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NEWS ITEMS

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EXAMINATION RESULTS - BEST EVER!

Well done to students and teachers for excellent results this year. 83% of students in year 11 gained at least 5 A*-C grades and 68% gained 5 A*-C grades which included Maths and English. 100% of students who took BTEC and OCR Nationals gained success.

These are the best results ever at Light Hall and shows a continuing trend of improvement. Mr Scutt, the Head teacher, expressed his sincere congratulations to all students and he thanked all staff for their ongoing commitment and hard work in supporting students each year.



ITN FILM SCHOOL DINNERS

ITN came to school this term to see how Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council run their School Meal Service. Filming took place in the canteen and they interviewed the Deputy Head, Mr Barr, about the value of the school meals and the whole school approach towards health and nutrition.

AN ADVENTUROUS TIME!

Over 135 Year 7 students enjoyed a very successful outdoor trip at the start of term. They took part in an overnight camp where they prepared their own food. Activities included the High Ropes, Leap of Faith, Kayaking and Sailing at the Stables Centre in Bromsgrove.

CHARITY AEROBICS

In November, all Year 7 students took part in a charity aerobics exercise to raise money for LEPRO, a charity organisation that aims to combat leprosy around the world. Through fund raising they help to provide medicine to people suffering from the terrible disease. LEPRO representative Julie and fitness instructor Kerry, led 240 students in an half hour routine of steps, leaps and kicks. Even Mr Grant, Mr Summerfield and Miss Chagger joined in! Together, Year 7 raised over £300 which will be used to transform dozens of lives in the developing world. Julie will be returning to Light Hall after half term to hand out certificates and T-shirts to thank those who made the greatest contributions.



BAKING FOR CHARITY

At the open evening in September 14 students baked cookies in front of parents and sold them to raise £61.20 for Childline. Thank you to everyone who helped.

THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE

In July seven of our teachers climbed Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon within 24 hours raising over around £700 for the charities Help for Heroes & Marie Curie Hospice in Solihull. Their next venture is a triathlon - so watch this space!



Two students in Year 7 represented the school when they visited Lady Katherine Leveson CofE Primary School in Balsall Common this term. Hiten Sagadia and John Tracy led the cooking initiative on behalf of the school.

YEAR 7 FILMCLUB

The cinema comes to school every Tuesday for Year 7. This after school club helps students enjoy films with their peers and has proven very popular. They get the chance to review the films on line and request films they want to see. The club runs from 3-4.30pm in the Jill Allport Conference Suite.

**CAREERS CONVENTION**

In October around 30 companies came into school for this year's careers convention for our Y10 and Y11 students. We share this event with Langley School who will host it next year. It was a great success again with many turning out to see representatives from colleges and local industries including the apprenticeship service.

GARDENERS IN THE MAKING

Students from the Year 7 Skills Groups are taking part in gardening activities, linking with a topic on sustainability. Every student in Year 7 will have an opportunity to help in the garden. A group of students are pictured here with Mrs Cole after clearing the Millennium Garden of leaves in preparation for the winter.

REHEMA HOMES

Light Hall School regularly supports and carries out fundraising for Rehema Homes. This organisation is dedicated to the long-term care of abandoned and orphaned children in Africa. Over the summer students raised £2814.41 resulting in a total of £4655.59 over the last 12 months. A special thank you to everyone who has helped towards this very worthy cause.

NAME THAT RECORDING STUDIO!

Next year we shall be launching our recording studio in school as a commercial venture within the community. This will allow local bands to access the facility and record their music.

First we need to give it a name so we are asking everyone to join in and give their suggestions. Get parents and teachers to help you and there is no limit of entries you can submit. The person who comes up with the chosen name will win a £20 gift voucher! On a piece of paper clearly print your full name, tutor group and your suggestion addressed to Mrs Watson. The closing date for entries will be 31st January 2011.

News from Health and Social Care

This half term we have had several visitors. The first was from our long term advisor Vicky Lowry, she came in to discuss how the midwife meets the holistic needs of patients. The year 10 HSC students produced some very informative reports based on this visit. A big thank you to Vicky for coming in and giving up her time for our students, we very much appreciate it.

Our next visitor was Richard Wainwright who is catering services manager at Solihull council. Richard presented an interesting talk to the students about the School Foods Trust, and the importance of offering healthy foods in the canteen. We then linked this to Every Child matters strand of Staying Healthy. Our thanks goes to the Head Cook, Mrs Watkins in the school kitchen for her assistance with the food that was provided.



