



The Hemel Hempstead School

News

20 June 2008

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The Summer Fair was a great success. Whilst summer fairs and garden fetes always worry me because so much murder and mayhem appears to happen at them in episodes of 'Midsomer Murders' and 'Miss Marple', our event concluded without violent incident. Bathed in sunshine, the School Association raised £1,200 for various projects connected with the effective teaching of the curriculum. We have cause to be grateful to all the parents and staff who worked so hard to make the event successful and to those who spent their money in so profligate a fashion.

The fair was opened by 'Spiridon Louis' the greyhound of the year owned by Gail May, our Learning Leader of Mathematics. The ribbon linked together with rump steak proved irresistible.

You will find a rather nice photo of the moment in the 'Hemel Hempstead Gazette' and whilst the caption contains yet another variation on the spelling of my name, Mike Penning MP and I are rightly upstaged by 'Mike' the dog. On Monday I received a letter taking me to task for promoting greyhound racing and encouraging children to be cruel to animals. The letter was accompanied by several pictures of dead greyhounds. I replied in the following manner:

'I do not consider that I was promoting greyhound racing. My Head of Maths, Gail May, is the proud owner of Spiridon Louis, the current National Greyhound Champion and 'Greyhound of the Year'. They are excellent role models for how things should be. 'Mike' is a much-loved dog who is well treated now and will continue to be throughout his life.

I have always had a keen interest in greyhounds and am well aware of the issues. I wish my students to be well-educated young people in every sense and we are pleased to teach aspects of animal welfare as part of our curriculum. Our students are kind, caring young people who, for example, support a school in a poor, rural area of South Africa and a similar school in Ecuador.

I respect your views but I cannot agree that we should not have had Spiridon Louis at our Summer Fair. This happy, contented, friendly dog and his exceptional owner are a source of pride to the school.'

At the fair, I ran an event called 'Hemel's Got Talent', won by a Year 7 pupil, Jodie Hardcastle, singing that great Jerome Kern song from 'Showboat': 'Can't help Loving Dat Man'. Jodie overcame the drawback of having me accompany her on the piano and sang beautifully as did second placed Ian Patrick and Eloise Flack with George Gunnell providing us with a truly entertaining break dance. Thank you to them and all the other students who gave of their time and efforts, then and during the Fun Run last Friday. To see the students who had been paired with runners in Mgezwa, our South African partner school, raising money for such a wonderful set of causes was a joy to behold. Many thanks, again, to Miss Bevan and her team for organising this tremendous annual treat!

And lastly, congratulations to Courtney Hart, yet again. This young man is an Athletics marvel. He broke the schools, district and county records once again and looks set to represent us at county and national level. A brilliant achievement.

Sandra Samwell, Headteacher

PTA News**Summer Fair**

A huge thank you to everyone who attended this event last Saturday. The sun shone and the crowds gathered and Spiridon Louis proudly opened the fair by biting the ribbon. Thank you Miss May for allowing Mike to attend.

I would personally like to thank Miss Samwell for organising 'Hemel's Got Talent', Mrs Lang and Miss Billinge for the dance show, Mrs Lane and Miss Rayner for a fantastic Art exhibition and our chefs Mr Chappelow, Mrs Cracknell, Miss Black and Mr Stuart for a very tasty BBQ.

Also without the superb support of my committee the event would not have taken place - THANK YOU.

All raffle prizes have been claimed.

The event raised a whopping £1200 which no doubt we will be spending in the new year.

Judith Stallworthy, Chair HHSA (01442 393266 or mobile 07749 727350) Email s.stallworthy@sky.com

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATIONS

For helping at the Summer Fair: Lauren Kempster 7A, Philippa Carr 9P, James Fraser 10P.

For participation in the Herts Youth Games: Thomas Butler 7A, Timothy Moss 7N, Francesca Quinn 7F, Charlotte Bartlett 7A, Jessica Archibald 8P, Shona Berloth 8F, Alex Burgess 8C, James Baxter 8C, Zachary Farrell 8C, Harriett Bullock 10L.

For excellent work in Science: Thomas Cullinan 8F

For excellent work in History: Anna Maduro 9L, Sophie Clayson 9L.

