



Step into the NHS schools' competition

Last term, Mr Johnson came to us with news of an exciting project linked to the NHS, fourteen of us took part. It immediately caught our attention because we had all considered taking up a career in the NHS or the medical field in the future and were interested in the science of the body. It was a National Competition with a variety of great prizes for Year 8 and 9 students to heighten our awareness of the diverse and complex career opportunities that exist in the NHS. We had to choose a career to focus on and a quiz was available to help decide which we would choose. Once our chosen career was established we had to use it to complete the three tasks set. They were: write a job description explaining the qualities and requirements your chosen field entailed; write a CV for the perfect candidate wanting to apply for the chosen career and finally, design an advert that could be in a variety of different media (e.g. some did posters, leaflets and even a video advert complete with music).

From this project we learnt that there is a large variety of different careers in the NHS, not just the typical doctors and nurses, but a large spread of important roles such as psychiatrists, diagnostic radiographers and even gardeners! It helped us to understand that behind the job, there is a lot of hard work and diligence needed, but in the end it's worth it, and definitely something that pays off in the long term. We will find out the results of the competition on the 11th March so wish us luck!

Shannon Harris and Fatima Lee 9JR

Following on from the report above I would like to congratulate Fatima Lee and Shannon Harris who submitted the winning entry, on the role of a paediatrician, for the South East Coast region in the Step into the NHS Schools' competition.

The letter from Dean Royles, Director, NHS Employers stated: 'This is a tremendous achievement as there were over 650 entries from more than 1,500 students across the country.

The judges were very impressed with the high overall standard of entries to the competition. They were particularly impressed with the entry's creative, innovative and fun approach to promoting the NHS as a career choice for young people. As the regional winner the students will each receive a £50 Amazon voucher.

The following students have also been 'highly commended' for their entry by the judges – Solape Ladenika, Mary Odonkor, Chelsea Reid and Sarah Lasoye who looked at the role of a

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 22nd March ~ Spring Concert
Wednesday 23rd March ~ Year 7 Reports issued
Thursday 24th March ~ Year 7 Parents' Evening
Friday 25th March ~ House Showcase Evening
Thursday 31st March ~ Year 8 & 12 Reports issued
Monday 4th April ~ Year 9 exams in class all week

psychiatrist, Thulasi Srikanth, Natasha Gukhool, Sharon Omorodion and Adeola Sokunbi who looked at the role of a GP, and Ruby Kessell, Arianna Malefora and Martina Arandjelovic who looked at the role of a biochemist. These students will each receive a certificate.'

Well done to all concerned.

Mr Johnson

Year 8 visit to

Herstmonceux Observatories

On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week the six Year 8 forms travelled to the Herstmonceux Observatories in East Sussex. After a gruelling hour-and-a-half coach ride, we arrived at the gleaming place. Despite the cold, fast winds, excitement was in the air as we passed through the shop into a courtyard with six domes and many science exhibits. We – the students – got to play with the exhibits, look inside and observe the power and technology of the telescopes and partake in amazingly tough challenges ranging from Code Breaking to Bridge Building. It was ultimately a competition and we are yet to see who has won the mighty games...

On another note we have also been completing our end of unit tests in our first and second foreign languages. They've been hard, but are almost over now!

Christopher Goring, Katie Chant and Matt Ward 8PEB

Rangoli Pattern Print Blocks

for ECM Day

On the last ECM day Mrs Whitehorn ran a workshop based on her recent trip to India. Mrs Whitehorn and Mr Handscombe visited our Rivers of the World partnership school in Kolkata. She showed us a powerpoint about the

**The total amount of money raised on Pink Day for Breast Cancer awareness is £1,329.18.
This is another great fund raising success for BGS despite the difficulties many people are experiencing.
Thank you to the students, parents and staff for their continued donations
to the charities the school supports each year.**

school and told us about her time there. We were surprised to see that the Indian students did their art work on the floor and their School Hall was designed with an open roof. The teachers don't sit down at a desk to teach but stand at a podium in front of the class.

For our project we got to make wonderful print blocks with our own Rangoli patterns, which I loved!

