

### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### JACK HUNT SCHOOL WINS "SCHOOL OF THE YEAR AWARD" FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR



Jack Hunt School won School of the Year for the second consecutive year at the Living Sport County Sports Partnership Awards Evening.

Held at the Burgess Hall, St Ives and hosted by Former Footballer and Racehorse Trainer, Micky Quinn, the evening celebrated the sporting achievements of schools, coaches, volunteers and performers from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Jack Hunt School won the Luminus School of the Year Award for its work within sport across many areas including; school club links, Sport in the Community, Improvement in Sport, high quality PE and continuing professional development for staff.

Mr Game said, "It is wonderful to receive this Award for the second year running. As a school we work hard to ensure students and the local community gain as many positive experiences and opportunities within PE and Sport".

*Mr Game*

#### JACK HUNT SCHOOL'S "BIG FINISH" RAISES MONEY FOR CHARITIES

"The Big Finish" has become an annual event and is an opportunity for students to enjoy the last day of the Summer term and encourages our young entrepreneurs to raise money for charity.

All 84 Tutor Groups were given the challenge of raising money for charity using a £5.00 loan. Students planned events and activities which were then held at a huge Fete for all students and staff.

After repaying their loans, the hard work and generosity of the students raised £1,944.85 for the School's three chosen charities, Sue Ryder Care, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and Jack Hunt School's African Appeal. D&T Teacher, Mr Hargreaves is planning to take two vehicles to Watamu, Kenya in Summer 2012 to hand deliver text books, toys and unwanted computers to two local schools and has been contacting schools and local businesses who may be willing to contribute or sponsor this expedition. He intends to leave the vehicles in Africa and donate one to a local hospital and the other to one of the schools.

The winning Tutor Group BHG, who raised £190.00 by holding a Barbeque worked well together cooking and selling the food on the day. They were asked to present a cheque for £600 to Jackie Page from Sue Ryder Care.

If anyone would like to donate any equipment for the schools please contact Mr Hargreaves by telephone (01733 263526) or email [ahargreaves@jackhunt.net](mailto:ahargreaves@jackhunt.net).

*Mrs Greaves*

### Diary Dates

#### 2011

**Tuesday 13 December**  
Community Christmas Party

**Wednesday 14 December**  
Tandoori Night

**Friday 16 December**  
TERM ENDS **1.25 pm**

#### 2012

**Tuesday 3 January**  
Staff Professional Development Day

**Wednesday 4 January**  
TERM STARTS

**Thursday 5 January**  
Presentation Evening

**Friday 6 January**  
Year 11 Reports sent out  
Year 12 Reports sent out  
Year 9 Option Taster Day

**Sunday 8 January - Tuesday 17 January**  
China Exchange Inbound Visit

**Thursday 12 January**  
Year 9 Options Information Evening

**Sunday 15 January**  
Year 13 UCAS Deadline

**Thursday 19 January**  
Year 11 Parents Evening

**Friday 20 January**  
Year 13 Reports sent out

**Tuesday 24 January**  
Year 9 Parents Evening

**Friday 3 February**  
Islamic Art Exhibition

**Tuesday 7 February - Friday 10 February**  
School Musical - "Oklahoma"

**Tuesday 7 February**  
Year 10 Academic Mentoring Afternoon

**Monday 13 February - Friday 17 February**  
HALF TERM

**Monday 20 February**  
TERM RESUMES

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



## Headteacher's Column



As we come to the end of another extremely busy, very long Autumn Term, I would like to thank members of staff for all the extra classes;

educational trips; sporting fixtures; evening occasions and charity events which they have organised this term. In addition, we have held eight Saturday Schools this term for Year 11 and our Breakfast Club for Year 8 Maths are very successful.

We are delighted to have been awarded the Living Sport 'School of the Year Award' for the second year running. This is in addition to being awarded the Heart FM 'Community Heroes' Award in two categories; for our Boxfit work in the community and for the work our Sports Leaders play in our Cluster Primary Schools. We were also delighted to be recognised as a Sport Leaders Academy, the only school in the Eastern region to be

recognised as such. Mr Game, and the Sports Department led by Miss Jeal, can be very proud of the recognition of their achievements this term.

