

# NOWER HILL NEWS

MARCH 2013



## Red Nose at Nower Hill

We celebrated Red Nose Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of March. This started with the comedy film, Napoleon Dynamite being shown at 7.30am. Every lesson began with a joke displayed on the white boards and read to the class by the teacher. At break time we had a fancy dress and wacky hair do competition in the school hall. This was judged by Mr Harrison, Mrs Gordon and Mrs Long. The deserving winners were Joshua Spicer. Batman, Dominyka Vaicikauskaite, wacky hair doo, Gurcharan Guram Bat Woman, Kisho Jeyaparan wacky hair doo, each receiving a large Easter egg. During lunch break there were numerous activities; sponge a teacher, beat the goalie, Glee Club concert, staff netball, flash mob dance, Red Nose nail painting, tug of war, and student busking to name but a few. The students and staff had an excellent day. Spirits were high and there was a great sense of fun across the whole school. Many students and Form groups raised money by, for example doing sponsored silences, being hand cuffed to a friend, and cake sales. With every penny raised going to the Red Nose appeal, the total raised stands at £2200 and is likely to rise as more money comes in.



A big thank you to all who took part and made the day such a success.



### World Book Day Big Book Swap

Many students in Years 7 and 8 took part in the school's first Big Book Swap. Hundreds of novels changed hands, as students shared some of their favourite novels. In addition, 8 lucky winners got to take home a brand new novel in our book raffle.

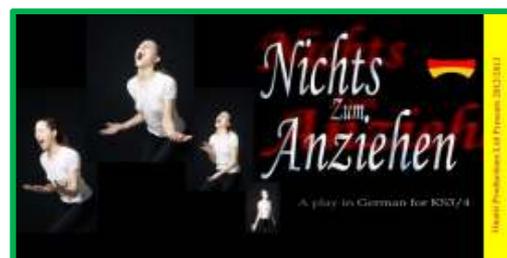


## Modern Languages News

### Nichts zum Anziehen!



Mikolaj Chalupka, Jake Larman and Joshua Seaphin- Mobbs with 'Nicole'



On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March Onatti Productions presented the play, 'Nichts zum Anziehen' (Nothing to put on) in German to pupils in Years 8, 9 and 10. The performance took place at North Harrow Methodist Church and so we were all treated to comfortable cushioned chairs! It was a most entertaining afternoon, enjoyed by Mrs Perry and Ms Goffaux – as well as the students! Some comments from the audience:

I found the play very funny and **amazing. Es war sehr lustig und toll!** (It was very funny and great!) It was very useful for my German. I enjoyed it so much. It was so surprising that I actually understood almost everything. Kabisanaa – Year 9

'Nichts zum Anziehen' was about a couple who were getting ready for a date with each other. It was funny and very enjoyable, and there was great audience involvement! It was also fairly easy to understand, and it was a good experience to listen to German speech. Natasha Pearl - Year 10



James Winter (Year 10) with 'Leon'

I thought 'Nichts zum Anziehen' was really funny. Although I didn't understand all of it the actors made it easy to catch on. I would really recommend going to see this German play because even if you don't understand it all you can still get the jokes. Natalie James – Year 9

## SPANISH ON THE WORLD STAGE

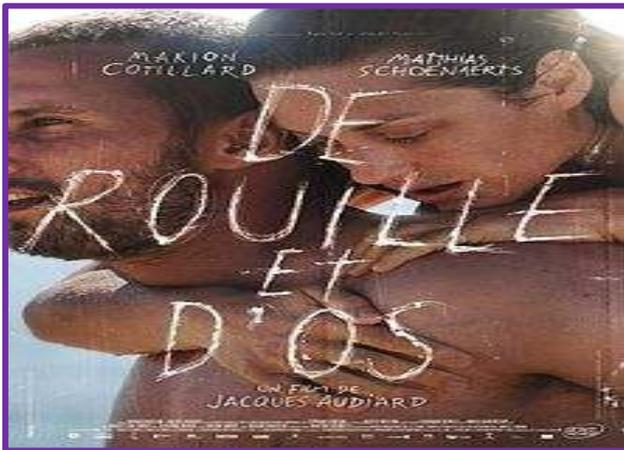


Spanish students have been following two recent events in the news of great social and religious significance: the death of the unique Hugo Chávez, socialist leader of Venezuela, and the election of the Argentinian Jorge Mario Bergoglio, as the new Pope.

A number of NHHS Spanish students will get the opportunity to experience first-hand an event which also mixes religion, culture and high drama - Semana Santa (Holy Week) – as part of their forthcoming trip to Seville. We hope you enjoy this unforgettable experience and fine weather!

**Mr Piesse**

## YEAR 12 VISIT L'INSITUT FRANÇAIS



On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February, Year 12 visited London's French Cultural Centre – L'Institut Français – nestling in the heart of Central London's vibrant 'Mini France', in South Kensington. They saw a gripping film at the Ciné Lumière, called 'De Rouille et D'os, by the award-winning director Jacques Audiard.

