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The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language and Sports College

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jack Hunt School Presentation Evening



The Right Honourable Lord Mawhinney of Peterborough, presented awards and certificates to students at the Annual Presentation Evening on Thursday 17 December 2009. This important event in the School calendar was attended by parents, students, staff, governors and invited guests who were engrossed by Lord Mawhinney's highly motivational speech directed to the students which explained the importance of not succumbing to peer pressure.

During the evening prizes and trophies were awarded to students of all ages, both past and present, to recognise their hard work, commitment and contribution to their studies as well as to reward their achievements in other areas of school life. Certificates for GCE A Levels, GCSEs and Vocational Qualifications were also presented to students who left the school last year.

See special insert for list of Award Winners.

Mrs Greaves



Art Cup Winner Lucy Cousell showing Lord Mawhinney one of her paintings



Winners of the 2009 'Best Girls Team' - Year 10 Rounders Team

to see students, parents and staff sharing in their successes.

The Awards were presented by former Olympic Gymnast Craig Heap who gave a captivating and humorous speech that showed how important it was to learn from, and use, failure as a tool to motivate towards greater achievements in the future. His inspirational speech engrossed students, parents and staff alike and with him he brought his England Team Gold Medal which he won at the 2002 Manchester Commonwealth Games and the medal he received for taking part in the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

Well done to all the nominated students and the PE Department would like to thank all of those involved with organising the event.

Sports Awards Evening

The School celebrated the wide and increasing achievements of its students in Physical Education by holding its inaugural Sports Awards Evening on Thursday 7 January 2010.

There were nine award categories celebrated during the evening, which recognised the many talents of Jack Hunt students in one of the school's specialist subjects, and it was fantastic

Award Winners

Outstanding Contribution to Assisting in PE: Rehna Saghir

All Round Contribution to School Sport: Hannah Sharman

Outstanding Achievement in Sport: James Fox

Outstanding Progression in PE: Peter Lukasik

Most Progression in GCSE, BTEC, A Level: Daniel Martin

Best Leader: Alessandro Corbino

Best Sports Person in GCSE PE: Thomas Chung

Best Boys Team: Year 7/8 Cricket Team

Best Girls Team: Year 10 Rounders Team

Diary Dates

2010

Tuesday 9 February - Friday 12 February
School Musical - "My Fair Lady"

Friday 12 February

Year 11 Post 16 Application Deadline

BREAK FOR HALF TERM

Monday 22 February

Term resumes

Thursday 25 February

Year 9 Parents Evening

Monday 1 March to Friday 5 March

Year 10 Exams

Monday 1 March

Year 9 Options Forms to be returned

Tuesday 2 March

Year 11 Maths Modules

Wednesday 3 March

Year 10 and Year 11 Science Modules

Thursday 11 March

Top Link Conference

Poetry Evening

Friday 12 March

Year 8 Reports home

Wednesday 17 March

Bhangra Evening

Thursday 18 March

Year 13 Parents Evening

Friday 19 March

Year 11 Reports home

Wednesday 24 March

Year 11 Academic Mentoring Afternoon

Thursday 25 March

Year 12 Reports home

Year 7 Mini Reports home

TERM ENDS

Friday 26 March

Staff Professional Development Day

Saturday 3 April to Friday 9 April

Exchange Trip to France

Monday 12 April

Term starts

Tuesday 13 April

Year 12 Parents Evening

Monday 19 April - Friday 23 April

Year 11 Revision Week



Headteacher's Column

Recent weeks have provided the opportunity for the school to recognise and celebrate some of the outstanding achievements and

contributions made by our students. We were delighted that Lord Mawhinney was able to be our special guest at our Annual Presentation Evening. Sixth Form students were impressed by what he had to say and we hope he will be returning in April for a more informal discussion with the Sixth Form.

This edition also outlines our first ever Sports Presentation event at which a diverse range of awards were presented in the presence of guests, parents and students. It was an excellent event – well done to the students and the staff for the high standard of organisation.

It is the time of year when preparations are well underway to give more intensive support to Year 11 and Sixth Form students as they approach their crucial GCSE/AS and A Level examinations in the summer term.

A variety of strategies are being put in place including changes to some student's timetables, mentoring, weekly revision sessions and some individual tuition. Further information will be provided over the coming weeks.