Our students also need to be congratulated for their fundraising activities with over £1600 raised for Children in Need this term. In addition £74.42 was raised during Anti-Bullying Week for Barnardo's Children's charity and a further £225.15 in aid of the Pakistan Flood Appeal. The Pamper Evening, organised by Mrs Johnstone raised over £400 for the Year 11 and Year 13 Proms.

For the third year running all our students, through their tutor groups, are currently taking part in the creation of Christmas Hampers for both the elderly and the homeless in Peterborough. These hampers are much valued by those that receive them and we are always so impressed by the creativity and of the level of care our students display in the

design and filling of these Hampers. Staff and students are also busy arranging the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party and Tandoori Night. I would like to especially congratulate Tara Forkin, Year 12, for her outstanding achievement to win the Annual Signature 'Young Learner of the Year Award' and to thank all the staff in the school who support her and our other deaf learners. Talented young people were also showcased at the Annual Jack Hunt Music School's Guitar Concert which showed how dedicated the students are to reach the superb standards they do. It was an excellent evening and I would like to thank Chris Watson for the way in which he inspires his students.

As we near the end of this term I would like to thank you all for your support of the school and wish you a lovely holiday with your families, Merry Christmas, Season's Greetings and a peaceful and Happy New Year.

*Pamela Kilbey*

## Governors Profile

Governors have been asked to provide their profile so that readers of INFORM can find out more about them.

### Rachel Wisbey, Parent Governor

I have now been a Parent Governor at Jack Hunt School five years, following on from eight years as a Parent Governor at Longthorpe Primary School. During the last five years I have supported the school on a range of issues, primarily in the areas of curriculum and achievement and staff and student welfare. I have lead responsibility for Governor training, and have Governor links in school with the Sports College and PE, SEN, Child Protection and Mandela House.

I find being a Parent Governor stimulating, enjoyable and rewarding. I initially became a Governor because I wanted to know more about what was going on in the schools that my children attended. I firmly believe that all children deserve to have the best possible individual, personalised education that a school can offer. I wanted to be involved in the decision making processes that enable this to happen and I hope that during my time as a Governor I have made a positive contribution to the school and the education of its students.

Being a Governor is not all hard work and meetings. As a life long competitive sports person, one of the highlights of being a Governor for me has been the opportunity to attend the annual School Sports Awards Evening. Not only have I been able to meet and be inspired by sporting stars that I have admired for a number of years and hold Olympic medals in my hand; I have also been able to share in the celebration of the outstanding sporting successes and achievements of many of Jack Hunt's students. The level of hard work and determination that students put into their activities continues to amaze me.



## TARA FORKIN WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

The Annual Signature Awards were held on Friday 18 November at London's Plaisterers' Hall. Regional shortlisted nominees from all over the UK were invited to the glittering ceremony which recognises people for their dedicated efforts to overcome communication barriers deaf and deafblind people encounter in everyday life.

During this fantastic event winners were announced in eight award categories, which included the newest category 'Young Learner of the Year'. Tara Forkin, a sixth form student was presented with this prestigious award which recognises the dedication and exceptional commitment of learners studying the British Sign Language (BSL) qualifications.

Tara is profoundly deaf but that has not stopped her from achieving her goals: Signature Level 3 NVQ/Certificate in British Sign Language, a strong GCSE grade set, Youth committee member for the PDDCS (Peterborough & District Deaf Children's Society), Duke of Edinburgh Awards, A level studies and much more.

The School would like to congratulate Tara and thank Paul-Michael Coldham for all his support and dedication to the achievements of the deaf learners at Jack Hunt School. He nominated Tara for the award and has enabled Tara and many other students and staff from Jack Hunt School and the local community to achieve accreditation in BSL; ranging from Level 1 to Level 6.

Tara is a fantastic role model, an inspiration to her peers and very deserving of this prestigious award. Well done!

*Miss Quail*



## Anti-Bullying Week - November 2011

To raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week our Talk in Confidence (TIC) Mentors and Cyber Bullying Mentors joined forces to set up two stalls in school at lunchtimes selling anti-bullying bracelets, pencils and bug slogans, cakes and biscuits.

Activities were held in Tutor time about bullying, identifying who in school can help

and support any bullying issues. Peer Mentors also designed a Promise/Wishing Tree in which students could write their anti-bullying pledges on small cards to hang on the tree. The tree will be displayed in the Main Hall for all students to access. In total £74.42 was raised which will be donated to Barnardo's Children's Charity.