Before the visit to India, we had some artists working with groups of Year 9 students on a Rivers of the World project based on Indian Culture, and had our work exhibited on the South Bank in London. This work is now on the outside wall above the entrance to the school. So when I come to school I see some amazing art, not only from here but from Techno India Group Public School.

Amir Elazab 8W

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 will be on work experience from the 17th- 21st October 2011. Pupils should have completed their CV and cover letter and so be contacting companies regarding their placements. All pupils should aim to secure a placement before they go on study leave on the 28th March 2011. If pupils have already secured a placement they need to complete a work experience form and return this to the Careers Office as soon as possible. A copy of this form can be accessed via Fronter. For help or advice please see Mrs Aspill or Mrs Longman in the Careers Office.

Miss Skinner

Year 12

In February we attended a surgery workshop at the Hunterian museum. Firstly we got the chance to practise suturing on a foam arm, during this we talked to a medical student from King's College London. It was very interesting as we found out how to tie different knots when suturing wounds.

Then we watched some videos of surgery: one being of a coronary artery bypass and the other a removal of a benign brain tumour, we then watched laparoscopic surgery and a medical graduate talked us through all these procedures. This was a very insightful and interesting day; we would like to thank Ms Stoddard for taking us there, despite her fear of blood!

Laura Fabian 12JML and Harriet Dawkins 12CP

Sports News

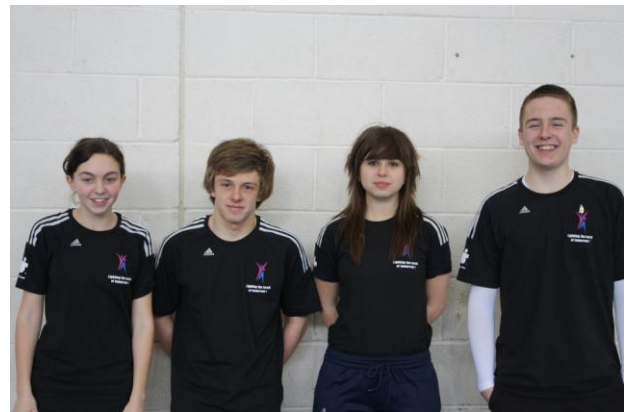
Girls' Cricket Report ~ Stella Gowans (7SMB) and Jennifer Milliams (8PEB) both went to Harrow on 26th February 2011 to take part in this year's London Youth Games. Stella played for Greenwich and Jennifer for Bexley. Both teams won all of their three matches proceeding to the finals at Lord's cricket ground. On 6th March Greenwich and Bexley both won their first match at Lord's, which meant that Greenwich and Bexley were then to play each other in the semi-finals. Greenwich batted first and got 46 runs all out. Bexley then replied in 4 overs and won for no wickets lost. Nail-biting stuff! The final arrived and sadly Bexley were all out with 2 runs needed to win the match, well done to Bexley for coming second and Greenwich for coming third.

Jennifer Milliams 8PEB

AdiStars Sports Ambassadors

Our AdiStars Sports Ambassadors ran an excellent multi skills event at Foster's Primary School last Wednesday. Jemma Conner, Alex Picksley, Grace Seely and Michael Thurlow all collected scores and encouraged pupils for a 'virtual league' competition. Schools complete a range of challenges and then submit their scores to the East London Competition Managers, who collate the scores and produce inter-school results. This is an innovative way of encouraging inter-school competition amongst primary schools who often find travelling for fixtures difficult.

Mr Lines



Red Nose Day for Comic Relief 2011 is on Friday 18th March.

This will be our last non-uniform day of the year.

'Do Something Funny for Money' Sponsor forms are available from school foyer and outside H8.

Events taking place on the day so far are:

- 'Take Me Out' in School Hall 2nd lunch (see Bethany Stock, Katrina Collison 9JMP and Summer Reynolds 12CKB)
- 'Battle of the Bands' in School Hall 1st lunch (more acts needed: please see Liam Kelly 11FF)
- Sale of cakes and biscuits

