

INFORM

The Newsletter of Jack Hunt School

A Specialist Language and Sports College

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ice Hockey Star of the Future

Lewis Hook (8EDA) confirmed his potential as a star of the future for England Under 13's Ice Hockey Team at the Quebec Pee wee World Championships in Canada. He finished as England's top scorer, notching up four goals and providing two assists in his five games at the event. England had their best ever performance in the championship, reaching the semi-finals. Playing to crowds in excess of 5,000, England eventually lost 4-2 to Colorado Avalanche at the last-four stage.

It was a great experience for the Einsteiner who feels that he has definitely improved as a player as a result of the trip.
Mr Blant



Pride in Peterborough Award

Year 13 student, Furhaan Altaf has recently been awarded the Evening Telegraph's Pride in Peterborough Award in the category "Service to the Community".

The Awards Ceremony took place on 23 April 2009 at the Marriott Hotel where the three finalists from each category were invited to celebrate Peterborough's unsung heroes hosted by Eastenders star, Natalie Cassidy.

Furhaan was nominated for this prestigious award because of his commitment and accomplishments in both his charity work and local politics. In his spare time he is a Fund Raiser for Age Concern and works with the Young Muslim Advisory Group, in which he organised a conference in Ipswich in March to address issues such as extremism.



He is also currently serving as Vice Chairman of the Youth Council, which includes sitting on the Environment Sub Group and is a panel member for the Youth Bank. At school Furhaan is concentrating on his 'A' Level exams and is also a House Leader for Nightingale House and Mentor to a Year 8 student.

Furhaan said that his category was one of the last awards of the evening to be announced and was filled with anxiety whilst he was waiting. Chief Executive of Peterborough City Council, Gillian Beasley presented the award and as she held the envelope in her

hand, Furhaan said his insides were about to burst. When she called his name he was speechless not expecting to win.

He was presented with a trophy and certificate and spent the evening celebrating with his family and the other award winners.

Furhaan would like to thank Michelle McGrath for nominating him for this prestigious award and said "I am so proud to receive this award. There's a lot that needs to be done out there, we can make a difference and a lot of people don't have that belief in themselves. Just changing one person's life will stay with you forever".

Mrs Greaves

Diary Dates

2009

Monday 11 May - Monday 22 June
Summer Examinations

Friday 22 May - Thursday 28 May
Football & Hockey Tour to Spain

Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May
May Half Term

Monday 1 June
Term resumes

Monday 8 June
Year 12 return from Study Leave
Year 10 Reports home this week

Friday 12 June
Maths Gifted & Talented Day with
Languages & PE

Tuesday 16 June
PE Gifted & Talented Day
Year 12 Higher Education Evening

Wednesday 17 June - Friday 26 June
Spanish Exchange Visit

Thursday 18 June
Year 10 Parents Evening

Monday 29 June
Year 7 Reports home this week

Monday 29 June and Tuesday 30 June
Year 12 Induction Days

Wednesday 1 July
Junior Day and Junior Evening

Friday 3 July
Year 11 Formal Prom

Sunday 5 July - Wednesday 8 July
Year 12 Silver Duke of Edinburgh
Assessed Expedition

Thursday 9 July
Whole School Celebration Day

Friday 10 July - Saturday 11 July
Year 11 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh
Assessed Expedition

Monday 13 July
Year 9 Reports sent home

Thursday 16 July
Year 13 Formal Prom

Friday 17 July
Term ends



Headteacher's Column

You will notice in this edition of INFORM that although being a shorter half term there has been a lot

happening in school, including the Year 11 Revision Week, a visiting theatre company for our Deaf students, a newly established exchange with a school in France and a very successful Bhangra Evening which was well attended by students, parents and friends of the school. In addition, currently unreported events included the annual Spring Music Concert, a student leadership conference for students from 20 schools in the region, a day and evening of activities targeted at gifted or talented students and their parents and expedition training for the increasing cohort of students involved with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Our Theatre and Dance Academy, which has a membership of over 200 students from a wide variety of

schools, also staged a marvellous production (The Four Seasons) at the Cresset in early May. All these events and the many others available in school provide wonderful opportunities for our students to develop their interests and talents beyond the formal school curriculum and help them in their overall learning. None of them would be possible without the dedication and willingness of staff to do their best for the students and I am grateful for their hard work. We also appreciate the support and encouragement given by parents.