*Ms Hamilton*



## Design Technology

In October, a group of students from Years 11 and 12 went to the Engineering Festival at the Imperial War



Museum, Duxford. The festival was run by STEM and was a gathering of representatives from large and international companies to help students understand what being an Engineer means.

The day comprised of a series of talks by companies and engineers, careers advice and a variety of practical activities. The students also had the opportunity to look around the Museum to see the wealth of aviation history and technology.

The students used CAD (Computer Aided Design), CAD CAM, electronics, printing and construction modelling and saw many other products and processes including robots, data sensing machines, bridge building and aerospace technology.

Quotes from students included:

'A good informative day with activities and demonstrations that gave a useful insight into design and engineering of the future.'

'The display of engineering achievements of the past firmly cemented my desire to be an engineer.'

'It was a great experience; I have learned many new things and have improved my knowledge of engineering. It has given me another idea of what to go into for my career when I am older.'

'I have learnt many new things whilst experiencing a new career possibility. Thank you for a great experience.'

Students were impeccably behaved and showed a keen interest in the activities and finding out more about possible future careers. The knowledge gained will be of benefit to them during their Design and Technology course at Jack Hunt.

*Mr Keber*

## KS3 Breakfast Club

A group of dedicated and enthusiastic Year 8 students have been taking part in KS3 Maths Breakfast Club. These early birds have started each session with a burst of sporting activity run by Sports Leaders which has definitely woken them up! They then enjoy a quick breakfast before settling down to a Maths session focused on

sharpening up their numeracy skills. Students have pitted their wits against the clock in Countdown, used M&Ms to calculate percentages and used iPod apps to practice timetables.

These early morning activities have proved a great success and students are already looking forward to the English Breakfast Club next term.

A big thanks to Mrs Le Sage, Mrs Dingle and the KS5 Sports Leaders who have been fantastic.

*Ms Ford & Mrs Treacy*



## Bring and Buy Stall

The recent Bring & Buy Stall raised £225.15 in aid of the Pakistan Flood Appeal.

Well done to Sobia Sameen, Eman Wahid, Maariah Mahmood and Minal Wahid for all their hard work and thank you to everyone else who helped.

*Mrs Pidoux*

## Trip to the Natural History Museum

Society Health & Development students had the opportunity to visit the Natural History Museum in London recently. The aim was to extend their knowledge in health and wellbeing topics and closely examine health promotion methods and techniques used to inform and educate the public. All our students actively participated in many of the interactive activities gaining greater understanding of a wide range of topics including human development, body functions and memory



testing to name a few. They were also able to learn about the history of medicine and in particular examine the advances made in the last 50 years as well as coming face to face with our prehistoric ancestors and dinosaurs.

Overall the students had a very enjoyable and memorable experience, they all agreed that they gained a great deal from the visit and would recommend everyone to visit the museum.

*Mrs Collins*

## Science

In a Year 9 lesson we were investigating insulation. The principle was also linked to how homeless people use paper and cardboard for insulation.

(Left to right ) Aqib Yasin, Natasha Thompson, Elisha Reid, Jordan Tennant and Lucasz Gogol.



*Dr Coomber*

## Art Club

The Art Club are very excited about all the new shiny and glittery materials which were recently bought with **Tesco Vouchers**.

Thank you to everyone who collected them.



*Miss McRitchie*

## Eco-Reps

The School's Eco-Reps were treated to an afternoon of water-saving fun in Queensgate on 13 October. The School's Trust Partners, Anglia Water were launching the *Keep it Clear* campaign with their interactive road show stalls and amazing light show in Cathedral Square.

There were plenty of fun activities to get involved with including face painting, hook a duck and soup making. However, the students were shocked with facts such as: *10,000 tonnes of food, fat and sanitary waste block the sewers beneath our feet* and *£7million is spent each year clearing blockages*. The Eco reps learned ways to prevent this happening in the future. For example, using the free sink strainers provided by Anglia Water to stop food going down the drain. The Eco-Reps were surprised to learn that even cotton wool and baby wipes

should be binned and never flushed down the toilet.

