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The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language and Sports College

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ofsted Visit

As you are aware, the school was Inspected on 2 and 3 May 2013 under Section 5 of the Education Act. The new Ofsted Framework in operation from September 2012 is much more rigorous than the previous Ofsted Framework, and that starts with the amount of notice a school receives!

Any school receiving a Section 5 Inspection is telephoned after midday on the day before the Inspectors will be in the school. I took a call from the Lead Inspector at 1.15pm on 1 May. This means that schools must be fully prepared regarding data; documentation; and evidence of impact of the various strategies they have been pursuing to raise attainment and I would like to thank all my colleagues for working so hard since September to ensure that we were ready, whenever the call came. I would also like to commend the students who were determined to showcase their school and prove to the Inspection team how amazing they are.

The five Inspectors, plus a shadow Inspector who was training, arrived at the school at 8.00am each morning and spent most of their time in classrooms. In addition, they spent time talking to various groups of students, formally and informally, and meeting Governors and staff in formal meetings. The meetings with the school's leaders were demanding and rightly held us to account regarding the four main categories all schools are judged on, plus the effectiveness of the enhanced resource provision the school has for deaf and physically impaired students; and our deployment of the Pupil Premium funding.

We are delighted that we retained our Good overall and that we have improved our achievement grade from Satisfactory in 2010 to Good. The report is very positive throughout and I was particularly pleased that the inspection Team recognised the quality of teaching; the rapid improvement in achievement; the behaviour of our students; the impressive attitudes to learning they have; and the fact that Jack Hunt School is a place which supports all students to achieve beyond their initial expectations.

We will work on the areas for improvement Ofsted has highlighted for us, as we strive to be recognised as outstanding overall in the future.



Pamela Kilbey

Deaf Students Receive Diana Active Campaigner Award

A group of deaf students were awarded the Diana Active Campaigner Award in recognition for their work within our school and local community. They were presented the award by TV Presenter and Business Expert, Kate Hardcastle at a national award ceremony where the group 'The Risk' from X Factor 2011 performed three songs.

Established in 1999, as a lasting legacy to Diana, Princess of Wales' belief that young people have the power to change the world, the award celebrates the amazing achievements of inspirational young people, who defy expectation and challenge the negative stereotypes that are so often applied to them.

Tessy Ojo Executive Director of the Diana Award said: "The Diana Award is proud to recognise young campaigners, like the Jack Hunt Deaf Student Group, who have the confidence and courage to raise the profile of deaf awareness. We know that with the Diana Award, young people will inspire others to make a positive difference. Award Holders are encouraged to continue building a better society for us all and the Diana Network gives them the support and skills needed to achieve their full potential. I am sure these young individuals will utilise the network of support now available to inspire other young people to make a positive difference."

The group of eight young people have overcome the challenges they face as a result of their hearing loss and have raised the profile of deaf awareness. They have actively supported many national campaigns to reach a wider audience about deaf awareness. The group has helped to remove the stigma about being deaf by educating teachers and trainee teachers.

Jack Hunt and Peterborough Sensory Support Services are immensely proud that the 'voice' of these students is being 'heard' and has been recognised by the Diana Award. To quote Assistant Headteacher, Mr Barwise "I am immensely proud of our students and their hard work and dedication in raising the profile of deaf awareness amongst future generations of teachers and teacher training providers. The effect of what they are doing will impact upon students and classrooms now and for many years to come".

For Katie Bocking, 17, "The ceremony was really inspirational, emotional and encouraging. It was full of people with different backgrounds and reasons for winning their awards. Receiving my award is something that I can look back at and be proud of. I received the award for my active campaigning work raising the profile of deaf awareness in many ways."