Dates for Your Diary

Gold Week

BIG ARTS WEEK**23rd Jun**

Yr 7 Gospel Workshop

Yr 13 Leavers' Dinner

24th Jun

Dance/Drama Festival

25th Jun

Yr 12 Higher Education Convention

Yr 7 Gospel Workshop in afternoon
Extracurricular Art trip to Royal Academy of Art**26th Jun****SPORTS DAY** (see Gold Letter 195)

Yr 6 Parents' Evening in Hall, 7.30 pm

27th Jun

Yr 7 Gospel Workshop – lunchtime

Yr 11 Prom

Blue Week

30th Jun**HOUSE MUSIC**

Yr 10 Art trip to Royal Academy of Art

1st Jul**DISTRICT SPORTS**

Yr 12 Chemistry trip to Science Exhibition

Art Show in Art Department, 3.30 – 5 pm

3rd Jul

Yr 10 Science (group 10W) trip to Great Revel

End Farm

Yr 10 History trip to Munich Parents' Information

Evening in M9, 7 pm

4th Jul

Yr 7 Prizegiving

Yr 8 Prizegiving

Yr 9 Prizegiving

Summer Term Calendar amendment:**Year 10 Prizegiving has moved to Friday 11th July.**

FIXTURES**Thurs 26th SPORTS DAY**

@ Jarman Park 11am – 3.30 pm

RESULTS

Yr 7 Cricket v Thomas Coram – won

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Millie Gulley in Year 7 for successfully coming through her trial with the Watford FC Girls Centre of Excellence and making it into the Under 14 squad. Well done.

County Schools Athletics Championships

Congratulations to all those athletes who were selected to represent the school at the County Schools Athletics Championships on Saturday at Woodside Stadium, Watford.

There were many notable performances: Sarah Grover 8P 4th in the High Jump, Paul Minter 11P 4th in the Long Jump and also Courtney Hart 9N in the Long Jump. Having come second last year, Courtney finished an excellent season with a final round jump of 6.20m to win the competition and secure a place at the English Schools Competition in Gateshead in July.

Congratulations to all the athletes who competed. Well done!

Year 8 Athletics Squad English Schools East Region “B” Finals

Congratulations to the Year 8 boys Athletics squad who finished 5th at the Regional ‘B’ Finals on Monday this week. After a long journey to Wilberforce Road, Cambridge the squad put in some excellent performances on the track in the morning, notably Ross Taylor running a personal best in the 1500m of 5:01.3 and Sam Izzard (1500m), Jack Eykelbosch (800m) and Cauley Woodrow (800m) also running well. The field events in the afternoon also saw some excellent performances, in particular from Abaan Suqlain and Noah Jones in the Javelin.

Well done again boys!

Year 7 District Rounders Tournament

Congratulations to the Year 7 Rounders squad who came 3rd in the District Tournament on Tuesday evening. The squad have improved greatly over the past 6 weeks and deserved every praise on Tuesday evening having beaten everyone in their pool. The side lost in the semi final to JFK.

v Cavendish won 6 ½ – 5 ½
 v Bridgewater won 4 – 3
 v Astley Cooper won 8 – 5 ½
 v Berkhamsted Collegiate won 4 – 3 ½
 v Adeyfield won 5 ½ - 4
 Semi Final v JFK lost 2 – 7

Squad: Charlie Bartlett
 Francesca Quinn
 Zoe Littlechild
 Sonia Odedra
 Sarah Worger
 Alice Stride
 Tara Keith
 Jade Gardiner

*Miss Bevan***Gold Letters issued recently:**

Letter 194 Yr 8 (08/09) History visit to Hampton Court Palace
Letter 195 SPORTS DAY arrangements

Sickness/absence line

Please will all parents contact us daily if your child is sick, going to be late in due to a medical appointment, or is absent for any other reason. Please call our sickness/absence line on 01442 390103 by 9am if possible.



arts colleges

BIG ARTS WEEK**Lunchtime Activities**

Just a reminder that lunchtime activities are available for all students Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th at lunchtime.

Monday: Chinese Calligraphy Art 1
 Rangoli Art 2
 Tuesday: Chinese Zodiac Art 1
 Chinese Paper Art Art 2

Students must sign up if they want to attend a workshop. Please remember to bring a packed lunch for the day.

Year 7 Gospel Performance – Wednesday 25th June

Parents of Year 7 students are welcome to come and watch the Gospel Performance on Wednesday 25th June at 2.30 pm in the School Hall. Please could I also remind staff and students that they will have an opportunity to see Year 7s perform Friday lunchtime, in the Hall.

*Mrs Ramnarine***Day of the African Child – Monday 16th June**

This day is the anniversary of the ‘Soweto Riots’ in South Africa in 1976 when the school children protested at having to learn Afrikaans. Many thousands were shot in the back as they dispersed (scene from Cry Freedom). Thankfully Apartheid is no longer in place in South Africa.