The next few weeks will see our students in Year 11 and 13 complete their GCSE and A level examinations. I do understand that this is an anxious time for both students and parents who are keen to support their youngsters during this testing time. We will of course continue to support them during

this period and staff will make themselves available to individual students who need further guidance or help. You will have received by now a letter from the school (via your son / daughter) outlining the arrangements for the examination period and for the collection of results. Many Year 11 students will be returning to the Sixth Form but for Year 13 we bid them farewell in a few weeks and offer our best wishes for the next phase of their lives. Many of them have made a significant contribution to the school community during their time in the Sixth Form which has been greatly appreciated.

We also offer our best wishes to those from Year 11 who will move onto other education / training providers or into employment.

Roy Duncan

Chairman of Governors' Column

Collection by Car: We opened our new car park about two years ago and the circulation of vehicles within the school boundary was improved considerably. However during the day the car park is filled with the cars of our staff and there is no space for parents to park. We expect the majority of our students to come to school by walking, cycle or bus in order to promote their health and reduce congestion and pollution around the school. We have special provision for our physically impaired students. If you have to deliver your child to school by car we should be grateful if you would drop them **outside** the school boundary at a safe kerbside location (not on the zigzag yellow lines or near to road junctions and the zebra crossing). At the end of the school day large numbers of students leave school via the Bradwell Road entrance and we do not want cars to use this entrance at this time as it endangers these students. If you need to collect your child by car you should park in a safe location away from the school entrances, bus stops, road junctions, zebra crossing and **not blocking** our neighbouring residents' drives. Also please do not park on the pavements or double yellow lines in the roads around the school. Please do not park within school boundary, on the entrance road, in the delivery bays or in the car park roadways.

Parking during the school day: If you have a son or daughter who wishes to drive to school please remind them that they should do so only if they are able to park on a friend's drive with their permission. Residents, particularly in Elmore Road regularly complain about the numbers of cars parked in their road. It would be preferable if students didn't drive to school at all. Your understanding and co-operation is welcomed.

Richard Marks

Jack Hunt School Year 11 Revision Week

For the second year running, as part of our determination to support Year 11 students as they prepare for GCSE examinations, we ran an extraordinary Revision Week from 27 April – 1 May this year. The timetable was changed and students were given interactive and exciting revision sessions in a range of subject areas, developing their thinking skills as they prepared for their exams. Most students spent a day at PGL Activity Centre near Grantham undertaking further revision activities whilst doing outward bound and team building and a group of students spent two days at Anglia Ruskin University experiencing university life and receiving high level workshops and lectures from university staff to help with their GCSE Maths and English.

Several outside speakers came into school during the week. Monday saw Jamie Edwards, a Psychologist who runs Trained Brain.com, talking to four groups of students and staff about maximising their potential. Positively Mad joined us on Thursday to give advice to both students and parents about revision tips and techniques. Friday, we were joined by the Olympic Medallist, Gymnast Lewis Smith who talked to a small group of students about the hard work and motivations needed to succeed.

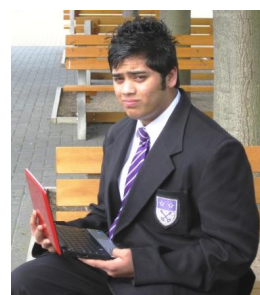
Students collected raffle tickets throughout the week as a reward for their attentiveness and hard work and staff were able to award over 4,500 tickets all of which went into a prize draw.

The week ended with a celebration event during which professional singer Sam Smith, who has sung with Jamiroquai and played the role of Rafiki in The Lion King, spoke to Year 11 about self-belief and determination. The grand finale included a song performed by the Jack Hunt School Staff Choir and the debut of a film of the week.

24 prizes ranging from £5 Boots vouchers to iPods were awarded as raffle tickets were drawn at random. The top prize of a Dell Netbook was won by Amir Uddin 11CKCS. Congratulations to him.

We hope this week has given our Year 11 students a springboard to success in their forthcoming exams.

