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Dear Parents/Carers

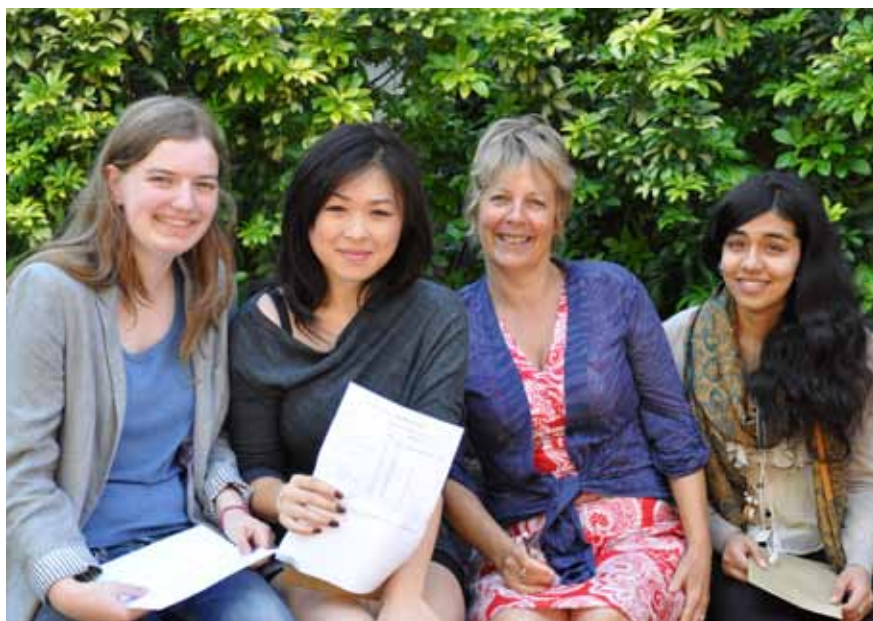
It seems very late to be talking about our summer exam results and I am sure you all know them anyway. Just to say that we had the best results we have ever had at both GCSE and A level. 71% of students got 5 A*-C grades at GCSE including English and Maths, 84% obtained 5A*-C grades and 100% gained

5 A*-G grades. At A2 level the average grades of the students leaving us was ABB. This puts us amongst the top comprehensive schools in the country and the top state school in the borough. I was thrilled that every one of our year 13 students who applied to university or Art College was offered a place – most at their

first choice of university. We are now over subscribed at 6th form and have our largest year 12 ever.

New build

I would like to take this opportunity to keep you up to date on our building project. Over the Christmas holidays the portakabins will be moved from the lower site to the top site, they will be in the park adjacent to the hall where they will be securely fenced off from the public. Therefore most languages lessons will take place there. At the lower site The Leathersellers's Centre (also known as the exam hall) will be demolished and building will take place at both ends of the site. The fitness suite which is used by older students will be demolished and some of the gym equipment moved to the balcony overlooking the gym. The contractors will be putting up hoardings to shut off areas of work and where their machinery will be. In these two spaces they will be building a brand new technology, art and modern foreign languages block where the exam hall is and a





new science block at the end where the portakabins are now. These buildings should be ready for occupation from Easter of 2012. I am very clear that our duty is to continue to improve the educational achievement and the general development of our students as they are here and am very pleased that all students and staff will remain on the site throughout the process.

As usual this has been a very busy term with a range of trips both day and residential, the year 8s had a very successful trip to Marchants Hill and the new year 12 enjoyed a bonding day at Halls Green. The news letter gives you a flavour of some of the wide range of activities that take place. I am very pleased with the way that students throughout the school have settled into the year. In almost all cases students are working hard and participating in some of the many extra opportunities we offer. We had an extremely successful prizegiving at The Broadway Theatre Catford where many students were awarded prizes for progress and achievement, there was a range of interesting speeches from students and wonderful musical performances.

A couple of reminders please ensure your daughter/ward has appropriate footwear for school – shoes should be strong enough to go up and down the hill safely even in wet weather. Flimsy plimsolls and ballet slippers are really not strong enough. Also students **must be dropped off** before the gates on Eastern Avenue or at the bottom of the hill. We have had some very near misses when parents are trying to get past students, staff and deliveries.

All that remains for me to say is that I wish you much peace and happiness over the festive season and a very happy 2011.

