

CELEBRATING SUCCESSES IN THE SIXTH FORM



The annual Sixth Form Alderman Wise Award and Presentation evening took place on Wednesday 8th May. It was a wonderful occasion which formally marked the Year 13 students leaving Gosford Hill School.

The evening began with an introduction by Head teacher Dr Bizley who introduced the guest speaker, Martin Keown, former Arsenal and England footballer and current TV pundit. He addressed the large audience, which contained parents, students and teachers, largely about his charity work for Save the Children but also passing on some tips for our students about success in life. It was fantastic to have such a high profile guest and not only did he present all the awards but also stayed to pose for photographs at the end of the ceremony with staff and students.

There followed some amazing musical performances, recitals and drama from this most talented year group which interspersed the main awards to make it a very special occasion for all concerned. The subject awards were presented to students by Ben Whittaker. Special recognition awards were then presented by Paul Catling to Karen Fung who won the Ron Groves Award for Academic Excellence, the Proprio Motu Award for Academic Progress to Georgie Richings, The Roger Sargent Award for Outdoor Education to Elliott Daley and The Making a Difference Award for Community service within Gosford Hill School to Katie Hodgkins. The School Sports Award went jointly to Jake Townsend and Ben Wikins while the Phillip Cooper Sports award was presented to Hannah Clements. The Performing Arts award was won by the multi-talented Elliott Daley.

Each Form tutor gave a resume of their Year 13 tutees including some significant memories of the year. The evening culminated with the annual presentation of the prestigious Alderman Wise Award. This was made by Parish Councillor David Betts and Lisa De Bruyn. The overall joint winner was Karen Fung for not only her outstanding work with the St John's Ambulance Brigade but also for chairing the Sixth Form Committee. Runner up was Brooke Johnstone for her compassionate work with elderly and disabled people at Glebe House.

The Headteacher's special awards went to Head boy and Head girl Tom Cross and Billie Griffiths who made their own speeches in return. The evening finished with Head of Sixth form Lisa De Bruyn giving her reflections on the year group.

The evening was a fitting rite of passage for a multi talented year group.

2013 AWARD WINNERS

The Alderman Wise Award.

Winner Karen Fung
Runner up Brooke Johnstone

The Proprio Motu Award	Geogie Richings
Roger Sargent Award	Elliott Daley
The Making A Difference Award	Katie Hodgkins
The Phillip Cooper Sports Award	Hannah Clements
School Sports Award	Ben Wilkins/Jake Townsend
Performing Arts Award	Elliott Daley
The Ron Groves Award	Karen Fung

Head teachers Special award Tom Cross and Billie Griffiths

Subject awards Year13/Year12

Art	Namok Eu/Ellis Pearson
Biology	Joe Butler/Benito Wainwright
Business	Dan Kerby/James Prothero
Chemistry	Tom Cross/James Prothero
Drama	Alexa Burton/Chantelle Vircavs
English	Katie Hodgkins/Harriet Marshall
English Literature	Emily Davies/Max Jones
Geography (joint winners)	Connie Sheard/Suzanne Hill
History	No award/Alison Brodie
Health & Social Care	Hannah Clements/Katie Sturman
Information technology	Dan Kerby/Ryan Whitehead
Mathematics	Issy Hosking/Benito Wainwright
Further Mathematics	Karen Fung/Travis Gordon
Physical Education	Ben Wilkins/Ryan Whitehead
Physics	Emile White/Matt Kerby
Psychology	Connie Sheard/Emily Cooper
Sociology	Will Brett-Harding/Archie Green

Music by

Kevin Njoroge, James Prothero and Benito Wainwright

Year 12 Drama Monologues:

'Cigarettes and Chocolate' by Dan Barth

'Shakers' by Chantelle Vircavs

By Alexa Burton, Kelly Scott, Jordan Dee and Elliot Daley

Year 13 A level Drama Extract: 'The War at Home'

English reading by Tim Price: from *'On the Road'* by Jack Kerouac

Musical performance by:

Suzanne Hill (Flute and Saxophone): *'Pink Panther and Starsky and Hutch'* medley, followed by *L'Arlésienne Suite No 2* by Bizet

