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## The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language and Sports College

### CONGRATULATIONS!



#### Evening Telegraph Junior Sportsman of the Year Award - Lewis Hook

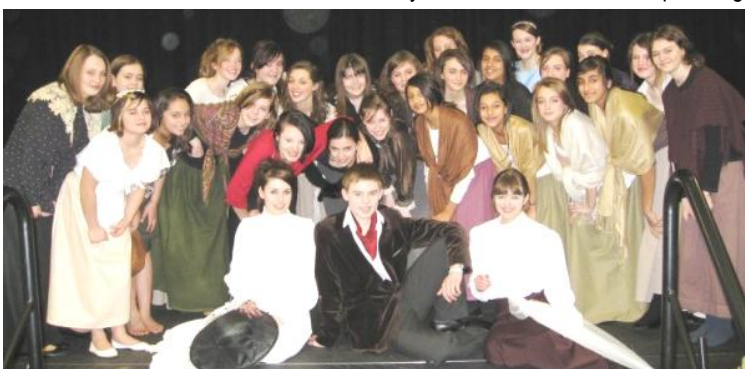
Great Britain star Lewis Hook (Year 9) won this prestigious Award for his unbelievable Ice Hockey talent. Currently representing the Great Britain Under 14 Squad, Lewis has a packed schedule to keep him on top of his game. Having recently returned from Canada, he flies out to Hungary and then to Austria in the next two months to represent Great Britain and his South East County Team.

He is completely committed to his Ice Hockey training everyday at Planet Ice and once a month in Sheffield for Great Britain. A huge well done!

Mr Game

#### Jack Hunt Musical Theatre Group Production "My Fair Lady"

The School continued its 40th Anniversary celebrations with four captivating performances of the



Lerner and Loewe Musical "My Fair Lady".

Over 100 students, staff and friends of the school were involved in this 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive annual production. Forty plus students performed before packed audiences in

the school's Assembly Hall, supported by musicians (students, staff and friends) led by Musical Director, Mr Walmsley. Front of house, including ticket sales, was run by Year 11 students; stage management, sound and lighting were all organised by students, staff and a handful of ex-students; costumes, props and set were all custom-made by creative teams of staff and students.

The beautiful hats for the famous Ascot scene were designed and made by Ann Bellamy and her workshop participants at HMP Peterborough.

Eliza was played with great comic acting and excellent soprano singing by two Year 12 students, Rebecca Lodge (Tuesday/Friday) and Sophie Noakes (Wednesday/Thursday). Both girls performed so strongly at auditions, it was impossible to choose between them.

The arrogance and bumptious bad-temper of Henry Higgins, ending in the touching realisation that he couldn't manage without Eliza, was perfectly captured by Conor Merrygold (Year 12). Sean Tipping (Year 13) was magnificent in the role of the kindly Colonel Pickering – his comic timing was a real joy. Eliza's irrepressible father, the hilariously verbose Alfred P. Doolittle, was skilfully portrayed by Ajesh Mistry – his encore of "Get Me to the Church on Time" had the whole audience clapping and joining in!

This was a surprisingly difficult production to stage, but after months of hard work, nightly and weekend rehearsals, we were all absolutely delighted with the outcome. This kind of project brings out the best in all concerned.

Research is now underway to find another challenge for 2011 – watch this space!

### Diary Dates

#### 2010

**Tuesday 16 March - Friday 16 April**  
GCSE Language Oral Examinations

#### 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

#### Monday 29 March

Year 11 RE Revision Day (9 am - 1 pm)

