

The St Marylebone School Newsletter

January 2012



SERVICE OF JOY & THANKSGIVING

Thursday 3rd November 2011



The service of Joy & Thanksgiving which took place at St Marylebone Church on 3rd November was an incredible celebration of St Marylebone's successful history as well as the school's newly awarded Teaching School Status and Academy status.

We were very privileged to welcome the Duchess of Gloucester, the Bishop of London and the Lord Mayor to our service. The Bishop of London gave an inspiring sermon and over 25 of our students had the honour of meeting the Duchess and the Lord Mayor who were very impressed with the achievements of our young people.

It was a fantastic service with brilliant performances from the Church Choir, Chamber Choir, Senior Chamber Orchestra, Music Scholars, Big Bang, a massed Year 7 choir, and Marylebone Dance Company. Students from each key stage also spoke very passionately about the impact that Marylebone School has had on their lives, which was incredibly moving.



St Marylebone is a National Teaching School



We are one of **100** schools across England awarded the status since September 2010. In fact, we are one of the **57 secondary schools** and the **only Church of England** secondary awarded the status.

Awarded because we had proven excellence in five areas:

1. OFSTED outstanding reports. 2 Exam results. 3 Proven partnerships with other schools. 4. A high profile Head Teacher. 5. A clear vision for status.

What is a teaching school? Similar in some ways to a local authority education department we are collaborating with and supporting the professional development of a number of local schools – primaries, secondaries and special. The national vision is based upon the well founded belief that teacher to teacher training is the most effective.

Who are we collaborating with? Eventually 18 schools but currently: St Augustine's High, Westminster Academy, The Urswick Secondary School, Capital City Academy, College Park Special School, St Vincent's RC Primary, Christ Church Bentinck Primary, St Luke's Primary, Edward Wilson Primary.

We are also **working with** various universities and training companies such as e-Qualitas, The Institute of Education, King's College and Teach First.

How does it affect my daughter's or son's education? Our most experienced staff have time on their timetable to undertake out-reach training work so they will not be missing lessons. The training work is also invaluable professional development for them and the school as a whole.



St Marylebone makes the front page!

In November, students from St Marylebone appeared on the front page of the Evening Standard, and again inside as part of a double page feature article about the school library. As part of its 'Get London Reading' campaign, the newspaper visited the school to speak to staff and students about the transformation of the school library over the last two years and how it supports and encourages a culture of reading at St Marylebone. The article inspired a major publisher to donate £30,000 of books to school libraries across London, and St Marylebone library is now being used as a template for other schools to follow, not only in London but as far abroad as South Korea! Special thanks to Orienne Tuho, Suleen Omar, Hamisha Soleymani-Nejad, Chloe Phillip-Haroun, Christine Guirguis, Bardha Halimi, Millie O'Lionsigh Bailey, Agnes Chandler, Angel Garcia Brown and Darcey Wolf for being such brilliant ambassadors for the school.

Dr. Gardner and Ms. O'Connor



POETRY DAY 2011

In October, Year 7 spent a day immersing themselves in the written and spoken word for St Marylebone's annual celebration of poetry. The day was a huge success, with pupils taking part in a variety of different activities. The girls produced some beautiful collages of poems, and wrote their own poetry. A highlight of the day for many



was the opportunity to work with Justin Coe, our visiting poet, and co-author of the poetry compilation "Jumble Boy". Year 7 were entertained and educated with a mixture of writing activities, poetry readings, improvisation, and even some freestyle dancing! The day's activities culminated in the theatre with a "Poetry Slam". Many pupils performed their own poems, which showed true creativity and skilful deployment of language. However, the real showstoppers were Year 7's class performances of poems. Each class amazed the judges with their fantastic team work and evident creativity. 7N dreamt of *The Lake Isle of Innesfree*, 7W took us on a forest adventure, 7B marched around a Roman wall and 7H danced the Tarantella. All of the classes were fantastic, but the overall winners were 7D, led by Miss Dempster, with their magical interpretation of Edgar Allen Poe's *Eldorado*. All of Year 7 helped to make it a superb day with their positivity, energy and enthusiasm for poetry.

