SPORT RELIEF

Thank you to everyone who has been so generous and giving of not just their money but their time in supporting many worthy causes again this term. Sports Relief saw Head boy and girl Wajid and Rose in charge overseeing, organising and supervising lots of events that included table tennis tournaments, hula hoop challenges, Bollywood and samba fitness workouts, basketball, penalty shootouts, cross bar challenges and the fabulous rowing to Brighton challenge in the atrium all day on the Friday on the cycling/rowing machines.

Special mentions to Hugo Brito 9PC in Year 9 who won the table tennis tournament, Mark Soares 7TLE was the cross bar challenge champion, Pops Nsungi 8SW was the penalty shootout champion and Darnelle Ellis 7NAA was our super star goal keeper who saved lots of penalties.

STONEWALL

Thank you too to Sultan, Tavane, Shadon and Kevin in Yr 11 who have been working on a project with Ms Fooks in their Citizenship GCSE course to support the charity Stonewall. “We think that it is important to promote equal opportunities” said the boys. “We have learnt how important it is to value the individuals and to celebrate differences so that everyone has the opportunity to reach their potential and flourish.”

The boys helped collect almost £700 on own clothes day, created an informative presentation with Mr Issoka that tutors shared with pupils throughout the last week of term and helped put up displays in the atrium and in the Humanities department that promote Stonewall’s mission and what it believes in.

**Sport Relief & Stonewall Charity Fundraising**

**Darnelle Bailey King Sporting Success**

Ex pupil Darnelle Bailey King has signed a professional contract at Rotherham United.

Congratulations!

Darnelle joins fellow academy attacker Kudu Muswai in being rewarded with a two year senior contract with the Millers following an impressive season in both youth and reserve team fixtures so far this season.

Academy Manager Gareth Barker, spoke highly of Darnelle. “He’s got good pace and agility and makes aggressive forward runs. He has introduced some real quality into his delivery this season and he’s becoming more and more consistent. He plays the game with a smile on his face and he likes the football club and people here and long may it continue.”

Darnelle Bailey King

**Important Dates to Remember**

- Parents Evening Year 10 Parents Evening - 14th April Year 9 Parents Evening - 28th April
- Half term: 30th May – 3rd June
- Yr 6 Induction Day Thursday 7th July
- Arts Week: Week beginning Monday 4th July.
- Last day of summer term 15th July

**W.E’RE RECRUITING**

The Governing Body of The Norwood School are looking to appoint two new parent governors.

Having just developed the strategy for the school going forward to 2020, this is an exciting time to join us as we move into the delivery stage ensuring the best outcomes for every pupil at the school. In conjunction with staff, we have developed a very exciting school strategy and vision for 2020 which will ensure the best outcomes for all of our current and future pupils. The successful individual will help to ensure this vision becomes a reality.

Following the recent retirement of several governors we are particularly looking for people with experience of the creative or performing arts, finance, higher or primary education, the local community or prior experience as a governor.

For more information on the work of the governing body please contact the Chair of Governors, Hannah Hope via Denise Webster webster.d@thenorwoodschool.org
Speakers for Schools

We were delighted to welcome Jon Wilkins, the Executive Chairman of Karmarama, a world class independent marketing and communications group, to school as part of the Speaker for Schools programme. Jon was one of the original founders of Naked, the ground breaking international communications agency. Ridge and William were just two of the Sixth Formers who were lucky enough to listen to his presentation and to meet him afterwards. ‘He inspired us with the story of his journey so far, about his work on a range of local and global advertising contracts including Coca-Cola and Unilever and about how working in the creative industries has given him the opportunity to work alongside some of the most amazing people across the world in places as far away as New York, Melbourne, Sao Paolo, Paris, Singapore, Dubai and Tokyo’, said Ridge. ‘I thought it was interesting how he explained how important ‘soft skills’ are in career progression and how he made the most of every opportunity that came his way,’ added William.

“The He inspired us with the story of his journey so far…”

Secondary School Transition News & Friendship Tea Party

We are delighted to see how many parents and children have already contacted us to tell us how excited and pleased they are to have been given Norwood School for September 2016. Just one of the emails we have already received summed up many people’s feelings well...

‘We are utterly thrilled that our daughter has been offered a place at your school. It was her first choice right from the start and she has also been fortunate enough to get a music bursary. I spend much time in my job trying to match children to schools that will fit them but she has driven this from the beginning and I am in total agreement with her. After our first visit she put your number 1 and when I asked why she said there is so much colour and life there and the teachers smile a lot!’

Parent of a lucky yr 6 pupil.

Following on from a really successful ‘World Book Day’, that saw the fabulous yellow brick road twist and turn its way across the atrium towards the Land of Oz (the Library), Tess Taylor, our Library Manager has launched into our next exciting reading venture, The Phoenix Book Award.

We are thrilled to be working with a number of our local feeder primaries this term on the Phoenix Book Award, a project that promotes reading for pleasure among Year 5 & 6 and Key Stage 3 pupils across Lambeth. It is a fabulous opportunity for students to take part in a regular book club, to read, share reviews online and have a say in voting for their favourite title.

The final event will take place on Thursday 5th May at the Norwood School library, and we will be looking forward to having all the primaries join us to celebrate the books as well as listen to talks from shortlisted authors and take part in quizzes. There will be prizes and special awards for each school for their best reviews. Keep an eye out on our new website for links to the award, the chance to read the reviews and find out who the lucky winners will be! Oh, and by the way - Dulwich Books are doing a deal for all 4 books for just £20!