Sue Roberts
Headteacher

Around Prendergast Hilly Fields College

Singapore Heads

In late December, a group of Headteachers from Singapore visited our college. They were on an extended trip looking at a range of schools in London and Nottingham. Following a welcome by Ms Roberts and Miss Pienaar, our visitors toured the college with pupils from 7N. They were so impressed by college and by the pupils that they are now seeking to set up a link between us and a school in Singapore.



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A Hill, Assistant Head

Jack Petchey Award

This term's Jack Petchey Award winners are Rebecca Chandler and Miriam Rice, both of 11N and Reanne Walker, 13JR.

Rebecca's award was given in recognition of her organization and preparation of the refreshments for the Art and Design Private View in the summer. The grant will be passed on to the Technology department for expenditure by Food Tech.

Reanne has successfully started an excellent, well-planned weekly Netball Club for girls in Years 7-9.

She has arranged fixtures and has taken the team to a match. The money will be spent on a Coaching Award so that students are fully qualified to lead the Netball Club.

Miriam is the deputy head Year 11 prefect. She has been chosen to lead the team who will produce Year 11's Yearbook as her English and organizational skills are excellent. The grant will be put towards the cost of the Yearbook's production.

G Wijngaard, PA to Head



Reanne Walker



Miriam Rice



Rebecca Chandler



Good Work Book

Congratulations are due to the following girls in Year 9 who produced exceptional work:

English: **Maryam Iqbal, Georgia Conway, Tracy Huynh, Gwen Bovill Hale, Joy Anyanwa, Sian Keogh, Frances Harding, Jenny Humphreys, Amelia Mackie, Helena Kingwill, Flora McNicoll, Rebecca Wedgwood, Zoe Woolley, Lily Dizdar, Lizzie Everett, Lousie Dinsdale, Ella Howard, Katie Lee, Leah-Marie Pennie, Leah Williams.**

Year 9 students were also nominated for outstanding work:

History: **Jainelly Caro Torres, Louise Dinsdale, Leanna Dixon, Agnesa Gasha.**

In Geography **Brithney Taylor** of Year 8 has been recognized for producing a beautiful Rainforest Handbook.

S Roberts



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Language Olympics

“This year we all were given the opportunity to take part in the Language Olympics, to compete for prizes such as ipods. With our individual accounts we could tailor games on the website to help us to learn specific topics and vocabulary in many languages. It was very helpful for many of us and I used the website to improve my Spanish, French and Italian. I am glad I took part in the olympics and if it runs again next year I would encourage everyone to take part.”

Miriam Rice, Y11

Operation Christmas Child

This Christmas will have an extra meaning for Prendergast students. The night before Christmas our students will be thinking about the presents they will be receiving and for some they will be thinking about children in poorer countries enjoying a box full of treats and toys. Operation Christmas child is a charity event run by the Samaritans purse. Their mission, to bring joy to the most vulnerable over the most important time of the year.

With the help of 7R we launched an appeal to the whole school to bring in a variety of gifts. Gloves, hats, toys, toothbrush, hair clips etc... The gifts are destined for a

boy or girl at a variety of ages. The students had to bring in a shoebox wrapped in xmas paper and full of gifts.

We have had a fantastic response particularly from the year 7 who showed great generosity and enthusiasm to bring in a mountain of gifts and boxes. November 18th signalled the end of the fund raiser and the school managed to bring in 70 boxes and over £100.

SO over xmas think of smiles that your gifts have brought to the disadvantaged children of the world. Thank you.

Mr Y Ali

A flood of donations for WaterAid

Year 7 have been raising money for WaterAid as part of the Geography course. Students have been doing various activities such as... bag packing at local stores, collecting people's spare change, money trees, cake sales and how many sweets are in the sweet jar.

The donations will provide villages in developing countries

access to clean water, so if you can, please donate any spare change.

Ms Hatch, Geography

£1449.62
donated so far!





First-class act

London Schools and the Black Child (LSBC) is an initiative started in the 1990s by MP Diane Abbot to deal with the increasing problem of educational underachievement in Black communities and to highlight high achievers. The idea behind the awards is to counteract the negative press that young black people can get in the media.

