

# NEWSLETTER – 14<sup>th</sup> October

## MESSAGE FROM MRS RICHARDSON, HEAD

It was a busy week at Mount House in the run up to half term, and one in which the many facets of the Mount House community were in evidence.

The House of Equality, under the guidance of Mrs da Rocha, Mrs Allman and Miss Hassan, put on a tremendous programme for our Day of Culture. Many thanks to parents and students who supported the day with some fabulous food, and to the students and staff who dressed up. The day was a great cause for celebration and pride as cultures from across the globe demonstrated the joy that comes from diversity.



Many thanks too to the Friends of Mount House committee who organised last week's bingo night. Great fun was had by all and we look forward to the Christmas Fair as well as more Friends organised social events. You can read more about our Day of Culture and the FOMH events below.

The second half of term promises to be equally busy, and we wish our Berlin travellers a successful trip. We wish our community a restful half-term break and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.



## CULTURAL IMMERSION DAY

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October all students took part in a cultural immersion day and dressed up and celebrated the different nationalities that make Mount House diverse.

Students and teachers were asked to bring in traditional food and this as well as other items, such as bangles from Nigeria and handwoven umbrellas from India, were available to purchase. All proceeds raised will

go towards the charity SARI (Stand against racism and inequality).

During the day activities included a fashion showcase by Timayo and Amalya, a cultural quiz by Darcie, Vani, Amara and Hailey, a dance group/South African dance led by Mrs da Rocha and students and staff and a danceathon organised by Samira and Melanie.









## Cultural day

We enjoyed taking part in the fashion cat walk as well as watching.

We also enjoyed participating and watching the dance. As well as the activities we enjoyed trying different cultural foods.

In the afternoon we did different activities such as: art, English and drama.

In drama we acted out a beetle called Deric and in art we designed henna patterns.

In English we drew a picture of ourselves and wrote what languages we speak.

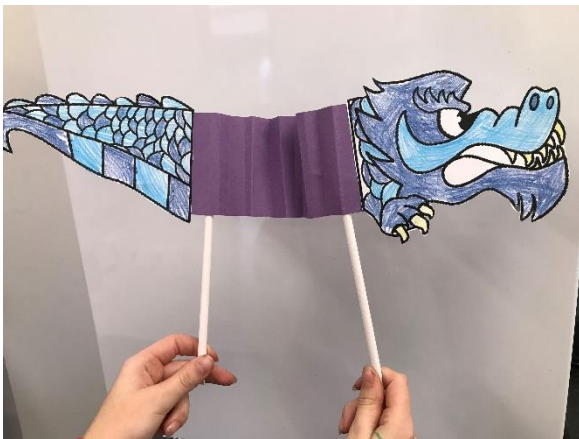
There was also a dance performed by many students and teachers. They danced to a song called Jerusalem We all enjoyed it

By Isabella and Purity

Year 7



ART WORKSHOPS AND YEAR 8 CULTURAL IMMERSION DAY





## PE

This week some students in Years 7 – 9 finished taking part in the volleyball unit of work.

During games sessions this week boys in Years 7 – 10 have continued to take part in football or golf with the girls taking part in netball/hockey or trampolining. Students in Years 11 – 13 chose between trampolining, golf, football and table tennis.

### **Football**

Students in all years have been focusing on game management and positional play within games. This will start to translate into different styles of play, looking at famous and successful teams of the past.

### **Trampolining**

Students in Year 7-8 showcased their routines. They then created a poster about trampolining which included skills they have covered this term, teaching points on how to complete the skill, and health and safety rules. Congratulations to Abigail Atefi and Maria Ratcliff on creating fantastic posters, with key words and safety information. Year 9 students practiced different skills they felt they needed to improve on for the first half of games, followed by show casing their routines. Years 11 – 13 looked at linking skills together and making their routines transition smoothly.

### **Netball**

During netball this week students in Year 7 & 8 prepared for their match against Latymer school. The key focus was driving into space and concentrating on their footwork. The focus in Year 9 and 10 was to explore the different centre passes that can be used and to apply some of these when playing in matches against their peers.

### **Netball Fixtures:**

On Tuesday, U13 Girls had their first netball match of the term against Latymer. Whilst our team tried their best they came up against a very well drilled team, allowing us to have a good first encounter of Mount House Netball. This gave us a good base to improve upon for future games.

### **Athlete of the week**

Year 7: Abigail Atefi and Maria Ratcliff

Year 8: Santino Vazquez Williams

Year 9: Sabishan Kabilan

Year 10: Theo Whitehouse

Year 11: Amara Vidale

Sixth Form: Charlotte Wheatley

This has been a great half term of sport, where students have had an input in selecting the sports they would like to take part in. We look forward to next half term's lessons and fixtures.





## BAKING CLUB

This week students made chocolate brownies during baking club. This has been the toughest challenge so far with students having to organise themselves to ensure that they got their mix in the oven in time. I know there were some cases where the baking element took place at home, thank you to parents for overseeing this. We hope you all enjoyed the end product.

An update regarding baking club after half term will be sent separately to parents.