It is also the time of year when preparations for the next school year begin. Parents are reminded of the following:

- Post 16 applications from Year 11 students should have now been submitted. Interviews for Sixth Form places at Jack Hunt begin this week.

- Option forms from Year 9 students outlining their KS4 curriculum choices are to be submitted by Monday 1 March.

Preparations are also underway on drafts of the 2010/11 School Improvement Plan and Governors three year Strategic Plan. The consultation process on the main priorities will close on Wednesday 24 February 2010. Parents are invited to contribute to that process. The draft priorities can be found on the school website. Go to the link for 'Parents', then 'School Priorities'. Any views or comments can be emailed, by Monday 22 February 2010, to

mjohnson@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk

Roy Duncan

40th Anniversary Celebrations

2010 sees Jack Hunt School reach its 40th anniversary of opening and we plan to have several events to mark this momentous occasion.

Saturday 10 July has been designated our 'birthday' and we will celebrate with a party for past and current staff and governors, and former pupils. Leading up to that event we have many other activities planned including a Time Capsule Competition, a 70's Teaching Day, a Poetry Recital Evening, a Musical Nostalgia Evening where former pupils who have performed in school productions are invited back to recreate their performance, a Photographic Record/Competition of a Day in the Life of Jack Hunt School, and written activities that compare life 40 years ago with life now. All our regular annual activities have, and will have, a 40th Anniversary theme (such as the Spring Concert, the Musical, Tandoori Night, Banghra Night and the 'Big Finish'). We, of course, will be collating all our old press cuttings and photos to create fascinating exhibitions too.

However, we need your help. If you are, or know of, any former staff, pupils or governors that would be interested in contributing to our collection of memorabilia, sponsoring an event, or joining in our celebrations, particularly on 10 July, then please get in touch by emailing me at the following address: info@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk with '40th Anniversary' in the title of the email.

Please help us celebrate in style!

Mr Gilligan

Jack Hunt School 40th Anniversary Tandoori Night Celebration

The School recently hosted its second Tandoori Night Extravaganza as one of its 40th Anniversary Celebrations.

The Tandoori Night celebrated Christmas, Eid and Diwali and students from Year 12 and Year 13 organised a wonderful array of performances making it a memorable evening for all those who attended. The evening was also organised as part of the School's work towards bringing together and promoting different cultures within the community.

DJ Sunny Roadshow and its live Dhol Players, beat boxing, carol singing, and magnificent Bhangra Dancing, were just a few of the exciting variety of entertainment provided throughout the evening. The main event was a fashion show spectacular organised by



Year 13 Student, Nabeela Rashid. Staff and students danced and paraded in dazzling outfits from ball dresses to shalwar kameezes to over 150 people.

The evening was sponsored by Peterborough City Council's Youth Bank Project, and a raffle was held with generous gifts kindly donated from, Shah Jehan Indian Cuisine and Takeaway, Ali's Balti House Restaurant and Takeaway, Curry's, Staples, Waitrose and Curry Palace and all profits have been donated to charities supported by the School.

All in all, the evening enabled students and staff from all communities to come together to enjoy an evening of live music and dance and all are looking forward to Jack Hunt School's Annual Bhangra Night to be held in March.

Mrs Dar

Retirement

At the beginning of this term Mr Yiannis retired from his position in the Science Department after 29 years service to the school. Mr Yiannis joined the school as a physics teacher, spent many years as Head of Science and over recent years was an Advanced Skills Teacher and a member of the Extended Senior Leadership Team.

We wish Mr Yiannis many happy years of retirement.

Mr Duncan

Pakistani Community Senior Citizen's Eid Party

The Pakistani Community Senior Citizen's Eid Party was held at the School on Friday 11 December 2009. About 160 people attended the first ever gathering of the Pakistani Community Senior Citizens held in a school. The Chief Guest was Gillian Beasley, Chief Executive of Peterborough City Council and Mr Duncan was the Key Note Speaker for the evening.

Mr Barkhat Ullah Sheikh, Chairman of the Pakistani Community Senior Citizens has praised the staff and Management of Jack Hunt for their efforts to promote community cohesion in Peterborough.