Each year there are 24 short listed candidates in the categories: GCSE boy, GCSE girl, A Level boy, A Level girl, Higher Education boy and Higher Education girl. One girl and one boy is awarded the winner in each level category. Every year Diane Abbot's office receives hundreds of nominations. As such the academic standard is very high and so candidates are short listed not only on the basis of their academic achievements but also on their presence as a role model – be it through overcoming hardships, taking part in extra-curricular activities, contributing to their school or wider communities, or helping others. I was fortunate enough to be nominated as a candidate and short listed. This year's London Schools and the Black Child Academic Achievement Awards took place on the 1st October 2010 at the House of Commons. Special guests included: retired Tottenham and England player, Garth Crooks OBE, comedian Stephen K Amos, Miss Black Britain Rachael Williams and

the Jamaican High Commissioner to the UK, Anthony Johnson and Sir William Atkinson.

There were 3 other candidates in my category and, through earlier conversations, I learned that I was up against students that achieved outstanding grades such as 12 A*s and so could hardly believe it when I was called as the winner. I received my prize from comedian Stephen K Amos who gave us a hilarious performance earlier on in the evening. After being announced as the winner I was whisked away to do various interviews before being able to celebrate with Miss Conway and the two friends, Ella and Elshadai, who accompanied me on the evening. After the award ceremony drinks and canapés were served on the terrace overlooking the Thames where I conversed with nominees from other categories and received advice from older students and winners from the previous year. Meeting Diane Abbot was a huge honour for me as she has achieved so much in her life and I found her to be very inspiring.

The whole evening was an amazing experience and I would like to thank Miss Conway for nominating and supporting me and my two friends who accompanied me and made the night so memorable.

Nadine Williams



Cool donation

The Textiles Department would like to thank Craft and Knitting author **Kate Haxell** for the fantastic donation of 30 copies of her book *Customising Clothes* to the college.

The books will provide a valuable resource and will also make great prizes for students.

Mrs Morrison

Colds & Footwear

If your child has a cold/sore throat please could you ensure that they have an adequate supply of tissues and some sore throat lozenges to help soothe their throat. Pupils are being sent down to me just to get tissues and sore throat sweets which is very disruptive for the rest of their class. I do have paracetamol/ibuprofen to help with any fever but most pupils should be able to manage to carry a few themselves to take only when they are slightly unwell.

Please could you check that your child's shoes are suitable for inclement weather as in these wet, icy conditions pupils are slipping over on the hill due to their shoes.

Nurse Durman

Prendergast Hilly Fields College





Imani Provenzano-Adisi 7R, Leyo Adams 7E



Victoria Yeung 7N



Ashlin Caro 7N



Bryony Lloyd 7P

European day of languages

On 24 September, the college celebrated the European Day of languages. The college came alive with the colours of the traditional dress and multi coloured flags of the world.

A huge thank you to all those who took part and made the day such a wonderful celebration.



Hafsa Abid 7N, Emilia Schmolck 7P



Charlotte Runnicles 7R



Sophie Davies-Williams 7P



Alison Bayley 7R



Thora Neybour 7E



Connie Pharoah 7R

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We met author... Rick Riordan

A fantastic opportunity was given to us just before the half term holidays. A small group of girls was invited to meet **Rick Riordan** (RR), the best-selling author of the Percy Jackson adventures. You may recall the recent blockbuster movie 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief'. It was a fantastic day....

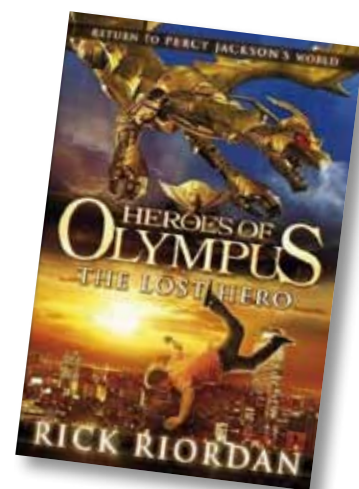
At the Puffin publishing house, we were first taken to the 10th floor balcony to see a sight of London that was as impressive as what you would see from the London Eye. Then we were taken to a meeting room, the girls were gearing up to see Mr. Riordan but just before that they got a chance to meet some of the Puffin team including Mr. Riordan's editor. One of our girls asked 'Does he make lots of spelling mistakes' which made us all laugh, but she told us that he used to be an English teacher so didn't make many mistakes at all. **Merle Chappell** 8R asked the editor 'Have you ever taken anything out of his work that was supposed to be funny but wasn't?' 'Good question, to which the answer was yes. The girls were asked about their favourite books and media in general including Facebook, MSN, Amazon, e-Books

and conventional books (conventional books seemed to be most popular – YES!), how things have changed for people in terms of reading preference and how they feel about all of the new gadgets that seemed to need upgrading every few weeks. It was fantastic to see the girls so engaged, getting involved with the conversation, knowing that this group of adults really seemed to have a keen and genuine interest in their views.