## COOKERY CLASSES

Pasta by Andonis Year 9



Spicy Olive Pasta by Kerensa Year 8



Italian Pizza Pinwheels by Isabella Year 7



Heart-shaped Pizza by Atlanta and Edie Year 8





## SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council met today for the second time this term

The minutes of the first meeting that took place on September 23rd have been circulated around the school. The Head said that she is reviewing and consulting with her team as regards the excellent points made by representatives at this meeting.

The School Council meeting today was attended by all representatives from year 7 -13 It was chaired by Mara McNally Y13 and the minutes were taken by Iman Salam Y11

The meeting focused mainly on the issue of the Yellow card system. Representatives had discussed this at length in September. At our invitation Deputy Head, Mr Cooper, was present to listen to students concerns and suggestions and to answer all questions.

Minutes of this meeting will be published after half term and circulated throughout the school. Many thanks to all representatives for their diligence and hard work in representing their forms at these meetings this term.

The next school council meeting will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> November.

## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Open to all years!

Art teachers will be setting this task as a H/W to be completed over the half term break. It must be handed in on the first week back.

### **RULES:**

- A4 size.
- Any media can be used (painting, drawing, photography, textiles, mixed media)
- Full name and year group on the back.



## HADLEY WOOD ASSOCIATION FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Please find in the attachment information relating to the Hadley Wood Association Fireworks Display 2022. To be able to access the discounted tickets (for HWA members only), members can email the HWA on [hadley.woodassoc@btconnect.com](mailto:hadley.woodassoc@btconnect.com) for the access code (note: office hours are 9 am - 12.30 pm Monday - Friday).





## FOMH

Friends of Mount House would like to thank everyone who came to the Family Bingo Night last Wednesday. It was a huge success with fun had by all and fresh hot dogs provided by the school chef. Congratulations to the winners of both the raffle and the bingo and we hope to see you all next year.



Also thank you to all of those who took part in the **Moveathon** on 22<sup>rd</sup> September. And a special thank you for those that made the effort to get sponsorship. We raised a fantastic **£2,231** which will go to outdoor seating and tables for the students. Last Monday Mrs Richardson awarded a prize to the child in each year that raised the most money. These were:

Year 7 – Nikos Zonias  
Year 8 – Nathan Obi

Year 9 – Alice Westmore  
Year 10 – Alice Reekie

Year 11 – Emily Westmore  
Year 12 – Anastasia Moss

***Congratulations to you all!***

### MH Uniforms

If you have MH uniforms that are no longer used and are still in good condition, please consider donating them to the Friends of Mount House Second Hand Uniform department. (Please wash before sending in any items).





## CAREERS

The Army Officer Scholarship Scheme (AOSS) can support students through school and university, so they'll have a career as an Army Officer secured by the time they finish their education.

- Apply before March 31<sup>st</sup> in Year 12/S5/Lower Sixth for an award of £3,000 in Year 13 (s6 or Upper Sixth)
- At university you'll get a bursary worth from £6,000
- Students can apply to upgrade to another bursary such as Enhanced, Defence STEM Undergraduate Sponsorship (DSUS) or Medical

**FIND OUT MORE**

## How does it work?

**APPLY**

before **March 31st**



**PASS**

selection at a board in **late June or late July**



**YEAR 13**

receive **£3,000**



**UNIVERSITY**

receive **£6,000+** bursary



**TRAIN**

at **RMA Sandhurst**

*"Having a Scholarship reduces the financial pressure of studying"*

**– Tahir, Scholarship awardee**

**DISCOVER MORE**

## Half Term Hockey Camps Monday 24 October, Tuesday 25 October

Lead by former GB international John Shaw  
10am - 4pm, Bring a packed lunch  
£80 for two days, £45 for one day

### ADVANCED HOCKEY CAMP

This camp is for boys and/or girls aged 12-16, playing full county hockey (JAC equivalent), and above.

### JUNIOR SKILLS & IMPROVERS CAMP

Fun courses of hockey skills for children of all abilities aged 7 to 16. Children will be divided into groups on the first morning and coached according to experience and ability. The course will include training and exercises designed to introduce new skills and develop technique. There will of course be lots of games and competition.

[BOOK NOW](#)

Art School RTSY in Enfield is run by one of our parents, Ms Vazquez. Please see details below of Saturday Art classes and a Halloween Workshop.



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The Creative School of Art

Myddelton House Gardens,  
Enfield, EN2 9HG

### Saturday Art Classes in Enfield



FREE TRIAL LESSON - GET IN TOUCH



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 Juniors Art Course (age 10-14) rtsy.contact@gmail.com  
 1hr 30mins / Every Saturday rtsythecreativeschoolofart.com



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**HALLOWEEN ART WORKSHOP**  
LIMITED AVAILABILITY  
THURSDAY 27TH OCTOBER  
KIDS AGED 5-14 // 10:30AM-15:00PM  
£40 (MESSAGE FOR SIBLING DISCOUNT)




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## A VISIT FROM SISTER IRENE

It was lovely to welcome back Sister Irene (a former teacher at St Martha's) for tea and cake before we broke up for half term.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Working Open Morning

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Year 7 Parents' Evening

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Sixth Form Taster Day

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Ski Trip Meeting

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> November – Year 8 Parents' Coffee Morning

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Year 9 Parents' Coffee Morning

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – FOMH Christmas Fair

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term