
LDBS SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

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We hope you enjoy this and future issues which will be printed at the beginning of every term. Please send any bits of news, pictures/photos (they will be returned), ongoing project stories, congratulations, retirements etc to Mitch (details at the back) - we cannot publish this newsletter without your help!

LDBS SCITT MENTOR TRAINING

Last term saw the London Diocesan Board **School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT)** successfully running its revised mentor training for the first time. LDBS SCITT now offers certificated mentor training. It is recognised by the General Teaching Council, so teachers can use it as evidence of professional development should they wish to apply for promotion or enhanced status. The training comes in two parts; Stage 1 (1.5 days) which is open to new mentors and class teachers hosting trainees, and Stage 2 (3 days, spread over the year) for experienced mentors and those who have completed Stage 1. The Stage 1 course was very well attended and as well as the lively discussions and activities that took place, participants enjoyed the opportunity to meet colleagues and swap ideas. We will be repeating this course in April - there are still places available so if you are interested call Kamar, the LDBS SCITT administrator, on 0207 527 5911 or email her on kamar.fadiga.cea@islington.gov.uk for further details.

GREEN FINGERS

Clerkenwell Parochial's (Islington) school garden was deemed to be excellent by CEA Islington and the school was awarded a certificate of excellence. Thanks to Bob Tookey (VC) and his team: Cheryl Dee and Yr5, Mrs Ngah and Sam Henry.

STEP INTO SOMALIA

Just step into Somalia.
Children carrying AKs to protect
themselves, protect themselves.
Papa ain't around and mama's tryin' hard to
fix all the shelves.
God comes first.
Everyday you gotta pray, hear what he's
gonna say.
Just step into Somalia: the place where
the world began, where we were born; the
first piece of land.
What's gone has gone. What's come has
come.
Now you know where I'm from; what I love
to be.
I'm proud Somalia's my nationality.

Some may think our lifestyle's poor.
Just step onto Somalia; come visit our
shores.
No-one can resist the smell of Somalia
rice; the smell, the taste, it's all so nice!
Food's been given, but food's been hidden,
by the government, like it's forbidden.
Hear the sound of our golden birds waking
you up in the morning.
Hear the same melody till you wanna sleep,
tired and yawnin'.
Although, through nature's song, you will
hear the children crying and the pain of
adults dying; because that's life if you live
in Somalia.
Step into Somalia with me.

By Mohammed Osman, aged 11 Burdett-Coutts & Townshend - Individual first place winner in the poetry slam across Westminster schools and also represented London schools at the London creative arts partnership in Stratford.

ART CAFÉ

On Thursday 23rd November **St. Paul's, Whitechapel** school hall was transformed into a working art gallery. Every child, from the nursery class to year 6, created a piece of art work, based on the theme of 'my family', which was displayed in the gallery.

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Before the art café opened the artwork judged by Mr Iain McNab of the Government Office for London (GOL). The sponsored the children's prizes and the winning artwork will adorn the walls of offices in Millbank.

Parents and friends swarmed in to admire pupil's creations and were able to buy the that their children had produced. Staff contributed their 'masterpieces' with one teacher's painting selling for £100!

← The café provided an opportunity for visitors to socialise whilst savouring the tastes of food from different cultures including Thai, Bengali, Turkish and Algerian.

Mr Bennett, the Headteacher said, "the response has been fantastic; we are really pleased to see so many parents and guests here. The children will derive great satisfaction from knowing that the work they have produced has raised money for such a worthwhile cause. "

Congratulations to Ismail Goussa of year one, the overall winner. The money raised, just over £500, will be sent to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

AN OPEN AIR GALLERY OF PAINTINGS...

by children from **St Mary Magdalene** Primary School has been created on the construction site hoardings of the new **St Mary Magdalene Academy**. With a little help from mural artist, Nathalie Frost, the children worked in small groups over a two-week period in the summer to produce over thirty pictures.

Headteacher, John Stewart, said, "the blank canvas created by the site surrounds provided a great opportunity for the pupils to develop their skills and get involved with their new school at an early stage. The children loved working on the project, which went a lot further than creative ability. They also learned a lot about working together, encouraging each other, and enhancing their communication and social skills."

(front to back) ALFIE, BEAU, JOSUA AND BEN FROM ST MARY MAGDALENE PRIMARY SCHOOL WITH FOUR OF THE PAINTINGS ↗



The pictures will be on display along **Bride Street, N7** until the school building is completed in **October 2007**.

