

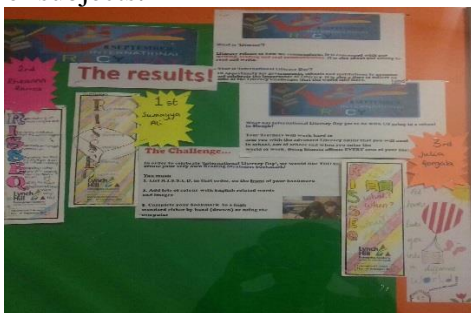
**Welcome** to the latest, and very full issue of the Newsletter. This addition begins with a focus on English and all the amazing things that are happening in Miss Scotland's department. With thanks to her and her team for all their input. This newsletter will also keep you up-to-date with the ways in which LHEA is stepping out into the community, and also welcoming the community in.

**S**tudents have enjoyed an array of exciting national and international event days since the start of the academic year. From designing their own bookmarks and attending lectures on 19<sup>th</sup> century authors to creating bookmarks and poems on freedom, our students have certainly been busy! These activities are not restricted to just one day. The skills learned will be utilised all year round and across the curriculum!



International Literacy Day is celebrated on 8th September. It is an important date on the English department calendar as it not only falls on the start of a new and exciting academic year but also reminds both teachers and students of the importance of literacy on a global scale.

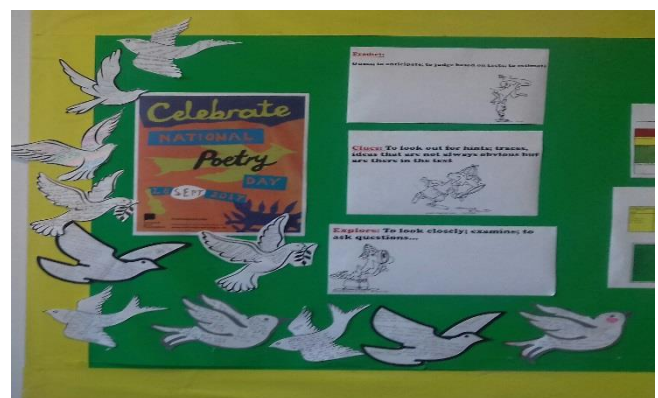
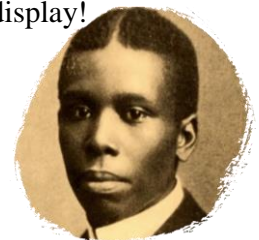
To mark the event, our Year 7 students created bookmarks that will serve to remind them of the key reading strategies they need to access texts. Students refer to the 'R.I.S.S.E.Q' reading strategies in English lessons and activate them when they are reading both at home *and* within their other subjects.

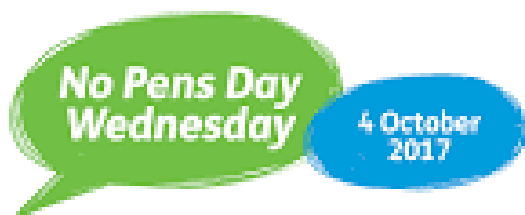


This year *National Poetry Day* was celebrated on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017.



Years 7 to 9 students created poems on the theme of 'Freedom'. They were inspired by the work of prolific writer Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872 -1906). His poem, 'Sympathy', helped students create bird shaped poetry and they used their poetic licence to design innovative and striking display!





*No Pens Day Wednesday* is a national speaking and listening event. Students are encouraged to ‘put down their pens’ and engage in talk!

**“I really enjoyed *No Pens Day Wednesday* because you did not need a pen... You could just talk ALL lesson! (Year 7 student).**

**“I had never heard of *No Pens Day Wednesday*. We should have the event *every Wednesday!*” (Year 8 student).**

**“The day went really quickly. There were rules but they were there to train us on how to debate and listen to others.” (Year 10 student).**

LHEA students are so used to formal writing sessions that it actually took them a while to adjust to a more relaxed talk based session. When they adapted, however, English teachers simply couldn’t stop their students from debating, challenging each other, being in role and re-enacting scenes from their GCSE texts!