Our last visitor this term was Lynne Wilkes who is a McTimoney Chiropractor. She discussed with the students what chiropractors do, and demonstrated her skills on Mrs. Watson. She also did a demonstration of acupuncture for pain relief on Miss Harris, much to the student's great pleasure. We would like to thank Lynne and Mrs Watson for giving up their time for our students. If you work in Health, Social Care or Early Years and are willing to share experiences with students then please contact Ms Harris by email: s207pharris@lighthall.solihull.sch.uk



EX STUDENTS CYCLE FOR CHARITY

On 15th September 2011 ex pupils; James Watkins, Mark Lees, Joe Jones and Chris O'Grady will be hitting the road! They will be cycling from the Marie Curie Hospice Solihull to the Eiffel Tower, Paris in just four days! They have set themselves the target of raising a total of £10,000 which will go towards the building of a brand new Marie Curie Hospice in Solihull. To sponsor them go to: www.justgiving.com/solihull2paris. Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure.

LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORTS STUDENTS

A special thank you to local companies who kindly support some of our students by providing them with a work placement on a weekly basis. Light Hall Pre-School at the Layca Centre, Little Robins Day Nursery in Hall Green and Red Kite Cycles, in Shirley all provide this invaluable support. Students go to these work placements as an employee for one day a week throughout the year giving them an opportunity to develop their skills and abilities.

BUSINESS TRIPS

Business and Enterprise students visited the Birmingham Science Museum 'Think Tank'. Students visited areas showing the past, present and future. They had a workshop on making their own animation and watched a 3D dinosaurs video. Also, in June students visited



Cadbury's. They were treated to a talk on Marketing, including the history of the company and the recent take over by KRAFT. Everyone had a fantastic time.

ADULT LEARNING

An extensive programme is well under way for adults at Light Hall School. We have classes in Calligraphy, Stained Glass & Mosaic, Spanish, Art, Cake Decorating, Wine Appreciation, Woodwork and Patchwork and Quilting. To join please call and speak to Mrs Watson or visit the community section of the website for an enrolment form.



SPORTS REPORTS

Athletics

Over the first three weeks of term we have had a high attendance at Cross-Country with students competing at Lyndon and St Peters school, with particular successes of Jack Sturdy and Sam Smith who finished 5th and 8th respectively in the second race.

Football

Light Hall has already seen a positive start to the football season with the Year 9, 10 and 11 teams successfully through in their respective competitions. Year 11 Football team are still in all three cups and have had a very successful start to the year. The Year 10 Football team have again had a positive start to the year reaching the third round in both of their respective cup competitions.

Examination Groups

The new academic year has seen the introduction of both the GCSE Physical Education and BTEC Dance courses with initial impressions that it should be a very positive two years.

Duke of Edinburgh

The new cohort (Year 10) will have the opportunity to apply to join the course over the next three weeks. The course will also this year include different team building activities to supplement what has been put in place over the last four years.

SSCO (School Sports Co-ordinator) Funded Clubs

There has been an extension of the number of clubs offered through the SSCO partnership, with the introduction of Rugby, Badminton, Cheer leading and the imminent arrival of a Martial Arts Club.

Netball

Netball club has started with high numbers and hopefully will continue as teams take part in the up and coming school

KICKBOXING CHAMP!

Light Hall's Megan Mingle picked up a gold medal at the ISKA World Kickboxing Championships recently. Megan who is in Year 7 trains regularly at the Combat Sports Centre in Acocks Green. Well done Megan and congratulations!



CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Come and join in the Christmas festivities at our Christmas Concert on 9th December at 7pm. You will get a chance to win at the raffle and refreshments will be served during the interval. Tickets are £5 for adults, £3 for children and £15 for a family. All proceeds go to Shirley Christmas Lights.



VIVA ESPANA!

Two classes in Year 8 are taking part in an e-twinning project with two classes of Year 8s in Caceres, Spain. So far they all have a pen friend and will be sending over power points, photos and videos later in the year. We have a calendar of 6 topics to cover over the year.

2010 - 2011 TERM DATES

TERM ENDS

Friday 17 December

HALF TERM

Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June

SPRING TERM 2011

TERM STARTS

Wednesday 5 January

TERM ENDS

Friday 22 July

STAFF TRAINING DAYS

Tuesday 4 January 2011
Friday 8 April

HALF TERM

Monday 21 February - Friday 25 February

Additional Closure

Friday 18 February

TERM ENDS

Thursday 7 April

May Bank Holiday

Monday 2 May

SUMMER TERM 2011

TERM STARTS

Tuesday 26 April

