



New Year's Day Parade

New Year's Day 2008 saw a group of ten students from Nower Hill take part in the New Year's Day Parade in London. The students, Shankaran Peethakaran, Abiramme Sathiyavelle, Daoud Akhtar, Charles De Lord, Holly Adams, Carmen Bergne, Emily Humble, Lily Tozzi, Katharine Oak and Kelly Hoskins met Mr Nagle and Mr Pattenden at school at 8.30am ready to set off in the minibus. When they arrived in London it was all hands on deck to assemble the float, get their t-shirts on and make sure they had their passes. The float was to support the Mayor of Harrow, Cllr. Jean Lammiman's chosen charity, the **Teenage Cancer Trust**, it was constructed by Roger Pattenden, technician in D&T and painted by Jon Butterworth, Kat Ball and some of the Art students. Having been put in their position behind the Merrydowners Morris Dancers and in front of the Yi Dao Lion Dance Troupe, the three sections representing Harrow, they set off through the streets, along with the other 79 displays and floats and 10,000 people taking part.

As they passed through the crowds of approximately half a million people, they collected money in buckets for the Teenage Cancer Trust, which at the end of the day had raised £700. The float won the Silver Salva and £1000 for the charity. At the end of the parade the students helped dismantle the float and returned to school, having had a great day. On Tuesday 5th February the staff and students were invited to the Members Lounge at the Civic Centre for a reception and presentation evening, where they were presented with the Silver Salva, the cheque and medals and much appreciation from the Mayor. There are plans for the future to display the large faces from the float around the school.

By Shankaran Peethakaran



We promise you a fantastic night out!



Nower Hill 6th Form



The show is a musical with a difference. It follows the story of Bugsy Malone and his romance with Blousey Brown. Unfortunately, they live in a city run by gangsters who tend to make a quiet life difficult for normal folks! Be amazed by the guns that shoot splurge, watch out for flying custard pies, admire the skill of the speakeasy dancers and be astounded the foolishness of the singing gangsters. **It will be fun for all the family, and tickets will be on sale very soon.**

UK Youth Parliament

Nower Hill has two students as Members of UK Youth Parliament

On the 12th January, 2008, Aakash Bharania and I attended the **UK Youth Parliament** Training Day in the Harrow Civic Centre, along with twenty other students from all over Harrow. We did the workshops on citizenship and democracy, and we wrote manifestos to explain what we would do if elected as members of Youth Parliament. We were both short listed to stand as two of the thirteen candidates. As members of Youth Parliament, we would have to represent the youth of Harrow in meetings with other young people regionally and nationally. In order to become MYP's, we would have to be voted in by the young people, aged between eleven and eighteen in Harrow, so Aakash and I spoke in assemblies in Nower Hill and various other middle schools.



Representing Harrow

On 1st February, the announcement of the results took place in the council chambers in Harrow Civic Centre. The Mayor of Harrow, Cllr. Jean Lammiman and Director of Children's Services, Paul Clark all gave a speech, as well as last year's MYP, Dami Olatuyi, also from Nower Hill. The results followed, and two pupils from other schools were pronounced Deputy Members of Youth Parliament with Aakash and I as members of Youth Parliament. We were both very excited and very pleased that two Nower Hill pupils won. We are very thankful to everyone who voted for us, and look forward to representing Harrow as best we can.

By Risha Khagram Yr 10



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Exotic lights, intricate costumes, massive backdrops and a hundred actors may seem like the perfect theatre, but 'MOPA' re-wrote the rule book on what makes good theatre on Tuesday 29th January. With no more than just six people, they were able to capture the true underlying emotions in one of Shakespeare's greatest pieces of work: 'Romeo and Juliet'. Every actor was well-suited to his/her role, able to convert from modern day people to Elizabethan characters. However, that is not to say they were perfect: the hustling, bustling streets of Verona were difficult to portray with a small cast; the lighting was noticeably unimpressive, save for some skilful dimming. However, in terms of helping us to understand the play and providing excellent humour, they were near flawless. In particular, the actor playing Romeo was superb, able to convey his emotions convincingly; in addition, his portrayal of Sampson in the opening scene was very funny, that of a true comedian.