Meeting the Man

Connie Pharoah 7R writes....

".....We were now ready to see Rick Riordan. When I entered the room I was very shy but tried to look professional! He was nice and friendly and it was very interesting to hear about his ideas and what he thought about the book" (Heroes Of Olympus – his latest novel) she continues "I enjoyed myself and thank you for giving me the opportunity to meet RR". After the initial 'stunned silence', the girls got back into the swing of things and asked RR all the questions they thought of beforehand (well, the ones they managed to remember anyway). He answered all the questions, posed for pictures and signed everything that was thrust



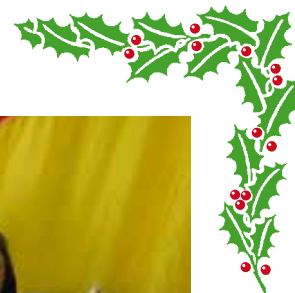
under his nose, including an autograph book, school diaries, bits of paper and even bags. What a nice guy!

Everyone was smiling ear to ear when we left. Mostly for meeting RR but also for all the extra touches that were organised for us, the views, the munchies, the free Puffin book bags, not to mention the extra signed copies of 'Heroes of Olympus' sent to me to give to the year 10 girls who signed up to go but weren't able because of very important assignments.

Very special thanks to **Ms B Nelson** from all of us.

Ms Bolt, Librarian





Club News

Gardening Club

Nurse Durman

Gardening club continues when the weather is good. The geraniums which flowered so well have been dug up and are overwintering in the entrance hall as they don't enjoy frosts and snow. We have planted some daffodils and other spring bulbs along with wallflowers and primulas so in spring there should be good show of colour. Although the squirrels have been busy digging some of them up.

The compost bin is slowly filling up so maybe we will have some homegrown compost in the spring. For the spring we have been sent some large canvas planters so ideas of what to grow please.

A plea for equipment. If anyone is given some new gardening tools for Christmas could the school please have the old ones. Gardening club is great fun and you can take home what we grow. It is also a chance to go outside into the fresh air at lunchtime.



L-R Back row: Rhyanna Blake, Hayley Frame, Ella Raine

L-R Front row: Niamh Dennard, Yewa Animashawun, Haleema Nazir, Lauren Keener



Lunch Club

Ms P Moore

Year 7 and Year 8 lunch clubs have benefited from money donated by Yewa in 8P who won the Jack Petchey Award last term. Giant Jenga and craft equipment have been

purchased and pupils are enjoying being creative. Both lunch groups are focusing on emotional literacy this year and displays will be put up in room 03 and around the school.



Homework Club

Homework club meets after school in the library and it is a fantastic opportunity to get your homework done before you head for home

There are staff on hand to help if you get stuck as well.

R Bolt, Librarian





Healthy Schools Week

Healthy Schools week 18th October - 23rd October
During this week students took part in a wide range of activities from gardening and making smoothies to sporting activities. The aim of this week was to equip every student with the skills and knowledge to make informed health and life choices to reach their maximum potential.

Ms E Mottershead, PE



Hockey



Fruit Kebabs



Dolma Stuffed Peppers



Cool Smoothies



Gardening Club



9P

Winter Fair

The Winter Fair was a great success this year in spite of having to cancel the original date due to the snow. There was a wide variety of stalls and activities as diverse as Henna Painting, Dress the Barbie and the hugely entertaining "Teacher Challenge" where teachers were put through trials such as "electric shocking" and Apple Bobbing. Assistant Head Teacher **Mr Grant** stole the show when he was subjected to a "makeover" by **Charlotte Runnicles** from 7R which will appear on Youtube in time for Christmas. Many additional prizes were awarded this year, including The Citizenship Award to **Harriet Bainbridge** in 8N for making beautiful craft products to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Best Commercial Product was won by the pupils of 9E for

assorted hand-made Jewellery and accompanying miniature gift boxes and The Gumption Award was awarded to 7P for refusing to hand over their takings to FOPSA because they didn't know who they were! Thank you to all the **Tutors, Teachers, Premises Staff** and **FOPSA** members for making the fair the success it was.