### **GCSE Study Support: ‘English in the Hall’**

The English department are preparing LHEA’s first GCSE cohort. To support their studies, English teachers hold ‘English in the hall’ lectures to introduce and embed the new GCSE requirements. The lectures have covered topics like ‘What do we study for the English Language and Literature GCSEs?’ ‘How is my GCSE work assessed?’, ‘Which study skills are needed for me to be a successful English Language student?’ and ‘Who are the 19<sup>th</sup> century writers and what were their intentions?’

“I look forward to the sessions! It is an opportunity to get a detailed overview of what we will study and we get advice from our English teacher who is an AQA English Literature examiner.”  
**(Year 10 student)**



### **Enthusiastic Year 7 pupils at Lynch Hill**

**Enterprise Academy read everything from comics to classics, raising £263.84 to help give brand new books to children in hospital.**

To encourage its pupils to read for pleasure, Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy has just completed a successful *Readathon* sponsored read. Pupils rose to the challenge, reading many books and raising a fantastic £263.84 for seriously ill children. Their achievement also earned the school free books worth £52.77, provided by *Readathon* in partnership with Scholastic Book Clubs.

Two pupils were especially praised for their efforts in reading and raising money: Lola Crossley who received a book prize and Jesse Tarling who was awarded a book token.

*Readathon* is run by the UK charity Read for Good, which uses the sponsorship money raised to provide a regular supply of much-needed brand new books and regular storyteller visits for all major children’s hospitals in the UK. Each hospital has a tailor-made, mobile bookcase, which is jam-packed full of the latest best sellers and classic favourites enabling children to choose just what they fancy, without risk of infection.

In its 2008 report *Literacy Changes Lives*, the National Literacy Trust concluded:

**“...reading for pleasure has been revealed as the most important indicator of the future success of a child.”**

**“...reading for pleasure is more important for children’s educational success than their family’s socio-economic status.”**

### Black History Month Competition 2017 'Painting, Poem or Poster'

October 2017 marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
*Black History Month* in the UK.

Students were asked to create a 'Painting, Poem or Poster' to honor their black history hero/ine.

Congratulations to Aqueelah and Amelia (Year 8) who created an absolute masterpiece

There were a number of incredible entries but the clear winners simply went the extra mile.

Students were given a voucher to enjoy. At the whole school assembly, Year 7-10 students were reminded to continue to embrace and celebrate Black history.



On the third Monday in January, the world acknowledges the life and times of Martin Luther King Jr.

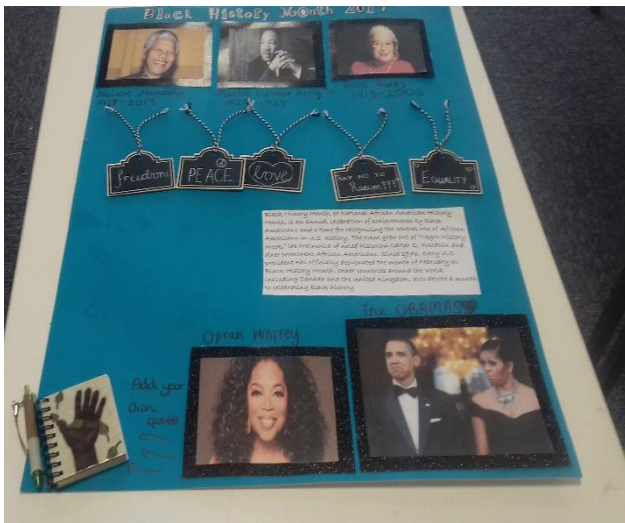
LHEA students learned of Martin Luther King's great achievements and were given the opportunity to listen and analyse his 'I have a dream' speech.

Students were truly inspired by King's short but active life and impressed with his determination and passion for change.

Students will create a poem or prose piece called 'I have a dream' where they will write about issues and ideas they would like to see changed today.

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream..."