2013 Diary Dates

Friday 10 May—Monday 24 June

Summer Examinations

Tuesday 11 June

Higher Education Evening

Tuesday 18 June

Year 8 Parents Evening

Thursday 20 June

Work Experience Celebration Evening

Monday 26 June

Year 10 Academic Mentoring Afternoon

Year 12 Trip to Leicester University

Tuesday 25 June - Saturday 29 June

Year 10/Year 12 French / Art Paris Trip

Tuesday 2 July - Wednesday 3 July

Aim Higher Residential Trip

Monday 1 July - Tuesday 2 July

Year 12 Induction Days

Wednesday 3 July

Junior Day and Junior Evening

Thursday 4 July

Junior Day

Summer Music Concert

Friday 5 July

Year 11 Prom / Year 13 Prom

Tuesday 9 July

Poetry Evening

Friday 12 July

Year 9 Reports home

Wednesday 17 July

Celebration Day

Thursday 18 July

Deep Learning Day

Friday 19 July

Year 7 Reports

Wednesday 24 July

Summer Term Ends at 1.25pm

Nothing is Permanent except Change

Schools have always been subject to change but at present the number of changes being proposed has increased. The school and the governors will be studying and reviewing these changes over the coming months.

In September there will be some changes to the existing National Curriculum (particularly for ICT) and in September 2014 a new National Curriculum will be introduced. This year there will also be changes to the GCSE exams, with more emphasis on spelling, punctuation and grammar and in 2014 a move to end-of-course exams only. The school also has to introduce performance-related pay for teachers next year.

There are also many proposals for changes to school organisation with options for Free Schools, Academies (sponsored, converter and enforced sponsor academies), Trusts and hard and soft federations of schools. Our school is a Foundation (Trust) School and is a Local Authority maintained school along with community schools. It is also a PFI school with facilities management being provided by Bouygues Energies & Services under a contract between Peterborough City Council and IIC By Education (Peterborough Schools) which runs to 2037.

The arrangements for school governance are also changing with Governing Bodies able to select their composition. Governors will be held more accountable and will be expected to be more effective in raising standards and improving schools. The school has recently been inspected by Ofsted and found to have 'good' governance.

The school is a partnership with many partners including parents, students, school staff, governors, the Local Authority (Peterborough City Council) and the Department for Education. The governors will review these changes in the light of what is best for Jack Hunt School and will continue to hold the best interests of our students in mind.

Mr Richard Marks
Chairman of Governors

British Airways Language Award Proves A Soaring Success

Congratulations to all 23 Jack Hunt students who recently passed the British Airways Language Flag Award (BALFA) in Urdu.

The introduction of this language test for staff within British Airways highlighted a desperate shortage of language speakers in the UK. The Flag Award encourages young people to continue language learning and to provide a link between classroom learning and the working world.

Approximately 2500 students take the Award each year and Jack Hunt School was awarded accreditation allowing them to conduct the BALFA in Urdu in July 2012. Since then, extra classes have been taking place for students in Years 10 to 13 every Friday after school and they all sat their exam during the Autumn Term.

The BALFA test complements GCSE/GCE coursework, promotes confidence in speaking and links languages with practical situations in the real world. All the students entered passed the BALFA and Mrs Kilbey presented their award certificates on Wednesday 20th February.

This is a recognised award which the students will be able to include in their Records of Achievement, setting them apart from the crowd when they enter the ever competitive job market.

Mr Mandin, Curriculum Area Leader for Modern Foreign Languages said, "Congratulations to all the students on passing this award. As a result of their success, the school is planning to introduce lessons for the BALFA in other languages".

Mr Mandin



Louis Smith's Olympic Achievements Inspire Students



Olympic double medal winning gymnast and Strictly Come Dancing champion, Louis Smith, visited Jack Hunt School on 29 April, to inspire and motivate our Year 11 students who are facing GCSE examinations in the next few weeks. Speaking to the students about the need to motivate yourself to try and achieve a personal best, even when the going gets tough, Louis said: "When I was really struggling with all the training and balancing that with my schoolwork, I remembered the sacrifices that my mum had made to get me to this level and then I wanted to do even better for her."