And finally, the fair raised **£1543.35**; who are the winners? You will all have to wait for Final Assembly on Friday..... well done to everyone!



7P

Mrs Morrison



7N

Year 12 Mock Interview afternoon

A very successful interview afternoon took place in the TLC on Tuesday 18 November 2010. All Year 13 students who are applying to go to University had two practice interviews, to give them experience and help them improve their skills for performing a good interview.

A huge thanks to the 26 visitors who gave up their time to do the interviews, many of whom have been participating for a number

of years. It is a very worthwhile event and the students were both apprehensive but also enthusiastic to learn from the experience.

Well done Year 13, the feedback from the Interviewers was extremely positive and they were very impressed by the students. Below are a few of the written comments on the feedback forms.

Mr R Whitley

“Confident and self assured”

Charlotte Vagg

“Very confident... enjoyable conversation”

Natalya Best-Forbes

“Very clear idea of his interests and where he wants to go - into accountancy!”

Robert Chung

“Good first impression - she has a very positive attitude”

Emine Hassan

“Has clearly researched different courses & options. Knowledgeable about her choices”

Amira Amzour

“A very confident speaker who displayed a quiet maturity”

Omolade Osonuga

2010 UK Senior Mathematical Challenge



On the morning of November 4 selected pupils from Years 12 & 13 got their brains into gear for ninety minutes to tackle twenty-five multiple choice questions of increasing difficulty in the TLC. Guessing, quite rightly, was not a good idea as marks were deducted for incorrect answers. For a pupil to achieve a certificate of any colour he or she can feel very proud of their achievement; those that can feel proud of their performance and deserve our congratulations are:

Year 12 Bronze: **Naomi Curthoys**

Year 12 Silver: **Ellen Hayward Seers; Helena Kernan & Sarah Lawes**

Year 13 Bronze: **Josie Canham-Williams**

Year 13 Silver: **Vitali Sakovic**

In addition **Ellen Hayward Seers** should have an extra pat on the back as she won the Best in School award.

Two questions that may be accessible to parents and pupils other than those in the Sixth form are:

1) The year 2010 is one in which the sum of digits is a factor of the year itself.

How many more years will it be before this is next the case?

A 3 B 6 C 9 D 12 E 15

2) Dean runs up a mountain road at 8 km per hour. It takes him one hour to get to the top. He runs down the same road at 12 km per hour.

How many minutes does it take him to run down the mountain?

A 30 B 40 C 45 D 50 E 90

Answers are on the back page.

More information about these Challenges can be found at: <http://www.ukmt.org.uk>

Mr P Kitchingman, Maths



Book Week

We celebrated another successful Book Week this year with a few extra bits added in to reach out to the whole school, rather than a focus on KS3.

MONDAY – The Scholastic Book Fair was launched at Rec. All pupils were able to buy new and popular books from three, stacked-to-the-brim, bays of titles as well as book bags, diaries, do-it-yourself kits, posters and book packs with 3 for the price of one deals. We made over £20 in the short time of twenty minutes, which was very encouraging.

NOTE: If the fair makes £350 in sales, the school gets up to 50% discount on new books to spend in the library.....WE DID IT!!!!

TUESDAY - We had a new poet visiting Year 9 this year. **Neal Zetter** came in and did a performance of some of his work to the entire year group during tutorial. Judging by the faces, intense listening and the applause that followed after each piece, I can safely say that year 9 girls do enjoy poetry (even though some wouldn't admit to it in a million years). Neal

then went on to do individual sessions with form groups.



The topic was 'I Am London'. The girls could choose a place, (e.g. Tottenham Court Road tube station), an object, (like The London Eye, a bus or taxi) and write a poem as that place or

object using a worksheet of ideas and books from the school library. "Some of the girls came up with some brilliant poems, girls that you would not necessarily think would have done" said one member of staff who sat in on a session. Everybody came up with something and everyone got involved.



Another new feature this year was a 'Stop, Drop & Read' session. All staff were asked to inform their classes to make sure they had a reading book for this tutorial session. The whole school were invited to Stop whatever they were doing, Drop everything and Read for that period. I did get to walk around a small section of the school and was pleased to see that most took part, including staff.

