



NEWSLETTER 18th November

MESSAGE FROM MR McCORMICK, ASSISTANT HEAD

On November 11 every year, we mark the official end of hostilities in 1918, when the guns of the Great War fell silent after four years of sacrifice and slaughter. The deaths of nearly a million British service men and women are still, rightly, remembered. Mount House duly joined this remembrance.



Together, in a peaceful service, we commemorated the memories of those who came before us who died so that we could live in a peaceful and open society. Not only did we remember those who perished in the First World War, we also remembered those who died in service afterwards, in World War Two, in Korea, the Falkland Islands, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq. Particularly, I was remembering my military family – my father (RAF 1976-2004), my mother (Army 1975-1977, ROC 1981-87 and 1995), and my brothers (Royal Marines Commando 2001-date and Royal Canadian Armoured Corps 2005-date).

Britain was the only major power not to begin the First World War with a conscripted army. In a wave of patriotic fervour, thousands of men answered Lord Kitchener's call to defend freedom in its hour of maximum danger. Kitchener realised that local ties could be used for the nation's service. Many more would volunteer if they could serve alongside their friends, relatives and workmates. And therefore, on 21 August 1914, the first Pals battalion was raised from the stockbrokers of the City of London. Immediately 1,600 men had joined what became the 10th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. Pals battalions became synonymous with the towns of northern Britain. Men from cities like Manchester, Leeds, Newcastle, Hull, Glasgow and Edinburgh all enlisted in their thousands in 1914 and 1915. Many of these battalions suffered huge casualties and this ultimately ripped the heart out of many communities across our country. On Friday, we read out the list of war dead from our own community in Hadley Wood, the names of whom are inscribed on the memorial just 100 metres from school.

Also, we must never forget the civilians who have died in wars – men, women and children. Some calculations say that during the First World War, 11% of the population of France became casualties. One in ten Kiwi men never returned from war. In the 1940s warfare began to affect not just those fighting, it began to affect everybody. So, we also remember all those non-combatants in the Second World who lost their lives in Europe, in Africa and in Asia, especially the inhabitants of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We remember those who perished in the Blitz on London and other British cities. We continue to remember the

victims of the Holocaust. We remember the innocents who lose their lives in the present day due to war and terrorism.

We wore our poppies with pride. But after Remembrance Sunday what did we do with them? Did we throw them in the bin? Did they end up discarded in a jacket pocket? Did we forget all about them? True remembrance means holding onto our poppies and letting them remind us every day of our duty. Our immediate duty is to do all in our power to maintain peace and solidarity between all peoples. That is the best way we can take their torch and hold it high.

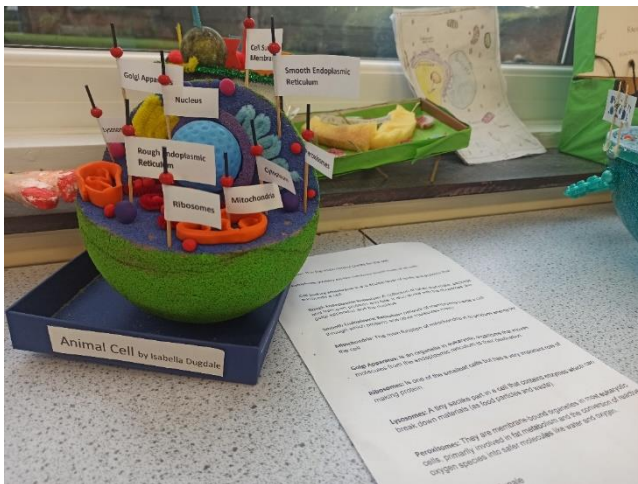


SCIENCE

Year 7 Cell project

The pictures below show some of the excellent Year 7 cell model homework that was completed across half term and the first week of term. Teachers have been voting for their favourite model all week and found it really hard to narrow it down as everyone did such an amazing job! The model that received the most votes was by Isabella Dugdale. They also enjoyed all the models that came with a clear information key next to them.

