

MOOR HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER –FEBRUARY 2010

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the February newsletter.

WORKSHOP WITH THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

I attended a workshop on the 1st February given by the London Philharmonic Orchestra. It was led by Denis Barber the education consultant that is attached to the orchestra. This workshop was in preparation for the concert that 2MP 3H and 3O will be attending on the 10th March 2010. It was very informative and as usual I picked up lots of new ideas for delivery of the subject in an active and fun way. Introducing Classical music to young students is often very difficult but the way that these concerts are presented and the associated workshops, make this job an enjoyable one.

S Hardman

HORRIBLY EDUCATIONAL

On February 3rd students from Year 7 went to see the Horrible Science show at Tunbridge Wells Assembly Halls.

They were treated to a story about a schoolboy who, unless he was able to understand science, would unleash the horrors kept behind the walls of Horrible Science World.

Fortunately he succeeded in the end with seconds to spare, but not before he had run the gauntlet of Bloody Body Bits, Sizzling Electricity, Fatal Forces and Gory Germs, many of them rendered in glorious 3D above the terrified audience.

3H had a great time, although they did have to dive behind their seats from time to time!

YEAR 10 TRIP TO THE CENTRAL LONDON SYNAGOGUE

On Thursday February 4th the year 10 students and staff travelled to London by train.

One of the aims of the trip was to give students the opportunity and experience to practice their travel skills around London. At the start of the journey the group independently purchased their own tickets. On arriving in London we enjoyed a walk along the Thames before

practicing tube travel across London to Victoria. Students then split into small groups and were able to choose from a selection of places to purchase their own lunch.

After lunch we travelled again by underground to The Central London Synagogue. For part of an ASDAN challenge the students chose a variety of questions to ask the Rabbi , students will also complete a project on Judaism during the following few weeks.

The group thoroughly enjoyed the day and found the Synagogue particularly interesting.

It was a pleasure to be out and in the company of great students who were so well behaved throughout the entire trip!

Dawn Carter – Special Teaching Assistant Year 10

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School council have been busy! They have started this year by launching a film night for KS2 and KS3 children. It will be held every other Wednesday in week 2 and will start with High School Musical 3 on the 2nd March. This came about through an email request to school council with an idea. So proof that School Council does listen and can get things done! School Council has also organised a collection of toys to support the Haiti Children. They are asking all students to fill a show box with toys or other small items that children might need and bring this in after the half term break. These will be taken to the Red Cross to then send out to the children that need it. We hope you will all support this and we look forward to receiving your boxes. You might also have noticed a green school council box appearing in your classrooms. This is for all students to put in any ideas or complaints that they want raised at school council. Your class rep will check it before any meeting. So please use it.



Moor House School Mentoring / Buddy Program



The Moor House School Mentoring / Buddy Program has had another successful term. This program is aimed at developing the senior students skills in regards to their ability to support other students and enabling them to help new students settle into life at Moor House School.

This term has seen the inaugural presentation of 'Mentor of the Month' awards. For the Autumn Term 2009 the following students were presented with their certificates of achievement:

Tom Barnard: For setting a positive example to other mentors.

Tom Gerred: For being thoughtful and caring towards his buddies.

George Gill: For supporting his buddy in a time of need.

We are so pleased to have such wonderful role model students at Moor House School and the staff and students are looking to another positive term with the Mentoring / Buddy Program.

NEW SCHOOL TIE FOR AWARD HOLDERS

On February 10th, at the half termly Awards Assembly, Mrs Dobbie presented all Senior Award holders with the new tie which will be worn by all students achieving a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award



The tie itself is in Green and Gold, the Colours of Moor House School. We hope that all Senior Award holders will wear the tie with pride and that all students will see the tie as a symbol of achievement and recognition for the hard work and effort these students have put in. It will hopefully inspire all students to achieve a senior award when their time comes.