WEDNESDAY - We had our regular annual visit from local author **Brian Keaney** for Year 8. Every year Brian comes in and shares his experiences of being an author and the processes of writing a novel, from the first idea to the finished product on the bookshop shelves. Year 8 showed

a lot of interest and asked many questions. The session could have easily gone on for an extra half an hour.

For Year 7 we had **Carol Russell**, a storyteller who has visited us before at last years Book Week and Black History Month event. Carol told stories from Africa with the accents and actions to add to the flavour. The girls sat with wide eyes and open mouths at the dynamic stories that were told and there were parts when they could join in too. They must have been very impressed because when she was about to leave, one girl asked for her autograph!

Ms R Bolt, Librarian

Oliver Doyle Head Boy



Hi, I'm Oliver Doyle and I have been Head Boy of Prendergast HFC since April. I'm studying Music, History, and English Literature – all which I have really enjoyed so far. I am seventeen years old and I enjoy playing my piano and going out with my friends.

Q When are you happiest?

A Has to be when I'm out with friends.

Q What is your greatest fear?

A Going blind, everything I'd miss, and being completely dependent on someone looking after you would be horrible. I wouldn't want to place anyone in that position.

Q What is your earliest memory?

A Mum being rushed to hospital when she had my brother.

Q What is your most treasured possession?

A Apart from my bed, probably my piano, I don't know what I would do without it.

Q What makes you unhappy?

A Coming home and realising I've got more work to do than at school is never a good feeling.

Q What is your favourite book?

A Probably the Woman In Black... Classic Gothic Horror, the kind of book you can't put down, and find it hard to sleep after reading!

Q What is your favourite film?

A Would have to be Borat, best film I've seen without a doubt.

Q What is your favourite piece of music?

A Changes every few days... at the moment it has to be an Italian song 'Spargete Sospiri' by Rossi.

Q What would be your fancy dress costume of choice?

A Last time I did fancy dress I went as Sweeney Todd, was fun.

Q Which living person do you most admire?

A Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese

opposition leader... Faces death every day and still fights for what she believes in. Think she's got to be the bravest person on earth.

Q Who (living or dead) would you invite to your dream dinner party?

A Jesus, Bob Marley and Karl Pilkington. Wouldn't be dull?.

Q What has been your biggest achievement so far?

A Answering these questions has been the hardest thing I've ever done, felt quite proud when I'd finished them.

Q What would your 'super-power' be?

A Teleportation - to never have to get the 47 Bus again.

“Jesus, Bob Marley and Karl Pilkington”





Field Trips

Slapton Sands

On September 18 A level students accompanied by Ms Boylan and Miss Hatch spent six days at the Field Studies Council Centre at Slapton Ley, South Devon. The trip, which developed

their investigative skills, was really enjoyable and very beneficial and included a day working on the beach, a day in a river and a day in Dartmoor National Park.
Ms C Boylan



Year 12 trip to Hall's Green

The new Year 12 students went on an activity day trip to Hall's Green on Thursday 16 September.

This enabled them to get to know each other and meet new friends whilst taking part in a number of activities, ranging from canoeing, abseiling, archery, football, rounders and team development tasks.

The students enjoyed the day and hopefully it helped those new to Prendergast Sixth Form to settle in and make new friends.

Mr R Whitley





Year 8 visit to Marchants Hill

On a cold November day 45 girls from Year 8 set off to Marchants Hill PGL centre in Hindhead Surrey. The staff accompanying the trip were **Ms White, Ms Georgulas, Ms Noonan** and **Miss Koen**.

As we stepped off the coach the crisp fresh country air immediately hit us. We proceeded to get settled into our en suite dormitory accommodation in Bethany House, a former convent. Soon rumours were flying about the ghostly presence of Alice who was rumoured to haunt the surrounding area known as Echo Point!

After much excitement and a bite to eat we met our fantastic Group Leader, Hayley, who took us down to meet the instructors for the first activity at camp fire meeting point. Abseiling took great feats of courage from many but proved to be a favourite activity. The 'Big Swing' relied heavily on teamwork to pull ropes which raised the swing

to its highest point, at which point we let go and the air was filled with the screams of Prendergast girls as they were catapulted into the air. One of most challenging activities on ground level was the 'sensory challenge'. Girls had to work together as a team to negotiate an obstacle course blindfolded. Climbing through boggy mires and window frames, while attached together proved to be good fun as well making us realise how much we rely on our sight.