Reading Week (7-11 November)



Reading Week was a great success, with full houses at lunchtime events every day. A talk on writing from the First World War by writers Julie Wheelwright and Hugh Barnes revealed the truth behind the story of glamorous spy, Mata Hari, as well as showing how differently men and women write about war. Tuesday saw the best-selling author of *Lionboy*, Louisa Young (aka Zizou Corder), in workshops with Year 7. On Wednesday crime author Michael Wills shows how easy it is to create a story in a group. On Thursday there was a packed debate for A-level students about the future of the book with a leading publisher, a literary agent and a bookseller. And on Friday the Editorial Director of Puffin gave a sneak preview of books that have not yet hit the shelves. All the guest speakers were delighted by how engaged and enthusiastic St Marylebone students are about books and reading! Above are some of those we caught reading during the week...

Katie Owen. English Department

DEBATING NEWS

Year 10 Jack Petchey “Speak Out!” Challenge:

On Tuesday 4th October 24 Year 10 students spent the day honing their speaking skills with speech experts from The Speakers’ Trust as part of the Jack Petchey “Speak Out!” Challenge Workshop encouraging Year 10 students nationally to improve their public-speaking skills. After some introductory icebreakers, the students were soon constructing speeches on a broad range of topics that they were passionate about – from family values to the current trends within online social media. All the participating students spoke eloquently, persuasively and bravely at the end of the day’s activities, and two students, Lauren Ellis (10H) and Megan Wilson (10D), were selected to advance to the Regional Finals on December 1st at St Augustine’s CE High School. Both students competed exceptionally well in front of a judging panel including national broadsheet journalists and MPs, and we were delighted that Lauren Ellis was rewarded for her outstanding speech entitled “Why I should have been born in the 1980s” with the 3rd Place Prize. This placed her third overall out of over 470 students. Well done to all students who participated so wholeheartedly in the workshop and particularly to Lauren Ellis for her standout achievement!

Miss Lyle



Year 7 and 8 Debating Club

Years 7 and 8 have made an excellent start in Debate Club so far. This term we have been focusing on how a debate is structured and how to develop an argument. We have debated some really interesting issues; ranging from the advertising of unhealthy food to the question of secular schools. After some intense competition and some truly excellent audition speeches, six pupils have been selected to form two teams that will represent the school in next February’s Rotary ‘Youth Speaks’ competition. Whilst these pupils prepare for the competition, Debate Club will be continuing to tackle interesting and engaging topics every week. So if you are looking to enter one of the competitions taking place later in the year or simply want to develop your public speaking skills whilst sharing your opinions on a variety of interesting topics, then come along to the library at 12.50pm on Wednesdays.

Mr Taylor, Mr Healy and Miss Criddle

Year 12 Cambridge Schools Debating Competition

On Tuesday 1st November, three Sixth Form teams competed in the First Round of the Cambridge Schools Debating Competition at Francis Holland School. They debated both prepared and surprise motions and all teams were highly commended for their performances. Special congratulates must go to Fatha Begum and Miles Blacket whose excellent performance qualified them for the next round. We wish them all the best in February and will follow their progress with interest!

Miss Coutts

Year 12 English-Speaking Union Schools Mace Competition

On Wednesday 19th November, our Sixth Form team, India Hill and Conor Fitzpatrick, took part in the prestigious Mace competition. After a gruelling debate, in which they proposed the motion 'This house would ban violent computer games', India and Conor were selected to go through to the next round. Congratulations to the team! A special mention must go to India, who was praised as the top speaker by Max Hill QC, Chair of the Criminal Bar. A very impressive performance!

