

THE JOHN ROAN NEWS

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AND A WHOLE LOT MORE**



'GOODBYE' FROM THE CLASS OF 2016

Where do we start, class of 2016? It has been a long, emotional yet enjoyable ride. Throughout the past five years we have learnt from each other and grown into mature (well, some of us), strong individuals. It's crazy to think that our time has come to an end. Sad though this may be, we will be taking away memories, lifelong friendships and important life lessons as we proceed onto the next chapter of our lives.

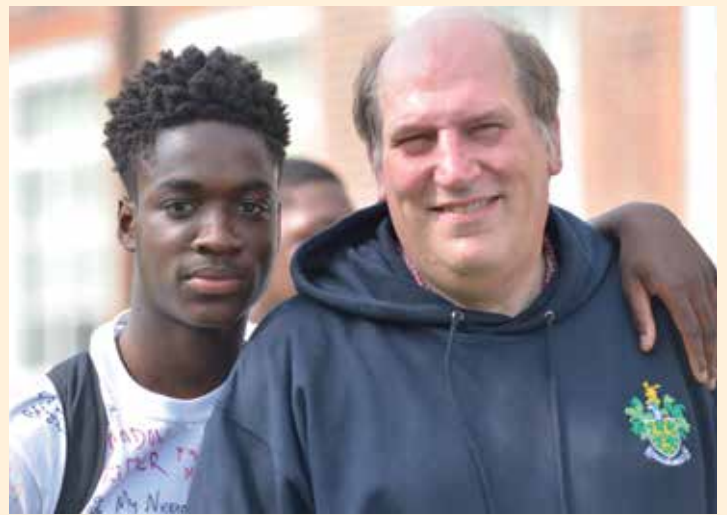
As a year group we have never been ones to stay quiet or go unspoken or indeed unspoken about! We are a year group full of talented, passionate and colourful personalities and each and every one of us has participated towards making the 'Class of 2016' a year group to remember.

Over the past years we have been through and experienced so much together. John Roan has offered us amazing opportunities: 4 fun filled Braithwaite trips, water sports, and skiing trips abroad – as well as countless opportunities in London. We moved into fantastic new buildings, and have benefitted enormously from being educated in our peers cultures and traits – something we wouldn't have been offered elsewhere. John Roan is unique.

A big thanks to the senior staff that ensured a smooth run over the duration of our time at the school. A further thanks to Mr Sayers as without him, who would have tamed all these students that are so full of life? Who would be there to strengthen us as a year group? There's no other office that welcomes you with open arms and makes you feel at home. Despite your late arrival, thank you Mr Merridan – for your jokes, (that really need working on), and for lending an ear and always listening to what we have to say and freely giving good advice, even though it was not always taken!

Class of 2016, we wish you all successful, bright futures. For those we won't be seeing in the Sixth Form next year (and such are our positive feelings for John Roan that most of us will be back in September), good luck. We wish you all the best!

Naima Corbin 11JO and Dounia Mennani 11AC



YEAR 7 TRIP TO BRAITHWAITE!

Our Year 7 trip to Braithwaite was so much fun. We did loads of great activities such as ghyll scrambling, which was amazing as we got to slide down rocks like they were water slides. It was a great experience! Our other favourite activities were the high ropes and wall climbing, but it was a bit scary as we went so high. We went canoeing which was great fun and very wet and also played mini golf and went swimming.

The Lake District is beautiful and one day we walked around Lake Buttermere. Fortunately, it was quite warm and it hardly rained so we were very lucky. We also went to Keswick where we ate crepes which were soooooo yummy!

All the activities involved us being in groups and generally having loads of fun. The experience at Braithwaite was really awesome; we would definitely recommend it!

The journey home went so quickly because everyone was talking even though it was actually was 7 hours long!

Lucy Skinner and Celia Meredith 7AG
Thomas Austin-Lynn and Jack Longland 7EW



GARRY PARSONS VISIT

On Thursday 12th May well-known children's illustrator Garry Parsons visited the school. Garry has illustrated popular books such as 'The Dinosaur that Pooped', 'A Planet' and 'Secret FC', as well as working on advertising campaigns for companies such as Specsavers.

Throughout the day workshops were held in the library with students who have been creating their own picture book during their library lessons. Garry talked about his career as an illustrator and showed us some examples of his work, as well as giving us a sneak peek at his new book. He offered many useful tips about drawing and showing us that with the right inspiration anyone can draw.

