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Remembrance Day –

The Royal British Legion came to visit us in school and gave us a Certificate of Appreciation, because of our ever increasing poppy sales over the years. People wear poppies in remembrance of the many people who had lost their lives in World War II, and in other wars. We have a minute silence on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month to respectfully remember them. Our Head Prefects *Neeru Ravi* and *George Doel*, and 6th Form Head Girl *Holly Adams* and Head Boy *Charles de Lord* represented the school community at the Remembrance service on Sunday 11th November in Pinner. They placed a wreath on the Pinner War memorial, as did others representing the armed forces, uniformed organisations, and other community groups.

"They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning – We will remember them."



Bungee Jumping Boy

'I felt like I was flying with the birds until I turned upside down and continued to fall, headfirst towards the ground.' report inside by 6th Former –

Abbas Nurmohamed Vias.



SCHOOL CALENDAR – SOME REMINDERS

Autumn Term ends on Wednesday 19th December

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| Thursday 3 rd January 2008 | Staff training day |
| Friday 4 th January | Managed Learning Environment day |
| Monday 7 th January | First day of Spring Term for pupils |
| Thursday 14 th February | Year 11 Ball |
| Friday 15 th February | Staff training day |
| Monday 18 th – Fri 22 nd Feb | Half Term |
| Friday 21 st March | Good Friday, school closed |
| Monday 24 th March | Easter Monday, school closed |

Spring Term ends for pupils on Wednesday 2nd April

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| Thursday 3 rd & Friday 4 th April | Staff training days |
| Monday 21 st April | First day of Summer Term |
| Monday 5 th May | May Day Bank Holiday, school closed |
| Monday 26 th – Friday 20 th May | Half Term |

Summer Term ends on Wednesday 23rd July

A reminder that London local authorities (including Harrow) school holidays at half term in February 2008 and at Easter are not the same dates as some school holidays nearby e.g. Hertfordshire.

From the Headteacher

A long school term has flown by! We started the school year in very good heart following our record exam results, including splendid (and first ever) AS results. The term has continued in very pleasing fashion with many more achievements and successes throughout the school. These range from the academic through to sporting, the arts and many more.

On behalf of the school, **Seasons Greetings** and best wishes for a happy & healthy 2008.

Howard Freed



Harrow Athletics Club Cross Country Challenge 2007

Individual results

Kate Brady 1st, Sophie Wilson 4th & Radifa Hussain 10th

Well done and congratulations to all three who also finished 2nd in the team event cross country race. Kate Brady won and the team came 2nd overall....a fantastic achievement.

Looking forward to Christmas?

Nower Hill are inviting the elderly residents of Betjeman Close, Pinner to a *Traditional Christmas Lunch, Pupil Choir, and Bingo* on Monday 17th December at 2pm in the school Dining Centre.

There are Christmas card sales every lunchtime by pupil reception, and all funds raised are in aid of **Marie Curie Cancer Care**.

The line up for the Christmas Show for pupils on Wednesday 19th December at school is as follows:-

*Jessie and Jazz Band
The Ghandi Interview
Rashmi
Staff thing
The Minpins
Ayesha and Heena
Jey, Kadra, India, Nicole,
Lobna, and Gemma*

Photos from this will be in the January 2008 Issue.



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Psychology Stay Awake..zzzzz....

On Friday 16th November a group of 44 intrepid Psychology students embarked on an experiment to study the effect of sleep deprivation on memory. Thanks to the generosity of the P.E. department we all stayed in the Gristwood Centre overnight. In order to entertain ourselves the Year 13 students who offered to help for the night set up a 'pass the parcel' game with added forfeits, much to the amusement of everyone. These included some particularly humorous forfeits, such as Noor's impersonation of a bird! There were also several films shown, but due to technical difficulties they were shown in the music room. For those who were less inclined to watch the film, there was 'Children in Need' showing in the Drama room, along with some rather delicious refreshments.

By five o'clock in the morning, just as we were beginning to relax, there were relay races between the three Psychology classes. Ms Smedley's class won, much to the disgruntlement of the other classes! The results of the two memory tests confirmed our theory that memory is effected greatly by sleep deprivation.



Results - In the word memory tests the mean score for the tests taken at 9pm was 16 out of 30.

However the results from the memory tests at 6.30am indicated that the mean score was 9 out of 30.

The clear message here is to get a good night's sleep before our exam!

By Kathleen M Barlow



£97.50 was raised in sponsorship for "Children in Need".