Students were interested to hear that Louis had wanted to be a famous gymnast since he was a child and that the Olympic routine that won him silver was the culmination of 19 years of training and dedication. "When everything comes down to just a few minutes, you have to totally focus and do the best you have ever done," Louis said.

Louis also spent some time with our Gifted and Talented sports students, answering questions and sharing some of his training secrets, including performing a backflip! He was honest about the battering that his body takes from gymnastics and hinted that he might be exploring other ventures rather than intensive training for the Rio Games. Louis said that, despite the achievement of winning silver at the Olympics, he enjoyed

taking part in Strictly Come Dancing. "I really enjoyed the dancing as it was a different kind of challenge."

All in all, the students Louis met were left recognising the need for commitment and hard work if they are to achieve their personal bests in exams this year.

Mrs Simpson-Holley

Prevention helping to Cure!

At the end of March three Jack Hunt students, Shagol Omar (Yr12), Bradley Fish and Ashley Thompson (Yr11) went to see a Restorative theatre piece entitled 'Prevention' at the Peterborough Regional College. The play centred on the theme of vulnerability and how easy it is to be caught up and influenced by people with extremist views.

Based on true events, the play follows Stu, a young student, who after the death of his father, is manipulated by another person to make bad and wrong decisions, which have the most tragic consequences. Bradley said *'it was shocking how easy it was to end up in a bad situation'* and *'how one bad decision could lead to something catastrophic'*. Ashley added *'it is really eye opening and makes you think about things you may not have done before'*.

The piece has been set to challenge ideas of extremism and Ms Cliffe, our Restorative Leader believes it is 'theatre for the future' - tackling and addressing issues that are pressing our society today.

We too hope to continue to challenge these topics through our Restorative / RAYLA movement and are looking to bring the theatre company to Jack Hunt to perform to

Georgia Evans,
Pledge Against Prejudice Leader

The UK Maths Challenge

The UK Maths Challenge took place recently at King's School, Peterborough. The team from Jack Hunt comprising of Year 9 students, Jessica Lines and Jodie Stiehl, and Year 8 students, Paramdeep Singh and Edith Prosser competed against schools from all over the region including Bourne Grammar, Oundle School, Stamford Endowed School and The Peterborough School.

The team performed extremely well over the four rounds and answered some tricky questions. The competition was very tough but during the event, the organisers announced that all the schools were scoring exceptionally high points throughout the day.

In fact, the Jack Hunt team scored the highest scores that the school has ever achieved, but unfortunately this wasn't enough! The top three places were won by King's, Oundle and Bourne respectively.



Congratulations to all four students. They worked exceptionally well together and were a credit to the school.

Mrs Harvey

Celebrating Pakistani Heritage

Pakistan Day, is a national holiday in Pakistan commemorating the Lahore Resolution in 1940 making it the world's first Islamic republic. It holds great importance culturally and



historically for many Pakistani and Indians. It was recognised in school through a variety of events including role playing, presentations from Sixth Form students, the Pakistan Community Association Chairman, Mr Ghulam Shabbir and Parent Governor, Mr Javid Khan. Other activities included Urdu language tasters, quizzes, mouth-watering food and henna hand designs all helping to raise money for Save the Children.

Over 135 parents, students and staff attended an event in April celebrating the success of Key Stage 3 Pakistani Heritage Students which was opened by the Mayor accompanied by the Mayoress and Chief Executive of Peterborough City Council, Gillian Beasley.

The Mayor and Chief Executive congratulated the students on their success and were happy to award their certificates. The evening also provided an opportunity for the school to explain school policies and to

Viva L'Espana - Spanish Exchange Trip

Back in March, 24 Jack Hunt students enjoyed a week's visit to the town of Palencia in Northern Spain.

Despite the chilly, windy and rainy weather throughout the week, all enjoyed a very pleasant stay with the Spanish families practising their Spanish language skills. The students also visited the cities of Burgos and Segovia, the extensive Roman site of La Olmeda, and the pilgrim road to Santiago.