Miss Dempster



Off By Heart Shakespeare

Off By Heart

Back in Activity Week 2011, three Year 8 pupils won the English Department's "Poetry In The Park" competition by learning and performing poems. Their prize was entry in the BBC's *Off By Heart* competition, run in association with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Each student chose a Shakespeare monologue or soliloquy, and used the summer holidays to learn the words, get to know the character, and practise bringing their speech to life. In November 2011, Sara Ahmed, Zara Ali and Chelsea Delpino, now in Year 9, made an anxious journey to BBC Media Centre to participate in the first round of auditions. The BBC was crowded with nervous students from schools across London, and the St Marylebone girls were split into groups and whisked away into workshops with actors from the Royal Shakespeare Company, before performing their monologues before a panel of judges.

Sadly, none of the girls got through to the next round of auditions, but they were praised individually for their enthusiasm, originality of interpretation and evident love of language, and were a real credit to the school.

Year 7 Trip to the Isle of Wight 2011



On Monday 3rd October 138 Year 7 students and 12 teachers set off from Marylebone High Street for a week of adventure activities on the Isle of Wight. The girls (and even some brave teachers!) attempted all sorts of challenges, including the "Leap of Faith", go-karting, zip wire, fencing and the 3G swing! Here is what some of the students thought about the trip:

I loved this amazing experience, every bit of it! One of my favourite parts was just spending time with my friends, and meeting new people. I strongly recommend that everyone in each Year 7 group should go because it was a once in a life time opportunity and it gives you time to meet other pupils and teachers, so it gives you a big boost. You also learn about team work and communication, but above all you just have fun!

Luma Abbas

The Isle of Wight trip was excellent, doing fun activities all day, meeting new friends and learning new skills. I learnt to work better in a team by co-operating; getting involved more and sharing my ideas. All the activities were exciting, yet my favourite was the 3G swing!!! I would most definitely recommend this trip to the new Year 7 students, with all the exciting activities and new experiences. It's a trip that I will never forget!

Angharad Davies



International Evening 2011



Year 7's enthusiasm for International Evening 2011 was infectious from the start. As soon as the concept of the show was explained to girls during form time, they began to chatter in groups and among friends about what kind of piece they could perform. In some forms, it felt like everyone wanted to take part. The auditions confirmed a wealth of talent in different spheres across the year group – singers, musicians, dancers, dramatists and poets all stepped up. The potential was there, but the hard work had to go in before showtime.

In the weeks between the auditions and the performance, Year 7 girls rehearsed relentlessly, learnt their moves, lines and notes and considered the tricky question of what costume to wear to match the culture their piece was representing. The day before the event, they had a good chance to show off to each other in the technical rehearsal. Now it was just a question of performing on the day.

A buzz was in the air on Thursday after school, as parents and students packed into C01 to enjoy the delicious pre-concert international snacks, generously provided by giving parents. Then the action moved to the theatre, the lights went down, and the dazzling programme began: from African Drumming to the Can-Can, from Chinese pop songs to Irish folk, from Aboriginal and Inca creation myths to Egyptian poetry, performers took us on a whistle-stop tour of the cultures of the world, ending with a whole-cast rendition of the American folk song *Blowin' In The Wind* (pictured). The students were delighted, the parents were thrilled, and when the dust had settled, we all had a broader vision of the cultural wealth and diversity of both our school and our planet.



2012 Get Involved



If ever there is going to be a year to get fit and active this is it! The start of 2012 is a very exciting time in London and the PE Department are organising lots of Olympic themed competitions and events to encourage everyone to get involved. We are in the process of selecting our Marylebone Olympic Ambassadors who will help promote events and spread Olympic spirit throughout the school community. They will also be part of the sports day committee and work with all subject areas to make sports day a whole school celebration. Ambassadors will also have the opportunity to attend test events at the Olympic stadium. The first sports event this year is the Inter house Netball competition which will run over two weeks starting on the 9th of January followed by inter house football week beginning 7th February. The Final inter school netball matches will be played this term as well as the following competitions and events:-

3rd February Key stage 3, 4 & 5 Volleyball @
6th February Westminster Netball Finals @ Regents Park
29th February Westminster interschool Swimming Gala @ Queen Mother Sport Centre



St Marylebone are full members of the Get Set Network for the London 2012 Olympic Games. Being part of the Network, this means as a school we will be demonstrating a commitment to instilling the Olympic and Paralympic Values into our school community : respect, friendship, equality, excellence, inspiration, courage and determination. It is also a resource used for the 2012 Games to inspire learners of all ages and abilities to get involved in Values-based projects and activities.