Mr Nawaz

Modern Foreign Languages Story Competition

In the Summer Term of 2009 the MFL Department decided to join in a National Project to design and write a story book for young children in French, German or Spanish.



The students produced 159 books and the judging proved to be very difficult. Eventually 12 winners were picked, whose books had the best plots, most appealing illustrations or most accurate language. As well as going on display in the Languages Department, the winners were invited to Longthorpe Primary and the Beeches Primary at the end of last term to read their prize-winning stories to Key Stage 1 children and share English stories read by the younger pupils.

The primary pupils really enjoyed listening to the winning stories as much as the MFL Department did!

Mrs Norman

Christmas Hamper Competition

Students held a competition to design, create and fill Christmas Hampers. Over 80 of the Tutor Groups produced spectacular hampers, in a variety of designs from Christmas Puddings, Christmas Trees, Reindeers, Snowmen and of course, Father Christmas made an appearance.

This is the second year running that the school has organised the Hamper Competition and each Tutor Group were just given 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 winning Tutor Group NSY, who designed their hamper in the shape of a Gingerbread House, covered with biscuits and sweets and filled with food presents.

The hampers were distributed to St Theresa's Shelter for the Homeless, Axiom Housing and Age Concern and the school would like to thank Arrowpak International for helping with the deliveries.

Miss O'Connor, who organised the competition, said, "I have been overwhelmed by the fantastic enthusiasm, creativity and generosity of all students. Most staff found it very difficult to choose just one winner. I can't wait for next year!"

Mrs Greaves



Annual Senior Citizen's Christmas Party

The Senior Citizen's Christmas Party was held at the School on Wednesday 16 December 2009. The annual event was a huge success and over 50 guests from the local community attended with some guests being collected by mini-bus from their homes.



A buffet was provided including sherry and chocolate log served by the students with a visit from Santa who had a gift for everyone. Entertainment comprised Festive Songs from the School Choir and a sample of songs from The Jack Hunt Musical Theatre Group's upcoming production of "My Fair Lady", the Junior Orchestra, a raffle and the popular Bingo!

One lady and gentleman commented on how much they had enjoyed the event this year and that it was their second year of attending and that they were already looking forward to next year's party. Other comments included, "It's so lovely to meet some of the students at the school. We've had a fantastic time".

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

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 liked talking to and spending time with the Senior Citizens.

Miss Lawrence

'A Listers' Mean Business!

A group of Year 10 Business Studies students have set up a company called 'A Listers' and they are running their own business as part of the Young Enterprise Scheme. The 'A Listers' aim to provide a variety of products to the students of Jack Hunt and to maximise profit. The company at the moment is selling mobile phone charms with more products to follow.

Each member of the company has taken on a leading role such as Managing Director, Sales Director or Company Secretary. The team has also raised share capital to finance the company. The key features of the programme are:

- Holding weekly meetings to discuss performance of the company.
- Keeping financial documents to show sales, expenses and profit generated.
- The programme delivers aspects of work-related learning.
- The initiative helps to develop and evidence key skills and enterprise capability.

The students will benefit highly from this programme; developing communication, numeracy and problem solving skills that are transferable in many areas of life especially at school and in the world of business.

Merin Matthews, Managing Director of 'A Listers' stated: "Setting up and running our own company has given me a chance to further develop my understanding of how businesses work. I have also been able to develop my leadership, communication and team work skills. These skills are essential when looking for any type of employment".

Miss Rashid

Exchange Visit to Deaf Link School

On Friday 1 December 2009, seven children from the Deaf Unit went to Cottenham Village College, accompanied by Teacher of the Deaf, Miss Quail, Mr Smith and Support Staff. Cottenham is similar to Jack Hunt as it has a Deaf Unit within a mainstream school and it was a chance for the Deaf students to mix with each other, play sports and have fun. The morning started off with some football, thanks to Mr Smith and Teacher of the Deaf, Pippa for refereeing. When the cold weather got too much, the students went inside and competed in factual quizzes and games, then it was time for lunch and for the children to have some social time together. An excellent, very informative and fun day was had by all. We are looking forward to welcoming Cottenham to Jack Hunt next year.