- Martin Luther King Luther King



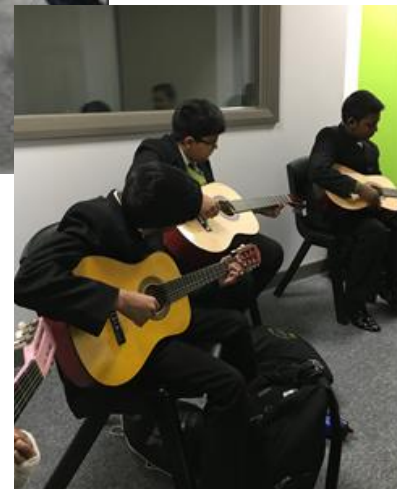
## News from the Music Department

On Wednesday 13th December, Lynch Hill was delighted to receive a visit from African Activities. Kwame led the sessions on African music, songs and dance. This event consolidated and extended students' understanding of "World music", a topic studied by all year 8 during the year. Year 8 Pupils were buzzing and still talking about it. What a fantastic experience and opportunity to perform on the drums, sing African tunes and perform some of the dances. I had a lot of positive feedback from those who were at the event. I like the effortless enthusiasm remarkable energy Kwame shared with the pupils. The standard of the teaching was excellent and Kwame ensured that every child felt included and had an exciting, meaningful experience.



## Guitars lessons started last week.

Welcome to Asif Gillani from the Slough Music Service. Asif has been teaching the guitar for 15 years and is very exciting to work here at LHEA. If anyone is interested in being part of the guitar club, or want to learn any other instruments please speak to Mrs Oculi-Dinal.



We are delighted to report that we received a thank you letter from Slough Foodbank for **78 kgs** of food collected for them before Christmas! This is apparently equivalent to approximately 78-82 individual meals.

Thank you for all your support.

## Sports Leaders

These students were absolutely brilliant as sports leaders at a Sport Inspired primary festival last week. They were a credit to themselves and the school and we received many comments about their excellent leadership skills and conduct throughout the day. Lawrence Amofah and Darren Ndiba were singled out for particular praise from the primary schools.



## Year 9 Options

As Year 9 approach the time when they make their choices for GCSE Subjects, please find the schedule below:

Careers Activities	Ongoing
Student Survey	w/c Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan
Options Presentation (students)	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb P5
Options Evening (Students & Parents)	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 18:00-20:00
1:1 Discussions with Staff	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb onwards
Year 9 Parents' Evening	Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 16:00-19:00
Option choices deadline	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar 15:00
Options Confirmed	Summer Term

We have a programme of events organised in order to inform students about Careers opportunities, local labour markets and the choices available to them when they leave school. An outside speaker and musician is visiting the school to launch the week to all year groups.

Year 9s will be visiting the Slough Aspire Careers Event to get inspiration about their career choices and to help inform their forthcoming options choices.

The Mosaic Enterprise Challenge will be delivered in school with all Year 10s participating; they will also be writing their CVs in preparation for their summer term work experience (4th – 8th June). It will be an exciting week at LHEA.

## Dates for your Diary

- 21<sup>st</sup> Feb- Year 9 Options Evening
- 27<sup>th</sup> Feb- year 9 Immunisations
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mar- Year 7 to Big Bang Science Event
- 16<sup>th</sup> Mar- Year 8 to Big Bang Science Event
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar- Year 9 Parent's Evening
- 29<sup>th</sup> Mar- End of term (1pm)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Apr- Staff Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> Apr- Students return
- 26<sup>th</sup> Apr- Year 8 Parent's Evening
- 18<sup>th</sup> May- Year 8 trip to the trenches in Ypres
- 25<sup>th</sup> May- End of Half Term
- 4<sup>th</sup> June- Students return

LHEA Careers Week 5th – 9th February

### Pastoral Awards Autumn 2017-18

Congratulations to the following students, each nominated for Tutee of the Week.

Sherwood Forest	Big Ben	Loch Ness	Land's End		
Gurwinder S Hayan A Kirandeep J Emily W Robert M Arsalan G Ali-Abrar A-A	Lola C Anuraag D Kacper H Taylor E Ornella M	Awatif W Aleeya J Tatiana K Feisal A Sami Z Aliyha S	Julia G Esther A Barbar A Rowan L		
Hawking	Rowling	Farah	Churchill	Murray	
Abinuga P Jabril A	Mohammed H Britney R Shazni SC	Ibrahim A Pavandeep S Zaid K	Avinash J Aqsa G Liam Q Kane G	Katherine S Khadija L Mathew V Hamza H	
Elizabeth	Warrior	Newton	Khan	Beckham	
Kyle D Dorothy J Michal C Erin K	Gurvinder V	Daniel G Lawrence A Micah M Aqueela D Lily B Aqueela D Haider K	Kayleigh M Jasmine L Rohit K Krishna K Dreyan T	Suhaib H Jawaad F Daniel O Faheem N	