



The Pinner Cluster News

'Schools and Communities Learning Together'

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All Staff from the Pinner Cluster hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

EXTENDED SCHOOLS ON TARGET

The Pinner Cluster of Extended Schools is pleased to announce that all of the 9 schools in the Cluster have now met the full Extended Schools core offer. It is anticipated that the remaining schools will meet the full core offer well in advance of the government deadline of 2010.

The Pinner Cluster of Extended Schools are working in partnership with voluntary and community organisations to deliver the Extended Schools Agenda, which aims to enable families to access services such as breakfast clubs, childcare, family learning and parental support, varied activities, as well as having quick and easy access to specialist services for their children. 'Extended schools helps families juggle work and home life by giving parents greater flexibility and providing learning and parental support, but above all they give children the chance to take part in fun activities. All children should have the chance to learn new skills and have fun out of school hours and extended schools will give them these opportunities.

The schools in the cluster are:

Nower Hill High School
Pinner Wood School
Cannon Lane First School
Cannon Lane Middle School
West Lodge First & Middle School
Pinner Park First School
Pinner Park Middle School
St John Fisher RC First and Middle School
Moriah Jewish Day School



ESOL CLASSES

The Pinner Cluster continued to commission a tutor from the Ethnic Minority Achievement Service to deliver a further ten week pre ESOL course in speaking and listening skills for parents of pupils attending Pinner Cluster Schools for whom English is an additional language. These classes are offered twice a week at Pinner Wood and Pinner Park First School. The Pinner Cluster have commissioned a tutor from Harrow College to deliver a 30 week Entry Level 1 ESOL course in speaking and listening/ reading and writing skills for parents of pupils attending Pinner Cluster Schools for whom English is an additional language. 9 ladies have successfully passed the Entry level 1 speaking and listening and are now studying towards their reading and writing E1 qualification. There have been a number of new recruits to this class from the Pre Esol classes.

FAMILY LEARNING FUN SESSIONS

The Cluster partnered with the Pinner Wood Children Centre to target families from Pinner Wood school to encourage them to attend one of two family fun sessions held during the Autumn half term. The Cluster provided football and boxing sessions for older children whilst the Children's Centre focused on stay and play sessions for the very young. In total 22 families attended sessions over the two days.



PINNER CLUSTER YOUTH FORUM

The PCYF was set up in September 2008 as a youth forum consisting of 13 young people representatives from most of the Pinner Cluster schools. The aim of PCYF is to:

- encourage ideas from young people to be expressed and carried forward
- create and develop projects that will contribute to the five Every Child Matters outcomes
- research possible funding routes to access projects that will benefit young people in the Pinner Cluster

Membership has now been extended to Year 6 pupils and as a result the forum has grown to 29 pupils from Year 6 - 11. Funding was secured to send the majority of these pupils to a residential to enable them to take part in out door activities to encourage the group to work as a team. PCYF also supported the Pinner Centre to launch a logo competition in some of the schools across the cluster. In total 259 entries were received. Finalists were chosen from each of the schools and the overall winner was a Yr 8 pupil from NHHS. The logo will be used on all signage and letterheads for the newly refurbished Children's Centre due to open in the New Year.



SIXTH FORM AMBASSADORS

Nower Hill High School has in partnership with the Pinner Cluster recruited sixteen Sixth Form Ambassadors to work in some of the Middle Schools in the cluster. The role of the Sixth Form Ambassador (SFA's) is a new and exciting initiative that is the first of its kind in Harrow aimed to form part of the voluntary enrichment programme that sixth formers are required to do. The aim of this role is to primarily peer mentor and support pupils currently in Year 6 and Year 7 who are about to go through transition.

SFA's are being assigned a range of duties from supporting small groups of pupils either in the class room or as part of an after school club, under the supervision of teachers. They will also assist schools to raise awareness of extended schools programmes. The selection process for this role was rigorous to ensure that the most suitable were chosen to perform the assigned duties of this prestigious role and all the SFA's attended an intensive one day training course to enable them to work safely in the schools.

SAILING AT NOWER HILL HIGH SCHOOL

The cluster supported 27 pupils from Years 9 and 10 to attend a 7 week sailing course at Hillingdon Outdoor Centre.

Pupils achieved RYA level I sailing qualification on completion of this course and had a taster session on the climbing wall. An unplanned outcome was that one individual was approached by the club to represent Harrow for sailing.





CLIMBING WALL AT NOWER HILL HIGH SCHOOL

The Cluster supported Sports Studies faculty to fund the installation of a climbing wall in the Gristwood Centre at NHHS.

Climbing Wall training was offered to Middle schools so that access can be provided to middle schools in the cluster during curriculum time, SSCO time and as an after school club once a week. The cluster will support schools to set up this arrangement starting in the Spring Term.

PINNER PLAYScheme

The play scheme is available during the holidays for 4-12 year olds from 9.30-4.30 at West Lodge School, West End Lane, Pinner.

Prices from £12.50 a day.

For more information, call

020 8424 1811

For more information about activities in the Pinner Cluster and support within Harrow, log onto our website:

www.nowerhill.harrow.sch.uk

and click on the Pinner Cluster logo.





Funded early education

for your three and four year olds
for Spring term 2010

If you have a child aged three or four years old by 31 December 2010, you will be entitled to receive nursery education funding for a part time place of up to five, two and a half hour sessions per week.

Ask your pre-school or nursery for details.

If your child is not already attending a pre-school setting and you would like details of local childcare provision please phone the Families Information Service on:

020 8416 8416

(Please note there may be a waiting list at the pre-school or nursery of your choice.)

As well as the funded places, day nurseries may take children from a few months old and pre-schools from two years old - please call the FIS for more information.





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A consultation event is planned in January for the children and young people who attend the schools in The Pinner Cluster. The event will be organised with the help of the Nower Hill High School's Executive Council Committee using facilitators from a number of partnership organisations. The hope is to hear the pupils' voice and use the ideas generated by our 5-18 yr olds in the cluster to shape the future of The Pinner Cluster. There are many thing planned for the future.