finally testing it out by feeding water from their mini water towers. All were successful with only a few leaks!

Following this, Year 10 students took part in a game in their role as future customers of Anglian Water. They were given a series of questions and scenarios and worked in groups to prioritise goals for the company. This posed such dilemmas as customer satisfaction versus global footprint. Again the teamwork and reasoning of the students was superb with lots of healthy debate.

Miss Ford

Pottery Project

Year 7 are currently making some ceramic ghoulish looking gargoyles in art, as part of a portraits project. This began with a basic pinch pot, with students aiming to each produce perfectly smooth, round pots.

Students then started to add basic features of the face. See some of the fantastic results!

Miss Shrive



'Got To Dance Live Semi-Final'

On Sunday 24 February, 100 students and staff were lucky enough to have the opportunity to attend the live recording of the Sky 1 TV programme, "Got To Dance". The programme was one of five live semi-finals being filmed at Shepperton Studios in Middlesex.

The production company, Princess Productions, had contacted the school asking for photos of new judge and former Jack Hunt student, Aston Merrygold. As a thank you, they arranged for the school to receive tickets so that students could experience this popular TV show being screened live!

On arrival, students and staff were escorted into a marquee where all the families and supporters of the competing acts were gathered, and were asked to wait until the studio was ready for everyone to take their seats.

Cardboard cut-out figures of the judges, Aston Merrygold, Kimberly Wyatt and Ashley Banjo, were arranged in a "Tweet Booth" where people were encouraged to pose and Tweet the photos.



The party was then escorted into a large studio which seated 1100 people (including a number of celebrities) and shown to their seats where they were instructed to be as 'noisy' as possible and encouraged to shout and applaud to support all the acts. The warm-up and ad-break entertainment was excellent and ensured that every member of the audience was noisily enthusiastic!

All the staff and students had a fantastic time and, although they didn't get chance to speak to Aston, some of the students managed to get Davina McCall's autograph and she told Aston that students from his former school were in the audience.

Mrs Greaves