

## ANIMAL MAGIC

On Thursday and Friday night last week the Theatre at Blackheath High school was transformed into a farm yard for this year's drama production of *Animal Farm*. The cast performed Sir Peter Hall's adaptation of George Orwell's book of the Russian Revolution in full masks for the principals, inspired by the recent trip to see *War Horse* at the National Theatre. Mrs Banks, Head of Drama, writes "There was a wonderfully rowdy chorus of sheep, cows and hens from Year 7, who apart from bleating, mooing and clucking also sang the moving anthems of the play. All the cast gave powerful and sensitive performances and should be congratulated on creating such a strong and magical piece of theatre. Well done!"



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Saturday 5th April-Monday 7th April

Silver Dof E Practice and Assessed Expedition

#### Monday 7th April

Staff Study Day

#### Tuesday 8th April

**START OF SUMMER TERM FOR PUPILS**

#### Wednesday 9th April

U16 U18 Netball v South African Teams  
Yr 12 and 13 Psychology to visit Court am  
Sixth Form HE evening 7.00pm

#### Thursday 10th April

GCSE A level Music Recital 4pm

#### Friday 11th April

U13 Hockey v Sydenham H

#### Friday 14th March

Yr 6 Controllable vehicles workshop DT

## EASTER FAIR SUCCESS!

Mrs Coe-Sinha, of the BHSA sent the following report on this year's whole school event.

"Thank you to everyone for supporting this year's very successful Easter Fair, whether it be running a stall, donations or just spending lots of money (or all 3!)

We raised just over **£7000**, with additional matched funding promised, but we are still waiting for expenses to come in so can not yet confirm the final amount.

We were very lucky with the weather, the rain starting just as the fair was packing up. The atmosphere around the whole school was electric and everywhere you looked there were lots of very happy children! For the first time we had 12 beautiful owls, all shapes and sizes, which proved to be extremely popular with both the young and old.

Special thanks to Julie Punter for looking after all things financial, Gill D'Souza for helping to co-ordinate the senior school along with Mrs Clements, Jo Evans for being in control of publicity, Jackie Brown and Carol for the catering.

The BHSA would like to say a BIG thank you to Peter and Steve for all their hard work with the setting up and clearing away- we really could not run this without them!"

**'ENSURING THAT EVERY GIRL ACHIEVES HER VERY BEST'**

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## THIS WEEK'S STARS

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**Golibe Offiah** For tidying the playground shed; **Olivia Marsh** For putting loads of effort into 'Fitness for fun'; **Eleanor Waring** For brilliant bouncing trampolining; **Sophie Anderson** A wonderful French theme park poster; **Ella Marafini** A beautiful French theme park poster; **Madeleine Vidal** For super writing; **Abbie Davies** For tidying the playground shed; **Flossie Flury-Miller** For super trampolining during fitness week; **Sancia Lam** For wonderful writing; **Georgia Robbins** For super writing about the Princess and the Pea; **Naveen Bassi 2 stars!** Finished second sticker chart and amazing progress in reading; **Holly Lovick-Freeman** Writing an amazing letter for Tara's star pupil book; **Tara O'Brien** Star pupil of the week; **Nicole Hlavova 2 stars!** For her work on healthy food and for tidying the playground shed; **Matilda Lark** For leading her class in a Tap Dance lesson; **Emerald McLaughlin** For working hard during circuit training; **May Mundt-Leach** A lovely French theme park poster; **Halle Berry Brown** For playing her guitar to the class; **Emma James** Enjoying her sound work; **Phoebe Jones** For always being able to say something nice to and about her classmates; **Alisha Sharma** For outstanding hula-hooping; **Ione Howells** For super trampolining during fitness week; **Aanandita Saxena** For brilliant bouncing trampolining; **Charlotte Chilman** For great writing ; **Bridget Darby** For a brilliant letter written by Goldilocks to Baby Bear; **Mary Catherine**

**Dunne** For super ideas when she writes.

**All girls in 6ZH - For performing like such professionals in their class assembly. Miss Hashim is very proud**

### CERTIFICATES

#### British Gymnastics Proficiency Awards

Level 1 Body Management

**Ruby Jerome, Sarah James, Zara Brown, Alana Chambers, Isabel Cottis, Clara White, Embla Conneely, Sienna Stone, Connie Kovats, Abbie Davies**  
Level 8

**Julie Makki, Thea Sabattier, Nicole Hlavova, Flossie Flury-Miller, Georgia Davies, Kiran Van Den Berg, Erin Bradley, Kemi Ayorinde, Lara Atkinson, Monique McIntosh, Lauren Liston, Roxanne Deery, Isabel Darby**  
Level 7