The experience certainly made an impression on our resident cinephiles:

*"De Rouille et D'os' was one of the best films that I have seen this year! I'll be honest, I wasn't too keen on it at first, as Rom Coms aren't really my thing, but it was full of action, and shocking drama, which kept all of us on the edge of our seats – Mrs Goffaux was even hiding her face behind Miss Bordais at times!"*  
**Ssuuna Golooba - Mutebi (12 Jemison)**

*"Seeing this film was a great opportunity to practise understanding French, in a context that was fun and interesting. The film itself was about how a woman coped after losing her legs in an accident involving Killer Whales. It was a film that I wouldn't have thought to watch, but it was a really enjoyable experience and I recommend it to anyone studying or hoping to study French A level."* **Sarah McIntyre (12 Jemison)**

## LINGUISTS OF THE TERM

**We would like to congratulate and commend the following students for their excellent work and attitude in Languages this term. Bravo!**



French	Achievement	Effort
Year 7	Elica Kargamovin	Clara Smith
Year 8	Sarah Sabir	Kiyan Somji
Year 9	Anjali Sachdev	Nikayla Patel
Year 10	Daphne Chondrogiannis	Vinay Varsani
Year 11	Thulasiga Uthayakumaran	Virusihan Rajaji
Year 12	Sarah McIntyre	Naiya Kotecha

Spanish	Achievement	Effort
Year 8	Sonali Poojara	Sanil Virji
Year 9	Krishnapriya Patel	Zaynab Sumar
Year 10	Maria Hill	Fizza Rizvi
Year 11	Jaina Shah	Risha Vithlani
Year 12	Bethany Smith	Alex Yearwood

German	Achievement	Effort
Year 8	Rahil Pandya	Ronil Goldenwalla
Year 9	Anmol Seth	Venoth Arulvasan
Year 10	Taher Ebrahim	Cindy Lam
Year 11	Anushka Katailiha	Oleksandra Komieva

On Saturday 2nd March following on from the success of their three night run in 'An Evening of Drama', Gifted and Talented Drama pupils from Years 9 – 11 took part in the annual Watford Drama Festival. The Festival, held at the Watersmeet Theatre in Rickmansworth, is the largest of its kind in Europe and competitors included other schools and Performance and Theatre groups. All the students had a very enjoyable day both performing and supporting each other as members of the audience.

Once the results came in, no-one could have guessed that the students would go on to almost sweep the board of awards! The school entered 5 different competitions and came 1st place in 4 of them and joint 2nd place in the fifth.

The results were as follows:

Group Acting Yr13 and Under - 1st Place and 'Marks and Spencers Trophy'

(Toby Rawal, Callum George, Joseph Moynihan and Matthew Coker)

Prepared Group Improvisation (Yr9 and Under) - 1st Place and 'Chrystel Arts Theatre School Shield' (Out of 14 other competitors)

(Will Stanton, Joe Costello, Natasha Trowbridge, Jacob Talbot, Alice Agerbak, Rosemary Bashford and Caitlin Smith)

Prepared Group Improvisation (Yr11 and Under) – 1st Place and 'Watford Festival Improvisation Shield'

(Ashna Khagram, Savan Patel, Maria Hill, Shreeya Bharania and Isabel Stevenson)

Prepared Group Improvisation (Yr13 and Under) – 1st Place and 'Watersmeet Trophy'

Monique Edgar, Arun Sharpling, Reiss Hinds, Georgina Lopez, Alisha Malhotra, Claire Wilson and Eleanor Buckman)

Group Anthology Yr13 and Under – Joint 2nd Place

(Shruti Lal, Ella Mason Walsh, Puja Rawal, Rachel Chellapah, Cavan Day Lewis, Isabelle Agerbak, Serena Haththotuwa, Talia Hazlewood, Olivia Whitehead, Zain Cheema and Kira Fitton)

In addition to their amazing achievements, The 'Group Acting' performance (Toby Rawal, Callum George, Joseph Moynihan and Matthew Coker) also won the prestigious award of the 'Redhead Trophy' which is awarded to the most memorable performance of any group performance seen by the adjudicator. These students performed again at the 'Senior Finale Prizewinners' Concert on the 24th March where they were presented with their Trophy.

Many congratulations to all!

Miss Gardner

## Watford Drama Festival



## The Inaugural Nower Hill Book Week



Some Year 7 Pupils from 7BDM enjoying the recommended reading for the week

*"It has been great having students telling me how keen they are to read the chosen books."* Miss Butler, English Teacher

*"I would definitely recommend 'A Monster Calls!'"* Sonia Laloo 7BSC

*"I really want to read 'The Prince Who Walked with Lions now.'" Miles Butler 7BHF*

To celebrate **World Book Day**, the English Faculty hosted the Nower Hill Book Week for Foundation Stage students. The English Faculty came together to read Carnegie Medal winning Children's literature and students were taught up to four different texts to give them an opportunity to broaden their reading. The Library ordered extra copies of the books so that pupils could pursue their interest outside of lessons. All of these novels have since been checked out of the library and the suggested titles have been part of the Foundation Stage Reading forum for the past three weeks. All pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 were also given a £1 book token so they could buy copies of the books for themselves. We look forward to enjoying another successful book week next year!