With our Partnership with Mgezwa School, Lusikisiki, South Africa, we are able to connect with their life and culture and last week saw three events where this happened.

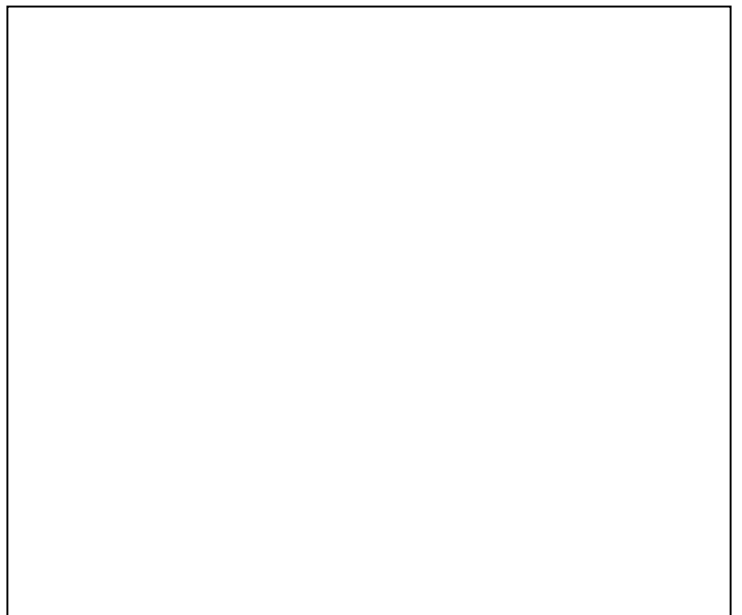
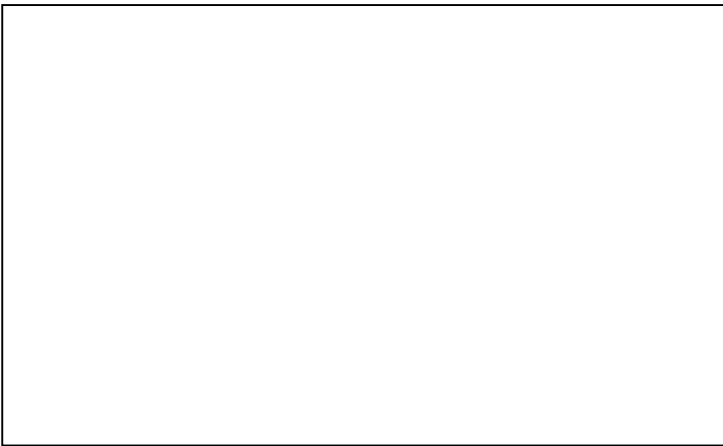
- **School Fun Run** For the first time Mgezwa School have organised a Fun Run and we paired our students up with theirs so that they were running together even though 6,000 miles apart.
- **Walk to School Day** Every day the Mgezwa School children walk many miles to get to school. On Monday 16th June our students were encouraged to ‘walk to school’ wherever possible. Altogether The Hemel Hempstead School pupils walked 932 miles to school on Monday! (Mr Jordan walked 10 miles from Watford!) On top of the school Fun Run (6 miles x 650 competitors = 3,900 miles) this made a grand total of **4,832 miles**.
- **Gumboot Dance and Drums Workshop with Risenga** Year 7 were treated to an opportunity to experience the African culture by learning how to play the African drums and to do the ‘gumboot’ dance. Risenga is a South African artist now living in England. He was able to motivate and inspire the Year 7 pupils so that their drumming was in time and could be heard around Main Block!

Even the young pupils from South Hill Primary were able to come over and have an African experience. They will be writing letters to the younger pupils at Mgezwa School, telling them about their lives.

*Mrs Botha***Library Notices**

Orders from the Scholastic C2C magazine need to be in the Library by the end of the school day on Monday 30th June.

Mrs Krajewski, Librarian



Sport

FIXTURES

- Tues 17th** Yrs 7/8 District Rounders Tournament
@ Kings Langley School 3.30 pm
- Weds 18th** Yr 10 Peter Wright Trophy Cricket v Boxmoor CC (A) 5 – 9 pm
Yr 8 District Cup Cricket v Kings Langley (A) 3.30 – 7 pm
- Thur 19th** Yrs 9/10 Rounders @ Ashlyns
Yr 10 Sports Leaders Tri Golf Festival 1.30 – 3 pm

RESULTS

Cricket

Yr 10 Cricket v Cavendish won by 88 runs.