The Jack Hunt students were surprised to find themselves eating supper at 11pm (quite normal for Spanish students) and going to bed after midnight (also not unusual). Most enjoyed the food, with one of the few complaints being that they were being fed too much!

The Spanish students had already visited us in October 2012, and our return visit cemented the friendships made on the first phase of the trip.



Many of those who went to Palencia are already talking about going back over the summer, so we hope this will be the start of some lifelong friendships, and a lifelong interest in Spain, its language and culture.

Mr Mandin

Jack Hunt Goes Virtual

Norman Grundy and his team of miners, Sebastian Roberts, Calvin Lee, Tom Nicholls, Lewis Church and Josh Double, (all Year 9 students) are currently using "Minecraft" to create an exact replica of the school using blocks. This is a Sandbox creative game which allows users to build virtual environments.



The Minecraft Club, which was formed last September, meet every lunchtime in Mr Kent's computer room and with the help of the Network Manager, they have built a server to run the software and then had all the computers wired into it so that the students can then interact with each other.

The members have been playing Minecraft since they were in Year 7 but they have now decided to concentrate on Block 4 and have divided up the area to construct this space as realistically as possible. Later they will create the rest of the school and combine it into one virtual space.

The Minecraft Club, which has up to 30 members has been meeting regularly since they were in Year 7. They are developing the virtual plan so that ultimately it can be launched as a multi user game and made available for all students to raise money for the school's charities.

Mr Kent
Curriculum Area Leader IT

outline the types of support available to students. Later, members of the community Dr Mushrraf, OBE and Mrs Jabeen Maqbool spoke about how parents can support their children, overcoming potential language barriers and creating a better understanding to improve students' school life. barriers and creating a better understanding to improve students' school life.

"Parents had said how much they had enjoyed the evening and were very engaged in the question and answer session. The school are looking to host more information evenings in the future," said Mr Nawaz, Head of Urdu.



Mrs Hayat

EXTENDED SCHOOLS CLUSTER NEWS

The Easter Holiday Club was a huge success! We had students from 24 schools in the Peterborough area, with over 400 enrolments. Student feedback was superb! Thanks to all who support this ever growing popular club - please help to keep it going. We are now planning the half term and summer holiday clubs, but in order to cover costs and keep it going we have had to increase fees slightly.

Transition 2013: Calling all **Year 6 students** coming to Jack Hunt in September! Have you booked your place on the summer holiday transition programme, that aims to help and support year 6 students coming to Jack Hunt. We have been successful in obtaining some government funding to help run this popular programme which runs as a one main week course and then access to lots of additional sessions over the holiday. **Limited places, so do enrol by the first week of July please.**

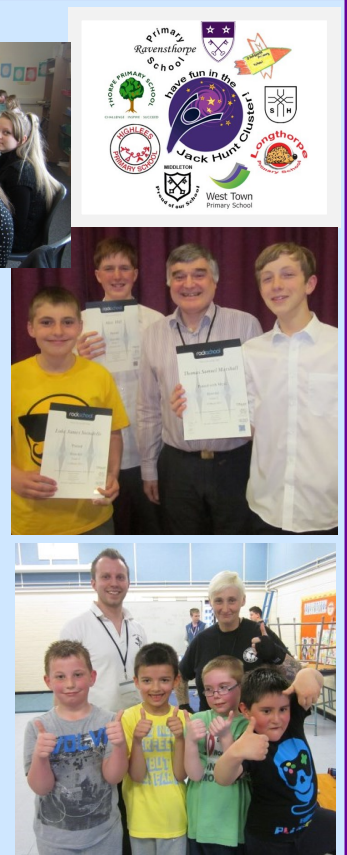
Staffing: we welcome Ashley Piper who has a new role as technician to support both PE and the Extended Schools team. His portfolio will be diverse, helping support the running of sessions ranging from cluster holiday club; the new community boxing club; the Theatre and Dance school; PE department activities and some after school cluster activities

