

NOWER HILL NEWS

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2007 YEAR 11 AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to everyone who was presented with an Award.

Please see a full list of students with awards inside this issue.

Photos above from left to right show:- **Kirandeep Panesar**:- Joe Lowe Award (Work Related Learning Award), **Cerys Weetch**:- Services to School, **Nour Naccache**:- Eastman Award (For Community Service), **Fiona Robertson**:- Rayners Award, (For Character, school record and Service to the School Community), and **Shankaran Peethakaran** (Service to School Environment)

Photo shows:- **Keisha Patel**:- Rosina Wilson Award (For Service to the School and Community) and **Kathleen Barlow**:- Barclays Award (For Service to the School).

From the Headteacher

That was the half term that was! The first half of the Summer Term is always extra busy because we are in the final stages of preparation for SATs, GCSEs and now, of course, also 'A' level examinations. Add to that mix an Ofsted inspection and the result was a very intense period of time in the life of a school.

I am delighted to note that all has gone very well indeed. Parents/Carers should have by now received the Inspection Report (if not it's in your daughter's/son's school bag!) – an extremely positive account of a school in very good health. All preparation for external examinations is also more or less complete now – I hope that each and every pupil does herself/himself justice and receives the results that are well deserved.

In addition to all of this we have had our regular feedback from Parents/Carers in the form of the Year 9 Questionnaire completed at Parents' Evenings. Once again the messages are very pleasing – 96% happy with the quality of teaching, 91% feeding back that homework is regularly set, 88% pleased with the good guidance on healthy lifestyles (6% responded "don't know") and 92% telling us that we have prepared Y9 well for the Options process.

I want to remind all parents/carers that we are as determined as ever to build a centre of all round educational excellence for our community. Once again I thank you for your partnership with us and for your support, both of which were very evident in the responses to the questionnaires from the Ofsted inspection team.

Howard Freed



ST. LUKE'S HOSPICE SPONSORED WALK

On Sunday 22nd April, 32 students took part in the St. Luke's Hospice sponsored walk.

The walk took us over Harrow on the Hill via St Mary's church, through Harrow school grounds returning along the green to Our Lady and St. Thomas of Canterbury church. The steep hill climb was really tough. Each lap was 1.5 miles, some students completed as many as seven laps making a total of 10.5 miles.



My dog Banna, was exhausted

- due to all the stroking and being dragged up the hill five times, it's a dog's life!

Well done to all who took part. Once again we have put Nower Hill on the map as being an 'excellent school for active citizenship with an outstanding community spirit' (Ofsted May 07) Next year we hope to have sixty students on the walk. Mr Nagle



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2007 YEAR 11 AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Subject Awards

SCIENCE: Brian Hall Award for Science Caroline Clark
Combey Award- Best Scientist Kulsum Gulamhusein
Most improved Scientist Michalina Hanzel
Science Interest Flavio Vieira Cesar

ENGLISH: Byford Award (Progress in English Language) Alexander Campbell
Shakespeare Award (Progress in English Literature) Safarina Satkunanathan

TECHNOLOGY: Business Studies Kulsum Gulamhusein
Child Development Katie Heslin
Young Chef Award (Food Tech.) Pooja Dixit, Kim Wilmshurst
Hetherwick Award (Graphic Products) Vincent Copp
Bond Award for Progress & Commitment in ICT Arti Jilka
Craftsman Award (Resis. Materials) Iain Duncan
Westwood Textiles Award (Textiles) Thusyanthani Sivalingam
Sarah Mason

LANGUAGES: German (joint prize) Gloria Hanzel, Michalina Hanzel
French Thomas Lewis 11JC
Caecilius Award for Latin Nikita Shah
Odysseus Award for Classical Civilisation Chelsea Booth

HUMANITIES: Geography Suraj Patel
History Kathleen Barlow
Religious Studies Student of the Year Hannah Kershaw
Most Improved Religious Studies Student Sidhi Chudasama

