



NEWSLETTER -2nd December

MESSAGE FROM MRS HILLCOAT-HYDE, ASSISTANT HEAD

In today's world there are many people who are experiencing a time of intense difficulty or danger, which can otherwise be known as 'crisis.'

This week students' attention was drawn to the economic, the Ukrainian and the refugee crisis during an assembly led by Mr McCormick.

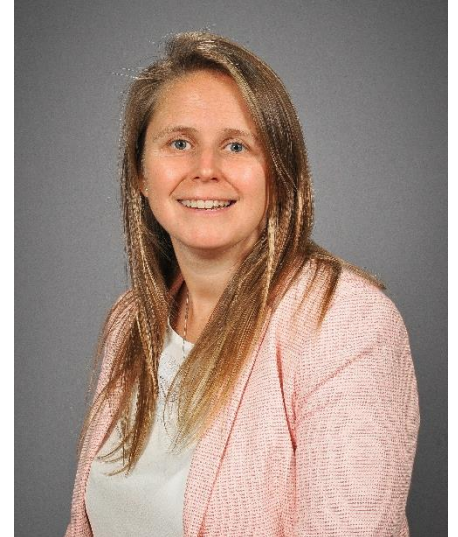
As the cost of living continues to rise, examples drawn upon were, energy prices, mortgage costs and inflation rates. Students were given facts and figures linked to gas and electricity and were able to identify the reason as to why people are cutting back on their usage.

The term mortgage was explained and the fact that interest rates have increased, allowing students to understand that people's mortgages have increased in costs, which has put pressure on families. The term inflation was discussed and with the current inflation of 10.1% students were able to understand that prices are on average 10% more than they were this time last year. From this I hope that students recognise the difficulty that some people are experiencing and the choices and decisions that people are having to make (food or warmth) during the economic crisis, something that can be taken for granted.

With more than 82 million people living in refugee and displacement camps or away from home, there are more tensions being created amongst host communities which is resulting in families being forced to make dangerous journeys across the water. We know too well that this often ends in fatalities but it also opens up the vulnerable, especially women and children to trafficking and exploitation and as the world grapples with numbers, food rations are being cut for refugees to feed those who will not survive without food.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has sent shockwaves throughout the world. Above all is the human tragedy – the suffering of men, women and children across Ukraine, among them over 11 million people who have been displaced. Then there are the economic consequences which have spread fast and far to neighbours and beyond, hitting the world's most vulnerable people. With hundreds of millions of people already struggling with lower incomes and higher energy costs and food prices, this has been made far worse and increases the gap of inequality.

Whilst the world faces 'crisis' what touches the heart is the number of children across the world who suffer. The threat of starvation now faces 45 million people in 43 nations around the world. Children in hunger spots do not know where their next meal is coming from.



Millions are living on the cusp of famine and need food urgently if they are to survive. Over 45 million children are affected by malnutrition which has an impact on children's long term physical and mental health and development, meaning they may never grow to their full height or develop their full cognitive potential.

As we start to prepare for the festive season, let's appreciate what we have and take the opportunity to think about those who are experiencing difficult times and how we can support them.

We can show love and kindness towards all members of the Mount House School community, remembering that kindness is not only a means towards a more harmonious society but also a means to helping through more challenging times. We can and have come together as a community to show we care.

MUSIC

Year 9 music students treated Monday's assembly to a rendition of the Beatles ballad 'And I Love Her'. It was a perfect performance and a great way to finish the assembly.

Well done to all the students who performed:

Ava Adams - Vocal
Oscar Michaels - Guitar
Roman McAvoy - Guitar
Omar Riaz - Bass
Sotirios Papathomas - Drums





ART

This year Isabella O’Rourke (Year 13) made it through to the finals of the ISA Art Composition.

We are so proud to announce that out of all textile entries from independent schools throughout the UK, the judges chose Isabella’s work!

Isabella has been awarded First Prize for her wearable textile art. Entitled “Growth and Evolution”, Isabella took inspiration from close up views of mould and bacteria.



