



# TERM TALK

SPRING TERM 2014

## Community Ambassadors



The Community Ambassadors are now working with Age UK Hertfordshire and were visited by the fundraising team earlier this week.

The Community Ambassadors at The Priory School, Hitchin have been busy with another local project. On Friday 14th February they attended a charity event for Age UK Hertfordshire in conjunction with Westbourne care home. They chatted to the Residents, helped serve

cakes, tea and coffee. The students also carried out their own cake sale in school raising just under £100 for Age UK Hertfordshire. As a result, we have decided to work closely with this local charity over the next few weeks to carry out more fundraising projects in the community. Students were visited by Bethany Hardy from Age UK Hertfordshire to discuss future fundraising opportunities and she commented how impressed she was with their dedication and imaginative ideas. As a school, we are trying to raise awareness of Age UK Hertfordshire as a worthwhile charity by encouraging people in the local area and students to 'like' their Facebook page – 'Age UK Hertfordshire'. The Priory School Community Ambassadors have already made an appearance on their Facebook page, which is very exciting!



## Champion Fundraiser!

On Friday 28th February 2014, Sophie Day was invited to attend the National Diana Award Ceremony at Barclays HQ in London. This was in order for her to receive her Diana Champion Fundraiser Award. She was nominated this year in recognition of all of her amazing charity work including bringing in a staggering 210 shoe boxes for our Smile International Shoebox charity appeal. She was one of only 70 people to receive an award and we are incredibly proud that all of her hard work was recognised



## TPS DANCE SHOW



**The first ever Priory School Dance Show was absolutely fantastic with a range of students showing off their abilities with performing and choreography. Well done to all involved and a special thanks to Joe Sheehan for all his hard work and amazing choreography!**



# HEALTHY LIVING DAY

On Friday 21st March, Year 8 students took part in the Healthy Living Day which was centred around the idea of 'keeping healthy'. Throughout the day the students took part in five different activities – Breathe for Life, Resuscitation, Healthy Eating, Do More Eat Less and Internet Safety.



## Intermediate Maths Challenge Success 2014



Students in Year 9, 10 and 11 at The Priory School achieved 3 golds, 16 silvers and 14 bronzes in this year's UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. Over 200,000 pupils from across the UK sat the Intermediate Maths Challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze.

Students who achieved a Gold certificate were Meg Stephenson, William Lenton and Philip Pearcy.

Silver certificates were awarded to Emma Murray, Ella Stillwell, Benjamin Hill, Callum Simms, Georgia Head, Graig White, Jamie Milne, Alex Shilling, Kim Nordhausen, Sorcha Lane, Zainab Sheriff, Christian Barley, Fatima Sheriff, Laura Lloyd-Jones, Faiza Saif and Chloe Sawyer.

Bronze certificates were awarded to Tanisha Santiago, Nathaniel Hammacott, James Luck, Leah Davis, Callum Dockerill, Jodi Bednarz, Jacob Harper, Ben Hankin, Sophie Moriarty, Alfie Pyper, Owen Burt, Ugne Gasinaite, Liam Brennan and Hannah Fleetwood.

A special well done goes to Meg Stephenson, William Lenton and Phillip Pearcy who were the best in their year group, with William earning a certificate for Best in School.

Approximately 1500 of the top students are invited to sit a follow-on Olympiad round, and a further 7,000 to a Europe-wide Kangaroo round. Both Meg and William have been selected for these additional rounds.

**THE National Citizen Service Day was a good day and meant we had a day off timetable which is always good. However, putting that aside the day as a whole was actually really fun and different and allowed us all to become closer as forms. We were able to develop skills that we can transfer into everyday life such as working in a team and also leading a group of people. Meeting the people from NCS also made a lot of people reconsider whether or not they want to go to NCS in the summer. The was a positive vibe afterwards and it was a good experience for all of us - Yr 8 Student**



On Thursday 27th march, PHASE received an award from the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire in recognition of the great work they have been doing with young people across the three Hitchin secondary schools and many of the primary schools. PHASE were congratulated on the support they have given young people to help improve their self esteem, understand their intrinsic value and that they have a part to play in their community.

The full compliment of Mayors and Mayoress' were present along with Councillors, Judges, Clergy and other public officers and of course the High Sheriff, Viscountess Fiona Threnchard.



## Priory School Association News



Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Bingo Night on 23rd March. A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all. Special thanks to Mr Evans for his excellent bingo calling. With your support we raised £355 towards the enrichment of the outside areas of the school.



Please make a note in your diary for our fantastic annual Quiz Night on Saturday, 17th May from 7.00pm. Further details and tickets priced at £5.00 for adults, £2.50 for students and £12 for families (2 adults and up to 3 students) will be available at the start of next term.





**Good Clean Fun at  
The Priory School Sports Clubs!**

Cerhys Davis-Jones 9CH has been selected for the England squad for British Gymnastics. Very exciting news, she will be competing at the end of April, so watch this space....

Mrs Bochnak-Sales returned to The Priory School on Monday 1st April to take over Y9. A big thank you goes to Mrs Harrison for her work with the Y9 during Mrs Bochnak-Sales maternity leave.

**A Pandora bracelet has been found at the front of the school. If it is yours, please contact the front office. Thank you**



**Primary School Events  
at  
Ickleford Primary  
School  
and  
Oughton Primary School**

On Monday 24th March and Monday 31st March nine sixth form students went to Ickleford and Oughton Primary schools to take part in a Flower arranging activity with their year 6 pupils and teachers.

The sessions were designed to teach the pupils the value of budgeting by

working out how much it would cost for the flowers, the accessories and importantly the cost of the labour to produce their flower arrangements.

The session also gave the sixth formers who were interested in studying primary education a chance to experience being involved in a classroom activity.

All of the year 6 pupils really enjoyed the activity and created some stunning arrangements to take home for Mother's Day.



On March 25th, the whole of Year 9 took part in Holocaust Day and had the privilege of hearing the personal story and testimony of Joan Salter, a Holocaust survivor. Over the course of the day, students learnt about a range of different aspects of the Holocaust: from literature based in or about this event to learning about Kristallnacht, The Final Solution and other key events in WWII. Students were able to hear what was a very emotive and powerful learning experience in Joan's testimony about her escape from occupied France and the impact this had on her family.

All the students listened intently and asked some amazingly insightful questions to Joan and I'm sure the day will last in the memories of all those present for years to come.