Athletics

Yrs 8/10 County League Results 4th June

Yr 8 Boys 3rd 50 points Yr 8 Girls 2nd 40 points
Yr 10 Boys 1st 58 points Yr 10 Girls 2nd 41 points

Yrs 8/10 County League Results 9th June

Yr 8 Boys 1st 54 points Yr 8 Girls 2nd 41 points
Yr 10 Boys 1st 53 points Yr 10 Girls 2nd 40 points

(see individual results below)

Years 8 and 10 County League Athletics Individual Results – 4th June

Year 8 Boys

200m	B McFarlane-Barnes 2 nd	Pole Vault	T Butler 3 rd
400m	K North 2 nd	High Jump	J Hobbs 1 st
800m	S Izzard 3 rd	Long Jump	D Bransgrove 1 st
Relay	3 rd	Triple Jump	Z Booth 1 st
Discus	A Amamou 3 rd	Shot	A Austin 1 st
Javelin	A Suqlain 1 st		

Year 10 Boys

Hurdles	M King 1 st	Pole Vault	J Stratford 1 st
100m	C Hart 1 st	High Jump	J Harris 1 st
200m	G Loosely 3 rd	Long Jump	C Hart 1 st
800m	D Twine 1 st	Triple Jump	M Dwight 3 rd
1500m	M Wadlow 2 nd	Shot	S Bailey 1 st
Relay	1 st	Discus	M Wadlow 2 nd
		Javelin	R Khan 2 nd

Years 8 and 10 County League Athletics Individual Results – 9th June

Year 8 Boys

Hurdles	A Austin 1 st	Shot	A Austin 1 st
100m	D Bransgrove 3 rd	Javelin	A Suqlain 2 nd
200m	J Hobbs 1 st	Pole Vault	N Jones 1 st
800m	J Eykelbosch 1 st	Triple Jump	Z Booth 1 st
1500m	R Taylor 1 st	Long Jump	D Bransgrove 2 nd
Relay	1 st	High Jump	J Hobbs 2 nd

Year 10 Boys

Hurdles	M King 2 nd	Shot	S Bailey 2 nd
100m	C Hart 1 st	Discus	M Wadlow 1 st
200m	G Loosely 2 nd	Javelin	D Twine 1 st
800m	J Stratford 3 rd	Pole Vault	J Stratford 1 st
1500m	M Wadlow 3 rd	Triple Jump	G Loosely 2 nd
Relay	1 st	Long Jump	C Hart 1 st

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Sarah Grover and Courtney Hart who have both achieved personal bests and broken school records at recent county league athletics meets. Sarah equalled the high jump record held for over 20 years by Frances Webber, jumping 1.48m. Courtney set a personal best of 11.4 in the 100m and broke the school long jump record previously held by Mark Swales, now a PE teacher at St Columba's College, jumping a massive 6.14m.

Good luck to those pupils taking part in the County Athletics Championships on Saturday:

S Grover, R Armorgie, A Eykelbosch, S Morris, P Minter, K Calcutt, P Foscoe, C Hart, Z Booth, J Eykelbosch, S Izzard, R Taylor, K North, S Watson. If these pupils achieve 1st or 2nd place and achieve English Schools Qualifying standards, they could go to the English Schools Championships in Gateshead.

Thank you to all those who helped with the Fun Run, bringing in water bottles etc. Could all sponsorship now be collected and sent in to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Mr Bryson, PE Department

Year 8 Girls

Hurdles	M Cornelius 1 st	High Jump	S Grover 2 nd
100m	D Craig 2 nd	Long Jump	S King 2 nd
200m	S Rance 3 rd	Javelin	L Harris 3 rd
800m	S Morris 1 st		
1500m	A Eykelbosch 1 st		
Relay	2 nd		

Year 10 Girls

400m	R Payne 2 nd	High Jump	R Theobald 2 nd
800m	R Armorgie 1 st	Long Jump	I Hudson 1 st
1500m	B Philpott 3 rd	Shot	L Hughes 3 rd
		Javelin	A Hatt 1 st

Year 8 Girls

100m	D Craig 1 st	Discus	S Berloth 2 nd
200m	O Scott 3 rd	Javelin	S Elliott 3 rd
800m	S Morris 1 st	Long Jump	S Rance 3 rd
1500m	A Eykelbosch 1 st	High Jump	S Grover 1 st
Relay	1 st		

Year 10 Girls

200m	E Phillips 2 nd	Shot	S Bullock 1 st
300m	R Payne 2 nd	Triple Jump	H Pestaille 3 rd
1500m	R Armorgie 1 st	Long Jump	I Hudson 3 rd
Relay	2 nd	High Jump	R Theobald 3 rd

