



The Hemel Hempstead School

News

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HeadLines

Last week's newsletter contained much information about the visit of the Headteacher and Head of Science from our partnership school, Mgezwa in South Africa. Nelson Mandela's nephew, Joseph Kobu has also forged a close link with HHS. I think that we will look back at this era of the school's history and see these events as some of the most significant ever for the school. This is not just any old link with any old school. It has already had a profound effect on the teachers who visited Mr Fejeni's school and the return visit has inspired so many of our students to look outside of themselves, their individualism and their relatively privileged backgrounds to a world where education is the key to success and happiness and is valued 'far beyond rubies', where students have to study in classes of 100 and where the educational resources we take for granted are unknown.

However, what has also struck us and our students so forcibly is that the similarities between teachers and students in both schools are far greater than our differences. We enjoy the same things and value the same things.

I felt honoured to meet Mr Fejeni and Mr Sopilase. I know that we will meet again and that in the meantime our two institutions will gain the benefit of strong friendships acquired and a shared vision for a better world.

Sandra Samwell, Headteacher

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATIONS

For Excellent Work in Science: Katie Mogan 9F.

For Excellent Production of 'Fit and Healthy' leaflets:
Laura Dowse 9P.

For Contribution to South African Partnership: Bridget Philpott 9P, Fay Breed 9N

For Excellent Work in French: Ben Kaye 7P, Ellenor Ward 7P, George McCausland 7L.

For Excellent Work in Literacy: Kyle Sumner 7C, Rebekah Morton 7A, Lucy Bradbury 7A, Charlie Ausden 7C.

For Excellent Work in English: Stevie Farrow 8L, Ryan Howe 8A, Lewis Kent 8N, Adam Breeze 8P, Nicholas Thomas 8N, Jasmine Bowles 8F, Nicola Kennett, Amy Walters, Beth Bellis, Rachel Lotts, Daniel Ford, George Brooks and Alex Marsh 7N.

For Excellent Work in Maths: Aaron Lloyd 8N, Thomas Cullinan 8F, Dylan Bransgrove 8F.

For Impeccable Behaviour on French Exchange: Chloe Simpkins 10A, Simone Desborough 10A, Rebecca Munjic 10L, Alice McQuade 10C, James Fraser 10P, Zoe Farrell 11C, Michaela James 11C, Eve Clancy 11L, Juneid Mahmood 11C, Nikki Bennett 11P, Toby Gilden 12Fg.

For Hidden Histories Project: Lillith Hickling 8N, Ashleigh Coe 8N, James Bryson 8N, Jack Benedetti-Smith 8N, Hollie Walker 8N, Sarah Grover 8P, Imran Ullah 8P, Andrew Coe 8P, Elliott Craven 8P, Niamh Ginger 8P, Alex Waylett 8F, Glen Taylor 8F, Alex Eykelbosch 8F, Dylan Bransgrove 8F, Millie Fuller 8F, Noah Jones 8L, Chloe Conroy 8L, Sophie Hatchett 8L, Sam Pigott 8L, Zach Booth 8L, Hollie Bishop 8A, Ross Taylor 8A, Adam Amamou 8A, Jack Dickinson 8A, Jessica Sear 8A, Charlotte Blair-Smith 8C, Ella Saunders 8C, Cale Tilford 8C, Alex Burgess 8C, Jordan Dukes 8C.

For Excellent Participation in Interviews: Caleb Parker 10P, Helena Mansbridge 10C, Fay Breed 9N, Harry Bassett 7N, Lois Messenger 7L.

PTA News

Summer Fair - 14 June

We have a Watford Football Club pennant, signed by this season's team, which we wish to auction to raise funds for the Summer Fair. The pennant is on display in the Trophy Cabinet (House Corridor by Student Services). If you would like to place a bid for it, bring your bid to Student Services by 3.30 pm 13th June.

Flaggs (Estate Agents) will donate funds to us if we will display boards (like 'For Sale' boards) advertising the School Fair and Flaggs. Please let us know if you would be prepared to have a board on your property for approximately two weeks before the Fair.

Keyway Driving School have agreed to attend the Fair and offer a short taster in one of their cars, with a qualified instructor.

Please let us know if you would 'Make and Donate' a cake for our cake stall (not fresh cream). Just let us know now, and bring your cake along on the day.

Our Raffle this year will have prizes of £100 cash, a Television, £50 cash, and a DVD player - watch out for tickets shortly.

Our next committee meeting is 12th May from 7pm until approximately 8pm in the Library - please come along as we need your help and ideas.