Throughout the day some amazing pieces of work were produced, and we are looking forward to seeing the completed picture books we all created.



OVERCOMING BARRIERS IN PE

The John Roan inclusive BMX club has been a roaring success this term. The school gained some funding through an 'access to sport' grant which funded 6 free BMX coaching sessions. The results have been astounding and quite inspirational.



All of our students overcame some personal challenges and developed a range of the Roan Ready requisites-particularly their tenacity and collaborative abilities. The students involved were:

Dylan Jones, Marsha Ashworth, Connor Reed-Davies, Natalie Lok, Jaida Fitzgerald, Felix Onyeneke, Cairo Ali, Kieran Bayes.

Kieran developed a great deal of confidence over the sessions and Marsha and Adam proved themselves to be fearless.

We were delighted to learn that Dylan, Connor and Natalie qualified to perform in the London Youth Games BMX inclusion team. All three students had the opportunity to perform at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Dylan: It was so much fun. I was really proud to perform at the Olympic park and I am loving BMX'ing now. I plan to go on Saturdays and will hopefully get more opportunities next year.

We were very pleased to hear that the project will be featured in a national magazine that highlights good practice in PE and that our funders have decided to repeat the project next year. Big thanks go to Ms McCauley and Mr Soane for making this wonderful experience happen.



'GOODBYE' FROM YEAR 13

This summer marks the end of school entirely for Year 13 – a prospect that is both exciting and terrifying. Many of us have been at John Roan for seven years, some of us for two, and a couple for eight! After June, there will be no more lessons, no more school dinners, and no more homework.

And thus the interrogation begins! Now is a time when the adults in our lives are constantly asking us to explain exactly how we intend the rest of our lives to pan out. What are your plans for next year? What career prospects will that give you? Where will you be this time in three, four, five years? What is 'your vision?'

Sometimes these questions seem tired and repetitive, and often we don't know how to respond. Generally, however, the people asking us these things are people we should be really thankful to. Be it someone that has gone the extra mile to ensure you feel supported and important, or an individual you have worked hard to prove wrong. So thank you to all the teachers and staff who have helped us through both A-levels and teenagehood. Your generosity with your time and care is unparalleled.

A lot can happen in a year at John Roan, let alone seven. Many of us have grown up together from years at the old Westcombe Park site, devoid of windows or functioning doorways, to worrying about our lunch passes at Royal Hill, to the times now we spend cramming for exams and stressing over coursework in the wonderful new buildings. The adventures outside the classroom have also been numerous. Many of us have been lucky enough to experience some of the amazing trips available, from Braithwaite to CERN to Skiing and Watersports. The memories made both inside and outside the school walls, are countless and lasting.

Somehow we made it to the end of our time at John Roan relatively unscathed. And now the questions come in full force. Ultimately, however, the idea that we are in a position to start coming up with the answers is, in itself, an exciting prospect and testament to the school. We are now old enough to start making our own decisions and forming our own judgements. I hope the world is prepared for the group of bright, strong individuals about to take it by storm. Look anxiously at the exciting future that is ahead of us, but also remember to look fondly at the past years we have spent in each other's company at the sometimes chaotic yet always lovable John Roan.

At the end of the day, I like to think that part of the joy of being eighteen and fresh out of secondary school is that we don't have to have it all figured out quite yet. 'Our vision' is entirely adaptable at this point, and is likely to change time and time again. And as long as we stay humble and kind, it's okay not knowing. Good luck in your exams, and for all the amazing things ahead.

Susannah Cooper (Year 13)

POST 16 LEAVERS LUNCH



AIR LEAGUE

Boeing are celebrating their 100 year anniversary and have invited students to take part in a flying experience with the opportunity to gain a pilot's licence. Pilot, Nick Garland visited the school to discuss opportunities prior to the experience at Dunstable Airfield.



YEAR 8 BRAITHWAITE TRIP - A GREAT SUCCESS!!

In the week beginning 6th June, a total of 26 Year 8 students and 4 members of staff made the long journey to the Lake District to take part in an action packed schedule. Canoeing was great fun. Of course everyone worries about capsizing, but only one actually did. No names mentioned, but the canoe had a teacher in it!!