The response from both the adults and children was overwhelmingly positive, thank you again for making the effort to join us, it was a pleasure to meet you all and we are all looking forward to seeing you again soon at our one to one interviews and induction day before you start with us in September.

Enjoy Reading at The Norwood School

A big thank you to all the Yr 6 and their parents who joined us on Thursday 17th March for our Friendship Tea Party. It was a great opportunity for the children to make new friends that they will see in September and for parents to meet and speak to staff. In fact, whilst the children were all having fun together with the Sixth Form - playing games and getting to know each other – their parents had been whisked away by teachers to have mini taster lessons in Languages, Science, Maths, Drama and Humanities!

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What makes a whole school production so special?

Sitting amongst the delighted crowds of parents, staff and friends who had come to watch our most recent Performing Arts production of Bugsy Malone – it is not difficult to comprehend just how much hard work, time and effort goes into creating such a polished, professional production. Having thoroughly enjoyed the captivating live music, mesmerising dancing, acting and singing and just about managed to escape being splurged - we thought it might be interesting to take a look ‘backstage’, to talk to those who became involved and what it has meant to them and find out a little more about what goes into making such a truly memorable show.

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“Working on this play gave me the opportunity to express myself and learn new skills. Because I love drama, singing and dancing it’s been a great time and I’m really grateful.”
Beatrice De Rossi

“Bugsy Malone has been an excellent experience! I’ve loved it! It’s great!”
Geovanna Lewin Rowe

“This show has given me the confidence to talk to people that I wouldn’t normally talk to.”
Marli Mitchell

“This show has prepared me for what comes in the future.”
Emily Ben Abdallah

“It’s been a great experience to be part of. I’ve met amazing people and done amazing things!”
Jaylyn Matthews

“I auditioned because I wanted to get noticed in the school as a good actor and make new friends. I’ve loved my experience.”
Estella Wilson

“I really loved working on this show because I learned some new acting tips and acted with some of my closest friends. I really loved the splurge gun!”
Thea Pannone

“So you wanna’ be an actor?”

Do you need to be a Bursary Student to join in?
‘No – not at all! I saw the posters around school and just auditioned! I have made lots of friends and it really helped me settle into my new school.’
Shamane Yr 7.

Do you have to be studying GCSE Drama if you audition for a part in Yr 10 or 11?
‘Not at all! I don’t even do drama as one of my options but was given a main part on the strength of my auditions. I work hard but make sure I manage my time well so that I make space for learning my lines and rehearsals as well as my homework.’
Davi Santos Yr 10.

How can you join in if you aren’t a born performer?
You can help paint the set, be a stage hand, help with front of house, be an usher or work in the lighting rig. We have been leading the hair, costume and makeup team’, said Leah Upper Sixth and Tegan Yr 9. ‘We supplied the hair and makeup, we were asked to provide our costumes and we worked for free. We have had to be calm, organised and reliable, we needed to know the whole show back to front so that we knew who to have ready when.”

Go for it! You’ve got nothing to lose,” says Shane from Yr 11. “It can be quite stressful but it has been such a positive experience being part of the production team, it has given me more insight into what it is really like working in a professional theatre.”
SIXTH FORM
Recruitment Fair & Careers Event

January saw our biggest and best ever Sixth Form Recruitment and Careers Fair. We welcomed 22 visitors from Universities and Colleges to meet selected Yr 9, all of Yr 10, 11 and our Lower Sixth. The afternoon started with an introduction to our thriving Sixth Form from Mr Cox, Head of Sixth, who highlighted the fantastic range of courses, both creative and academic, extra-curricular enrichment and pastoral support we are proud to offer here.

Visitors from a variety of providers including Russell Group Universities, Sixth Form Colleges, Gap Year organisations, Careers Advisors, Art Colleges and Performing Arts Colleges set up stands for students and parents to visit and ask any questions about possible progression. We also hosted a series of workshops throughout the afternoon that were targeted to particular groups of individuals including, ‘Life in the Sixth Form’, ‘Choosing the Right Pathway’, ‘Bursaries/Enrichment’ and UNIPROG. Feedback from parents, staff, students and visitors was incredibly positive.

Yr 11 support focusses in the autumn term on Post 16 Options with targeted group sessions and one to one individual appointments.

Yr 10 start to receive their one to one support during the summer term whilst the Yr 9 programme focusses on making choices, options, whole class workshops and follow up/targeted interviews.

We are fortunate to have Alik Boyle, our permanent independent Careers Advisor on site throughout the year to offer expert guidance and support to children right the way through their school careers. Please take the time to introduce yourself to her at Parents Evening and find out more about how we can offer support and advice, suggest possible pathways and future career opportunities for your son or daughter.

Provision is carefully targeted to particular year groups at key transition points throughout the year.

Our current provision builds on a range of support in school that already includes visits, talks, displays around school, sixth form work experience, PHS programme, specialism days, life skills and employability workshops, drop down days, alumni speakers, bursary provision, careers events, apprenticeship conferences and summer schools. Take a look at the careers page on our new website for useful links and in Teaching and Learning at the range of courses on offer at Key Stage 4.

Sixth Form support includes UCAS Planning in September, individual interviews, specialised group meetings, follow up interviews and ‘Drop ins’.

Yr 7 & 8 have a series of assemblies on aspirations & goals and one-day workshops that explore transition and the possibility of decisions in the future.