#### 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

#### Monday 19 April - Friday 30 April

Year 10 Work Experience

#### Monday 26 April - Friday 30 April

Year 8 Exams

#### Wednesday 28 April

40th Anniversary Spring Music Concert

#### Thursday 29 April

Junior Maths Challenge

#### Monday 3 May

#### MAY DAY HOLIDAY

#### Tuesday 4 May - Friday 7 May

Year 7 Examinations

#### Monday 17 May - Tuesday 29 June

Summer Examinations

#### Thursday 27 May - Friday 4 June

Football & Hockey Tour to Spain

#### Friday 28 May

Year 10 Reports home

#### Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June

#### MAY HALF TERM



Mrs Keber



## Headteacher's Column

For two days in the first week of March the school was inspected by The Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted). I have vivid memories of their previous visit in November 2006. The school was a building site, departments were being relocated and the management of student movement around the site was frequently changing to meet the needs of the contractor. Although the outcome of the inspection will not be known until nearer the end of term when the official report will be published, my colleagues and I felt the inspection went well and the verbal feedback we received confirmed our views about the schools strengths and areas for improvement. All parents will be receiving a copy of the report when it is published.

A part of the inspection evidence was the results from the questionnaire issued to parents by Ofsted. You may remember that we conducted a separate questionnaire survey last term in November. We have received a full analysis of the outcomes of those questionnaires and these have been summarised for parents on the school website ([www.jackhunt.net](http://www.jackhunt.net)). Just follow the link to 'Parents'. The reason for undertaking the questionnaire at that time was to seek parental views on a range of aspects of the school which would feed in to our school improvement planning. The results will be presented to Governors and our plans for the next three years are nearing completion.

At the end of this term, John Walmsley, Head of Music retires. Since he joined the school in 1980 John has had a considerable impact on the development of Music at the school. Many of his students, past and present, describe him as 'inspirational', instilling in them a love and passion for developing their musical talents. For the last 13 years John has also been the musical director for our annual musical productions. He will be missed by students and colleagues. I am sure those parents who knew John will want to join staff and students in wishing him a well-deserved and fulfilling retirement.

Roy Duncan

## Languages Update

### MFL Year 7 X-Factor



Year 7 classes have been taking part in their own X-Factor competition in French lessons. Each class had to choose a French song and video the class performing – and I do mean performing! We had actions and flashcards and enthusiastic singing although I think Mr Walmsley might have despaired at the tunelessness at times. My class had a great time practising and performing 'Frère Jacques', even singing in a round. We did however go for volume rather than tune, but we did do actions and Oscar Sadikot did a great job on the video camera.

It was Christmas when most classes did their recording so we had Santa hats and tinsel and poor little Aqib Yasin had to laugh when we watched the recording and his hat was almost down to his nose!

All the Year 7 classes viewed and voted on their favourite and the winner was Miss Moins' group 7H2 who won an ice-skating trip! "Alors, félicitations!"

Mrs Cannings

### Regarde!

On 23 February 2010, a group of A Level students from Jack Hunt, Thomas Deacon, King's and St John Fisher visited The Courtauld Gallery in London, funded by Jack Hunt Language College. *Regarde!* is a



brand new project designed to encourage the learning and use of languages in secondary schools whilst visiting the Gallery.

The students learned about French Impressionism and viewed an impressive collection of paintings. The workshop, which was in French only, concentrated on the history of art and on a few key paintings by masters. The students then got involved in activities such as painting commentaries, designing posters, imagining conversations as well as many others.

The staff at the Gallery were very impressed by the standard of French of our students, their levels of concentration and mature attitude. It was the first time our host had managed to conduct a visit using French only, and she was pleasantly surprised!

The students thoroughly enjoyed the workshop (and the spot of shopping in Covent Garden!), and felt it was very useful to them for their studies.

Miss Allert

### Communic8 2010

On 13 January 2010 the School played host to a Language Challenge Day for Year 9 students from all over the city. This is the second year that the event has been held at Jack Hunt and it was aimed at students considering taking two languages for GCSE, and to motivate and inform them about the wide range of possible careers where a language qualification can be beneficial.

Sixty students from Jack Hunt, King's and Ken Stimpson listened to outside speakers including a Historian from the British Museum and a Tour Guide from Italy before competing in a series of language and business challenges. Students were asked to work in French, German and Spanish to solve business problems such as producing a television advert for a new Jaguar car, or translating army communications to help resolve a hostage situation.