Being part of the network will enable us to link up with other school to celebrate the games and because we are a London school we are guaranteed to receive some of the 50,000 tickets available for the Olympics that take place in August. We will find out exactly what tickets we have in March! Students should register with Get Set to gain access to resources, opportunities and your school blog. Log onto: <http://getset.london2012.com/join-us/register/pupil-registration> the password for St Marylebone is 62345-Griffiths

St Marylebone Sports Day 18th July 2012



This year's sports day will take place at Willesden Athletics track which is a fantastic new facility and will make the event spectacular. We are currently in the process of organising transport for the students to and from the stadium and organising the day itself. All help toward the running and organisation of this event will be gratefully received. If you have contacts in the mini bus / coach hire industry who could give us some competitive/ discounted quotes we would really appreciate your assistance. Parents will be invited to attend the event, full details will be sent home nearer the time.

Results

The sports teams have played in many events and fixtures so far this academic year. The PE department are extremely proud of all the students who have represented the school as they always display excellent sportsmanship as well as conducting themselves a professional manner.



Girls' Basketball

This year we have had two very good Yr 12 coaches helping our students at basketball Club. Lydia and Nathaniel are experienced players who are coaching as part of their Sports Leaders course. At the end of last term the basketball team played their first match against Paddington Academy. The girls played very well to lead at half time. At the beginning of the second half the opposing players clawed their way back into the game. Our girls raised their game, demonstrating excellent dribbling and shooting skills. They went on to win the game 26 – 18. Well done to Laila, Parisa, Aisha, Irisi, Marai, Toni, Joy, Kimi, Marsha, and Nicole.



Boys' Football

The Year 12/13 boys team have been training hard under the leadership of Mr Wood and have got off to a great start. They have won their first two matches 4-1 against Westminster academy & 1-0 against St Augustine's. Man of the match was awarded to Theo Richards (striker) for the first game and Matt Dudek (goalie) for the second. We wish them every success in the coming fixtures.



Girls' Football

Football club has been running all year on a Wednesday after school. The girls have been training hard and have played some friendly matches against Westminster Academy where the Year 7's won 3-0 and the Year 8's won 4-0. They have demonstrated many of the Olympic values including friendship, respect and determination. The Year 7's competed in the Westminster one day tournament and were unbeaten in all their group matches. They got all the way to the final but unfortunately lost cruelly on a penalty shoot out and so finished runners up in the tournament. Maisie Woodford was the superstar of the day picking up the golden boot and the Honesty award! The Year 8's also competed in the Westminster tournament and didn't concede a goal in the whole tournament and went on to win the final, this time winning on penalties! Player of the tournament and captain was Parisa Khanali.



Girls' Cross Country

The St Marylebone Cross Country Team secured 2nd place in the Westminster Cross Country last term. Lola Awoderu finished 3rd overall in the Key Stage 3 competition and Tessa Lloyd finished 5th in the Key Stage 4 sections. Well done to all the students who took part.



Would you like to represent Westminster in the Mini Marathon?

Below are the details for the Westminster Trials

If you are interested, why not start training and join our Running Club
on Monday and Wednesday lunch times

Team Manager contact details: Kim Longbon

Email: klongbon@westminster.gov.uk

Trial date: Sunday 4th March 2012, 9:00am - 12:30pm

Race Location: Paddington Recreation Ground, Randolph Avenue, London W9 1PD. Welcome Desk will be situated track-side

Course Distance: 3 miles

Registration: Pre-registration is not essential, but recommended. Registration forms available on the Westminster City Council website in January.