Isabella Dugdale



Erin Poon and Jasmine Price



Kimi Robinson



Ben Wrightson





Year 12 Biology - Heart and Kidney Dissections

Our Year 12 Biology class carried out some heart and kidney dissections to apply the theory of their structures to how they actually look in real life. They felt the difference in ventricle wall thickness between left and right and followed the veins and arteries through with our fingers and equipment.



MUSIC

This Monday's assembly featured two performances: GCSE students performed a rendition of Henry Purcell's 'Music for a while'. This beautiful baroque piece is included in the GCSE music syllabus. The following pupils did an excellent job.

Charlene Kiriinya - Soprano
 Joel Robinson - Guitar
 Carys Jeevanjee - Keyboard
 Lorenzo Theodoulou - Guitar
 Meric Duymaz - Keyboard
 Mona Vaseghi- Flute



The class 7.3 (Music) performed the percussion piece 'Summon the Spirits'. This piece is based on Japanese Taiko drumming. It challenges participants to keep perfect timing, the ability to read standard notation, including dynamics and it is great fun. They also did a great performance and were well received.



I am delighted to introduce our new violin teacher: Francisco Jimeno. Francisco is an Expert in Music Analysis and Interpretation by the University of Oviedo and he holds a Master's degree from Trinity Laban London, under the direction of the prestigious violinist Mayumi Fujikawa. Some of his teachers include Yossi Zivoni, Vasko Vassilev and Michael Thomas. Please contact me if you are interested in violin lessons.

Mr Whitehouse

Century Tech Winter Cup 2022: November 13th - December 11th

Mount House School is participating this year in the Century Tech Winter Cup. Students in Year 7-11 can take part by logging into their Century Tech Account and completing as many "nuggets" as they can.

Century Tech will look into how many nuggets our students are completing, and send us a ranking each week. The Century Tech website is an easy-to-use way to study English, Maths and Science.

The great thing about century tech is that it will automatically assign additional nuggets to students based on topics that they are struggling with.

We have assigned this competition to all of the students Y7-11 on Show My Homework as an Enrichment opportunity.

LOST PROPERTY

In the last few weeks, the amount of Lost Property lying around the school has continued to grow and is out of control. As the students aren't taking any clothes back, parents are welcome to look through the unnamed clothing to take items that may belong to their children.





FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND BAKING CLUB



SCRABBLE CLUB

The inaugural House Scrabble competition took place at School last week with some fierce word play and new stratagem! Mini games of four moves each were played on Wednesday to determine who would qualify to represent the houses.

On Thursday, all House teams met, resulting in a final between Rushmore, represented by Katherine Casey and Rosa Scott Tatam clashing with the Chimborazo team of Alice Westmore and Junior Gyami. After a game that went well beyond lunchtime, Rushmore triumphed with a score of 359. The overall high score amongst all games also went to Rushmore, but from their semi-finals where they scored 370. Mr McCormick has laid out a challenge to the entire student body – the first to beat him will win £50 of his own money. This remains in Mr McCormick's wallet. Our Varsity Club is gearing up to win it from him on a challenge to be held on Thursday after school.





CRYPTO CLUB



A new club is available on Thursday lunchtimes at 1:30pm. The Crypto Club is being run in association with the Doshi app.

PE

Students in Years 7 – 9 have taken part in either Health Related Exercise or been introduced to the game of Table Tennis during the past two weeks.

Games

To facilitate opportunities within games, some girls in years 7 and 8 have changed activities. Those previously taking part in trampolining moved to netball and those who wanted to do trampolining moved across. With some students opting to take part in netball for the term. Those who took part in trampolining focused on the shape of pike, swivel hips and back drops. With selected few continuing to learn the back landing. The focus in netball was to identify the various passes that are used within the sport and apply these within matches. It was also a great opportunity for students to develop their knowledge of the positions within the sport. Year 7 and 8 boys played basketball with Mr Van Leeven focusing on game play and communication.



