HNS NEWS

Friday 16 May 2014

Dear Parents and Carers
On Thursday evening I enjoyed meeting many of the 'new' parents whose children will be joining year 7 in September. Staff and governors were delighted to welcome everyone and answer all their questions We are looking forward to meeting our prospective students on transition day on 3 July.

We welcomed a return visitor today. Dr Calvin Pike carried out another monitoring inspection for the Department for Education. Listening to his praise of all aspects of the school, I was extremely proud of all the students and staff. He has asked if he can use some areas of our work at HNS as example of best practice at other schools he monitors. Dr Pike was very complimentary about the students' behaviour and enthusiasm. He enjoyed meeting the members of the school council and said all our students are wonderful ambassadors of HNS. I will give more details when Dr Pike sends his report.

INSET 9 June
School will be closed to students on Monday 9 June for staff training.

Learning Ambassadors this week

7MJ- Emmanuel Oladeru
7JH - Gosa Aibangbee
7SD - Thyreek Williams
7EW - Jeremy Burlen

Most positive points this week

7EW - Kira Howe
7JH - Kasseem Nicholas
7MJ - Khadijah Eyitayo-Olonade
7SD - Tibor Thursfield

Well done and keep up the good work!

Humanities



Students have been making excellent progress with their Gladiators project which they have been working on in History. Students are discovering how people became gladiators and the reasons why the Romans were so interested by gladiatorial fights. Students are completing this project in lessons and will be presenting to the class after half term.

Music News



Rehearsals started on Thursday for 'The Hackney Chronicles', the opera in which all students are performing at the end of term. Ms Barnes will teach the music, and HMDT (Hackney Music Development Trust) will then rehearse the acting and staging in July. We

practised the start of Act 4, set in the Blitz. All students have a part in the opera, be it as a soloist or as part of a large or smaller group.

Starting next week, there will be a **new weekly prize** in music for the student who has made the most **effort** in Ms Barnes' music lessons. She will be rewarding students who persevere when they find the work challenging, and those who never give up!



Here is a great opportunity for you performers out there (deadline June 1):

- Are you a performer who lives in London and is aged between 11- 25 years old?
- Are you a solo artist, duo or group of up to 20 members?
- Is your act completely portable – which means you can carry your equipment on foot?
- Are you available to perform between 19 July and 9 August 2014?
- Do you have an online video of your act performing?*

* If you don't have anything online, get a friend to film you with the best quality camera and microphone you can, then upload it to YouTube or other video sharing websites.

Here's the link to the entry form:

http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/arts-culture/gigs?utm_source=schools&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=gigs

Good luck!

Water bottles

As the weather warms up (and hopefully stays hot!) please ensure that your child brings a bottle of water to school with them. Students can refill this at break times in the school hall and have it with them for lessons. Please note students are not permitted to bring any drinks other than water in to school.

The H Factor

Our school music talent show will be taking place on 19th June. Students are rehearsing hard to win their House those all important points. Ask your child about their role in the show: you may be surprised to learn what hidden talents they have!



thPE

As the weather warms up in the next couple of months, students should be feeling hot during PE lessons. Sweating is a good healthy mechanism and sweat will be celebrated as a sign of hard work! However, it is crucial that students are well prepared for their lessons with the following items to reduce the undesired side effects of sweating:

1. Water bottles to rehydrate (This need only be a plastic water bottle from a shop that costs about 70p!);
2. Shorts - these are sold as part of the full school PE Kit;
3. Roll on deodorant. Spray deodorants are strictly banned because they can cause breathing difficulties when sprayed indoors;
4. Regularly washed PE kit including a change of socks.

MFL

Do not forget that there is a meeting next Wednesday to discuss the details of the French trip.

English



The following students have received 10/10 for their spelling test this week:

7SD

Savanna Clarke, Shakirah Dixon, Jayden Mitchell-Ryan, Tibor Thursfield, Thyreek Williams and Emily-Rose Smith.

7EW

Mali-Ray Bah, Jeremy Burlen, Isaac Collins, Maya Fasano, Kira Rose Howe, Tyreac Jones, Tymon Kucharski, Lyuman Lyumanov, Elizabeth Nanu N'Sona Pandu, William Owens, Isaiah Robin-Lewis and Hannah Watkins.

7JH

Jazmyne Bennett- Mcleod, Lilly-May Canning, Michael Elechi, Abimbola George Taylor, Paige Greenidge, Theo Hinton-Hallows, Keion Kentebe, Natasha Lynch, Chelsea Metu-Onyeka, Precious Adewole, Kasseem Nicholas, Guy Freeman Pow, Elijah Smith, Lucy Angel Sullivan, Shemar Williams, Oscar Brogden and Elizabeth Kotkowska.

7MJ

Elaria Admassu, Chereka Burke-Lewis, Senem Cengiz, Weronica Chyla, Soraia Correia Balde, Khadijah Eyitayo-Olandae, Jasper Flett, Imari Francis, Aaron Garrett, Yahya Kilinc, Kristina Kraszewska, Cie-Ra Minott, Alice Schwierskott, Stefan Shaw-Bailey, Tashan Smith-Harley, Stephanie Mesa Patino, Mary Jeng and Jaan Gurbuz.

Well done all of you!

Science

This week in Science students completed their half-termly assessments. Previously students only did formal assessments once a term but in preparation for regular half-termly assessments next year we have now started this in science also. Your child should be able to tell you their score by half term. For clarity, I want to mention that the ‘current level’ that you will see on the reports is from the assessments the students did at easter. We also started studying voltage, with students looking at models to help them visualise how it works in a circuit. Special mention to Emmanuel Oladeru and Mary Jeng (both MJ) who came up with their own model and went on to evaluate how realistic it is. This is level 7 work and they should be proud of their effort. Next week students will finish the half term by studying combustion, more voltage and digestive organs.

Other news from Mr Hesketh

Occasionally the universe gives you one of those perfect little moments when everything comes together. This week, while enjoying our lunch time foray into the local park, about 15 of our students joined in a spontaneous capoeira session with some experts from a local youth club. Capoeira is a Brazilian dance/martial art that the students have studied in their P.E. lessons this year. The sunshine, the music from the instruments, our students singing, the enthusiasm of the students enjoying something they have studied in class and the excitement over the sport all came together. Mr Hesketh took some photographs which you can see below. The experts were very impressed with our students and wanted it mentioned that they run a local youth club capoeira session **free of charge** in Dalston. The website is http://www.capoeira.co.uk/capoeira-for-young-people/, the contact number is 0777 903 1273 and it is called project
gem (and is a registered charity).







Enjoy the sunshine this weekend, perhaps you can ask your son/daughter to teach you some capoeira!

Sincerely

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