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



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Music Department Reminder

Music Fee invoices have been issued this week. Please check your child's bag for an invoice. Please note that if your child is stopping music lessons at half term for study leave or any other reason, payment must be made before half term. Thank you.

Miss Jackson, Music Department

Library Notice

Please note that no further loans will be made to Year 11 and Year 13 students this year.

Please could *all* students return any overdue library books immediately.

Mrs Krajewski, Librarian

English Revision Guides

The English Department now has four revision guides for sale covering most aspects of the English Language and Literature examinations. Prices start at 20p and rise to 80p depending on the size of booklet. Students interested should talk to their English teacher or Mrs Evans for more details.

Mrs Evans, English Department

Year 8 Hidden Histories Workshop

On Tuesday 22nd April Shola and Sally from Theatre IS came in to work with a group of Year 8 students. The one-day workshop programme, based on slavery, was taught by different creative methods that inspired a positive, empowering approach to our learning. We used drama, storytelling, creative writing, role-play, games and debates.

The drama activities were based on the Slave Trade and The Abolition of the Slave Trade.

During the day we learnt facts on the Slave Trade and its influence in Hertfordshire – from the purchasing of slaves from country to country to the abolishment of this trade.

We had to imagine what it was like on the slave ships and had to produce an emotive piece of writing.

Throughout the day we worked in groups on different issues based on this topic.

To bring together all that we had learnt we had a debate on whether the Slave Trade should continue or be abolished. The debate – For and Against Slavery – will be acted out in a Year 8 Assembly in the next couple of weeks, to be shared with the rest of the year group. It will give those involved a chance to show what they experienced.

Ellen Saunders 8C

Advance Notice - Resurfacing of Anchor Lane

Hertfordshire Highways will be carrying out resurfacing work in Anchor Lane between Heath Lane and Beechfield Road commencing Monday 28th April for three days. The road will therefore be closed to through traffic during this period.

Dates for Your Diary



Blue Week

28th Apr A2 Level Drama Practical
1st May Year 07 Junior Maths Challenge

Gold Week

5th May BANK HOLIDAY
6th – 9th May Year 9 SATs
6th7th8th9th May Year 8 Biology visits to Boxmoor Trust
8th May D of E Bronze Parents' Information Evening, 6 pm in Sixth Form Study Centre

Sport

Fixtures

Mon 28th Apr Years 8/10 County League

Athletics Match 2 @ Jarman Park 4.30 pm

Tue 29th Apr Years 7/ 8 Rounders @ Kings

Langley

Wed 30th Apr Year 11/Senior Rounders @

HHS

Thu 1st May 1st XI District Cup Final (Soccer) v Kings

Langley @ Kings Langley FC

5pm k.o.

Year 7/9 Athletics @ Jarman Park

Year 9/10 Rounders @ Ashlyns

Fri 2nd May Year 7 District Cup Final (Soccer) v Kings

Langley @ Kings Langley School 4.15 pm k.o.

Results

Year 7 Rounders v Adeyfield won 2.5 to 2

v Kings Langley lost 5 to 1.5

v Cavendish lost 4 to 2.5

Year 8 Rounders

v Cavendish lost 5 to 1

v Tring lost 7.5 to 2.5

SPORTS NEWS

On Friday 18th April Year 7 District winners and selected Year 10 and 11 students all received the opportunity to go to watch the England vs Malawi netball match at Wembley Arena. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, whilst learning how to improve our netball skills. England beat Malawi 67-35 after the four quarters of intense netball. We really enjoyed it and would like to thank Miss Black for organising the trip.

Francesca Quinn 7F and Charlotte Bartlett 7A

Good luck to the 1st XI and Year 7 soccer squads who play their District Cup finals next week. The 1st XI play on Thursday evening against Kings Langley School at Kings Langley FC, kicking off at 5 pm. Year 7 play their final the following evening, also against Kings Langley School, with the game being played away, 4.15 pm kick-off. All supporters welcome.

Mr P Bryson, PE Department

BCG VACCINATION PROGRAMME – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Information about the BCG vaccination programme has been sent home with all students in Years 7 and 8. If, having read the information, you believe your child should be considered for vaccination please return the completed screening form to Student Services, no later than Friday 23rd May. *Matron*

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.**

Gold Letters issued recently:

Letter 151 Year 13 Final Report

Letter 152 Year 11 Study Leave

Letter 154 Medical Questionnaire

Letter 155 SEN trip to Duxford