## Inter-Form Classics



7BMN took possession of the Year 7 Inter-Form cup after a stupendous performance in last half term's competition: Inter-Form Classics. Every form in Year 7 created a short play based on a classical myth, and then our judges had the difficult choice of selecting the best performance. Ultimately though, 7BMN just had the edge. 7BMN follow in the footsteps of 7ASW (quiz) and 7AKC (football). A different event will take place every half term in Year 7.

## Global Grand Challenges Summit in London

Will.i.am, the Head of the Cambridge Engineering Department and Dr Craig Venter at the same venue -can you guess the occasion? And no this isn't a trick question! Stumped? Well, read on....

Last week I was extremely lucky to attend the Global Grand Challenges Summit in London. A collaborative event between the National Academies of Engineering in the US, UK and China, the Summit brought together leading academics, engineers, students and celebrities to discuss how together we can tackle the grand challenges of global health, sustainability and education through engineering.



From self-assembling biological batteries to catalytic clothing that purifies the air as you walk, the event was a wonderful exhibition of innovation and creativity in engineering. The speakers ranged from chemists and material scientists to engineers, mathematicians, economists and even fashion designers! According to some of the scientists, the future could see researchers constructing alien life in the lab from data sent via EM waves from Mars, or diabetic patients downloading the code for Insulin from the Internet and using a 3D printer to get regular supplies.

So you may be thinking what Will.I.am was doing amongst all these scientists? Believe it or not he wasn't there to talk about his music – he came to share his passion for getting young people to engage with science and technology!

Will.I.am said engineers should compete with pop stars and sports heroes to capture the imagination of kids – being an engineer is just as cool! Coming from a poor community in LA, he wished he had the opportunities to get involved with science and engineering which are available to children these days. Now, promoting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) has become one of his greatest interests especially amongst girls and ethnic minorities. He's even started taking a course in computer coding!

A career in science and engineering can open doors to careers in any field imaginable and it's the next generation of engineers and scientists the world looks to for the solutions to these global grand challenges. In Will.i.am's words 'the things engineers invent change the world' – are YOU going to take up the challenge? **By Nikki Ravi (Former Nower Hill Student 2004 – 2010)**

### Interform Football Competition: Year 9



**Many supporters watching on!**

## Winners of the Interform Competition: **9LBS**



It was a wonderful turn out by the year group where lots of enjoyment and laughter was evident and the boys as well as a few girls represented their forms in a knock out Football Competition. This idea was voted by the students through the use of a piece of work Miss Ward was doing to help them enjoy school more and get involved in positive activities. It was a fierce battle and the four forms - LBS, LKM, CAD and CADU made it through to the semi finals on the 6th February. The final saw one form from each side of the year group compete for glory and this time round it was LBS who took the WIN. All the forms were competing for Bonus Points for

the 500 Club. As well as all those students who played, it was lovely to see so much support from others in the year group; there were 40-50 students in the Gristwood, both boys and girls, rooting for their form and showing great support and team spirit for the competition. A BIG WELL DONE to all and a huge thank you to Mr Wallace who refereed the games and helped to make it all possible and a huge success.

**Fiona Ward / John Cox**

## Review of the Classical Civilisation Trip to London's Roman Amphitheatre

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March Years 9, 10 and 11 visited London's Roman Amphitheatre in Moorgate. They all experienced a live production of the Ancient Greek play 'Medea' by Euripides, and underwent a series of workshops to expand their knowledge of the play which they are studying for their GCSEs.

Their first workshop involved meeting the director and organiser of the play. They had an open discussion of the events that took place to create this accurate presentation of an Ancient Greek play, and found out about some of the difficulties of staging a Greek play in an ancient Roman amphitheatre.



After this the students split up into two different groups, the first of which consisted of looking deeper into the play's meaning, and relevance into the modern society that we live in. The other workshop involved another discussion, which was about the characters and their significance in the play and also the plot and how it is similar to modern day stories that have taken place.

In the afternoon, once the workshops had taken place, the students settled down to watch the play 'Medea', written by Euripides. This was not a modern day version but a very similar production to that which the Greeks would have seen. This gave the students a sense of what the Greek theatre was like. This helped them with their studies, as one of their topics in GCSE Classical Civilisation is Greek Drama Festivals.

To conclude the review of this trip, the students all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and gained full knowledge and excellent insight into Greek drama. **By Savan Patel and Krupa Choksi**



# LIVING WITH A TEENAGER

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It can be exciting and satisfying helping our young people grow up into  
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**Time: 7-9pm**

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**Cost: £10 (payments to be made by 10<sup>th</sup> May)**

**Starting: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

**Finishes: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

**(8 sessions- not including half term)**

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