Mrs Treacy



Join the Buzz Cast Team

The Buzz Cast provides the opportunity for young people at Jack Hunt to get involved in producing a Pod Cast for the school. There are five main teams involved in producing it ranging from conducting and writing interviews, to choosing the music in the background. Students can act as journalists collecting sports and general school news, write the headlines and pass onto our presenters to deliver. It also provides an opportunity for students to learn and develop skills in the recording studio. The Buzz Cast has its own space on the VLE and can be accessed by any students in school or at home. The team are dedicated to its production and are aiming to release a new Buzz Cast every two weeks. If you're still not sure what this means, we produced a one-off Christmas Buzz Cast which is available to be listened to on the VLE. There are still some places available in the team and any students interested in getting involved are welcome to come to the meeting on a Wednesday break time.

Miss Hardy



KrazyKats Come to School

On Friday 24 April 2008, several students from Jack Hunt School, together with pupils from local primary schools and visiting students from schools in Cambridgeshire were given an opportunity to watch the KrazyKats Theatre Company perform. They specialise in introducing young people to the delights of live visual theatre combining mime, dance, song, puppets and sign language. The performance was aimed at both deaf and hearing students, who are developing their deaf awareness, and this was a fantastic opportunity for Jack Hunt students to meet with other deaf students of all ages, from around Peterborough and Cambridgeshire.

A show not to be missed as the KrazyKats presented "Petrushka and the Mysterious Magician". Set in an Old Russian Fair, St Petersburg, the story is told of a Mysterious Travelling Magician Showman and the intrigues amongst his extremely life-like puppets, in particular the naughty Petrushka.

The performance used sign language throughout and was packed with theatrical visual and magical effects. The audience were left spell bound.

Jack Hunt students enjoyed participating in their active role as hosts to both the presenters and visiting students alike and eagerly await further performances.

Miss Quail

Year 9 and 10 Sports Leaders Exchange to PERPIGNAN, France

Following the success of last years Sports Leaders trip to Germany where they taught 'Tag Rugby' to 90 Year 6 pupils, 14 of our Year 9 and 10 Sports Leaders travelled to Perpignan in the South of France where they taught Cricket to 60 Year 7 French pupils.

The Sports Leaders did such a good job introducing the game which the French students played with great skill and enthusiasm during the Festival organised for them and the Year 7 pupils were very keen to continue playing Cricket with the equipment we gave them.

The visit also enabled our students to experience the French culture with their French hosts, where they were made very welcome and visited the local beach and the town centre. They were also taught Handball and were able to engage in English lessons where they were interviewed by Year 7 pupils. The visit to Perpignan ended with a magnificent reception and a speech by the Mayor. He expressed his pleasure at the sporting links that had been made by the two schools and he hoped that this would be maintained in the future.

Our students made very rapid progress in their French conversation, this was aided by their experience the week before the trip, when their French exchange partners visited Peterborough. The French students were very impressed with the facilities at Jack Hunt and thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality given by our parents.

Mrs Dingle/Miss Gorham/Mr Smith



School Shop

The School Shop sells **Uniform** (Blazers, blouses, ties, blazer badges, girls trousers, jumpers and coats), **PE Kit** (Shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, socks and drill tops) and **Stationery and Books** (calculators, pens, pencils, rulers and books related to the curriculum).

The school shop is open to students during their break and lunch, when they can try on and purchase.

School coats and jumpers will be available for sale from October 2009 and throughout the winter.

Mrs Martin

Dr Who Week

During the final week of the Easter term the Library ran Dr Who week which included a showing of the first ever Dr Who episodes 'An Unearthly Child' in the Library IT suite plus a quiz on the theme of Dr Who. The quiz prizes of an Easter egg were won by Alison Towler (13SA) and Lewis Gordon (8NS). All other entrants were given a credit for effort. For those who were not Dr Who fans the Library also provided an opportunity to colour in templates or submit original pictures for the Library Art Gallery. Credits were given to all students who had their work displayed.

Mrs Keating



Year 12 Field Trip to Brighton and the South Coast

On the 29 April 2009 eleven geographers embarked on a field visit that would provide them with a series of unique memories and mental images of the South Coast of England.

After a three hour coach ride these geographers were to transfer to a boat that would provide them with the transportation from the harbour at Newhaven out to the East to Beachy Head and to the West to Brighton, Hove and Shoreham. During this journey the students developed their knowledge about the geology and history that surrounds the cliffs and beaches and the reasons why the Government is prepared to spend millions of pounds protecting certain areas of the coastline whilst allowing other areas to simply, yet dramatically erode into the sea.