Their mission now is to spread the word to stop environmentally harmful and expensive blockages happening in the future.



*Mrs Pantling*

## EXTENDED SCHOOLS CLUSTER NEWS

As we say goodbye to 2011 and welcome in the New Year, we say thank you for the positive feedback we have had for the expanding extended schools section on the school website and for the work we do. Our New Year's resolution is to make it easier for you to navigate and see the new, updates, photographs and adverts for evening and holiday clubs and now for our 'breaking news': you can use [www.jackhuntcluster.co.uk](http://www.jackhuntcluster.co.uk). This is a direct way to find the Extended schools section and email us at [cluster@jackhunt.net](mailto:cluster@jackhunt.net)



The Cluster Holiday Club continues to be well supported and popular with students and families. The October half-term was busy with 20 activities/workshops offered. We always endeavour to keep prices as low as we can. 'New' options included three different Street Dance sessions, a Radio DJ Workshop, Beat Box Choir and a Dance Experience Day for ages 5-12 years. We were lucky to obtain some external funding support to pay for these sessions provided by Blumint Team from London.

Another 10-14 Strengthening Families Parenting Course started this term – this time for parents of Years 8/9/10 students. Please let us know if you are interested in registering for future courses. Feedback on previous courses was very good and we continue to look at the need and demand for this support.

We are planning for 2012 Holiday Clubs and canvassing options on what to offer. Following on from the success of 'Spy School' we will try to offer a full week of fun for ages 5-12 in the Summer Holiday. Consultation still shows that shorter/half day sessions are most popular, but a significant majority of you may want a full day. Please let us know. Copies of photographs from 2011 Holiday clubs are on the website.

Street Dance was definitely the success of the half-term Holiday Club and we are now launching our new Street Dance Club after school on a Wednesday. Book your place now!

The results of the Student Voice/Feedback for the full six weeks Summer Club are now on the website. Overall, the ratings and constructive feedback were superb. Thank you.

Family and Adult Learning: We are consulting on short courses you would like to see at Jack Hunt School. IT/Using Computers, Family Cookery, Family Learning Literacy/Numeracy? See questionnaires on website. A new Flower Arranging class begins soon and there are plans for some new language classes.

Jack Hunt School of Music continues to recruit new members. If any adults are interested in keyboard sessions, let us know. For 2012 we are planning to launch a new Bhangra Club on a Wednesday evening with opportunities to play tabla, harmonium and dhol.

Box Fit Club: We were thrilled to be nominated as part of the Heart FM Sport in the Community 'Local Heroes' Award. This recognised the work we have now done across the Cluster in developing self-confidence and health and fitness. We are trying to maintain low costs for all family members to join in and have fun. We also have a new logo for the Boxfit Club. Make it your New Year resolution to join the fun! We have made ours to help you have fun doing at least one club this year!

Ms Stringer

Extended Schools Cluster Manager



**BBC Children in Need**

**We raised £1667.02**

### Music and the Deaf

Within two hours at a recent Instrument Fun Session for Deaf Young People, students learnt to play pieces on an array of musical instruments. Guided by Cambridgeshire Music tutors, the students developed their musical skills. Hayley Mitchell played the horn to the audience plus learnt how to play the cello. Students from other schools learnt to play the oboe, guitar, violin, guitar, flute and sax. Many musical talents were revealed. The session ended with an amazing group performance on the Indian Dhol drums.

It was great fun and it is now a monthly event hosted by Jack Hunt School:

14th January  
25th February  
10th March

Cambridgeshire Music lend instruments for

students to practise with at home. A signer will be there for communication support. If you know any deaf children and young people who may be interested please ask them to contact [Lin.Hetherington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Lin.Hetherington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)



Miss Quail



### Moving ON Event - Connexions Fair for Deaf People

Seventeen deaf young people from Jack Hunt School recently enjoyed the 'Moving ON' event in Cambridge. There were opportunities to meet deaf professionals – a doctor, musician, parent support officer as well as a deaf mum and the students met with representatives from many organisations. Many experts were on hand to share advice on personal safety and accessing education at college and university and the latest cochlear implants were on display.

Everyone can share in the day too as BBC SeeHear were filming the event. Among the 70+ deaf students present, several of our students were selected for filming and interviews. Catch the programme on school's Clickview download.

Miss Quail