ART INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION RESULTS

Students from each house gathered in the hall last Friday lunchtime to draw their House Master/Mistress. Independent judges: Monica, Chris and Sheila selected the following entries:



Irene Damianos Year 12
EVEREST



Divine Aliga-Raymond Year 11
RUSHMORE



Atlanta Demetriou Year 8
CHIMBORAZO



Erin Poon Year 7
RUSHMORE



Alice Reekie Year 10
OLYMPUS



Rosa Scott Tatam Year 12
RUSHMORE

The overall winners for participation and winning entries was RUSHMORE!!!!

BUSINESS YEAR 10 TRIP TO 'TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS' AT THE MIGRATION MUSEUM, LEWISHAM

As part of our experiential curriculum, Year 10 students of Business went to The Migration Museum in Lewisham on Thursday 1st December 2022.

Taking Care of Business is an immersive special exhibition about the impact migrant-founded businesses have on all our lives – from the food that we eat to the clothes we wear, the apps on our phones to the products in our homes.



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS
OPEN

MIGRANT ENTREPRENEURS AND THE MAKING OF BRITAIN



We were lucky to attend a workshop, led by Education Manager Liberty Melly, which signposted fintech start-ups such as Jamii and King (the creator of Candy Crush), biotech/medical device companies such as Unhindr, as well as historically interesting businesses such as Smokey Joes and Gina Knight's wig business which illustrated the finance and growth challenges of companies.

The exhibition featured hundreds of personal stories of entrepreneurs, from sole trader proprietors to the founders of tech giants, that have transformed Britain. We learned about household names that started as market stalls (e.g. Marks and Spencer) or in garages.

They gave “haircuts” in a barbers, a high-street, “ate” in restaurants and takeaways, and shopped in department stores and corner shops. We heard and read historical and contemporary narratives which highlight the long story of entrepreneurs migrating to and from Britain.

Many of us particularly enjoyed hanging out in the barbershop and the restaurants. The many thumbnail sketches of dozens of businesses were really interesting.

The students enjoyed their visit and Mr Boonzaier, Miss Hassan, Mr Whitehouse and Ms Wong also enjoyed it too!







Friends of
MOUNT HOUSE

Christmas Fair

Friday December 9th, 2022

from 3:30-5pm in the school hall.

(School coaches will be moved back to 5:15pm).



**FREE MULLED WINE
+
HOT CHOCOLATE**



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



MINCE PIES



CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA



CHRISTMAS STALL



BOTTLE TOMBOLA



SANTA BOTTLE TOSS



GIFT TREE



GUESS THE TEACHER



A quick reminder that we would be grateful if every family donated which can be left in the collection box in reception.:

- **1 bottle and**



- **1 box of chocolates.**

Also, each child should have brought home some raffle tickets with some **AMAZING** prizes. If you have yet to receive some raffle tickets or would like to purchase some more these can be obtained from reception. These need to be returned by **Thursday December 8th**.



Finally, 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, **9th December**. Remember we are a Nut Free school.



In addition to the stalls above there will be a JWesty design stall with lots of lovely hand painted gifts, a cultural stall and there will be an opportunity to pick up any lost uniform.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the Christmas Fair.

2022 RAFFLE PRIZES

1. Apple Airpods (3rd generation) with charging case
2. Luxury Christmas Hamper Harrods
3. Champagne Afternoon Tea for two at Sopwell House
4. One hour personal Training with Chris Antoni of Tailor Made Fitness
5. £50 Amazon Gift Card
6. JWesty Design Gift Set (Mug, Coaster and Notebook)
7. Bottle of Gusbourne English Sparkling Wine
8. Stranger Things Collectible Bluetooth Speaker
9. £25 Gift Certificate to Barnet Art Gallery
10. Body Shop Spiced Orange Essentials Gift Set
11. £20 Amazon Gift Card
12. £20 Boots Gift Card
13. £20 Boots Gift Card
14. Body Shop Almond Hand Care Gift Set
15. Tower of Treats
16. Bottle of Bordeaux Wine
17. Classic Pannetone

CAREERS

Young Professionals have a great opportunity coming up with the global professional services and accounting firm, **KPMG on Monday 5th December 5pm-6pm via Zoom**. The event is completely free and open to students interested in a career in professional services such as audit, tax, legal and advisory services.

KPMG is one of the most prestigious professional services and accounting firms in the world. Forming one of the Big 4m KPMG has some huge profile clients, such as PepsiCo and Barclays. KPMG operates in over 150 countries, with over 200,000 employees.