Other activities included rock climbing, ghyll scrambling and high ropes. On the last night we had a great meal in The Coledale Inn. We all got dressed up and had a fantastic time. Thank you to all the staff that made sure we had fun, especially Ms Melly.



ICE-SKATING REWARD TRIP

On Thursday 14th April, 60 Year 8 students went to Streatham ice skating rink as a reward for excellent attendance and behaviour. Everyone had a great time, even Ms Starbuck who had never skated before!! A very enjoyable evening.

UKMT JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Pupils in Years 7 and 8 achieved 1 gold, 4 silvers and 20 bronzes in this year's event. Over 250,000 pupils from across the UK sat the Junior Maths Challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze.

Best in school - James Keating (Yr 8)

Best in Year - James Keating

Best in Year - Paradise Farr (Yr 7)

Gold - James Keating

Silver - Ruby Cracknell-Wright, Tobi Aiyesimoju, Paradise Farr, Adam Tolfree

Bronze - Rebecca Leigh, Iuliana Nistor, Oliver Farmer, Otto Warwick-Insoll, Oliver Dudley, Chloe Tu, Arnav Nyaupane, Arthur England, Gabriel Cadogan, Louis Tebbutt, Kalea Moore, Anastasia Wilmott, Daniel Juarros, Alex Wakefield, Thomas Austin-Lynn, Saul Walker, George Stepan, Florjan Toro, Erta Kupa, Minh Bui

Approximately 6,500 of the top students are invited to sit a follow-on competition, the Junior Mathematical Olympiad or Kangaroo. We are really proud to announce that James Keating was successful in reaching the Junior Kangaroo stage and wish him luck in the challenge.

Have a go at the sample Junior Maths Challenge question and Junior Kangaroo question.

JMC- In a group of 48 children, the ratio of boys to girls is 3:5. How many boys must join the group to make the ratio of boys to girls 5:3?

A. 48 B. 40 C. 32 D. 24 E. 8

JK - From noon until midnight, Clever Cat sleeps under the oak tree and from midnight until noon he is awake telling stories. A poster on the tree above him says "Two hours ago, Clever Cat was doing the same thing as he will be doing in one hour's time". For how many hours a day does the poster tell the truth?

A. 3 B. 6 C. 12 D. 18 E. 21



DAVE RUDDEN VISIT



On Wednesday 13th April Maze Hill was visited by up and coming children's author Dave Rudden who came to talk to students about his debut novel 'Knights of the Borrowed Dark'.

Mr Rudden gave an intriguing talk about his writing career, read extracts from his newly published book and gave the students valuable writing tips for creative writing, as well as discussing his love of crisps. After the talk, there was a question and answer session that gave the students insight into Mr Rudden's life, and his struggles and triumphs on his journey to becoming a fulltime writer.

It was a fun session for everyone involved and we are looking forward to reading other books from Dave Rudden in the future.

YEAR 7S DAY AT THE MUSEUM OF LONDON

On Tuesday 14th March 2016 my History class went on a wonderful school trip to the Museum of London. First, we did a workshop where we looked at some remains from the Tudor times. We had to guess what these objects were and what they were used for. This was a good activity because we were having fun and also learning a lot. Secondly, we did an acting session on King Henry VIII. The class were all different members of his court. We had to help Henry VIII decide whether he should divorce Catherine of Aragon or not. This was a great experience because we learnt about what they had to wear and the appropriate etiquette at Court.

At the end of the trip Miss Tutt gave us all a word. We then had to move around the Museum finding facts about this word. Finally, we had to report what we had found out about this word to Miss Tutt and the class.

I think everybody really enjoyed the trip. It was exciting, fun and very interesting. I would recommend this trip to anyone and I would give it a 10/10. I look forward to going on more school trips like this again in the future.

Millie Curtis



YEAR 7 AND 8 REWARDS TRIP TO CHESSINGTON WORLD OF ADVENTURES



On Tuesday 21st June, 90 Year 7 and 8 students went to Chessington as a reward for being nominated 'Tutee of the month'. The weather was lovely and everyone had a fantastic time. Students went on lots of rides, including the well known ones such as 'Vampire' and 'The Bubble Works'. A great time was had by all.

DIVERSITY BREAKFAST

Post 16 students celebrated British values and cultural diversity with a special assembly and breakfast from around the world, provided by our fantastic catering team.