All participants MUST check in with the Welcome Desk on the day of the race. Here you will receive your race number so that you can be identified. If you have not pre-registered you will be asked to do so here, kindly leave plenty of time for this process.

Registration on the day: 30 minutes before start of individual races

Race Details: All age category races will start separately. Female races will set off first and male races shortly after, some race starts and finishes may overlap. The race will be over flat terrain

Race Start times:

9.30am	Under 13
10.30am	Under 15
11.30am	Under 17

D&T Food Technology

In-House Cooking competition leading to the Rotary Cooking competition



At the end of November the Food Technology Department held a Cookery competition for a select few in Year 8 and 9. The girls had to design a two course healthy meal for £10 with only an hour and half to cook in. This was going to be a challenge for all involved, but the girls went over and beyond what we expected from them. The Year 8 girls set a very high standard on the Monday. Miss Read even commented that she was “only expecting to taste a couple of sandwiches not a two course meal from each girl”.

The Year 9’s came in on the Thursday and really pushed themselves. A few hiccups along the way, Miss Wimberley wasn’t much help at all by giving Bethlehem the wrong end time, and telling Ella that the grill was on and it wasn’t!

The staff then had a very hard decision to make as to which girls to put through. A total of 11 girls cooked and we had to get the number down to 3!! In the end the girls that were put into the final were Rosie McCrum, Alice Dermody-Palmer and Misty Ingham, and going as a stand-by Bethlehem Tadele.

The next step is up against other schools within the Westminster District, which will be happening at the end of January. Between now and then lots of practice will be happening at home and at school. **Good luck girls!**



D&T Product Design/Graphics

The Design Museum London Ventura competition 2011/12

At the end of September Mr Vaja and Mr White selected 5 groups of 4/5 students from year 9-11 to take part in the 2011/12 Design competition run by the excellent Design Museum in Shad Thames and sponsored by Deutsche Bank. This was the opportunity to have a design actually manufactured and sold in the Design Museum shop! Faced against 35 other schools, our students put their thinking caps on as they visited the Museum in mid October. The launch visit was led by women already in the Design profession who gave students the chance to analyse some of the winning products from past years and then their all important design brief: *To design and make a product that would fit*



in the quirky Design Museum Shop to be sold for under £10 with 'Play' as the theme. Whilst the girls started to think about possible designs, they also sat in two more workshop sessions at Blandford Street run by other different professionals in the creative design industry who explained their love for design by showing some of their exciting Product Design and Graphic work. Students had the opportunity to show off their creative talents and pitch their work to each other, which really did impress the professionals.



By the end of November, each group had tirelessly created models of their product and sheets of high quality design work showing everything from first thoughts to where they would spend each penny. Only now, there could only be one winner, so against a solid panel of judges (Dragons Den style) made up of Mr Jordan, Ms Burtenshaw, Mr White, Mr Tao and

Ms Wimberley, each group pitched their idea for victory. The judges commented on such fantastic efforts from all groups and gave praise to the hard work put in, however the winning team with their **A-MAZE-ING** pocket maze puzzle had won a close but sure 1st Place. Our proud winning students in no particular order are Ella White, Lottie Whyman, Karman Law and Laura Gurney.

The **A-MAZE-ING** idea was put through to the final heat against the other 35 London schools and judged by a panel that included design guru Sir Terrence Conran and designer/presenter Naomi Cleaver, however unfortunately this was not our year to take the ultimate win. St Marylebone will be back next year! Well done to all of the girls who participated in this competition, the quality of design work was very high indeed so, keep on creating, designing and making.



An exciting design and enterprise competition for Years 9–11.
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St Marylebone's Olympic Sports Day

Willesden Sports Track
Wednesday 18th July 2012

Entertainer

Torch Bearer

Reporter

Opening Ceremony

Commentator

Team Captain



How will you get involved?
How will you support your house?

