HNS NEWS

Friday 21 March 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

One of the teacher clubs - STARS, is supported by the Sustainable Transport Department at Hackney Council. The team of students: Isaiah Robinson-Lewis, Jordan Campbell, Abby George-Taylor, Lou Audureau, Natasha Lynch, Alice Schwierskott, Maya Fasano, Jeremy Burlen, Elizabeth Nanu N'Sona Pandu and Alex Tissier prepared a presentation for a Dragon's Den style event at the Hackney Picture House for last Wednesday. We hoped to be awarded the full £300 possible to enable us to run a fun cycling promotional event in the summer term. The judges included senior members of the Hackney and Tower Hamlets Sustainable Transport Departments and Transport for London.

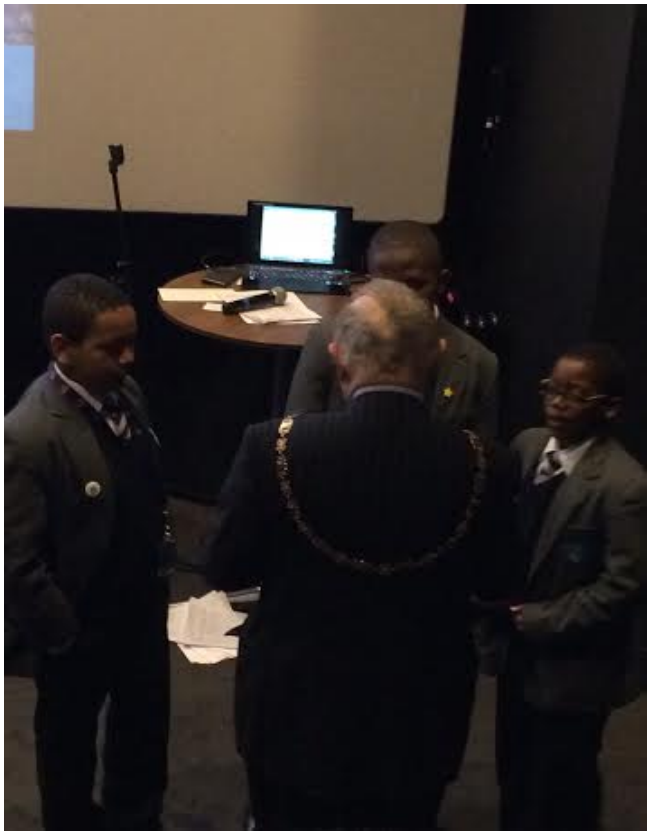
The other schools' presentation teams were made up students in all year groups up to age 16 years. We, of course, were all year 7! The judges were very impressed by the logo designed by Natasha Lynch and the video animation produced by Jordan Campbell. They were talking of copyrights and using the logo borough wide! The team was awarded the full £300 towards the event, which we now have to finalise! **I was very proud of them.**

The Speaker of Hackney Council, Councillor Michael Desmond, arrived in time to hear the HNS team and found time to speak to our students who asked him many questions about his role and his magnificent chains of office. He told me that he has heard some very positive things about Hackney New School and commented on how confident and articulate our students were during the presentation.

The photos below give a flavour of our day:



B.O.B, our logo





Chatting with Councillor Desmond and ……answering questions after the presentation.

The STARS team are grateful to the continuing support they receive from Faith Coles, Sustainable Transport Planner, and Sandra Agbabiaka, Road Safety Officer, both from Hackney Council. They visit the school weekly to work with the STARS club members and will help them organise the fun cycling awareness event next term.

Most Positive Points this week:

Mali-Ray Bah	7EW
Benjamin Olandi-Harvey	7SD
Chereka Burke-Lewis	7MJ
Abimbola George-Taylor	7JH

Learning Ambassadors this week:

7EW - Tayo Sokunbi
7MJ- Mariah Olojede
7SD - Dylan Strettell-O'Shea
7JH- Elijah Smith

Languages Day

On Friday students had a special Languages Day as part of Multilingual March. All took part in a series of workshops hosted by 'Mind Your Language', a local company who run fun language-related activities for children. The workshops included crêpe making, French role-play, outside games with food and shopping vocabulary, African drumming and dance to 'Papaoutai' by Rwandan-Belgian artist Stromae. Students participated brilliantly and many certificates were awarded at the end for outstanding effort. Several students performed the dance routine they had learnt, the drum rhythms and the drama sketch during the final assembly. The staff were really impressed by our students' enthusiasm and talent. Merci à tous et

bien fait!

Below are a selection of photos from the day:-





















Boulogne Trip Payments

A reminder to parents and carers that the deadline for all payments for the day trip to Boulogne is Monday 24th March. We still have many parents who have a balance outstanding, please can you ensure that the payments are paid in full by Monday to ensure that the trip goes ahead as planned.

War Horse

A reminder to parents and carers that those students attending the war horse trip need to have their full and final payment made by Friday 4 April

On Monday the students had a special assembly led by Ahmed Hussain who is Assistant Producer for BBC Radio 1 and 1Xtra. The students will be part of the BBC Schools News Report and will be working towards creating their own news reports which will be uploaded and shared nationwide through the BBC Schools News Report websites. The main aim of BBC News School Report is to interest young people in news of all types and the world around them by giving them the chance to make their own news.

Thursday 27 March is School News Day and the BBC news and radio stations will be showing some of the work produced by students across the country. We are lucky enough to have been given the opportunity to

take 15 students to the BBC studios for the day and these students will not only be given a tour of the BBC studios and meet some of the BBC radio one presenters but will also be recording and broadcasting live on air!
Please check the website and the schools Twitter feed next week for updates on the students work.

Music News
The Spring Concert is under two weeks away! It takes place on Wednesday 2 April at 6.30pm. It is being held at St. Peter's de Beauvoir. We look forward to seeing you there!

The deadline for students to finish their Bronze Arts Award portfolio is Thursday 3 April. The Arts Award is a Level 1 national qualification. Only the portfolios that will definitely pass will be submitted. Please ask your child to show your their portfolio (it might be on Google Drive or Artsbox) as students have worked hard on these.

At the end of the school year there is an opportunity for students to sit practical instrumental exams. Please contact me if you are keen for your child to take an exam (Grade 1 flute, for example).

Do you sing or play an instrument? I'd love to know about the musical talent of all our parents/carers! Please e-mail me at: rachelbarnes@hackneynewschool.org

Science News
This week students revised and then completed their termly assessment in all three Sciences. You will receive these grades shortly after Easter. Next week students will get back to normal lessons, studying electromagnets, digestion and basic chemical reactions.

Uniform including PE Kit
Please ensure your child's uniform and PE kit is clean and tidy and labelled. It is easier to help students become more independent and responsible for their possessions if they take pride in them and they are easily identified.

End of School Day
Students are NOT permitted to congregate outside of the school gates at the end of the day. This is a busy time and our neighbours are returning home from work. Students have been told they are to leave the school and head straight home. Only students who are collected by parents at 4:45pm on a Wednesday and Friday and 5:45pm on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday may wait at the gate.

Reminders:
Spring Concert at St Peter's Church de Beauvoir - Wednesday 2 April at 6.30pm

End of Spring Term - Friday 4 April at 12.00pm

I wish you all a happy week-end

Sincerely



Lesley Falconer
Headteacher