In Year 9 and 10 games the boys all made the walk down to Bartrams Lane, where they have taken part in a games-based sessions. The sessions focused on how to press the opposition and communication. These have been excellent sessions with the perfect mentality and effort from all. Girls in Year 9 and 10 have taken part in a netball and hockey games-based session.

The year 11 boys decided that they wanted a challenge last week so invited Mr Mather and Mr Whitehouse to join in with their football session. This was quickly regretted as Mr Mather helped his underdog team to come back from 4-1 down to narrowly lose in the last minutes 7-6 with an excellent hattrick of goals and a brace of assists from Mr Mather. Mr Whitehouse rolled back the years with a solid performance at centre back helping Zac Webster, Zak Rahman-Cook and Jimisola Bailey to control the game for the bibbed team. Overall, an exciting game with joint man of the match for Tobi Solebo and Mr Mather.

The girls in Year 11 and the Sixth Form have taken part in trampolining table tennis and volleyball. With new students joining the trampolining session, it was a great opportunity to go back to basics and allow the more experienced players to help with some coaching. During volleyball students developed their communication and match play skills. During table tennis students played friendly matches against each other and Mrs Hillcoat-Hyde.

Athletes of the Week, Week:

YEAR	11.11.2022	18.11.2022
7	Gautam Theivacumar	Kimi Robinson
8	Santino Vazquez Williams	Santino Vazquez Williams
9	Sofie Bartek Ava Adams	Ciara Roche and Paris Terziu
10	Theo Whitehouse	Mia Bushnell Meric Duymaz
11	Tobi Solebo Ava Athwal	Darcie Dudding Saam Pourhassani
Sixth Form		Rosa Scott Tatam

Trampolining Club

When I joined trampolining club I was very excited and I really wanted to try my hardest and get good at trampolining. Since joining I have learned how to do a full twist, pike jump, tuck jump, straddle jump, seat landing, front landing and back landing. I did all that and improved those skills all thanks to Miss Buckland. She helped me be good at trampolining and do my very best.



By Theo Whitehouse

Fixtures:

On Tuesday 8th November, seven brave badminton players took the trip to Milton Keynes to take part in the North London Badminton Competition organised by the ISA. After the long journey on the M25 due to continued protests, all players played extremely well against some excellent opposition. Our U15 team finished 3rd in their group and our U13 team finished last but with some excellent doubles play.

On Wednesday 9th November the U15s girls played in a hockey tournament at Lee Valley hockey centre. We left school at 8:15, after getting to school at 7:45, it was an early start for all of us. The traffic was terrible on the way to Stratford and it took us two hours to get to the centre, with our first match being played at 10:30 so we had to rush and sort out game tactics on the coach.

In our first match we were warming up. A lot of the team had not played hockey very much before so we had to toughen them up and teach them the rules very quickly. I have to admit, we did not do amazingly and it was definitely our first match, but even with a loss, we kept on going, with a lot of encouragement from Mr Van Leeven.



There was a good improvement in the next game as we had about five minutes off and re-assessed our team. We decided to change the formation and see if it would help. To our delight, we did play better in this match. Meriç, who was our goalie, had stronger, better kicks and we were all moving to space and attacking more. This game was also a loss but we played so much better and were proud of ourselves and our improvement.

The third match was one of our best, we were defending well and most of our players, especially Alice, Emily and Sophie, were getting the ball more through tackles and everyone was chasing the ball and intimidating the other team so that they had to change their thinking and start passing back. We got through their press a couple of times and also improved our short corners and only lost to a couple of goals. This raised moral and we were confident for the game to come.

The fourth game we fell down a little, although Meriç was still improving a lot and our defence felt more strong, but we were up against a really good team so we did lose.

The fifth game was similar to our third game. We had just had lunch and had all the energy in the world. We managed to get through the other team a couple of times and into the circle of the other team, and although never scoring as their defence was amazing, we didn't let in as many goals and were really proud of ourselves. Before this match, we switched around places so we had a stronger defence and different tactics and it worked really well.

