HNS NEWS

Friday 31 January 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Student Council visited Hackney Town Hall today. The students were given a tour of the Town Hall by Councillor Feyral Demirci and learnt about local government and how to be a good representative for local people. They were then lucky enough to watch a Citizenship Ceremony where around 30 people took the oath and pledge of loyalty to become British Citizens. Afterwards the students had tea with the Speaker of Hackney, in his parlour, where they were given the opportunity to ask lots of questions.



Miss Williams with some of our Student Council in the splendid surroundings of the Town Hall

Learning Ambassadors this week:

7EW - Sid English
7JH - Theo Hinton-Hallows
7MJ - Tashan Smith-Harley
7SD - Ahmed Adewale

Positive Points, most per form this week:

7EW - Kira Howe
7MJ - Imari Francis
7JH - Precious Adewole
7SD - Benjamin Olandi-Harvey

Music News

A busy week in music for students and staff!

Premises Studios delivered a very successful 'Voice Jam' workshop with our Chamber Choir today. The students learnt an R 'n' B version of the classic song 'Let It Be'. Students had opportunities to sing solo parts and rap, too! Well done, Chamber Choir!
The workshop was an energetic and fun end to the week:







Music Technology Club runs on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes. 30 students have explored music apps on their mobile phones and the Google Chromebooks, creating music with this technology. This week, we explored our mini recording studio, recording vocal tracks on Garageband and learning about types of microphones and how they work. We will start to upload music onto our school's record label soon, on www.numu.org.uk.

As part of their music prep, students wrote short poems. Here's a brilliant one from Imari Francis in 7MJ:

"I like learning music every day
When we sing I shout hooray
Our tune and pitch are in place
So let's get our djembes and sing a praise!"

Here's one from Elaria Admassu, 7MJ, too:

"I like writing on manuscript paper
On the stave it has a quaver
Minim has two beats and that is notation
A crotchet is 1 beat long and that is duration."

Ms Barnes was invited to speak on a panel at the annual ABO (Association of British Orchestras) Conference at the Barbican Centre this week. The panel discussed how orchestras can work cooperatively and creatively with free schools and academies. Hackney New School is certainly on the map! Many delegates were very interested in our school, and we will certainly be organising projects with a number of opera houses and orchestras.

The Spring Concert will take place during the last two weeks of term, again at St. Peter's de Beauvoir Church. ALL students will be performing. Further details to follow.

Ms Barnes is still waiting for a number of borrowed instruments to be returned. Please ensure these are returned so that other students can use them.

MFL News

In Spanish this week students have continued to work on their present tense verb conjugation and many students successfully completed the conjugation crossword challenge.

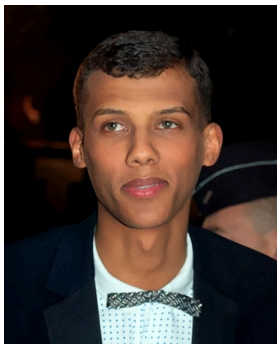
In French, students presented their musician descriptions to each other and I was very impressed by the quality and creativity of their work. Here are some excellent examples by Elaria Admassu, 7MJ and Chelsea Meta-Onyeka, 7JH:-



Ma star préférée

Ma star s'appelle Beyoncé Giselle Knowles.
Elle chante et elle a une belle voix.
Elle est créative et branchée. Elle est grande et belle.
Elle a les yeux marron et les cheveux brun doré.
Elle aime la musique RnB et hip hop.

Elaria Admassu



Stromae

Mon star s'appelle Stromae. Il joue du viola et du banjo. Il a les yeux bleus et les cheveux roux. Il est grand et beau. Il aime la musique hip hop. Il aime les chiens et les chats. Je pense qu'il a beaucoup de talent.

Chelsea Meta-Onyeka

Trip to Boulogne



All students have received a letter to bring home about the trip to Boulogne, France on **Thursday 5th June**. Thank you to those of you who have already returned the permission slip and initial contribution of £20 to secure your child's place. The deadline for this is **12th February**. Some students have asked for more details on the timings:-

Proposed itinerary (Please note timings are approximate and there is a 1 hour time difference between UK and France):-

0600h Depart school for journey to Folkestone
0850h Eurotunnel crossing to Calais
(From Calais to Boulogne - 30 mins journey)
1100h Visit to Nausicaa Sea Life centre
1400h Visit to Chocolaterie de Beussent
1750h Return Eurotunnel crossing to Folkestone
1900h Arrive back at School





When we have confirmed all the places Ms Watson will write again and parents/carers will be invited in for a meeting prior to the trip. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with Ms Watson

Art News

All students at HNS will have the opportunity to take part in the The Fourth Plinth competition. They can enter individual or group ideas for a large scale public artwork, as a model or a drawing. A popular London wide competition with some great, fun and creative ideas!