YEAR 8 - FEMALES IN TECHNOLOGY

On Tuesday 12th April, 25 Year 8 students took part in a two hour workshop which aimed to raise aspirations of high achieving females and encourage girls to look at the possible high profile careers that are available to them. The workshop focused on the skills and qualities needed to enter a career in the City. The session was delivered by two highly successful business executives from a London law firm. Students took part in a number of interactive activities, including a trading game which involved them buying and selling stocks and shares. Well done to everyone who took part.



GENEVA / CERN 2016

Following last year's successful trip to Geneva to visit CERN, this year's trip will take in even more that Geneva has to offer. Departing from school at 3am (yes really!) on Friday 1st July, 17 Year 11 and 12 students will fly to Geneva from Gatwick. Under the watchful eyes of Mr Kinch and Ms Dale, from the science department, they will be visiting the UN, the Red Cross museum and a chocolate factory as well as spending half a day in CERN, officially the coolest place on Earth (we will let you know if this is true in the next edition of JR News). After a walking tour of Old Geneva we will be back on Sunday 3rd July exhausted, no doubt, but hopefully full of tales about this amazing cultural and scientific trip.

THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2016: 'INSPIRE FLORIDA' PROJECT

Congratulations to Post-16 students Zack Eliis, Favour Ola, Toby Warwick-Insoll and Zac Roubians for getting through to the final stage of the 'Inspire Florida' Project.

The 'Inspire' Project is a fully funded trip to Florida organised by the Transformation Trust. Students will experience first-hand the American Presidential Election campaign. If successful (and we will know by the end of term) the students will be campaign interns for two weeks leading up to Election day, having the chance to work with both Hillary Clinton's Democratic campaign as well for Republican nominee Donald Trump. Their roles will include attending rallies, canvassing and attempting to persuade the American electorate to vote in an historical election.

This is clearly an amazing opportunity, and as you might expect we faced strong competition from the 500 schools that applied. The competition involved a gruelling application process. As well as each student having to submit a 1500 word essay they also had to create 3 videos each. The first two videos set out their future career aspirations as well as the biggest challenges they expect to face in Florida. The final video allowed them to be extra creative, presenting to the judging panel their ideal presidential tickets. Then the group had to create a video on an Executive Order they would like to pass if they were President. The 'John Roan Four' chose: 'The right for death row prisoners to choose how they wish to die, whether by lethal injection, electrocution, firing squad or even hanging.' After 4 essays and 14 videos the John Roan was informed that they had beaten 488 schools to reach the final 12 of the competition!

The final itself involved both a formal interview and a group presentation to explain a local campaign we would run.

Zack, Favour, Toby, and Zac decided to focus on the forced academisation of schools by the current Conservative government and what a local response might look like. The presentation had to cover the specifics of the campaign from branding to measuring success. When it came to their speeches, all 4 were both compelling and eloquent in their opposition to academies. In the unexpected Q and A session that followed, 'Team John Roan' continued to shine and obviously impressed the judging panel.

Zack, Favour, Toby and Zac have done an amazing job throughout this competition, despite having to prepare for their AS exams. We are enormously proud of their efforts. Here's hoping that later this year we will all be off to the 'Sunshine State' to represent the John Roan in the US Presidential Election.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

After many weeks of training, we finally set off for our expedition on 10th June. We were all nervous but excited to be completing the walk over the next two days. When we set off, we were full of energy, singing and having a good time, but after a while, it died down. The journey was filled with wonderful scenery, cute creatures and great weather. After getting stung many times, we finally arrived at the camp and were able to take off our heavy rucksacks and relax for the rest of the evening, while cooking our food and putting the tents up. Although we wanted to stay by the fire and play Frisbee in the dark, we needed to go to bed for our beauty sleep for the next day. The next morning, after making our breakfast and packing our bags, we set off on our journey back to Knockholt station. Overall, we had an amazing experience! Thanks to Mr Soane and the rest of the teachers for organising the trip and coming along!

Klaudia Bushi, Saffron Coyne, Gracie Crawford Miller



FASHION AND TEXTILES



The photographs above show examples of our fantastic GCSE Textile Technology coursework garments. Students constructed garments which showed a variety of skills and techniques as well as creativity.

WOMEN'S F.A CUP FINAL 2016

Thirty eight Year 7 and 8 girls had an inspirational day at Wembley watching the Women's FA Cup Final on the 14th May. It was an exciting match between Chelsea and Arsenal with Arsenal winning 1-0.