In our last game, we were all tired as we had been running around all day and a couple of us needed a break, but it wasn't possible with the subs available. They scored lots of goals in the last few minutes as we had lost everything and had no energy, however Meriç was still giving her all and did amazing goalkeeping, with the defenders doing everything they could to help and get the ball away.

All in all, this was a very memorable and enjoyable experience, Thank you to Miss Buckland for taking us and Mr Van Leeven for coaching us.

Reported by Alice Reekie

Year 7 & 8 Rose Netball Festival

On Thursday 10th November, we went to Copthall school to take part in a netball festival. Lots of teams participated and it was a great experience. We played six matches and, whilst we didn't win them all, we worked very well as a team. The girls who went were Tilly, Alice, Poppy, Josie, Jasmine, Tatiana, Tia, Florence and Purity.

Reported by Florence Sunderland

Panathlon Xtend Competition – Friday 11th November

On Friday 11th November, we went to Barnet Copthall sports centre, where we went to the sports hall to take part in multiple sports activities from the Panathlon charity. The people who took part was Mona, Mia, Theo, Mikey, Luca, Roman and Renuk. The first activity we did



was the skittles. Secondly, we balanced the ball on the tennis racket. Thirdly, we were throwing the beanbag onto some numbered sheets. After that, we were doing the long jump. Then we were aiming some beanbag balls into hoops. Next, we threw some bouncy balls into the basketball net. Finally, we were kurling. We all did so well by taking part by the power of teamwork, and we came 2nd place and were awarded with certificates, medals and a trophy.



By Mona Vaseghi and Mia Bushnell

The Year 7 and 8 football team played Arnold House School on the Wednesday 16th of November. Our formation was a 4-1-2-1-2. We played good football but sadly Mount House lost the game. Special mention to Kimi in Year 7 who got man of the match whilst playing at centre back. Well played everyone who participated in our first match of the season.

Upcoming:

Within the coming month we are excited to be attending a fencing competition. Within school we are aware of three students who fence, and are keen to find out if we have any other fencers within school. Anybody who takes part in fencing should speak to Mr Mather or Mrs Hillcoat-Hyde by Wednesday 23rd November.



We are excited for the **Christmas Fair** which will be held on **Friday December 9th, 2022** from 3:30-5pm in the school hall. (School coaches will be moved back to 5:15pm).

There will be a Raffle with fabulous prizes, Free Mulled Wine/ Hot Chocolate. We will also have a Christmas Stall, Bottle & Chocolate Tombola, Mince Pies and more.

To help make this a success, we would be grateful if every family donated 1 bottle (alcohol, perfume, juice, etc) and 1 box of chocolates towards the tombola. Please can you give to your child to bring into the school reception from Monday November 21st.

We have sent home 2 books of Christmas Raffle tickets. We hope you will support the school by buying some tickets. Some of the prizes included are below. **Please return completed ticket stubs with cash to Reception by Thursday December 8th.**

**If you would like to donate something towards the raffle prizes, contact Julie Westmore on jwesty@btinternet.com or 07900556722.

We would love it if those students who are keen bakers could bake either a cake, Christmas cookies, mince pies etc. Please bring your baked item into school in a named container on the morning of the fair. Remember we are a Nut Free school.

2022 Christmas Raffle Prizes

1. Apple AirPods (3rd generation) with charging case
2. Luxury Christmas Hamper
3. Champagne Afternoon Tea for two at Sopwell House
4. 1 hour Personal Training Session with Chris Antoni of Tailor Made Fitness
5. £50 Amazon Gift Card
6. JWesty Design Gift Set (Mug, Coaster and Notebook)
7. £25 Gift Certificate to Barnet Art Gallery
8. £20 Cinema Gift Voucher
9. £20 Boots Gift Card

Thank you for your support

Friends of Mount House





Maths

Solution to last week's maths problem.

The number of boys in the class is $(24 - 6)$ divided by $2 = 9$. So there are 9 boys and 15 girls so the required ratio is $5 : 3$. So the answer is A.