MATHS: Determination and Perseverance Georgina Dodds
Most Progress Ahmed Sultan
Outstanding Attainment Caroline Clark

DEVELOPMENT AS A LEARNER:

Emma Watkins Award
(For Determination and Perseverance) Harrison Levens
Sarah Jane Goodwin Award (For Perseverance) Dina Vara
Shew Award
(For Most Progress in Overcoming Educational Challenge)
Outstanding Progress Waqaas Maan
Afam Moneke

The Arts Awards

ART: Most improved in Art Kate Turner
Attainment and Fortitude in Art Harshna Patel

DRAMA: Drama Student of the Year Cerys Weetch
Most Improved Drama Student Louise Allwood
Most Significant Contribution Sean Thapar

MUSIC: (For Service to Music Department) Keisha Patel
Jamie McIntyre

Crumless Award:
Excellence in Music – Performance Ashley Bonfante
Excellence in Music – Composition Caroline Clark

MEDIA:
Excellence in Media Student of the Year Nikita Patel
Most Improved Media Student Sheenal Patel

THANK YOU to:

Head Boy Sanjay Lukka
Head Girl Rochelle Owusu-Antwi

Deputy Head Boy Iain Duncan
Deputy Head Boy Nathaniel Wilson
Deputy Head Girl Kathleen Barlow
Deputy Head Girl Charlotte Millward

Girls Games Captain Emma Norman
Boys Games Captain Jack Palmer

Girls Arts Captain Olivia Weetch
Boys Arts Captain Jamie McIntyre

Arts College Awards – For Excellence and Commitment in The Arts

Art:
Emma Rodzik
Olivia Weetch

Dance:
Rebecca Papaspyrou
Charlotte Millward
Rachel Califf

Music:
Satomi Ashida Kayo Hayashi
Ashley Bonfante Lucy Hilton
Steven Bovington Jamie McIntyre
Shanie Bowes Charlotte Millward
Rachel Califf Hardik Nanda
Adam Carroll Keisha Patel
Caroline Clark Fiona Robertson
Alice Cokayne Emma Rodzik
Lorraine Dryden Louise Sartori
Zamzam Eldin Dalziel Tom Simmonette
Claudia Fox Kate Turner
Hannah Gepp Cerys Weetch
Koya Greenaway-Harvey Olivia Weetch
Kirsty Hall Sarah Wilson
Greg Hardcastle Hope Woulds
Iain Hawker

Drama: Letitia Alford
Sanjay Lukka

Media: Kathleen Barlow
Nour Naccache

ASDAN Bronze: Teri Beale
Adam Collins
Mohammed Haagi
Harry Nevard
Rio Joseph Clarke
Aumkar Ladwa
Shannel Hardiman Griffiths

ASDAN Silver: Andrew Beck
Flavio Vieira Cesar

Peer Mentor Awards: Marika De Silva
Zamzam Eldin-Dalziel
Shankaran Peethakaran
Abiramme Sathiyavelle
Cerys Weetch

Sports Awards

PE: (Girls)
Cleaver Award - Sportsmanship Prina Rajani
Worrell Award - Sportsmanship Hannah Dodd
Sandals Award – Sporting Achievement Emma Norman
Allan Award – Best all-round Sportswoman Keisha Patel
Pyke Award – Most Improved Gymnast Rebecca Papaspyrou
Emerson Award – Most Improved Trampolining Chelsea Booth

PE: (Boys)
Cleaver Award - Sportsmanship Gavin Marr
Worrell Award- Sportsmanship Jenu Jeyandra
Sandals Award– Sporting Achievement William Gibson
James Award for All-round Ability William Gibson

Services to Sports Award:
Claudia Fox Jack Palmer
Lucy Hilton Tom Lewis 11JC
Louise Allwood Jenu Jeyandra
Ashleigh Betts Hardik Nanda
Foluke Cole Zeryan Hoshyar
Koya Greenaway-Harvey Stephen Rogers
Abigail Pothen Greg Tyas
Sara Harman Lee Nicholson
Raquel Hughes Nasr Mahmood
Heather Kasinathan Christopher Andoh
Meera Rajani Siddharth Ruparel
Jodie Piggot Milan Patel
Louise Sartori Nathan Boyd
Olivia Weetch James Hannigan
Zamzam Eldin-Dalziel Ashley Bonfante
Daveena Patel
Akta Vaghela