Night time activities included a game of ambush in a darkened forest and the hilarious generation game. Can you believe this all happened in just two and a half days?On a cold November day the girls from E and N arrived with Miss Reekie and Mr Parsons and the fun started all over again. But this time it was Mr Parsons who was screaming on the big swing!

Ms White and Ms Georgulas





PE Department

Young Leaders

Two year 9 classes 9N and 9P have been undertaken the Young Leaders certificate which teaches them basic skills in communication, organisation and leadership to enable them to deliver simple sessions to younger pupils.

Yr 1 pupils from Gordonbrock Primary school have made several

journeys to our school to sample the year 9 fun lessons in jumping, throwing, running and catching.

The yr 9 pupils will all be presented with their young leaders certificate in assembly.

Ms Mottershead



Higher Sports Leaders

Currently in year 13 we have 9 pupils undertaking the Level 3 sports leaders award. Within this award the pupils have to really show their commitment and dedication to sports leadership. The pupils have to volunteer in three different settings. The 1st placement all pupils volunteered their time at Meadowgate primary school. The pupils had the opportunity to work and help children of all ages with autism. They have shown outstanding maturity and have really enjoyed working with the pupils. The 2nd placement has ranged from working with a local beavers group to dedicating their time at local holiday sports camps. This has allowed the pupils the opportunity to develop their

coaching abilities. The 3rd and final placement is at Stillness Infants and Gordonbrock Primary School. The HSLA students are helping the pupils within their lessons. The pupils are gaining valuable life lessons from these placements and are showing an excellent range of skills which is being constantly commented on by members of staff at these placements. Within the award the pupils have to run a sports club to display all their skills they have learnt. **Reanne Walker** and **Kelsey Orlebar** have been running a netball club for years 7, 8 & 9 here at PHFC. The club has run smoothly and is very successful. The girls are fantastic coaches and the pupils are really enjoying their time. All the HSLA students will

be running a sports festival as their final assessment early next year. Keep an eye out for posters so you can come and see them in action! These pupils have grown as leaders and shown outstanding commitment and leadership qualities. Well done. HSLA Students: **Reanne Walker, Kelsey Orlebar, Ria Handley, Leanne Markey, James Odu, Gareth Carew, Saskia Rossi, Sarah Yearwood & Rosalyn Barrett.**



Step into Sport

14 of our pupils have signed up to the Step into Sport Scheme. The scheme helps reward the pupils who volunteer their time in school and in the community. Between the 14 they have volunteered a staggering 290 hours within sport. We are very lucky to have such committed and dedicated pupils at this school. Keep up the good work.

If you want to sign up to the scheme ask Miss Burke for more information.

Miss Burke



Young Ambassadors

Congratulations to **Linda Gnamba & Tamar Beckford** for being awarded with the great honour of becoming the Prendergast Hilly Fields College young ambassadors. These girls were selected because of their outstanding commitment to athletics through their training and dedication. They will be working closely with me to promote physical activity to all pupils and will help to develop the Olympic and Paralympics values to the whole school.

Miss Burke

Prendergast Hilly Fields College



Lewisham Schools Cross Country

The Junior Cross Country team ran in the Lewisham Schools championships at Beckenham Place Park on 11th November. Despite the cold, wet and very windy weather, the team finished a close second to Sydenham High School, missing the top place by only 3 points.

Special congratulations to Darnisha Solanke who came 4th in her race and Zahida Hedoun who came 10th.

Junior team members:
Darnisha Solanke, 8P
Zahida Hedoun, 8P
Maria Aldea, 8P
India Bah-Nelson, 9P
Katie Lee, 9E
Helena Kingwill, 9N



Great start for five-a-side team

Written by Louisa John Philips

On Wednesday 24th November pupils from Prendergast GCSE PE classes in yr 10 and yr 11 got kitted up to complete in a five-a-side football tournament at Millwall.

We competed against sixth form colleges. Although they had the advantage of more experience than

us on the field we showed great determination and sportsmanship throughout. We received certificates and other goodies for our efforts.

It was a fun experience for all of us and hopefully we will be able to play more matches at other stadiums in the future. Big thanks to the PE Department for organising it.

