



Moor House School News and Events

WELCOME TO THE JULY NEWSLETTER

This is the last newsletter of the year. We hope you enjoy reading it and wish you all a very good summer holiday. See you in September.

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GOODBYE YEAR 11

On July 1st we said goodbye to our wonderful Year 11 students. The day began with a whole school assembly where the Year 11 leavers made farewell speeches and presentations to a very large audience comprising students, staff and parents.

The highlight for many was the video comedy spoof of 'Grease', with much hilarity generated over some of the boys wearing wigs and playing Sandy and her friends. The traditional circle of friendship followed, where everyone has an opportunity to say goodbye to the

leavers and, once again, a few tears were shed as students said goodbye to their friends and role models. Finally the cavalcade of cars swept out of the school grounds in time honoured fashion at the end of an emotional and unforgettable day.

We wish all of our leavers every success and happiness in their future and feel sure we will see many of them at next year's school fete in the Summer term.



3HU NEWS

The London Wildlife Trust came to visit Key Stage 3 in relation to our Geography Topic: 'Environment and Resource Issues'. Students had fun building bug hotels, bee homes and a beetle loggery to provide habitats for local wildlife.

We also had a visit from the local council who bought a huge recycling truck to the school gates. Key Stage 3 students were taught all about recycling and had a chance to see some of the machinery in action. We even got into the local press!

Key Stage 3 went to Godstone Fire Station to learn about fire safety and how to deal with an emergency. Students particularly enjoyed using the fire hose. Our trip was dramatically cut short when fire officers were called out to a real emergency and had to rush off to deal with a barn fire!

The Red Cross came and showed 3HU (year 8's only) what to do in an emergency. Students learnt how to deal with broken limbs, burns, cuts and somebody falling unconscious. It was a really hands-on session. Students learnt a lot and earned a certificate in First Aid.

'Theatre Exchange', a local theatre company, came and did a workshop with 3HU on Romeo and Juliet. We acted out some key emotions and themes from the play, and freeze-framed key moments. A highlight of the visit was when the two actors performed a whistle-stop performance of the play in five minutes. It was pretty funny. Miss Morris and I were extremely proud of how well 3HU understood the story and were able to answer questions about the plot.

Miss Hunter

ENHANCEMENT WEEK

Following the success of Moor House School's inaugural 'Transition Week', and the support it provided to students, it was decided that this should become an annual event and be known as 'Enhancement Week'.

This year our theme has been 'Creative Arts'; staff and students have enjoyed activities such as African drumming, Forestry and creating a self-portrait as well as a trip to the theatre to see a top London musical. There was also an inter-house 'Kwik Cricket' tournament and evening activities, which have included camping in the school grounds, a barbeque and a water fight!

We recognise how vital it is that the emotional, social and psychological needs of children and young people are addressed, particularly at times of change. Enhancement week has enabled the students' sense of safety and experience of change to occur within a familiar and secure communicative environment whereby resilience can grow and develop.

The week has been thoroughly enjoyed by staff and students alike providing the opportunity for students and staff goodbye to their old teams and hello to their new!

Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Bronze and Silver Expeditions May and June 2011



All students who attempt the D of E Expedition Section need to train, plan, and take part in two camping journeys - a practice one, and then an assessed one.

This year marked the first time that Moor House School ran expeditions for both Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Level (2 days, 1 night) and Silver Level (3 days, 2 nights).

TO SEE THE EXCITING FULL REPORT PLEASE GO TO 'LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS' ON THE WEBSITE.

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Buddy / Mentoring Programme

The Buddy / Mentoring Programme has had another successful year! This year has seen students promoting the programme themselves;

Sebastian, Jamie & Christian spoke to the Year 9 students about the programme and how important it has been to them. As a result of their encouraging comments we are delighted that 7 of our Year 9 students have nominated themselves to be Mentors next year. These 7 students along with 12 Year 10 students will form the Mentoring Group for the 2011/2012 academic year – we can not wait till September to get started!

Sebastian, Jamie, Jonathon, Emma & Finlay spoke to the Local MP, Sam Gyimah, about the importance of the programme and how beneficial it has been to them. The students made comments on how the programme enabled them to settle into life at school quickly and how the mentors supported them..

Seb, Ollie, Kate, William, Mike and Chris spoke on New Admissions Day to new parents about the programme and how it has helped them. It was fantastic to hear and see the students speaking so confidently and maturely to a group of adults and advising them on how excited they are about the new students coming to school in September.

The Buddy / Mentoring Programme has had positive feedback and been extremely rewarding this year due to the mature, energetic, motivating and caring, students we have had within programme. They have regularly supported their Buddies and ensured that their first year at Moor House School has been enjoyable. Throughout the year students have been recognised for their involvement and effort through certificates, 'Mentor of the Month' Awards and 'Gold Stars'.

The programme has been enjoyed by all involved and this was confirmed by speeches made by Year 11 students on their Leavers Day as well as the exchange of letters between Buddies and Mentors this week thanking one another for the support received.

We would like to thank all of those students involved this year.

Extra words from Mike:

'The programme this year has not only been successful but has been a joy to take part in. All the Mentors and Buddies have worked together really well and the people within the staff programme and myself have really seen good students paired with other good students and that has made our programme very successful and encouraging for others to take part in. This year there has been many activities for example;

- At the beginning of the year we had the basketball match and lunch
- In the Winter Term we had the Sports Wall Competition and lunch
- In the Summer Term we had the Cricket Match and picnic

It has been a pleasure to work with everyone within the programme this year especially the Year 10 and Year 11 Mentors that have put themselves forward and been great role models. I am really impressed with all of the Buddies who have fitted into their first year very well and I can see that they have really got a lot out of the programme. I am really pleased to see that quite a few of the Year 9's have nominated themselves to be part of the programme next year and it gets better and better every year. All the Mentor's can't wait to see their new Buddies in the new term. Wishing everyone a great Summer!'



Report by Mike Conlon, Buddy / Mentor Programme Reporter and Miss Campbell, Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist.

EASY FUNDRAISING

At Moor House School we signed ourselves up to an organisation website called Easy Fundraising. Using this website you can help us make money for the school without paying a penny more than you normally would and you can do it all whilst doing your shopping. You can register by going onto the website and becoming a member, registration is completely free and the company do not sell any details or send any spam messages to its members. Once you are registered you can shop at over 2000 retailers who will give a donation to Moor House School. The donation is usually a percentage of the amount that you spend with the company or a set amount, such as £30 from Aviva for signing up. There is also a page called 'free funds' on this page there are several retailers who agreed they will donate money to Moor House School just for trailing their services, for example, if you order an Argos catalogue 'easy fundraising' will donate 20p to Moor House Schools account.

www.moorhouse.easysearch.org.uk is a search engine exactly the same as Google but whenever you search through it the company make a donation towards Moor House School. If you have a computer and set this to your homepage it means whenever you search using this tool you can support moor house school in raising money.

So far this year we have raised over £50 and we hope to encourage more people to use this website so we can raise as much money as possible.

To start raising money for Moor House School please visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/moorhouse. Thank you for your support.

If you have any problems please email mcguinness1@moorhouseschool.co.uk who will be happy to answer any questions or queries you might have.