The Fourth Plinth Schools Awards 2014 competition is now open - deadline March 20th.

“The Fourth Plinth Schools Awards are a brilliant way to get young Londoners excited about art. What I love about the competition is the variety of ways of seeing London it throws up and that each artwork says something different about our city”

PE News

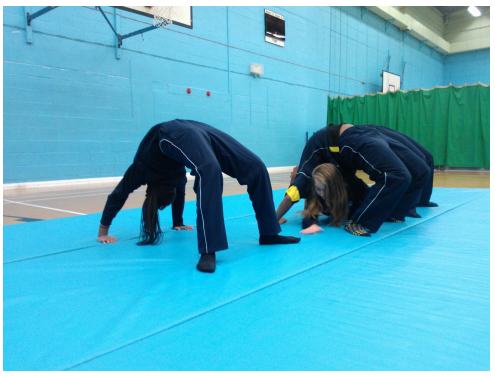


At the Britannia Leisure Centre this week HNS students delivered a short gymnastics presentation during their double lessons. Mrs Falconer took a break from school to watch 7JH; some of the groups were really impressive demonstrating teamwork, strength and agility. They will be learning new skills in the next 2 weeks before half term.

Street hockey lessons focused on dribbling and the students finished the week with a relay competition among groups to add more fun and excitement to the single lessons.

Some more gymnastics pictures below.









English News



Our spelling champions for this week are:

7SD
Emily-Rose Smith

7MJ
Elaria Admassu
Weronica Chyla
Khadijah Eyitayo- Olonade
Aaron Garrett
Mary Jeng
Kristina Kraszewska
Stephanie Mesa Patino
Alice Schwierskott

7EW
Jeremy Burlen
Sid English
Kira Howe
Tyreac Jones
Tymon Kucharski
Isaiah Robinson-Lewis
Hannah Watkins Ray

7JH
Lily-May Canning
Michael Elechi
Theo Hinton-Hallows
Tyler Hogan

Well done to all of you for getting 10/10 on your spellings!

Science News

This week students learned about vaccinations in Biology. They used their knowledge of white blood cells learned last week to understand how the body can be protected against horrible diseases such as Polio. One of the highlights of the week was Stefan Shaw-Bailey (7MJ) saying “Thank you Edward Jenner” at the end of a rather gruesome video they watched about Smallpox. You’ll have to ask your children to see if they can tell you what he has to do with Smallpox and if they can tell you how vaccines work. Next week we will

be playing a game where we look at how diseases spread in a population.
In Chemistry students carried out a practical on neutralisation, in preparation for studying the uses of cancelling out acids or alkalis. Next week we will be using indigestion tablets in our experiments.
In Physics students have been building various circuits. A special mention goes to Tyreac Jones (7EW) for his interest in the motor and Kristina Kraszewska (7MJ) for her excellent explanation of how components affect each other. I must also praise several students for their teamwork, thoroughness and practical skills this week, I definitely have a few future Scientists here at HNS. Special mention must go to 7SD for their practical work, particularly Thyreek Williams, Benjamin Olandi-Harvey, Tibor Thursfield, Alex Tissier, Shaw-Tae Shaw-Bailey, Danielka Elliott and Emily-Rose Smith.

Just to round off the week in style, the Friday Science enrichment group received a ‘shocking’ finish to the week. We discussed electrons, static electricity and insulators while having good fun with the Van der Graaf generator. Pictured here is Tashan Smith-Harley (7MJ) about to shock Elijah Smith (7JH), who is preparing himself for what is to come. I would add that the students involved volunteered. A nice light-hearted finish to the week.



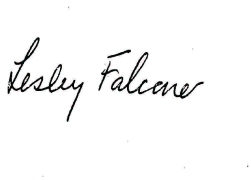
Staff Recruitment for September 2014
As you would expect we have another year group joining us in September. Indeed, we are oversubscribed! The adverts for various teacher and support staff are now appearing in all the relevant websites, including our own. We are starting with the teachers, with the support staff adverts appearing nearer half term. Please tell your ‘teacher friends’ to check our website if they are thinking of a career move.

We are holding a Recruitment Evening on Thursday 6 February (next week) from 6.30-8pm. Please ask interested parties to telephone the school for details or email colettecorbin@hackneynewschool.org

REMINDERS
INSET DAY - Friday 14 February (students not in school)
HALF TERM HOLIDAY - Monday 17-Friday 21 February
STUDENT PROGRESS DAY - Wednesday 26 February (students not in school except for accompanying their parents for the meeting with their teachers).

I wish you all a relaxing week-end.

Sincerely



Lesley Falconer
Headteacher