Services to Dance Award
Sarah Rajalingam
Karina Drinkwater
Zamzam Eldin-Dalziel

THE LONDON MARATHON EXPERIENCE

We started the day with a coach journey, leaving at 6:30 in the morning and going all the way to London where the mini marathon was taking place. On the coach we were given our package, which contained our race number and a chip, our t-shirt –which had to be the correct colour depending on which race you were in (my t-shirt was pink because I was in the 13-14 girls group. We were also given red laces, which gave £1 to charity. The chip had to be attached to your laces, so that when you finished the race the people recording our times would know exactly when we got to the finish line.

It wasn't long before we got there -it was around 7:30am. When the coach stopped, we went to our warm-up area where we would be staying until we went to race. It turned out that it was just a very big car-park, which was blocked off so no cars could get in; this was where we spent most of our time. On the ground floor there were lots of porta-loos, but when the races began there were huge queues because so many people needed to go. After we had warmed up, and our group was called on the speakers, we had to make our way to the area where all the different borough teams were. We stayed in our pen (Harrow), and after a few minutes, we were led to the exit where we were about to go onto the roads of London, leading to our start line. There were county runners there as well, but they had to be separated from us, and also got to start approximately 50 metres ahead of us borough runners -which I thought was a bit unfair. I was lucky enough to get myself to the front of the borough runners, even though it was a bit of a struggle as most of the girls had the same idea.

The race started, leaving a short gap between our group and the group before us. It was a very hot day, and it had a bigger effect on us as we had to wear the oversized t- shirts. The course was close to the River Thames, and at some point you could see the London eye on our right. It was nice seeing London so early in the morning, but you had to concentrate more on the running than the sights. Some people got water off the sides where people promoting Vittel were leaning over the bars with open bottles of water that you could grab, drink, and then throw on the floor (being careful that you didn't hit anyone running). Then at the finish, we crossed a thick line, which I think was where the chips on our shoes were programmed to stop at, but when we walked through and over these small bridge things, people were there to rip them off. We were all given a medal, and a free goodie bag, which had a free adidas t-shirt, a bottle of water, keep-warm blanket (which amazingly some people used even though it was burning hot), and lots of other things -including a pot of honey, and big packet of jelly babies!

It was really fun being part of something so big, and I definitely want to do it again next year. I'll have to be in the 15-17 girls group, so it will be harder, but hopefully I will do just as good. Well done to Matt Lewis, Nicola Foster, and Tom Lewis who also ran in the mini-marathon.

Kate Brady

German and French Conferences

On the 2nd & 22nd March, German and French GCSE students visited the Emmanuel Centre at Westminster for a day of valuable speaking practice for their exams. There were many activities such as practising how to ask questions, writing opinions of songs and video clips, translating adverts and understanding role-play situations, for example, asking for a room in a hotel. It was a valuable, enjoyable experience for everyone and we wish them luck for their language exams.

Farewell and Good luck

Year 11

Hope you enjoyed your leaving assembly and maybe we might see some of you at the

Yr12 Induction Days on 2nd – 3rd July 2007

Northwick Park Hospital Art Visit

Five pupils from Nower Hill were invited to attend a workshop to develop ideas for a colour scheme and influence designs for the new Paediatric Accident and Emergency unit at Northwick Park Hospital.

Our five pupils, *Georgia Betts, Jasveena Chana, Merlin Adams, Rishi Shah and Adam Akhtar*, were some of the Harrow school children invited to take part in this project and they produced some very good artwork, which will be incorporated in the new unit. (photos next issue)

The building of the £500,000 A&E unit is due to start in February. The NW London Hospital NHS Trust aims to provide a facility, that the children have helped to design, to make the new A&E unit as child friendly as possible.