Wouldn't it be fantastic to see one of our own girls playing at Wembley? Hopefully, one day!



CATERING NEWS

Here at The John Roan we have put a great deal of time, effort and hard work into creating seasonal, value for money menus, whilst promoting healthy food choices to our students and staff.



Our In House Catering team offers a variety of healthy and nutritious meals; freshly baked homemade bread, soup of the day, and a selection of salads are our latest additions to the Daily menu.

The 'Meal Deal' changes daily and offers a balanced two course meal for £1.80, consisting of either a main meal and dessert or a main meal and drink. A variety of healthy drinks are on offer, with fresh drinking water readily available.

Our offers for everyone this term have included attractive and healthy breakfast choices ranging from a selection of smoothies, granola parfait, cereal, fruity yoghurts and fresh fruit.

Our menus are on a three week cycle and are available to view on the school's website.

For more information please contact Ms Hristova our Catering Manager.



GROW WILD PROJECT



When we heard from Mr Townsend that we were participating in 'Grow Wild' we all got our green fingers at the ready. We started by fetching forks, shovels and rakes from the storage room, eager to get out there. Our designated digging plot was located in front of the DT/ Art Block facing the road. 'Grow Wild' provided us with a couple of boxes of seeds. Which turned out to be common knapweed, cornflower, corn chamomile, corn cockle, corn marigold, meadow buttercup, red campion, oxeye daisy, hedge bedstraw, viper's bugloss, yarrow and ribwort plantain.

We had to dig the grass up to get a nice even surface for the seeds to grow and it took us a couple of lessons to get a consistent surface but with the help of the Year 8s we had done it in no time! Each packet of seeds covered up to two square metres.

Overall, we had a great time participating in this project and cannot wait to see the results.

Sterling Chandler

COMPETITION WINNERS

Our Post 16 students won the graphics section of a national competition sponsored by The Henry George Foundation for designing a 'Monopoly Board with London Boroughs'.



TRIGONOMETRY IN THE PARK

On Friday 20th May, Mr Pathak organised a practical Maths lesson trip to Greenwich Park. Who knew that you could do trigonometry in the park and have such fun.

We started by building our own clinometers in class to measure angles and then split up into teams using them and our knowledge of trigonometry to measure heights of tall objects: trees, statues etc.

It was great working outside the classroom, whilst improving our maths skills. We have also begun to understand how we can apply the skills we have learnt in the real world.

Tiegan Hawkins



KENT COUNTY TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

John Roan students represented Cambridge Harriers at the Kent County championships at The Julie Rose Stadium.

Madelaine Cooper started with a bronze medal and PB in the Under 17 Women's 300m Hurdles. Followed by Matthew Francis in the Under 15 boys 1500m, which he won, leading from the start.

First in the field was Jaratta Adams in the under 17 Women's shot putt, winning a silver with a PB in addition to a bronze in the discus with a PB. Eddie Brown won the silver medal in the Under 15 Boys Javelin with a PB. Kareem Waite ran a PB in the final of the Under 15 Boys 100m and finished 6th.

Mary Schouvaloff ran a PB in the Under 15 Girls 200m and finished 6th. Kareem and Mary also ran the 200m and 100m respectively. Kareem finished 5th with a PB and Mary also won the silver in the 100m final. Reece Miles had an excellent run in the Under 17 Men's 800m heat with a PB, missing a place in the final by 1 second, in a highly competitive field of athletes.

Well done to Matthew and Madelaine who have been selected to represent Kent for their events in the inter counties matches.

LONDON SCHOOLS TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

On 11th June myself and 5 other students were selected to represent Greenwich at the London Schools Championships. The day was successful for each and every one of us.

Eddie Brown in Year 8 came 2nd in the Junior Boys Javelin. Mathew Francis in Year 9 had a phenomenal performance and placed 1st in the junior boys 1500m. Reece Miles placed 1st in the inter boys 800m with an astonishing time.

Despite having to do Duke of Edinburgh the night before, Madeline Cooper came 3rd in the inter girls 300m hurdles. Kareem did a great job in his 100m which was filled with talented fast young boys.

I was lucky enough to get a podium finish in 3 events: 1st in hammer throw, 2nd in discus and 2nd in inter girls relay.

Jaratta Adams

THE DON McMATH FOUNDATION

The Don McMath Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation whose mission is to provide free education to some of the most disadvantaged children in The Gambia.

