



Message from the Headteacher

On 6 March we were honoured with a visit by the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, the Countess of Verulam. Lady Verulam toured the school accompanied by the Mayor of Hertsmere, Councillor Martin Saunders, visiting a number of classes and talking to pupils. She explained to the children that she is the Queen's representative in the county and is responsible for receiving members of the Royal Family during their visits to Hertfordshire. She is also Custos Rotulorum (Chief Magistrate), which involves chairing the Lord Chancellor's two county Advisory Committees, one for the appointment of General Commissioners of Income Tax and the other for the appointment of Justices of the Peace. Lady Verulam was very complimentary about the high standards expected of pupils in lessons, both in terms of work and in terms of behaviour.



The school roll will increase to more than 400 pupils this September, with the arrival of our third cohort of Year 7 pupils and our new sixth form. I am pleased to inform you that all of the new teaching posts required for this increased roll have now been filled and that, once again, we have been able to appoint first-class candidates.

Our enlarged school roll will enable us to introduce cashless on-site catering from September. Pupils will no longer have to pre-select meals, but will instead be able to choose their selection on the day. At the tills, pupils will simply place their finger on an electronic biometric recognition pad (see further details elsewhere in this newsletter) and the cost of the meal will be automatically deducted from their account. This will speed up the flow of pupils considerably, giving them more time for other activities at lunch break. Parents will be able to top up their child's account on-line and pupils will not have to carry lunch money to school, which will be safer. The administrative load for the bursar's office will reduce, as they will not have to handle cash.

We look forward to welcoming you to *Les Misérables* on 8, 9 or 10 April. Tickets are selling fast, so don't leave it too late to book!

Public Speaking Competition Tuesday 18 March

Ms Lovett

The Yavneh College Public Speaking Competition was once again a huge success. Each class was represented by a team and they competed against one another for the award of Best Team and Best Speaker in front of the whole school. Judges Muriel Beaver (a representative from the English Speaking Union), Brian Spevack (a theatre critic for the Evening Standard) and Jason Draper (music journalist for Record Collector and author of many music books) were extremely impressed by the quality of the speakers, who delivered their presentations on a variety of topics, from 'bullying' to 'how to write a good speech'.

The team from 8Y represented by Richard Reback (chair), Jordan Rinsler (main speaker) and Jessica Tray (vote of thanks) were the winning team (with an honourable mention going to runners-up Lewis Feingold, Joshua Peters and Joseph Samuelson from 7V), and Jordan Rinsler picked up the prize and school shield for the Best Speaker award for his speech on 'What's the Point of Charity?'. However all the teams performed excellently and should be proud of their significant contribution to the competition.



BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE NEWS

Finance House

Many thanks go to EGT Finance of Stanmore who have become the third House Sponsor. They join Dedicated Doctors and St Giles.

EGT Director, Mr Hourí, said the following in his letter - *'Financial prudence is a virtue to be nurtured both in the private and commercial arenas of life. Finance, being the life blood of commerce, if carefully understood, could facilitate independence, growth, freedom of choice and the ability to sustain others'.*

We couldn't agree more. Many thanks to EGT and Mr Hourí.

Two more sponsors are still required for September. Please contact Mr Slater if you would like more information.



SUMMER TERM SCHOOL LUNCHES

Your child has been given the menu choices for next term, together with a letter and invoice to take home.

Can you please ensure that payment has been sent to the school as requested - if the invoice only got to the bottom of your child's school bag, another one is attached with this newsletter!

Bursar's Office

SECOND-HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM

If parents have items of good-quality used uniform (including PE kit) that your children have grown out of, the school would very much welcome these to be donated to the school's stock of second-hand uniform.

The School Office

LeviLuca.com

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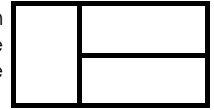
We are delighted that Levi Luca, the new kosher take-away and restaurant in Borehamwood, has set up a regular 10% discount to Yavneh College pupils. Pupils must be in school uniform and the offer applies to food which they buy before 5.30pm, for their own consumption.

MARCH MATHS PUZZLES

Tom has ten 6 cm x 12 cm cards. Using some of them, how many different rectangles can he make if he may not fold or cut cards, and he may not put one card on top of another? Which rectangle has the largest perimeter?



We put together 3 identical rectangles, as shown on the diagram. The area of the big rectangle we get is 1350 square centimeters. What is the perimeter of the big rectangle?



Teri thought of a positive whole number. She told me that it has 12 factors, including 6 and 25. What is Teri's number?

What is Biometric Technology?

Biometric systems currently used in schools are based on fingerprint recognition technology. These store numerical values derived from fingerprints and not actual images of fingerprints.

This works in the following way. A numerical value is derived from the pattern of ridges and whorls when the child's finger is first placed on the reading device. It is this numerical value which is then stored. Each time the child's finger is subsequently placed on the recognition pad, a numerical number is again generated. This is compared with the set of stored values, uniquely identifying the child within the population of the school if a match is found. Schools do NOT keep an image of the fingerprint.

If you would like further information on biometric technologies in schools please visit www.becta.org.uk.

National Science and Engineering Week

Mrs Shiradski

During NSEW the majority of pupils were kept very busy either by taking part in, or cheering on, their form in the interclass NSEW KS3 Quiz; viewing the Science Museum or watching a science DVD during lunch break.

The Science Museum, whilst small, contained some exhibits of a very high standard. Pupils enjoyed the interactive exhibits and presentations including exploring space through a PowerPoint presentation, a rocket launch, examining a 3D model of the Solar System, an erupting volcano and a model of a foot and cells amongst the many entries.

Judging was extremely difficult and all the entrants received a certificate to acknowledge the fantastic effort they put in. The lucky prize winners were:

Joel Huberman - 1st prize (Interactive Buzz Wire)

And joint 2nd prizes went to:

Guy Gittlin-Leigh (Model of the Solar System), and Jessica Franklin & Victoria Selwyn (Interactive PowerPoint presentation on the Solar System). They all received beautiful books as rewards for their efforts.

The Inter-class NSEW KS3 quiz was closely fought with the 7CP team coming a very close second. The winning team was made up of Laura Abels, Jessica Tray, Daniel Levy and Harry Rothband. Well done to 8AD!!

The science DVD (on the heart) shown during Monday lunch break was such a success, that it has been decided that once a month the Science department will show a science DVD on a topic that is sure to excite and start pupils thinking about the world about us in a different light! Look out for further announcements around school!

We look forward to next year's NSEW and hope pupils will start thinking of a winning idea for the Science Museum when it opens its doors once again in March 2009!

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LOST PROPERTY AMNESTY

Please note that on the last two days of term, Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th April, lost property can be collected at 1.20pm and 4.00pm without incurring any sanctions. Any items of clothing not collected will be disposed of in the usual manner.

Important dates for your diary!

YCA Boutique Evening
Les Mis Production
Les Mis Production
Les Mis Production
Spring Term ends
Summer Term Begins
Closed for Bank Holiday
Closed for Half Term

Tue 1 April
Tue 8 April
Wed 9 April
Thurs 10 April
Tue 15 April
Tue 29 April
Mon 5 May
Mon 26 May to
Fri 30 May inclusive
Mon 9 June & Tue 10 June
Fri 25 July

Closed for Shavuot
Summer Term Ends

Please note that for the school year 2008/2009, Winter Fridays (school end 1.15pm) will commence on 24 October 2008 and will finish on 20 March 2009