Tom Hooper (Guitar) *'Creep'* by Radiohead

Hannah Davies: *'He's a Tramp'* by Peggy Lee

English reading by Emily Davies

'The Road not Taken' by Robert Frost



Martin Keown with Head Girl – Billie Griffiths and Head Boy –Tom Cross



Martin Keown with Alderman Wise Award Winner – Karen Fung and Runner Up – Brooke Johnstone



Young Green Entrepreneurs

YEAR 8 Eco Day - Tuesday 7th May 2013

The challenge - in teams, over 1 day, propose how you would reduce waste in school, either making money or saving money. Year 8, rose to this challenge brilliantly, as budding green entrepreneurs. They had lots of innovative ideas. The students successfully collaborated, created ideas, presented to their house, and evaluated their work.

The atmosphere on the day was lovely and students were supportive of each other's work as well as being prepared to ask questions of other groups to get them to fully explain their ideas. Nine teams made it through to the final round, when they had to present to the whole year group and Jonathan from the Groundwork Trust. Four teams have been chosen for the next round, to develop their ideas during term 6. Then the three teams who have demonstrated the best waste reduction results will go to the final in October, competing with 8 other schools for a chance to win an Ipad each. Hopefully, by then they will have made or saved Gosford Hill money too.



The 4 winning teams are

'The Green Panthas'

Jasmin Sims ECRS, Jessica Middleton ECRS, Georgia Underwood ESMI, Olivia Forster ECHH and Millie Pitts ECHH.

Their idea is "black out day" among other ideas to reduce electricity use and make us think about how much we waste.

'Girls are Louder'

Mercedes Smith TRNC, Melissa Edwards TCMN, Holly Hall TDYY, Ella Kilby TCMN and Lily Brock TRNC.

Their idea is recycling bins for lots of different things, such as plastics, cane and so on.

'Unique Chic'

Caitlin Brown ETSS, Caitlin Fry ETSS, Ellie Matthews EFGE, Katie Wray ESMI, Chloe Ridewood ETSS, Anna Heaven EFGE.

Their idea is recycling old clothes and turning them into fashion items.

'Eco Council'

Joao de Souza COJT, Lily Johnson CBMA, Imogen Seward-Savin CJHX, Owen Daley CBMA, Tayyib Jan CJHX, Leah Llewellyn CBMA.

Their idea is to set up and run an Eco Council in school to monitor energy use and reduce waste in school, especially reducing water waste.

The Runners up below also had interesting ideas which they could still pursue if they wished. Well done to all of them!

EFGA – Kirsty O'Malley CSHS, Chelsea Beahan CSHS, Amberley Vircavs CJBE, Chloe Hurdley CSNN, Jade O'Dowda CSHS, Mikayla Warren-Smith COJT.

7 Musketeers – Sam Edwards TCMN, Lewis Jones TRSD, Joseph McKenna Jones TRNC, James Bryant TRNC, Morgan Smith TRSD, Konrad Krzych TCMN.

Shatterproof – Sahil Kalyan WADL, Ethan John WADL, Luis Chiquito WKSJ, Harry Tuppeney WRFM, Josh Juggins WHSS, Matt Comley WRFM, Taylor Southam WRFM.

Boom- Sophie Clark CHKU, Sian McCormick CHKU, Taylor Long COJT.

Eco Army – Rosie East WADL, Sarah Nobbs WHWD, Gemma Puleston WHWD, Imogen Taberner WADL, Sophie Rooke WEDY, Laura Rushby WHWD.

Well done to all Year 8. You were fantastic on the day and all the teachers who worked with you said how impressed they were with your ideas, creativity and presentations.

Mrs A Driscoll – Faculty Leader, Humanities

CONGRATULATIONS

Following a visit from children's author Steve Bowkett in March, a competition was set for a Year 7 student to win a signed copy of one of his books. Teachers of the Year 7 English groups were asked to select a previously completed piece of Year 7 work that they considered to be outstanding. The nominations were: Baylee Ridgway WKSJ – Book review of Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian, Fraser Day ETSS – Book review of Ratburger by David Walliams, Maya Hurst CPDS – Use of poetic devices in writing, Ilana Kneafsey TDYY and Jasmine Lallis CJHX – Dear Diary and Matthew Bedwell COJT – The Story!