The designs vary from simple geometric designs to intricate images. Firstly the students drew their chosen intricate designs on a MDF board. The competition took place in the gym during the afternoon. The atmosphere was great as the gym was decorated with Indian ornaments, had classical Indian music playing and had some Indian sweets and savouries! All the materials for the preparation of the 'Rangoli' were laid on a table, these included: coloured powders, sand colours, rice powder, grains, seeds, coloured raw rice, flower petals and lentils. Every body worked very hard to fill in the 'Rangoli' patterns with the colourful materials provided. All were welcome to watch or even have a go at creating a 'Rangoli' design! All the 'Rangoli's looked beautiful and many parents and staff came along to see the displays.



The best 'Rangoli's were judged by members of staff, based on the best use of variety of materials and space. The overall winners were: SANTHIA SELVARATNAM (8BGN), LUXVEEKA SIVASIRI (9MAR), DINOJHA VIJAYKUMAR (9HKG) in the 1st place and NETHAGSHAN THAYAKUMAR (8WEH), HETAL SHAH (9MCC) in the runners up place. WELL DONE! This was an excellent idea, many thanks to Ms C Shah, Ms H Solanki, Ms A Shah and Ms D Ferrer. We are looking forward to a similar event next year!

By Nikhita Hindocha and Amisha Unnadkat.
Many thanks The EMA team.

Teachers' TV – Starring Nower Hill

Recently Nower Hill pupils and staff were used to make a documentary for Teachers' TV looking at the Governing Body's role in choosing and implementing specialist schools status. As Nower Hill has an Arts specialism, the same as the other school in the programme is applying for, we were chosen.

Many staff gave of their own time to discuss how the Arts have impacted on the school as well as allowing their teaching to be filmed. Pupils were filmed in their normal lessons in Art and Drama. Pupils from Pinner Park Middle School participated by enjoying an African Drumming lesson. Teachers were also shown discussing using the Arts to teach other subject areas, such as History, Religious Studies and Mathematics. We have seen the 'rough cut' of the programme which shows Nower Hill in a very good light, but have not yet received the broadcast time and date. We will inform you as soon as we know. It was a busy, tiring but very enjoyable day which helps to emphasise the excellent teaching and learning that happens in the school.

Many thanks to all involved. *Maureen Chappell*



'Voice –Influence-Action'

Get Involved - Annual Youth Conference

Pupils from Nower Hill High School attended the Annual Youth Conference on Wednesday 28th November at the Kadwa Patidar Centre. They joined young people aged 11 to 19 from a range of schools, colleges and youth groups with service providers and councillors to discuss ways of improving leisure time activities and making them more accessible to young people.

Nyantara Belliyappa in Year 9 writes – *When I went to the Youth Conference it wasn't what I had expected at all. It was great, with a lot of fun. I am a lot more aware of many facilities and services in Harrow for young people. I am also aware of what I have to do to join the Youth Council and know more about the role of the Member of Youth Parliament. I got to meet members of the Youth Council, Tony McNulty and the Mayoress.*

All in all it was a great day!



Year 9 Student reports – On Wednesday 10th October the Year 9 French students watched a production entitled 'Les Garçon'. Even though it was all in French, we could all understand the plot. It was about a girl who was a baby sitter, she was interrupted by her boyfriend who had cheated on her and had come back to make it up with her. The audience participation was very good, making people say things in French. Overall it was a funny production and we all enjoyed it a lot. *By Georgia Cotsford – Yr 9*



New Arts Council

We are currently in the process of setting up a school "Arts Council". This is designed to enhance pupil voice in the arts. The project is being run by Sanjay Lukka, Nikita Patel, Charlotte Warne and Alice Humble in their roles as Arts Prefects. The prefects have designed a system for establishing the Council and have now embarked on recruitment of representatives from across the year groups. Once this is completed they will set the agenda for meetings, focusing mainly on the quality of learning in the arts and extra curricular initiatives.

Historical - Black and White Murals

What do Che Guevara, Winston Churchill, Henry VIII, Gordon Brown and Sylvia Pankhurst all have in common?

The answer: **They've all been immortalised on Mrs Butterworth's classroom wall.**

Confused? Well, if you haven't seen it yet, they're all part of an exciting new project in H9: a series of large scale black and white murals representing prominent historical figures. For the past few weeks, the Art department has teamed up with History (and politics, Mrs Butterworth hastens to add), in order to create this feat.

Thanks to Mr Butterworth's painstaking drawing from the projector, and a select group of Year 11's and 6th Formers armed with lots of black acrylic, we have now reached a grand total of 49 faces and counting, with newcomers springing up each week. As wall space grows increasingly scarce, our eager paintbrushes have spread elsewhere (Lenin and Mao Tse Tung now take pride of place on the filing cabinet), and there have even been plans afoot to carry on across the ceiling! Since it has started this project has stirred up plenty of interest, and last month several painters were filmed for a short programme on Teachers' TV.