On the morning of the second day the students were to awake to a blanket of cloud that obscured the views of the Southdown's from the Youth Hostel and during the day they were to visit a number of coastal areas including Birling Gap, Peacehaven and the £50 million Brighton Marina development. They had to complete a number of activities in order to understand the pressures that the coastline is under from development and to appreciate the value of this limited space. During the final day the students focused on Brighton, the main urban area on this particular stretch of coastline. This morning would look at the extent that the city is growing, highlighting the variety of land uses found within the city and to what degree the city is successful as a tourist resort.

In conclusion and on reflection the Year 12 students have thoroughly enjoyed both British trips to Cornwall and Brighton and could possibly look forward to a European trip in September, "fingers crossed".

Mr Brooks



Leading Parent Partnership Award



Banging the Bhangra Beat to celebrate the Leading Parent Partnership Award



Jack Hunt School recently hosted its second, very successful Bhangra Night where students from local schools attended to be part of the wonderful array of performances making it a memorable evening for all those who attended.

The work that Jack Hunt has done in strengthening ties with parents and the community has been recognised by the DCSF who have awarded the school the prestigious Leading Parent Partnership Award. As part of the evening, Dr James Deboo, OBE, presented the award to the school.

Throughout the evening, Bhangra Dancing, live music on the Harmonium and Tabla and the thundering sounds of the Punjabi Dhol Drum played to an audience of over 250 people. Satwinder Singh-Suali, (Bhangra Beat) provided an exciting display of Gatka, (Sikh martial arts) with his sword dancing and led the students in dance and music. Performers from the Jack Hunt Theatre and Dance Academy treated the audience to a song from their forthcoming show at the Cresset.

All enjoyed the community, family atmosphere this fantastic evening provided and the audience ranged from Jack Hunt School staff, students, children and staff from other schools and families and friends from the community.



Jack Hunt are really proud of achieving the LPPA Award and our Bhangra Evening was highlighted by the Award Assessors as one of the outstanding parent and community events that the school hosts throughout the year.

Mrs Kilbey

Community Taster Evening

Jack Hunt hosted a Taster Evening for the local community to see what is on offer as part of the Adult and Family Learning Programme under Extended Schools/Community Education. New courses include (beat the) Credit Crunch Chic (dressmaking/home skills); European Language Cooking; Art Techniques and Counselling Courses in Parenting. Other courses being planned are Access to OU and ICT. Please email Maureen Stringer (mstringer@jackhunt.peterborough.sch.uk) if you have any ideas or requests for further support. There are also Workshop places still available in keyboard, guitar and drums as part of the Jack Hunt school of Music.



The Taster Evening was held as part of the Adult Learners week, 9-15 May 2009 and signposted further events held at PCAE (Peterborough College of Adult Education). The Jack Hunt Cluster Group is working with all partner schools to plan new and additional courses which will be offered to both children and families. Play activities for the under 13's run by the Cluster at Easter were successful and included those at Copeland Centre in South Bretton; the Spinney Centre in Ravensthorpe; various activities at the Ravensthorpe and Westwood Children's Centre and the Tree House Club at Thorpe School.

Two adult sessions for ICT and Literacy have started well at Thorpe School, Ravensthorpe and the Westwood Centre and two excellent workshops took place over the Easter holidays at the Jack Hunt Theatre & Dance Academy.

An audit of Extended School Services is taking place over the next six weeks and will draw together areas for further support and development.

Maureen Stringer

Extended Schools Cluster Manager

Sports News

Year 7 Inter-House Sporting Afternoon - Einstein Win!!

On 3 April 2009 all Year 7 students took part in a fun packed afternoon of sport. The students chose to take part in one of the following to represent their house; football, basketball, dance, dodgeball, rowing and table tennis and competed to win house points.

Einstein House received the most points and were named as winners of the competition. The lucky winners received tickets to see a POSH game and a recent programme from POSH.

See full results below:



1 ST	EINSTEIN
2 ND	BRUNEL
3 RD	MANDELLA

4 TH	KENNEDY
5 TH	CURIE
6 TH	NIGHTINGALE

Well done to all Year 7 students who took part and a big thank you to all the CSL students and Sports Ambassadors for helping to organise and referee the events. Also, a big thank you to Nick Sheppard from POSH for organising free tickets and programmes for the winners and supporting us on the day.

Miss Jeal