

MOOR HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 2010

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the September 2010 Newsletter.

EXAM RESULTS

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who did so well in their examinations at the end of Key Stage Four.

Six students achieved 5 A*-G passes and one boy achieved 6 A*-G passes.

The good news is that the vast majority of students achieved the grades they needed to be accepted on a course at the college of their choice.

Key Stage Three Optional Tests

This year there were 9 students eligible for End of Key Stage 3 tests.

All were entered into the foundation level tests for Maths, which offer National Curriculum Levels 3, 4 and 5 as potential outcomes.

Mr Hart is pleased to report that three of these students attained a maximum level 5, three students attained level 4, and three students attained level 3.

These results are positive and in line with expectations. The students deserve to feel proud at their achievements. These students – especially the Level 5 students – are well placed for taking GCSEs over the coming two years.

TRANSITION WEEK - Review

In the last week of term th school Held a‘Transtion Week’. Staff felt that Transition Week would support and make transition in September easier for students by supporting their social and emotional development throughout the week.

During this week, students had the opportunity to spend time with their current class, tutor, speech and language therapist (SLT), occupational therapist (OT) and special teaching assistant (STA) in order to celebrate their achievements and finish off the year.

They also spent time with their new class and staff team, so that they had the chance to get to know them before the end of the term.

The week was packed with fun activities all on the theme of ‘change’. The students carried out these activities in their new classes supported by their new SLT and STA. On Tuesday all students went to Arena Pursuits (www.arenapursuits.com) to enjoy a day of teambuilding activities.

Comments from Students during Transition Week

Arena Pursuits was the best day ever! I really have enjoyed this week!

It has been great to get to know my new staff and class. Wow!

Thank you for a fantastic week!”

SPONSORED WALK

ON September 24th the whole school took part in our traditional annual sponsored walk. There were two walks, one of three miles and one of ten.

Students in Key Stage Two and Year 7 and 8 students walked the three mile course and Years 9, 10 and 11 walked the ten mile course.

Many parents took up the invitation to join us for the day and walked with their children.

The weather forecast was not good but on the day the walkers managed to avoid getting soaking wet as the threatened downpours did not materialize, only some bouts of drizzle, which failed to spoil our day.

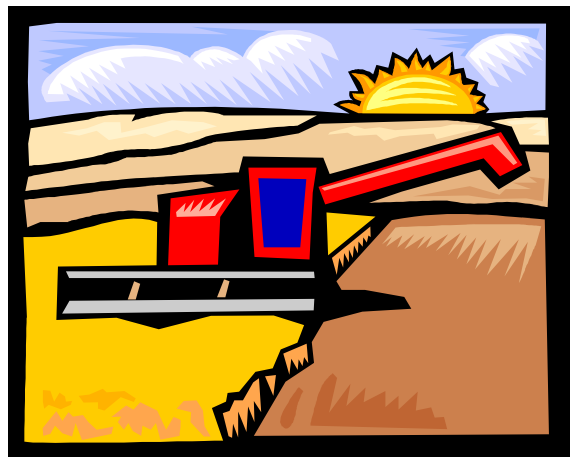
Our thanks go to all the staff who organized the event and to all the families and friends of the students for taking part in the walk to raise money for the school.

NEWS FLASH!!!!

The students raised a staggering sum of **£1787.20** in sponsorship - with one student raising £385.20 to win a prize of a WH Smith voucher!

WELL DONE TO EVERYONE!

HARVEST FESTIVAL



On 29th September the school held it traditional annual Harvest Festival at the Methodist Church, Hurst Green.

A week prior to this the Reverend Karen Bell, the Minister of the Church, attended our lower school assembly to meet and get to know some of the students. The Reverend Bell is new to the church and this was her first experience of working with the students and staff of Moor House School.

The Reverend Bell's service at the Harvest Festival was perfectly pitched to our students, some of whom took part themselves as 'helpers'.

The students also brought their gifts of food along, which this year will be donated to the Croydon women's refuge to support those women in that community who need food this coming Christmas.