By Biren Dhir

In the two hours they spent with us, we came from apprehension about our upcoming coursework to admiration at Shakespeare's greatness in the various techniques that he used to capture the audience's attention. Sometimes the group made us laugh, while at other times they put us into a well of desperation at the way Romeo and Juliet were not meant to be. Overall, I think the Theatre group proved their worth and the £6 we spent on them! We hope to see them again.

By Salman Pirmohamed

The visit from MOPA helped to teach and reinforce ideas about key scenes from Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet', using performances, audience participation and discussion. The actors performed four key scenes, analysing the role of characters, their importance and their opinions. Those watching were given parts in most scenes and ideas were explained in a less formal way than they might have been in a classroom, giving the production a friendlier atmosphere in which people found it easier to learn. Those studying 'The Merchant of Venice' were also treated to a performance later in the day. I thoroughly enjoyed it and learnt many new ways the scenes could be interpreted and generally furthered my knowledge of 'Romeo and Juliet'.

By Jack Hitchener

Everything covered in the session related directly to core issues raised by the text and relevant to examination studies, but it was not about sitting and watching; it was about interactive approaches that got us students talking, thinking and sharing opinions that moved forward everyone's appreciation of Shakespeare. It was a thousand times more productive than a performance, yet it was still live theatre. The MOPA group made Shakespeare fun, thought-provoking and relevant to all of us today, by inviting students to participate in scenes, which was highly entertaining!

By Priyanka Gohil 10BSP

CARRY A KNIFE AT YOUR OWN RISK

- You could be arrested, sent to prison for 4 years and get a criminal record.
- A criminal record can affect the rest of your life - stopping you from getting a job, going to college or travelling abroad.
- If you carry a knife you're more likely to be a victim. You could be scarred for life, maimed or even killed.

DON'T SLASH YEARS OFF YOUR LIFE BY CARRYING A KNIFE

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Ski Trip

15th - 23rd February 2008

The school ski trip will be departing from Nower Hill at 1.30pm on Friday 15th February, travelling by luxury coach to **Austria, Zell am See**, and returning on Saturday 23rd February. 40 students and four members of staff are aiming to improve their ski skills by the end of the week, with no broken bones! Students have already visited the dry ski slope and practised wearing ski boots and holding skis, as for many, this will be their first ski trip abroad. They will also be sporting their, 'Nower Hill Ski Team' hooded sweatshirts with pride.

We will publish photos on the website when we get back. Until then, keep your fingers crossed for us that we get lots of snow.

Miss Rhodes.



Cross Country Star

Nower Hill pupil **Kate Brady** made the newspapers this week, in an article about being crowned the best cross country runner in the borough of Harrow. Well done Katy! Keep on running....

Good News - Good Citizens

I thought everyone might like to know that I took a call from a local resident who having used a cashpoint machine in North Harrow last week and thought it had malfunctioned walked away from it. It then proceeded to dispense £200, which was spotted by 3 of our year 12 students (Ian Hawker plus 2 girls who I have yet to identify), who retrieved the money and ran after the gentleman to return it. He offered them a small reward which they declined. He rang today to say how refreshing their honesty and good citizenship was and what a credit to the school they were (Michael Gillinder, journalist at the Daily Mirror and had two children here some years ago.) Mrs Voden - Head of 6th form

Fund raising for Marie Curie Cancer Care (M.C.C.C.)

During December 2007 two teams of 6th Formers sold Christmas Cards and organised a 'Festival of Lights' Remembrance Christmas Tree.

Sale of Cards raised = £305.91
'Festival of Lights' tree raised £100.00 } £405.91

Home nursing cost £20 an hour, at no extra cost to the patient or their family. The 6th Formers therefore provided 20 hours, or two and a half night shifts, of home nursing for a terminally ill patient.

On behalf of M.C.C.C. I thank those students for their work, every lunch time for three weeks, and the pupils and staff who either bought Christmas cards or placed a memory card on the Tree of Lights.

Catherine Kittredge

Volunteer M.C.C.C. London Fund Raising Team

Visit to National Maritime Museum

On 13th December 2007 a group of pupils visited the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich for a visit to explore the history and legacy of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. We got to view and handle replicas of objects used by slaves and their masters as they worked on plantations in the US and Caribbean. We all had an enjoyable day and learned a lot about the lives of the slaves and how badly they were treated. We will be doing an assembly to share what we learned with the rest of the school later this year.