The overall joint winners were Ilana and Jasmine. This posed a slight problem as there was only one signed book! Fortunately a signed copy of Philip Pullman's Northern Lights had been secured from the Oxford Literary Festival. The girls decided to share the prize and trade books when completed. The runners up all received a certificate and some treats. Well done to all of you for your amazing work which is on display in The Learning Centre.

Jasmine and Ilana with their winning entry, signed books and certificates.

RETURN OF THE CHESS MASTER

The Learning Centre once again welcomed chess master Carl Portman at lunchtime on Wednesday 8th May. Carl came armed with an over-sized magnetic chess demonstration board, guiding thirty Year 7-11 students through a range of strategies while the students followed on their own boards. The aim was to ensure the players have a strong game right from the start. Strategies demonstrated were:

- A - Activate your central pawns, B - Bring out your minor pieces,
- C - Castle early and
- D - Develop a plan.



Mrs Hedges - Learning Centre Manager.



All of the students were thoroughly engrossed and contributed enthusiastically.

Carl will return again on Wednesday 10th July to give more chess tips.

Swimathon success

Stephi Bourliakas swam the Marie Curie Swimathon individual 5 km race again at the Kidlington Sports Centre on Saturday (27th April). She got a time of 1 hour 35 minutes and 5 seconds beating last year's time by 18 minutes. This meant she kept a steady pace of 28.5 seconds to swim one 25 m length over the entire 200 lengths (she normally swims 25m in 17 seconds when she sprints to give an idea of how she paced herself).

She swam in memory of her Auntie Nell, Auntie Pat and Uncle Roger who sadly all suffered from cancer. So far this year she has raised about £140.

Her family hope she can inspire other students to find a sport they love and keep trying at it.

Well done Stephi and congratulations on your achievements!

Dr S Bizley - Headteacher



Judo Success

I am an instructor with Kidlington Judo Club and wanted to let you know about the recent successes of two of your students - Leah Risby and Jamie Smy. Both have recently passed their judo grading. Leah is now a top orange belt and Jamie, who has only recently joined us, has passed each possible grading since joining. Both are outstanding members of the club and fabulous role models for our younger students.

Leah is keen to look into the refereeing side of the sport whilst Jamie is keen to compete and recently took his first gold medal at Wilmslow Judo Club competition with an impressive final and inner thigh reap throw.

I know that students do not always share their successes outside of school and so wanted to pass this good news on.

Tracey Parish – Kidlington Judo Club Instructor



Parent Governor Election

We would like to inform you that Mr. Roger Smith has been re-elected unopposed to serve for a further four-year term of office as a Parent Governor on the Governing Body, with effect from 22 June 2013.

It was not necessary to hold a ballot as there was only the one nomination for the position.

Details of contact information for all Parent Governors are available from Reception. Please contact one of the Parent Governors if you have a concern or question about the governance of the school. Messages can also be left at Reception inside the main school entrance.

Mrs. Doreen Rose - Chair of Governors

CONTACTING YOUR SCHOOL

Your views are very important to us, whether they're about your child, school activities or wider community issues. For all contact details telephone School Reception.

If you have a concern about your child contact:

- **The subject teacher** - if it concerns learning in a particular subject. Contact Reception to leave a message or alternatively, if you have internet access, you can ask for their email address.
- **The Head of Faculty** - if you wish to discuss any matter in greater detail.
- **Their Form Tutor** - if it is a more general issue about your child's well being.

Staff will endeavour to phone you back as soon as possible. All information is treated in the strictest of confidence. If you want to raise an issue or query about a more general area of school activity or a community matter contact a Parent Governor. (Telephone numbers available from School Reception)

SCHOOL RECEPTION: Telephone: 01865 374971

SCHOOL EMAIL: office.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk

SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk

ABSENCE LINE: Telephone: 01865 855378 (please use this number to report absences)

or

email – absence.4060@gosford-hill.oxon.sch.uk

The Parent Support Site has information on supporting your child(ren) in a number of curriculum areas.