Gambia is one of the poorest nations in the world, ranking 172nd out of 187 countries in the United Nations Development Programme's human development index. Poverty is widespread, pervasive and predominantly rural. Only 40% of over 15 year olds are able to read and write.

Post 16 students have raised £570 through cake sales, staff versus student football matches and a used book sale; enough money to educate nine students for one year.

We will continue to support the charity to support these students throughout their education.

Over the Christmas holidays Ms Ward, Assistant Headteacher visited the school in Gambia and presented a cheque to Mr Jeng the Headteacher.



POST 16 FASHION AND TEXTILES COURSEWORK



ACTIVKIDZ

Last year we ran HSLA (Higher Sports Leadership Award) whereby our Sixth Form students were volunteering and running after school clubs for local Primary schools based in Greenwich. The students and I enjoyed the various events and activities we were involved in, including Charlton Park Academy's Sports Day.

As a result, due to our collaboration with ActivKidz (who ran the activities and events we helped with) three of our students have now become fully employed members of staff for ActivKidz. Vanessa Nkentsha, Jordan Winters and Arlinda Hoti have got themselves paid work from the ActivKidz company. The 3 students are now totally responsible for running after school clubs as well as running holiday clubs during the school holidays. Vanessa, Jordan and Arlinda have all been given their own resources and equipment which they need to take care of and bring with them during their after school sessions. I am so proud of their achievements, their level of commitment, responsibility and maturity. Well done to you three. Keep up the good work in our local community!



POST 16 VISIT BRAITHWAITE

On 20th June, eighteen 6th formers left a very rainy London for the rolling fells of Braithwaite. After hours of travelling, we arrived at the camp to surprisingly good weather. We split up into two groups – one was headed by Mr Thomas and set off to watch football and the more adventurous of us climbed up Latrigg fell, to watch the sunset. We were all tired and slept soundly that night.

On the second day, we completed a high ropes course that didn't go as smoothly as we had hoped. As if the Go Ape course wasn't getting our hearts racing already, we climbed up the second fell of the week. The views at the top were truly breathtaking. After dinner, we went to Buttermere lake for a little paddle.

On Wednesday we spent a few hours in a paintballing range and came back to camp nursing bruises. Dinner that night was fish and chips by Derwent Water, which had a beautiful view and provided excellent stones for skimming. On Thursday we split into groups again for mountain biking and shopping in Keswick. Mountain biking was certainly eventful, involving some difficult uphill slopes and tight twisting turns, and shopping in town was definitely enjoyable.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Mr Williams and Mr Thomas for making this trip such an excellent one. Without them we wouldn't have had such a brilliant time away – you guys are fantastic!



ORNC READING TRIP

To celebrate 'National Share a Story Month', 7R3 visited the Painted Hall at the Old Royal Naval College for their library lesson. After exploring the Discover Greenwich visitor centre, students spent time reading in the amazing surroundings of the Painted Hall to experience 'reading in an unusual place', which was the theme this year.

Hopefully this will be the first of many library lessons in unusual places.



YEAR 8 - HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS TRAINING

On 13th and 14th April, twenty five Year 8 students took part in a two day workshop delivered by 'Tender' as part of the London Council's Consortium Project. The two day course aimed to give students an understanding of healthy relationships and to develop skills which would allow them to support others as peer mentors.

The session was interactive and involved the students taking part in role plays and required the young people to analyse the impact that relationships have on a person's emotional well-being.

Well done to those students who took part.

JUDE AYLING – A YEAR 8 STAR

Jude continues to make the John Roan School very proud of his sporting achievements. Jude has recently been invited by the GB men's ice hockey team to attend an elite training and development camp in summer. This is in addition to Jude being chosen to be part of the GB men's roller hockey team, as well as having been selected for the youth team as a goalie. This will mean taking part in international competitions.

Fantastic news and well deserved for his dedicated hard work and training. To recognise this astounding achievement, Jude was also nominated for a Jack Petchey award.



SPORTING SUCCESS AT THE LONDON YOUTH PARAGAMES

Luke Wan 8SK was part of a Royal Greenwich swim team who won silver at the London Youth ParaGames on 8th June.

The games took place at Beckenham Spa, with the Royal Greenwich swimmers competing against teams from 17 other boroughs.

The team trains at the Eltham Centre every Friday under head coach, Gill Beager.