The three challenges of the day were won by teams from the three different schools, with a team from King's School emerging victorious overall. The students said that the event had made them realise the value of languages for their future careers.



Mrs Norman



### Sweet Paradise

Year 13 Applied Business Students visited St Neots recently as part of their Managing Promotions Coursework. The students met Sue Chiverton who is the owner of Sweet Paradise, an independent shop based in the centre of the town.



Students were able to speak with Sue, and learn how her business is performing in the recession. They also found out what methods of promotion she currently uses. Then based on this information, the students have been challenged to devise a promotion campaign on behalf of the business, with the aims of increasing customer awareness, and improve the business' profitability.

The students thoroughly enjoyed their time in St Neots and are very grateful to Sue for her time. It is great to base a piece of coursework around a real business, and solve a real life problem. Each student has a budget of £2,000 and must think very carefully about how they are going to spend this money and get the most out of their promotional campaign.

Sue Chiverton commented on how impressed she was with the attitudes of the students and that they were a credit to the School.

*Mr Cook*

### Holocaust Memorial Day

Jack Hunt students were invited to take part in the Holocaust Memorial service which took place outside the Town Hall on the 27 January 2010. The Memorial Day marks the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp – this marked the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this event.

People from all races, ages and community groups gathered in silence to listen to the emotional readings, speeches and poems read by members of the local communities; many were from local schools; including Jack Hunt, St John Fisher and King's. Peterborough has had a significant role to play in marking this event – an event recognised nationally and internationally.

The service was led by the Mayor of Peterborough, Cllr Irene Walsh and included prayers from the Vicar of St Johns Church. There was also important contributions from the Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu, gay/ lesbian and disabled communities of Peterborough; all of which shared the same message of the 'Legacy of Hope' which was chosen as this year's theme. The service remembered the victims of the Holocaust but also those that have experienced ethnic cleansing and genocide in the world we live in today. It was refreshing to see the separate communities of Peterborough come together for the better of everyone, and to reinforce the message of 'Never Again'.

Students from Jack Hunt (Bethan Owen Year 11, Rebecca Lodge Year 12, Fiona Leishman Year 9, Evie Williams Year 11, Olivia Riordan Year 11, Hannah Burbridge Year 11, Olivia Murphy Year 8, Elizabeth Parker Year 8) played Ani Ma'amim – 'I Believe' (a very moving, yet hopeful, piece of Jewish music from the time). As well as this the Head Boy and Girl (Riccardo Wysoczanski and Mia Heming) gave a reading from Paul Oppenheimer's Book 'From Bergen to Buckingham Palace'. The Memorial ended with the Mayor releasing two doves; to symbolise the peace that should continue to reign across the world.

*Mr Davidson*

### Scholastic Book Club

Stuck for a birthday present? Consider ordering a book or books from the Scholastic Book Club. Pamphlets are regularly issued to Year 7 students, but any parents with older children who wish to order can do so via the link <http://clubs-school.scholastic.co.uk/jack-hunt>. Orders can be sent directly to your home or delivered via the School Group Order. Many thanks to those who have ordered previously. Happy browsing.

*Mrs Keating, Library Resource Centre Manager*

### Year 11 Trip to GCSE Poetry Live!

On 29 January 2010 a group of Year 11's joined students from schools all over the Peterborough region at the Cresset Theatre to see poets from the AQA Anthology perform live on stage and answer questions about their poems. Among the famous poets performing were: the Poet Laureate; Carol Ann Duffy, Simon Armitage, Grace Nichols, Moniza Alvi and everybody's favourite; John Agard. Each performed a selection of their poetry.



Seeing the poet perform their own poetry live on stage helps to bring the poem to life for the student; and often enables them to really engage with and understand the poem for the first time. The question and answer sessions were also invaluable; giving the audience a unique insight into the poet's working methods and choices.