By Diana Georgi, 9HJA

Half term taster - sound box recording studio - music & media

18th - 22nd February. These are sessions offered to local young people and will include; Music Production, Radio Broadcasting (Internet), Song writing/Storytelling, and Video Editing.

After that the 12-week course will then start on 25th February for the next 12 weeks on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 6pm at the Cedars Youth Centre.

Please go and see Mrs Cooper in the community office at school for a registration form.

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.

Mayor of Harrow's Charity
Challenge in aid of
Teenage Cancer Trust
FUN RUN
Saturday 15 March 2008
12pm to 4pm
Harrow Recreation Ground
Hindes Road, Harrow
Register now to take part and raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust. All ages and abilities welcome.
<http://www.teenagecancertrust.org.uk>
A fun day with lots to do including sponsored fun runs, stalls, music, special guests, raffles and prizes.
Fun and games for all the family!

Cycling Activities at half-term

Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd February
10am - 2pm

3 days of quality coaching, £15 per rider for three days (or £5 a day) Includes bike and helmet hire if required. Please bring lunch. For ages 10-16. Get a form from school or contact Ray Kelly 07940 738285 or email:- raykelly@britishcycling.org.uk



Science Corner - Challenges for half term:

1) Why are you told never to put bananas in the fruit bowl or fridge?

Have a go, put one in the fridge, one in the kitchen....which one goes off first, why?
- Why should you not put it in the fruit bowl though?

2) If you hold spaghetti at both ends and break it why does it always break into three or more pieces?

Give it a go....can you break it into just two pieces? Remember though, clean up afterwards!!!

Happy investigating, answers on Fronter after half term.

'Jack Petchy Speak Out Challenge'



"On the 24th January a competition was hosted at Nower Hill High School and various forms of entertainment were provided by pupils from Nower Hill throughout the evening. One of the entertainments was a group of 15 Year 8 pupils who put on a Drama performance called "Scripts" which consisted of a variety of different scripted scenes with the pupils showing their knowledge of performing scripts from what they had learnt in their weekly Drama lessons. The pupils showed great enthusiasm and dedication for their performance and worked extremely hard to get the performance together in a week. Well done to all 15 pupils who took part, their performance was a success and they should be very proud of their achievement."

French Conference

On Tuesday, 5th February, thirty Year 11 linguists went to Central London for a French Speaking Conference at the Emmanuel Centre. We left school at 9.00am, planning to reach there by 10.00am but a problem meant that we were late. The conference itself was enjoyable involving games and quizzes and Nower Hill as usual shone in all of these. It was all informative, helping to improve our grammar, our French speaking and most importantly our grades. Overall it was an entertaining day which we thoroughly enjoyed.

Nikki Ravi 11WKH



Two 1sts for the History Department!!

History-on-the-Hill!

Groups of our 6th formers visited Harrow School to listen to History Talks by Mr A Todd, the Head of History and Dr Glyn Redworth from Manchester University.

"It seemed right that the History Department at Harrow is housed in the 17th Century Jacobean building, the original old school, and I felt I was living History by listening to History talks in a room above the 'fourth form room' where people like Robert Peel, Lord Byron and Winston Churchill had done the same thing."

History in Europe!

On 8th December 2007, four students in Year 10 attended the Mayor's Christmas brunch held on behalf of '**Harrow in Europe**'. We had to present a PowerPoint presentation on our trip to the World War One Battlefields in France in June. We got a wonderful chance to meet the Mayor of Harrow Cllr. Jean Lammiman, and were awarded second place for our presentation. Overall, it was a great experience to be able to meet the people who were there and to eat lovely French food.

Written by Radhika and Jessica – 10BLS



Lest we forget

On the 29th some year 10 RS pupils were among those who visited **Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue** to hear a vivid retelling of a painful history. Our narrator was a Miss Bertha Levenson. A lady who looked remarkably distinguished for her 80+ years. She spoke with impressive clarity and charisma about her experiences of the kindertransport (trains that brought Jewish children, alone, to Britain to escape persecution). Her story tells of the distress of leaving family, of seeing her people and identity destroyed, and of her mishaps as a foreigner in Britain.

In the workshops which followed the talk the pupils reflected on what they had heard and thought about how they might respond. The morning ended with each pupil poignantly lighting a candle as some haunting poetry was read out.

"history repeats itself, it has to because nobody listens."