**Zahra Ahmed**  
Level 6

**Charlotte Chilman, Rebecca Spiers, Neesha Patel, Elle Kernutt, Taramon Yasmin, Mercedes Thompson, Trinity Western, Olga Trinder**  
Level 5

**Lauren Hindmarsh, Kezia Turner, Seraiah Western, Martha Nash, Armita Akbarian-Azar, Priyaanka Madduri, Jessica Page, Eleanor Reffin, Selina Watson, Alexandra Biss, Sophie Falk**  
Level 4

**Niamh Arklie, Kristiana Sylvester**  
Level 3

**Emelia Hughes, Sabrina Sinha, Sakshi Mangal,**  
Certificate of Achievement in recognition of an outstanding performance in the Blackheath High School Chess Challenge, Spring Term 2008

**Nadia Cooper, Connie Kovats**

Swimming Teachers' Association – Level 2 Certificate

**Alexandra Biss**  
Swimming Award – 25 metres & National Swim Award 3

**Isobel Barr**  
**Elinor Barr**

Rainbow Swimming Award

**Kate Scott – 1 mile distance**

Duckling Award – Grade 4

**Charlotte Williams**

Primary Tap & Modern Dance Examinations

**Modern A Distinction**

**Tap B Merit**

**Eleanor Maidens**

Special Award present for taking part in the Gymnastics Display at Blackheath High School

**Emelia Hughes**

**Alana Chambers**

**Abigail Hughes**

**Phebe Hughes**

**Connie Kovats**

**Abbie Davies**

**Charlotte Evans**

**Hannah Bowers**

**Beth Eastaugh**

**Sienna Stone**

**Embla Conneely**

**Isabella Robertson**

**Kristiana Sylvester**

Key Step Gymnastics – Level 1 Body Management

**Abbie Davies**

**Connie Kovats**

**Sienna Stone**

WOW Badge Design Winners:

*Rec – Year 2 winner: Annabelle*

**Kao** **Runners up: Holly Lovick Freeman and Ione Howells**

*Year 3 and 4 winner: Cathy Li*

**Runners up: Sakshi Mangal and Connie Kovats**

*Year 5 and 6 winner: Annabel*

**Sim** **Runners up: Kate Scott and Sumudumi Theminimulle**

**This week Fluffy has been**

**awarded to Year 3 to share**

**This week Oscar is awarded to 2JD**

Totals Meridian 618 Morden 636 Paragon 816 Vanbrugh 594

# HEALTH AND FITNESS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL

## YEAR 6 SELF-ESTEEM WORKSHOP

Miss Hashim writes "On Friday 14th March, we took part in a Self-Esteem workshop, led by people from Dove, as part of Health and Fitness week. They talked to us about having confidence and feeling good about ourselves. They showed us a couple of videos to do with the way that cameras can change the way people look in pictures. When we see beautiful people in magazines, that is not how they really look. The camera doesn't always tell the truth! Computers can be used to manipulate the shape of your face and body, taking away blemishes, spots and wrinkles and making people look more perfect than they really are. We had to make personal promises, like promising to feel good about ourselves without comparing ourselves to models. We learnt that it is virtually impossible to look like the people in magazines, so we should accept the way that we are and know that we are all unique in our own way, inside and out. Overall, we think that we learnt to appreciate ourselves and each other much more."

## THE MINI MARATHON

As part of health and fitness week Years 3 to 7 took part in a mini marathon of about 800m depending on their age. Congratulations to all the girls for completing the course.



## YEAR 7'S SELECTED TO REPRESENT GREENWICH SCHOOLS

Amina Al-Alawi and Isabella Scott were selected to take part in the London Schools cross country championships on Wednesday 12th March. Both pupils had a fantastic afternoon and got great results and the highlight was Isabella coming second out of all the year 7s who took part!

Isabella had this to say about her achievement. "Amina and I took part in a Cross Country run for about 2 miles. I really enjoyed it. We were racing against about one hundred people. and we both did really well."



## YEAR 7'S NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Felicity Smith 7MH reports "On Monday 3rd March we went to the Kent Netball Tournament with Miss Arnfield and Ms MacMillan. The team was grouped into five separate teams and the top two went into the next round. We started off playing. Unfortunately our teams did not go through to the next round but the Blackheath High Netball team left with high spirits and we were all pleased with our efforts. We left the tournament with two games lost and three games won. We came third in our group so only narrowly missed going through to the next round. Many thanks to our coach Ms MacMillan. The team would also like to thank Miss Arnfield for coming to the tournament with us."