Congratulations also to the Senior team who finished second in their race too with Erica Barilovicute (11E) in 6th place, Khadian Thompson(11E) in 10th and a fantastic effort by Linda Gnamba(11N) to gain us the points that guaranteed us second place.

Ms Lammas, PE Department

Get Set Network

With 2012 so close we have started to get ready here at PHFC. Throughout the year there will be a number of opportunities for the pupils to get involved and learn more about the Olympic and Paralympics games. The Olympic & Paralympics values are already evident & thrive throughout the school community, they are: respect, excellence, friendship, courage, determination,

inspiration & equality. The year 7's have helped us to start the promotion of Olympics as they have worked hard to develop the Olympic mascots. The girls have changed the mascots to represent their area. 7R, 7E & 7N have entered the 2012 mascot competition. Watch this space for winners! Below are some of the fantastic designs. **Kristina 7R, Manon 7R, Abigail 7E & Pip 7E**. All the designs will be displayed around the school as they are all bright and vibrant. Well Done!

We are currently awaiting

the result to see if we have been successful in joining the Get Set Network. Currently only 1 other school in Lewisham has joined. Congratulations to Prendergast Ladywell Fields College for being the 1st school to join the network. By joining the network we will be open to fantastic opportunities on the run up to the games in 2012. For regular updates please check out our blog at: <https://getset.london2012.com/en/blog/public/>





Letter from South America

Mr Edwards, Greetings from Brazil

I hope you are all keeping well and are not suffering too much in all that cold weather you have been having. It is quite the contrast here in Brazil as I am sure you can imagine.

My wife and I are living on the Island of Santa Catarina, in Florianopolis, southern Brazil. Here, as with the vast majority of Brazil, we are in the Southern Hemisphere (located south of the equator) and summer time is just beginning. Florianopolis lies between the 27' and 30' lines of latitude, south of the equator and has a subtropical climate that is both warm and humid. Average summer time temperatures range between 25 and 40°C. Our flat is located on the east coast of the island and looks out across the South Atlantic Ocean (see picture below). The Island of Santa Catarina is truly beautiful. It has 42 beaches and the areas of the island that have not been developed are largely covered in dense vegetation.

We are really enjoying being here and my wife has been spending some much needed time with her family who also live here on the island and whom she has lived away from for many years. I am pleased to announce that my wife, Sanita, is pregnant and our baby is due to be born in early February.

At the moment I am desperately trying to improve my Portuguese and am trying to learn a few new words everyday. I am still making far too many mistakes though, so there is a long way to go yet.

Apart from my language issues, one of the most difficult things about being in this country is seeing the extreme poverty that exists here. In Year 9 geography lessons, pupils at Prendergast learn about the huge contrast between rich and poor people in Brazil. While southern Brazil is one of the wealthiest regions of the country, you still do not have to look far before seeing favelas (Brazilian shanty towns). These are largely found on the outskirts of the main cities and often spread up into the hillsides. Favelas are areas of poor quality,

predominantly self-built housing and are largely the result of the influx of poor rural migrants who move from the countryside to the cities in search of new job opportunities and to try to improve their quality of life. Without qualifications though, many of these people often end up doing the lowest paid and often informal-sector jobs. With such low incomes, they have no choice but to live in the favelas. Conditions in many of these favelas are poor, with families living in cramped conditions, often without many basic amenities such as clean water, sanitation or electricity. The Brazilian government is doing a lot to try to resolve these problems, however, the number of people in need of help, still outweighs the resources available. One of the best ways to improve the living conditions in many of the favelas has been through government aided self-help schemes in which people in the favelas are given resources and funding to improve and upgrade their own homes. This has already made a great difference to the lives of many Brazilians. Again, pupils in Year 9 and those who take GCSE and A-Level Geography learn more about this as part of their courses.

Finally, I would just like to wish you all well. I know it has been a demanding but rewarding term for everyone at Prendergast Hilly Fields College. I miss you all so much! I hope you really enjoy your well-deserved Christmas break. Good luck to all those doing exams in January.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr A. Edwards



Second hand school uniform

We would be grateful for any good second hand uniforms, especially skirts. They can be delivered to the pupil reception.

Catering

All cheques should be made out to Wilson Jones Catering and can be posted in the box outside the kitchen door.

Answers

Maths Challenge: 1) B, 2) B

Editor's corner

Remember to visit our web site at www.hillyfieldscollege.lewisham.sch.uk

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