This week's problem:

The interior angles of a triangle is $(5x + 3y)$ degrees, $(3x + 20)$ degrees and $(10y + 30)$ degrees where x and y are positive integers.

What is the value of $x + y$?

A - 15 B - 14 C - 13 D - 12 E - 11

MATHS WORD OF THE WEEK

SQUARE NUMBER

The square numbers are formed by multiplying a number by itself

$1 \times 1 = 1$ $2 \times 2 = 4$ $3 \times 3 = 9$ $4 \times 4 = 16$ $5 \times 5 = 25$

So the first ten square numbers are : 1,4,9,16,25,36,49,64,81,100

CAREERS – 'Your Child, Their Future' Parent / Carer Webinar

At Young Professionals, we have run two parent / guardian focused 'Your Child, Their Future' events back in September 2021 and February 2022 and across the two webinars we had a staggering 5000+ parents and carers attend virtually from all over the UK. I'm writing to announce that we have our third parent / guardian information evening taking place this November.

The job market for students leaving school or university can be difficult to navigate and now more than ever we need to help our young people by making them aware of all the opportunities available to them, as well as providing them with advice and tips on securing the very best opportunities when they enter the workplace. We would like to extend our invitation to all parents and guardians to attend our **'Your Child, Their Future' Event on Thursday 24th November from 6:00pm – 7:30pm.**

We have leaders from some of the biggest employers in the world including KPMG, BT Group, Capgemini, British Airways, Linklaters and more who will each come along to talk to you, as parents and guardians, about how your son/daughter/young person can best navigate the job market to find some incredible work experience/internship placements, as well as graduate and apprenticeship opportunities. We will be sharing some useful tips around psychometric testing, how to prepare for assessment centres, putting together a CV, filling out application forms, as well as advice on how you can prepare your child/young person for the working world. This event is completely free of charge, and it will be running via Zoom on Thursday 24th November from 5:00pm - 6.30pm. We encourage you to join this event virtually with your son/daughter/young person, or the whole family and ask any questions that you may have, directly to leading employers.



SCHOOL COUNCIL - School Council Meeting – Friday 14th October 2022

In attendance:

Year 7: Ben Wrightson, Jake Hargreaves, Max Cute

Year 8: Hari Chowdhary, Louis Falk, Raymond Aliga-Raymond

Year 9: Rina Antwi-Agyei, Calypso Malialis

Year 10: Maya Shah, Micheal Miltiadous, Krrish Patel, Ruzgar Suyur

Year 11: Ava Athwal, Darcie Dudding, Hailey Boakye, Aoife Thompson, Iman Salam (Minute Secretary)

Year12: Rosa Scott Tatam

Year 13: Sophia Koumourou, Mara McNally (Chairperson)

Mr Allman (Facilitator) and Mr Cooper Deputy Head

The school council representatives have been appointed by their year groups in order to represent the voices of the students within the school.

Meeting started at 8:37am

Mara provided feedback in relation to the previous minutes and Council suggestions. Points discussed during meeting:

- Representatives raised the issue of the Yellow Card system with Mr Cooper
- Reps explained the yellow card system was confusing. There was huge inconsistency among teachers in handing out the cards.
- Reps suggested that all teachers should give a warning before the cards were issued.
- Mr Cooper addressed the above concerns and said the system will be reviewed. Reps were happy with his response.
- Suggestions were made to improve the boys and girls changing rooms as well as allowing students to wear PE kit throughout the day when they have PE/Games.
- The water fountain pressure needs to be improved.
- Could salt and pepper be made available at lunch.
- One rep argued that the quality of toilet paper should be improved!!

All school council ideas/ suggestions will be taken to the Head teacher.

Meeting finished 8:58am

Next meeting scheduled- December 9th. Minutes taken by Iman Salam

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 5th December – Year 7, 8 and 9 flu vaccines (please see attached letter)

Friday 9th December – Year 9 Parents' Coffee Morning

Friday 9th December – FOMH Christmas Fair

Wednesday 14th December – End of Term