## YEAR SIX WIN NETBALL TOURNAMENT!

Blackheath High hosted a Year 6 netball tournament on the 18th March, at the school's playing field. We were host to 2 teams from Merton Court, Babington and Baston. Natasha Sinha team captain reports.

"We are thrilled to say that our A team won the tournament!

The team comprised Ella Marafini, Laura Bruce, Isabella Bakpa, Solape Ladenika, Lillian Frazer-Greene and Joké Adewale and myself.

The first match was against Merton Courts "A" team. We won 3-2. This was a close game and it is the first time we have beaten them.

The second match was against Babington we dominated the game and won 5-1. By now Ella was converting almost all her shots at goal.

We were then playing in the semi-final against Merton Court's "B" team. Despite my falling over and badly grazing my knee we went on to win 4-0.

The final was between Merton Court's "A" team and us. We knew it would be tough as they wanted to win and we knew they were a good team. By full time it was 2-2. We had to go on and play extra time. In the last 2 minutes Isabella scored the winning goal and was about to score another when the final whistle blew.

Today Ella's shooting was very accurate. If we got the ball to her she scored almost every time. Isabella did a fantastic job of supporting her and at the other end of the court, both Joke and Lillian did an equally good job of preventing shots on goal. The midfield players kept the ball moving throughout the tournament, with everyone putting 100% effort into the games.

We have really enjoyed our netball season, and would like to thank Mrs Squirrel for all her hard work and encouragement! Thank you to Mr O'Dwyer for being timekeeper and working out the scores and also to Miss Macmillan and Sarah for umpiring.

**A REMINDER THAT THE SCHOOL IS COLLECTING TESCO COMPUTER VOUCHERS AND SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS. THERE ARE COLLECTION BOXES IN THE SCHOOL OFFICES AND THE RESOURCES CENTRE IN THE SENIOR SCHOOL.**

# YEAR 4's TRIP TO KEW GARDENS



On Wednesday 12th March 2008 Year 4 went to visit Kew Gardens to help them with their rainforest topic for the Summer term. Class 4LU report "It took us ninety minutes to get there by coach and it was very cosy! When we finally arrived it was cold and windy but not raining, and we split into two groups. We visited the Palm House where we had a rainforest talk by a lady called Hilda. It was like being in a huge green-house and we saw many different types of plants and trees, including Ginger, Black Pepper, Star Fruit, Papaya, Ebony, Giant Bamboo, Bananas, Ylang ylang and Vanilla Orchid. We learnt a lot about the different plants and trees you might see in a rainforest.

We then went to the Princess of Wales conservatory where we saw lots of plants from different parts of the world. These included lots of cacti which you would find in the desert.

After lunch we went back to the shop where we bought seeds, cacti etc. then we headed back to the Palm House to explore the whole building.

We had a very enjoyable day and learnt lots about the rainforest environment."

## NEXT TERM'S LUNCH MENUS

### JUNIORS

#### Tuesday 8th April

Spaghetti Bolognese  
Salad Option  
Vanilla Sponge & Custard

#### Wednesday 9th April

Pork Sausages & Creamed Potatoes  
Peas/Baked Beans & Gravy  
Salad Option  
Mandarin Oranges & Cream

#### Thursday 10th April

Chicken Pie, Roast Potatoes, Baby Carrots, Cabbage  
& Gravy  
Salad Option  
Apple Pie & Custard

#### Friday 11th April

Fish Fingers, Chips & Spaghetti Rings/Baked Beans  
Salad Option  
Choc Ices

*Vegetable Option, Yoghurt & Fruit Available Daily*

### SENIORS

#### Tuesday 8th April

Spaghetti Bolognese  
Vegetable curry and rice  
Steamed broccoli and carrots  
Choice of individual salads  
Pears in Light Syrup

#### Wednesday 9th April

Fish Pie  
Macaroni in tomato sauce,  
Roasted Potato  
Steamed peas and carrots  
Choice of individual salads  
Choc Ices

#### Thursday 10th April

Beef Saute Fried Rice  
Stuffed Mixed Peppers,  
Saute corgettes and carrots  
Choice of individual salads  
Jam Sponge and custard

#### Friday 11th April

Battered Cod Fillet & Chips  
Cheese & Tomato Quiche  
Steamed Sweetcorn  
Choice of individual salads  
Vanilla Ice Cream

*Baked potatoes, sandwiches, wraps, salad also available daily, plus fresh fruit, cheese & biscuits*

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