Congratulations to Luke on his swimming success.

THE ROMAN AND BRITISH EMPIRES

Earlier this year, a group of Year 8 students visited not one, but two museums in London to investigate the impact of empires throughout history. Our day began at the Museum of London, where we used satellite photographs and maps to discover the changing shape and size of Londinium – the earliest days of the city we know as London, under the control of the Romans. There were a lot of surprised faces as we toured the Roman Gallery and discovered just how sophisticated aspects of life in Roman London was, despite being so long ago!

We then travelled across London to the Museum of London Docklands, changing our focus to the impact of the British Empire across the world during the 18th and 19th Centuries. Sailor Town was a highlight, as we explored a reconstructed port town, looking at the life of workers during the boom of the Industrial Revolution, and the many ways that immigrants from the colonies enhance the cultural landscape of London today.

PERSONAL SAFETY IN PE

It has been fantastic to welcome David, a local Taekwondo teacher, to The John Roan school this term. He taught a range of self-defence techniques that students found both useful and entertaining to learn. We had 45 Year 7 female students participating in the programme and 20 Year 9 students. Feedback after all three sessions was of a very positive nature and the progress demonstrated by our students was very impressive.

Jessie 9AS said: "It is been really fun learning something new. I think we now have better self-defense skills which could come in useful in the future."



JACK PETCHEY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2015/16

Once again the school has successfully run the Jack Petchey (now Sir Jack Petchey) Achievement Awards. Nine students won a certificate, medal, badge and £200 to spend on a project in school.



The winners were:

September – Cecilia Spencer Fiering (11AC)

October – Lee Fryer (10ED)

November – Holly Thompson (13JO)

January – Chris Kamara (11JO)

February – Chad Ndebele (13MS)

March – Jude Ayling (8SK)

April – Pavel Smith (9NT)

May – Rachel White (11JO)

June – Irfan Rafiq (11SB)

Students win the award because they have excelled in some aspect of their school life, often overcoming challenges which they have faced. The money is spent in various ways – this year 250 'Class of 2016' stress balls were purchased by one student, while another ran a rainbow cake stall at the Carnival.

Our picture of the awards ceremony in the O2 also shows Mr Trearty receiving the Leader's Award. Nominated by the staff and Year 11 students, Mr Trearty won the award for bringing in innovative and cutting edge drama to the school.

The scheme will run for another year, so there will be nine more winners!

NETBALL NEWS

The Year 7 team have played three more league matches, firstly against St Pauls Academy. That was our trickiest match. They're a very advanced team, so it was a real challenge and both teams played really well.

The next fixture was against Eltham Hill and we started the game really well, but they put up a good fight, with both teams scoring many goals in this high scoring match. We used our new centre pass moves and the next time we play we'll apply these more effectively.

Finally we played St Thomas More, we played well, but due to a couple of injuries the match ended in a loss.

Overall we have had a successful season and every game was a challenge. We all had fun and it has been a good experience playing in the school team. We all picked up some tips along the way and are looking forward to meeting other schools next year.

Poppy Trevithick and Titiana Varca 7AG

The Year 8 netball team have recently taken part in a borough tournament at St Pauls Academy. It was a very challenging but fun competition. Our team came 4th in the borough and played really well improving our skills in netball.

The team played Eltham Hill away and then we played St Pauls Academy at home. It was great to have a home match as more people watched and cheered us on. We have also played against St Thomas More, which was a close match even though we were a player down.

Jasmine Kennett Brown 8BD

On Monday 9th May, the Year 10 netball team played an away game against St Thomas More. The team played extremely well, gaining a lead in the first quarter. As the game progressed, however, St Thomas More picked up their game, so we had an exciting finish. The game ended 9-8 to John Roan.

A special thanks goes to Maddie Skinner, who played in the match, despite being in Year 9 and Ms Mann, who organised and umpired the match as well as supported us.

Ruby Pogson Jones 10DG

JOHN ROAN LOTTERY WINNERS

April Draw

The latest lottery winners are : 1st Prize Suzanne Meredith (139), 2nd Prize Elizabeth Gardiner (100)

LONG LANE U14 GIRLS CHAMPIONS

I was nervous before the game because I knew it was going to be a hard game for both of the teams. I proudly led my team out as the captain and then we started to play. I made an amazing save in the first half to keep my team in the game. When we started the second half, I came out to save a shot that was fired at me. At full time it was 0-0 so it went into extra time. It was still 0-0 when we finished the first half of extra time. In the second half of extra time, there were 2 minutes left when one of our players passed through to the striker. The striker went on to score the winning goal for Long Lane, then the whistle blew!