PARADE TAKES TO THE STREETS...

St Michael's School, Camden Town celebrated its 125th birthday of St Michael's church & feast of St Michael the Archangel on 29th September 2006. The children paraded from St Michael's school to St Michael's church in a wonderful display of costumes. ↓



ST MICHAEL ARRIVED AT...

St Michael's, Highgate last summer in the guise of a life size 3D mosaic. The sculpture was designed by Norma Vondee, a sculptress who specialises in such works of art, using children's drawings. The children designed the pictures around the base and also worked with Norma sticking the tiles on.

Dedicated in a service conducted by the Vicar, St Michael is the first thing you see when you go down the drive. He was fairly expensive and Barbara Smith, the Headteacher raised some of the money by being sponsored to wing walk on a biplane 1,000 feet up in the air.

← ST MICHAEL AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL



21 AGAIN.....

Geoff Edwards (LDBS Primary Adviser) and **Penelope Penney** (LDBS Secondary Adviser) celebrated their birthdays in style at Diocesan House - another day in the office, what better way as they grow younger.....!

GEOFF AND PENELOPE →



ACHIEVEMENTS

15 Year 13 students have passed their gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards at **Grey Coat Hospital Secondary School**, Westminster. 40 girls took part in their silver and 70 girls have been busy completing their bronze award.

FUNDRAISING FOR CHARITY

Well done to **Archdeacon Cambridge, Twickenham** who raised £146 through Harvest Festival as well as gifts of local produce for the local community for "Seeds for Africa".

Clerkenwell Parochial, Islington raised £142.90 for the Poppy Appeal ~ many thanks go to **Sam Henry** for collecting.

READING CHALLENGE

Archdeacon Cambridge, Twickenham rallied its pupils to take part in the Reading Mission organised by Richmond Libraries over the summer holidays. Certificates were awarded to 88 pupils by the LA for successfully completing the mission as part of the National Reading challenge.

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WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Lucy Robinson-Smith Reception teacher at St Mary's, Willesden on 16th December 2006 in South Africa.

RETIREMENTS

David Tweedie ex Burdett Coutts & Townshend ~ was Chair of Trustees and/or Governor having been involved with the school for 34 years! 11/06

WELCOME / WELCOME BACK

Mrs Cleide Kennedy joining Princess Frederica, Brent has been appointed as school welfare officer to replace Mrs Wise.

Alison Forbes (new HT) joining Clerkenwell Parochial, Islington.

Mr Adam White (Year 5 Teacher); **Ms Bryony Kite** (Year 4 Teacher & Co-Ordinator for Literacy - from Cambridge); **Ms Nadia Blundell** (Year 3 Teacher - Returned); **Ms Helen Binks** (Year 2 Teacher & Design And Technology Co-Ordinator); **Ms Suzannah Smallman** (Year 4 Teacher & Coordinator For PE); **Father Williams** (New Chair Of Governors) joining St Clement Danes, Drury Lane.

HOLY ORDERS

John Hicks, Headteacher of Burdett Coutts & Townshend ~ ordained priest in July 2006.

MOVING ON

Mrs Wise (welfare officer) - ex Princess Frederica, Brent ~ 09/06 to take up promotion at Holland Park Secondary school.

Maryum Islam (office assistant) - ex St Paul's, Whitechapel ~ 10/06 to take up a place at teacher training college.

Mrs Harris (lunch time supervisor for 7 yrs) ex Archdeacon Cambridge, Twickenham ~ 20/10/06 for new employment opportunity.

Mr Garnett (school caretaker) - ex Archdeacon Cambridge, Twickenham ~ 3/11/06 to seek new challenges.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Derek Carden, Music & ICT Teacher has just completed 25 years service and received a Cross Foundation Pen ~ Burdett Coutts & Townshend.

Charlie Jones, Site Manager has also completed 25 years service and received a watch - Burdett Coutts & Townshend. 11/06

BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS

Anna Parekh Yr 3 teacher of St Paul's, Whitechapel ~ **Tulsi Thomas** - August 2006.

Michelle Thomas HT of St Andrew's, Barnsbury ~ **Renee** - November 2006.

Maria Dourado DHT of The Green, Tottenham ~ **Ricardo** - October 2006.

Alma Thomas Reception teacher

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