Logic Puzzle



2 farmers are on their way to market to sell their sheep. One says to the other "Sell me one of your sheep and then we will have the same number" to which the other replies, "No, you sell me one of your sheep and then I will have twice as many as you". How many sheep did each farmer have?



Mini-Marathon Runners



Junior Maths Challenge

Set 8x1 and 8y1 took part in the **UK Junior Maths Challenge 2007** with some great results. They managed to achieve 8 Gold awards, 12 Silver and 20 Bronze.

Those pupils achieving a Gold award were: *Alex Khan, Ziyue Chen, Sam Nair, Shomari Bridgewater, Sawan Kothary, Janki Popat and Roshni Chandarana*. Alex Khan achieved the best in school and his score was so good he managed to qualify for the next round, which is the **Junior Mathematical Olympiad** to be held on the 12th June.

Congratulations to all involved.

LETTINGS - Are you planning a Party, Quiz Night or having a special celebration?

Do you belong to a club or association that needs a regular meeting place? Have you ever thought of using Nower Hill? Why not book our Main Hall or our other facilities? It's local, there is plenty of parking AND you would be supporting the school! Please phone Jane Wilkinson on 020-8861-0101 for further details.

Nower Hill School Ski Trip – February half term 2008

Important Information

Can I remind all parents with children coming on the ski trip to **Zell am See**, that the second instalment of £300 should now have been paid. Any outstanding cheques to Miss Rhodes in S1 please, made payable to Nower Hill High School, along with the medical form.

Many thanks Miss Rhodes



WELL DONE to 9LSW and 9LDF raised over £60 between them to sponsor **Oxfam** water projects. These 2 girls ~ Danielle and Alex ~ alone raised over £25 on a sponsored cake stall.



ANOTHER NOWER HILL SWIMMER

Year 8 student Tom Brommage swims for **Brent Dolphins Swimming Club**. He is taking part in the London Region Age Group BAGCAT swimming gala, which takes place over 2nd & 3rd June & 9 & 10th June at Crystal Palace in the 50m pool. On Saturday Tom swam the 200m Individual Medley & came 11th in London in his age group.

His time was 2mins 47 secs. On Sunday Tom won the Bronze medal in the 200m Breaststroke in his age group in a time of 3mins 3.19 secs.

Well done to Tom for these sporting achievements. Please write in and tell us your sporting successes.



Iain Duncan made an acoustic guitar for his GCSE Resistant Materials project. The guitar is outstanding and has a beautiful tone. Well Done Iain!



Thanks to everyone who contributed to my **"Bungee jumping"** collection.

The total collection was £874-56, which is being donated to the charity called **The Association of Children's Hospices**.

Mrs Jackie Cook

IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Term 2007

SPORTS DAY

For Years 8 & 9
Thursday 26th June

New Year 8's Parents Information Evening

Thursday 28th June 7pm

Year 7 Induction Day

Wednesday 4th July

Summer Arts Extravaganza

Tuesday 10th July

Power to the Pedal

CYCLING NEWS

About 150 students took part in the British Cycling programme over four Tuesdays from 24 April to the 15 May, here at school. Cycle coach Mr Ray Kelly put the students through the mill with a vigorous skills testing programme.

They were learning competitive cycle skills such as the slow race; track starts, braking at speed, low bar cycle limbo. The students had a brilliant time and really learned a lot from Ray and his assistant coach Ian Why. Ultimately it is hoped that the young cyclist will take up competitive cycling as a sport. Who knows we may have a future Tour De France winner or a gold in London 2012.

The programme was such a success that we hope to book Ray back for next year. Students cycling to Nower Hill has seen a marked increase as the weather has improved. The cycle sheds are regularly over flowing. Well done to the cyclists you are getting excellent exercise, enjoying the freedom of the road, and reducing your carbon foot print. Cycling is the transport of the future, wait and see.

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