On Monday 5th December from 5pm-6pm Young Professionals will be hosting an event with KPMG; this virtual webinar will be held via Zoom. The evening will give you an insight into with KPMG do and what a career at such a huge global firm can look like. You will be hearing from top professionals who will be sharing their personal insights to a Big 4 firm.

If you are interested in a high-flying career at one of the Big 4 you don't want to miss this event!!

All you need to do is sign up using the link below, parents/guardians are welcome to attend this event too.

Click here to sign up: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KPMG-Insight-Event>





PE

This week in PE Lessons, students have been focusing on table tennis. The Year 7 students have been learning about the correct grips and stance for the forehand serve, as well as the backhand and forehand push. This has led to some exciting point scoring games with lots of winners all around. The Year 8 students have learnt about how to run and score a tournament, using the correct scoring paperwork. With Year 9s focusing on game play for both singles and doubles.

Next week on **Thursday 8th December** there will be an open trial for all year 7-11 students to take part in. The successful students will be invited to join the Mount House Table Tennis Competition and compete in the ISA North London Tournament.



Athletes of the Week:

Year 7: Kimi Robinson

Year 8: Peter Maina

Year 9: Tayla Djafer and Dharmani Joshi

Year 10: Mia Bushnell

Year 11: Oluwajoba Jabaru

U13 Football vs The Kings School

On the 30th November Mount House School played The King's School in Harpenden. It was a great game, our first win of the season. The game ended 4-2 to Mount House. The goals were scored by Santino Vazquez Williams, Leo Figa and Benjamin Bishop. The man of the match was Peter Maina, with special mentions to SoluChukwu Ngoka, Jacob Hargreaves and Varun Halaria. Congratulations to Mount House School.

Written by Santino Vazquez Williams (Captain)

Upcoming Sporting Fixture:

Indoor Hockey Tournament vs Latymer School – Tuesday 6th December 2022



FOOD TECHNOLOGY

This week and next week, we will be making Jamaican jerk chicken with fried plantain. Year 9 cooked this dish on Tuesday and did a great job. Well done 🙌



MATHS

50 months = 4 years and 2 months

50 weeks and 50 days = 57 weeks and 1 day i.e. just over 1 year and 1 month. So Aron is just over 55 years and 3 months old and will therefore be 56 on his next birthday. So answer is A.

This week's problem

Three positive integers are all different. Their sum is 7. What is their product?

A 12 B 10 C 9 D 8 E 5

MATHS WORD OF THE WEEK: polygon

The word polygon is derived from two Greek words meaning many angles.

A polygon is a closed figure with more than 2 sides.

A regular polygon is a shape where all the sides and all the angles are equal.

Examples of regular polygons are: equilateral triangle, square



BAKING CLUB

This week students started getting in the festive spirit, making sausage rolls with various fillings. Many students informed us that they would be having them for dinner, so we hope you all enjoyed them - we certainly did and a big thank you to those who offered and shared with staff.

A reminder that next week students will be working on their showstoppers which they have planned.

Please be reminded that the majority of baking should be done at home/before the session and the focus will be to assemble/decorate their showstopper next week (this is due to time restraints).

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 9th December

On Friday 9th December we invite students and staff to wear a festive jumper in aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice in Barnet. Noah's Ark supports babies, children and young people with life-threatening or life-limiting conditions, and their families, make the most of every day. They aim to enable those they support to enjoy life as children, rather than as patients; as families, not just as carers. We invite anyone who wishes to wear a festive jumper to support this cause to do so instead of school jumper and blazer. They should wear their usual uniform other than the jumper. They should **bring in £1 donation** which will be collected by tutors that morning.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 5th December –Year 7,8 and 9 flu vaccines

Friday 9th December–Year 9 Parents' Coffee Morning

Friday 9th December – Christmas Jumper Day (Bring a £1 for Noah's Ark charity)

Friday 9th December – Christmas Lunch

Friday 9th December – FOMH Christmas Fair

Monday 12th December – Carol Service (Monken Hadley Church)

Wednesday 14th December – End of Term 12.30pm (Coaches leave 12.45pm)

Wednesday 4th January 2023 – Start of the Lent Term