AQA Chief Examiner, Tony Childs also gave a presentation on how to write about the poetry in the exam and gave some top tips.

Top Tips:

- It is important to plan your answer
- Stay focussed on the question
- Your own opinion is really important
- Be specific about the similarities and differences between the poems.

Spotting a term gets you a grade F – you need to explain the effect on the reader to get a higher grade.

*Miss Pantling & Miss Dellar*

### Diploma Update

The Society, Health and Development Diploma has started incredibly well at Jack Hunt. Students in Years 10 and 12 are buzzing about this new way of learning which combines social, health and development issues and work based learning. This, combined with lessons in functional skills in Maths, English and ICT, a research project and an A Level or GCSE of their choice, enables the students to become well rounded in this area of work ready for either further study or a career.

So far the students have worked on a road traffic accident simulation where they witnessed the emergency services in action, they have also attended an exhibition organised by Peterborough Prison which was hosted at Peterborough Cathedral and listened to the experiences of both staff and prisoners. Students have visited Greenwood House Nursing Home and talked to staff and residents. Our 6<sup>th</sup> Form students have also visited sheltered accommodation for deaf blind residents and undertaken a wide range of independent visits to a variety of organisations which included charities such as Alzheimer's Society, Age Concern, Deaf Blind UK, and MIND as well as local Primary Schools, Doctors Surgeries and Peterborough District Hospital Outpatients.

Students also attended a 'Health Care Taster Day' hosted by Anglia Ruskin University focusing on careers



in both social work and health care. Finally, all our Diploma students have also embarked upon their work placements which will enable them to link theory to work place practice. Feedback so far from the work place has been very positive and supportive, many employers saying they would gladly keep our students longer endorsing the importance of providing relevant work related experiences.

We would like to thank all the organisations who have supported our students to gain a wide range of experiences and help us make the Society Health and Development Diploma a meaningful and enjoyable learning experience. We look forward to building a closer relationship with employers in order to prepare our students to become the workforce they want for the future.

We look forward to seeing this Diploma Line grow from strength to strength as it enters its second year in September.

*Mrs Collins*

## Extended Schools Cluster News

February Half-Term Workshops were well attended and had very positive feedback from all sessions. These included Multi-Sports (under 11's); Basketball (over 11's); Vocal; Guitar and new Drum Circles Music Workshops.



Open University – A successful event was held in February. The OU ran a number of workshops which included advice/information on the 'Openings' course, Creative writing Workshop, Darwin and Evolution and Energy Construction. Relevant links and information on the website.

Parents as Volunteers is a new Cluster project launched on 8 February 2010. All primary schools in the Cluster sent letters inviting parents who may be keen to offer voluntary support in helping run after school sporting activities in football, cricket, rounders and tennis. The first training session, 'A Day Certificate in Sports Leadership' took place on 22 February. We are calling this our 'first cohort'. It is hoped to start 'cohort two' in Autumn Term 2010. This project is being managed jointly with Jack Hunt School, the Jack Hunt Cluster and Peterborough City Council.

Boxfit Club - A major project for the Cluster continues to grow in popularity. Boxfit is a new and exciting way of improving fitness. Do come along and have fun meeting our well qualified coaches. Details on website – there are sessions for females only, adults, families and under 18's.

Additional Sports Activities Outside of the School Day - Another Cluster project in partnership with the Sports Development Team at PCC involves sending coaches assisted by Jack Hunt Schools Sports Leaders to deliver after school sports activities. This is a superb example of Jack Hunt students sharing leadership in the Cluster community.

Badminton Club - previously known as 'Perkins' has been re-launched as the Jack Hunt Badminton Club. It now has a junior section and offers coaching to Cluster students. See website for details.

Parentmail is a project we want to run across all nine Cluster schools. Currently used effectively by Jack Hunt, we hope by having it across all schools that information and signposting will help parents/carers know what is our available and happening in the Cluster.