It has undoubtedly been a success, not only to strengthen our Arts College status, but most importantly for those students in H9, who can now scribble down notes under the watchful eye of Karl Marx...how's that for inspiration?!

By Claire Barnes 11JP

Also, Mrs Butterworth's classes are in the process of writing to anyone who is still alive and on the wall to invite them to come and pose next to their picture!!



Free taster sessions

The free taster sessions of after school learning have been a great success. The photo on the right illustrates an art lesson that ran over a period of 4 weeks held at Nower Hill. There were music, dancing and drama classes as well as first aid, mother and daughter pampering, computer skill classes and many more.

These were open to all parents of our local cluster schools. We will let you know of any further courses in the future.

Bungee Jumping

by Abbas Nurmohamed VIAS
(Photo on front page)

I had anticipated this day; watching many videos of the daredevils jumping off buildings and cranes and the only touch with reality was a bungee cord attached to their ankles. I finally persuaded myself to reply to the advert by Ansar Youth Project, a charity based in Harrow; after all, how bad could it be?

Frantically I found sponsors and the 3rd November approached **too** quickly. I knew it was too late to back out! The day finally came. The journey to Datchet was over too quickly as I was preparing myself for the moment I would see my life flash before my eyes. After a safety briefing, it was my turn. No going back now. I climbed onto the lift and noticed the air getting cooler the higher we climbed and the people getting smaller on the ground!

I was helped to step onto the edge of the crane. I took a really deep breath, noticing the fantastic surroundings; Windsor Castle to the left and acres of green land to my right. I couldn't put it off any longer; this was it. I leapt into the air and it was amazing! I felt like I was flying with the birds until I turned upside down and continued to fall, headfirst towards the ground. Suddenly, the bungee did its job and I felt myself being sprung up and down.

It was all over too soon, but I can say that I did it and my bungee jump was a huge success.



NHHS CHARITY DAY



On Thursday 22nd November 2007, Nower Hill students and staff took part in an all day charity event in aid of **'The Gauchers Association, Odyssey Cancer and Diabetes UK'**.

The charity day consisted of five events: sponge a teacher, 6th form leg waxing and a sponsored silence in aid of the Gauchers Association, a phone amnesty in aid of Odyssey Cancer and a bake sale in aid of Diabetes UK. The day was a massive success and helped raise both money and awareness for each charity involved.

On behalf of each charity, we would like to thank all pupils and members of staff who gave up their time or donated money/phones—your help and support makes a massive difference to these charities, and those people who depend on them for assistance.



6th Form Trip to Tanzania 2008

Two weeks ago Year Twelve and Year Thirteen were given a surprise assembly by Mrs. Wilkinson on an opportunity that couldn't be missed! A group of ten students from sixth form would be picked to fly to Tanzania in the summer holiday to help at a school called St. Michael's in Kilolo. There will be chances to participate in lessons, to help with construction and go to a weekend long safari with elephants sauntering around.

Some of you may remember Mrs. Wilkinson giving several presentations on her visit to St. Michael's and I am sure we are not the only ones who wanted a trip for students to be organised. Well now it is! All applicants had to write a letter of no longer than a page explaining why they were deserving and what it would do for them. After the hand in date it was a gruelling two weeks filled with anticipation for the applicants as they waited to see who had actually been picked. Soon enough the 30th November came around and the list was revealed, with a mix of disappointment and excitement the group was decided and the brainstorming for fundraising began. The lucky and grateful group now face several months of dedication and enthusiasm for a trip that could change them forever making them closer friends than they ever thought they would be.

In light of this, we ask the rest of you, our peers, to aid us in anyway possible whether it is participating in events we hold to raise money to take resources to St. Michael's or even fundraising ideas that you know have worked in the past. Even though this would be a perfect way to end our time at Nower Hill, we would like this link with St. Michael's to strengthen and to last for years after we leave so that some of you may have a life-changing opportunity like we have. Photo below shows the school in Kilolo being built.

By Holly Adams – 6th Form



Our new Community Police Officer:- A warm welcome to **PC Kam Nanda**, our new Safer Schools officer. Kam is in school Tuesdays & Fridays. She has already taken part in assemblies, lessons & the very successful citizenship days. If you have any concerns talk to Kam, you will find her very friendly and helpful.



Nower Hill High School raised some money last week with a delicious cake sale.

The money raised was in aid of the charity -



'Wings of Hope', who work with poor and orphaned children around the world, irrespective of their religious background, by providing them with free education. The organisation's philosophy stems from the saying:-

'Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for life'



Mrs. Wilkinson and The Bishop of Tanzania