When the whistle blew, everyone from Long Lane ran on the pitch. We had won the treble for the 4th year without losing a game.

Chloe Wretham Year 8

Long Lane U14 girls League cup winners



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GREENWICH SCHOOL TRIALS

The Greenwich Schools Athletics Trials is an event for students to gain selection for the Greenwich Schools' Team at the London Schools' Track and Field Championships. We had 12 athletes representing the school across the Junior (Years 8 & 9) and Inter (Years 10 & 11) age groups. It wasn't the best evening in terms of the weather, with several heavy rain showers throughout making conditions difficult for the students.

Here are the results:

Junior Girls

Mary Schoualoff 1st 100m

Junior Boys

Eddie Brown 1st Javelin

Kareem Waite 3rd 100m

Solano Binns 4th 100m

Matthew Francis 1st 1500m

Louie Cooper 3rd Long Jump

Pavel Smith 2nd 800m

Inter Girls

Madelaine Cooper 1st 80m Hurdles & 2nd 200m

Dizolele Neto 4th 100m

Anjola Adelaja 5th 100m

Jaratta Adams 1st Discus & 2nd Shot Putt

Inter Boys

Reece Miles 1st 800m

Well done to Madelaine, Jaratta, Mary, Reece, Kareem, Matthew & Eddie who all gained selection for the Greenwich team at the London Schools Championships.



STUDENTS REFEREE LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The John Roan was asked to help officiate a local Football League, involving a total of 25 Primary schools, a number of which are our feeder Primary schools; including Invicta, Halstow and James Wolfe.

Since January 2016, six Year 10 students have had the responsibility of officiating matches on Thursdays and Fridays from 4-5pm. Matthew May, Anthony Hart, Joe-Axel Kayembe, Michael Buzugbe, Tevis Mwanza and Youenn Lefeuve were the boys chosen to officiate the Primary School Football League; this included time keeping, tracking scores and results as well as dealing with any on or off-the-pitch issues.

These boys are an absolute credit to the school. Not only have they been turning up voluntarily, they have been punctual, responsible and mature. I am so proud of their hard work, especially as it lasted 6 months! They have attended during the most adverse weather conditions, without moaning or causing any issues.

As a reward for their hard work, they will attend a Referee Officiating course. I hope the boys have enjoyed officiating as much as I have enjoyed seeing them grow, become more independent, and develop with this new responsibility.

Fantastic work boys – well done!



KAYAKING

With the start of summer comes the annual 2-day GCSE PE kayaking course at Southmere boating lake in Thamesmead. In the last 10 years Southmere lake has been cleaned up, kayakers no longer have to avoid the shopping trolleys and dumped cars! In fact, it's now a really pleasant place to be.

The staff and instructors were welcoming as usual, and after a short introductory talk the twelve pupils were ready for action. Once everyone was in the water the pupils were taught numerous kayaking techniques which they practised in preparation for their assessment on the second afternoon.

One technique that had not been taught, but for some reason was being practised constantly, was capsizing. Rasel Miah not only gained a Kayaking grade for the 2-day experience but a swimming grade as well. Maybe someone should have explained that staying in the Kayak was the idea!

By the time everyone was assessed, the standard had dramatically improved, with everyone gaining good grades. These grades will now contribute to 25% of each pupil's practical mark.

These school trips play an integral part of school life, not only academically, but also because of the personal and social benefits. All involved were a credit to themselves and to the school and I thoroughly enjoyed the 2-day course.

Finally, a big well done - some great grades gained and a very pleasant trip.



THE JOHN ROAN PARKOUR MOVEMENT

Students have been attending parkour sessions after school this term. Parkour is a sport that includes running, climbing, swinging, vaulting, jumping, rolling and other movements deemed suitable for the school environment. Our students have been working with parkour instructors exploring different methods of travel in fluid movements. Many of our students now also attend the weekend sessions outside of school. Please ask your PE teacher for further information.

Juan 9JH: "I go to parkour club every week after school and on weekends too and I love it. I help some of the other students that are newer to parkour. It's really good for your strength and overall fitness".