Easter Holidays - Check website for details of Multi-Sports (under 11's) and Basketball and Football (over 11's). The successful Drums, Guitar and Vocal Workshops will also be repeated with a new option of Boxfit.

Cluster Choir – We are going to have a Cluster Choir. Each school in the Cluster has been offered help from the new Vocal Tutor, Laurette Luckham, to assist each school prepare for a Cluster concert.

*Ms Stringer, Extended Schools Cluster Manager*

## Jack Hunt Theatre & Dance Academy Successes

For the second time, students from the Jack Hunt Theatre & Dance Academy entered the Mabel Ryan Awards in London. The Awards are held in memory of Mabel Ryan who was an incredible ballet teacher of the Cecchetti Method. The Awards are now in the form of a competition where students from all over the country compete in London for the prestigious awards.

Eight students competed in these prestigious awards, seven for the Lower Junior Award and one for the Senior Award. The students prepared a set of pre-set exercises and a dance to perform for the competition. The Jack Hunt Theatre and Dance Academy are extremely proud to announce that they won a string of awards:

Jessica Lee – 1<sup>st</sup> place for the Lower Junior Award

Lauren Purnell – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for the Lower Junior Award (Runner Up)

Harriet Coles – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for the Lower Junior Award (Commended)

Emily Yong – 1<sup>st</sup> Place for the Gold Medal, Runner Up for Musicality

I am absolutely delighted with the students, taking part in these events is so good to boost the children's confidence and experience but to win is a real example of hard work, dedication and talent.

The Theatre and Dance Academy are also delighted to announce that the latest set of ballet exam results were excellent with 34 students taking their exams. Six students received a Grade B and 28 students received a Grade A.

*Miss Hawcroft*

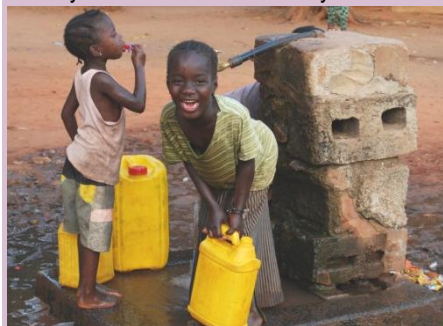


## Twinning with Kerewan Secondary School

In 2005 I decided to take a rather belated gap year and headed out to Namibia as a volunteer with Raleigh International. Whilst on this project I met several people who inspired me to continue my links with Africa when I returned to the UK. A group of like minded people formed an organisation called CDA (Community Development in Africa) which raises money for projects in two villages in Africa, Kerewan in the Gambia and Mooni in Uganda. We copied Oxfam's idea of selling gifts at Christmas and held a variety of fund raising events. Three years later over £30,000 has been raised which has gone towards a goat farm, a water project, rain water harvesting, bikes for community workers in Uganda and we worked with our partners in the Gambia, The Association For Child Education, (TAFCE) to provide equipment for the primary school. We provided a water pump to the nursery school and raised money to build a skills centre where the school leavers of Kerewan will be able to learn IT and carpentry skills to try and

reduce the number of young people leaving the village to go and sell cheap goods on the beach to tourists.

Whilst visiting the skills centre at Christmas I met a former teacher from the secondary school and the idea to twin the two schools was born. Some of our Year 7 RE students wrote letters and took photographs of themselves, their friends and family and the school and in February I took these along with 17 disposable cameras out to the Gambia and met with the Headteacher of the Secondary School. He selected 17 of his students who returned the next day with letters and photos of their every day lives. In a lesson later that day I worked with other students who received the letters from Jack Hunt and wrote replies. Because the Gambia used to be a British colony the language of trade and business remains English and all lessons are taught in English which made my job much easier.



I returned to the UK with a clutch of letters, some school t-shirts and hundreds of photographs. It is hoped that the twinning of the two schools will provide a valuable cultural exchange between the two countries and in the future we would like to participate in a teacher and maybe a student exchange. We have much to learn from each other. (See the display of photographs in the atrium in Block 4).

*Miss Fawcett*