Miss Baker

Extended Schools Cluster News

The Jack Hunt Cluster for Extended Schools continues to be busy. Information available on the website has expanded:



- The New Jack Hunt Cluster Boxing Club will officially open in the foreseeable future, but has started enrolment and taster sessions.
- A successful Guitar Concert was held which gave all students who attend the Jack Hunt Guitar School the opportunity to perform. Inspiring, good fun and a pleasure to see and hear. The Jack Hunt Cluster congratulated Tutor, Chris Watson on his success at running a near oversubscribed evening school. Additional offer of workshops at half terms and Easter/Summer have also been well attended. See details on website. Student's ages range from 5 to well over 50!!
- New Drums Tutor, Martin Bright, joined the Jack Hunt Music Team as part of Community Education. Martin brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm for percussion/drums. Lessons are available Monday and Wednesday evenings, see website for details.
- Over half term there are planned activities in Multisports (under 11); Basketball (over 11) Guitar/Vocal/Drums Workshops and Dance Workshops. See website for details.

All parents should have received a letter outlining a new Extended Schools Project to train "Parents as Volunteers" to help run after school sports clubs. See website for details and copy of the letter.

Mrs Stringer
Extended Schools Cluster Manager

London Competition Success for Jack Hunt School Dance & Theatre Academy

The winners of the Jack Hunt Theatre & Dance Academy's Choreographic Competition took part in the Cecchetti Choreographic Competition recently. The students performed at Cecil Sharp House in London, home to the English Folk Dance and Song Society. The dancers had choreographed their own dances, chosen their own music and worked to their own themes. Many schools from across the country participated in this very exciting event and even though it was the first time they had entered, Jack Hunt Theatre & Dance Academy walked away with no less than five awards!

Emily Yong won the Gold medal for her solo entry "Wind Dancer" and the overall Cup for Best Performance of a Solo. One of the adjudicators commented that she used all the stage and a large range of elevation and never once made the water in their glasses shake! Sophie Stokes was commended for her contemporary group piece "Flight". Lucy Yong was commended on musicality of her duet "City Rhythms" and Harriet Coles and Abigail Morris were both commended on their duet of "Dancing Birds".



A Presentation Evening of Music and Dance was held on 14 December 2009 to celebrate the achievements of 110 students who sat Ballet exams (Cecchetti Method) in July. Not only did they achieve 100% pass rate, but 27 received a Grade B (pass with Merit) and 83 received a Grade A (pass with Distinction). All the students receive their certificates on stage and demonstrated their exam pieces to their proud parents.

Three special awards were presented during the evening; Junior Improvisation Award which went to Lauren Purnell, Senior Improvisation Award which went to Tabitha McNulty-Skead and the Presentation Cup, which is presented to a student who has excelled in chorus and performance and was awarded to Emily Yong.

Dance Teacher Jenny Hawcroft said, "I am delighted with the results and very proud of the girls' outstanding achievements".

For more information about The Jack Hunt Theatre & Dance Academy please contact Linda Browning at Jack Hunt School, telephone 01733 263526 or email lbrowning@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk

Miss Hawcroft

Sports News

Swimming Success

Ottavio Tanzillo (Year 8) and Sam Stokes (Year 11) represented Jack Hunt School in the School's County Championships competing in many different stroke events. Both swimmers worked really hard with Ottavio achieving some outstanding performances. He finished first in the 100m Boys Backstroke,

Breaststroke, Freestyle and Individual Medley. As a result Ottavio represented Cambridgeshire at the East Region Championships where he finished 7th. He has now qualified for the National Championships where he will race against the best swimmers in the country for his age range. Well done to both and good luck to Ottavio.

Mr Game

Dance Leaders

Since September, 45 Year 11 students have been working towards completing the Level 1 in Dance Leaders Award.

The course involves leading small groups through a movement phrase in a chosen dance style, leading an aerobic or step aerobic routine and leading Primary School pupils through a 50 minute dance lesson. The students have worked extremely hard to plan and organise sessions, often preparing in their break and lunch times. They have been positive, enthusiastic and excellent role models for the school. Well done. *Miss Wright*



Cricket News

Students from our various cricket teams were fortunate to meet England Cricketing Legend Alec Stewart during a recent visit to Kings School. Students listened to Alec speaking about his cricketing achievements and how he had used failure as a tool for motivation to push for greater success.



Mr Game