Examination success! Last edition we praised our dance students. This time it is the turn of our musicians! All keyboard and drums entrants passed their recent music examinations. Credit must go to the input and enthusiasm of tutors Lorraine Creedon (keyboard) and Martin Bright (drums). We are currently planning to introduce some beginner's classes in both instruments. Let us know if any family member wants to try a taster sessions

Parenting support: The next programme of our popular parenting course for parents/carers of 10 -14 year olds starts on **Monday 3 June 2013**. If you missed our information session but are still interested—contact Ms Stringer for more details. We are also planning a new course for parent/carers of 14-19 years olds later in the year. These courses are designed to help parents who want to continue to strengthen their family unit, that is why the course has been so well liked and received. Both parent and child become more aware of their skills in supporting each other and we are proud that as a school we help in this process.

New Community Boxing Club: A big welcome to Sam Stockwell and James Chappel who are our two new ABA boxing tutors. We were thrilled to offer taster sessions as part of the Easter holiday club. We then launched the club at Middleton Primary School on Wednesday 24th April. After the exams in June, there will be sessions at Jack Hunt School on a Friday evening and another at Highlees Primary school. Come and support your new club! General Boxfit is available as well as progression to sparring and boxing.

Find details of all our cluster clubs on our website: www.jackhuntcluster.co.uk



Ms Stringer
Extended Schools Cluster Manager

Putting Leadership Skills into Practise in China

Twenty-two very tired but excited Jack Hunt and St John Fisher students along with four staff have just returned from this year's China Exchange trip. The partnership with Gold Apple International school in Shanghai continues to go from strength to strength. The staff and students were given many opportunities to exchange teaching, learning and cultural experiences. Visits included the Longhua Buddhist Temple, old city of Zhujiajiao where the students practised their bargaining skills and the Science and Technology museum. They also enjoyed an acrobatic show in Shanghai and a trip along the river.

They spent time in lessons including English, Chemistry, Literature, IT and PE which were all conducted in Chinese and English. There were also some specific cultural lessons for the English students including Chinese paper cutting, culture of tea drinking and Kung Fu. Students were also able to develop their leadership skills and build confidence by teaching English lessons to classes of 8 year olds. This involved introducing games such as 'bingo' to develop questioning and introducing 'rapido' where the students had to make objects out of playdough for the other students to guess. This was seen by the Chinese tutors as a fantastic way to introduce new English vocabulary to their students.

One of the highlights of the trip was teaching English and Dodgeball in a local State Primary School, which caters for migrant workers children who speak local dialects rather than Mandarin and certainly little or no English. Not only did the students teach the 8 year olds Dodgeball but also the parts of the body in English culminating in a rousing rendition of 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes'. "The students have come so far since their first leadership session back at Jack Hunt School, a few months ago, we are so proud of them", said Mr Barwise. "The group has bonded well and are really supportive of each other, it has been great to see the students have such a good time whether in the classroom, gym or experiencing Chinese culture around the city," he continued.

For the second year running, the major highlight of the week was the Sports Festival, organised by student Sports leaders from all schools with the guidance and expertise of Mrs Dingle. Larger than last year and making more of a splash, there were 150 8 year olds taking part in 7 different sporting challenges, lasting 3 hours, the sports leaders and 'games makers' supported the primary students in completing the events. A lot of fun was had by all. The event was even recorded for a feature by a crew from the Pudong News Channel who interviewed students Jayden and Darcy and Mr Barwise as well as visit from the Pudong Educational Department.



The culmination of the trip was a farewell meeting and show, where the students from all schools were able to demonstrate their range of talents including singing, dancing, traditional music and football skills. This was followed by the Jack Hunt and St John Fisher students experiencing Chinese family life with a short homestay at a number of Gold Apple students' homes.

We are now very much looking forward to hosting some students and teachers from the Gold Apple School in July, helping them to experience the wealth of British culture and education.

For information and stories from the trip, visit Mr Barwise's daily blog on the Jack Hunt website.