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DATES FOR DIARY TERMS

Summer Term 2009

Monday 20 April -
Thursday 16 July.

Autumn Term 2009

Thursday 3 September -
Friday 18 December

Spring Term 2010

Monday 4 January -
Thursday 1 April

Summer Term 2010

Monday 19 April -
Wednesday 21 July

CURRICULUM DAYS

Please note:

There will be no school for
pupils/students on the
following days:

Friday 17 July 2009
Monday 20 July 2009
Thursday 3 September 2009
Friday 4 September 2009
Monday 7 September 2009
Thursday 22 July 2010
Friday 23 July 2010



Dear Parents/Carers

We arrive again at the end of another busy school year and as usual a time to reflect on both our achievements and disappointments. This newsletter contains lots of information we wish to share with you about the wide range of activities which have taken place over the past twelve months. Trinity School really is a very busy place. My staff continue to show great commitment to my belief that Trinity must provide the best possible service to you and the children. They are a great team and as always I am proud to be their headteacher.

However the summer holidays will see the school undergo lots of building development work. Projects include the refurbishment of the nursery, new toilets for the upper school, a new children's playground, new sound and lighting equipment in the sports hall and a much needed re-organisation of the school office. Our builders will be very busy again this year.

I wish you all a happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you again in September.

Peter McPartland
Headteacher

The Lower School

What a fantastic and vibrant learning year it has been for the children in Lower School! We celebrate the children's achievements over the year using our special Assembly display board

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where the teachers display butterflies and flowers with a note about the progress seen. The board is brimming with brightly coloured notes about your children and we hope that you saw lots more evidence of their hard work when you visited for Parents Evening last week - I am sure you were struck by the energy and enjoyment evident in all the displays around the school.

Over the year, the children have been involved in special days recognising the diversity of our community, including Irish, Caribbean and India days with a fundraising day for those less fortunate than ourselves on Red Nose Day. Our children often respond best to musical events and they have loved the steel band, the Bollywood and traditional Indian music and Irish Folk Music. They have also benefited greatly from the visits by the Borough's jazz band. We love performing music as well and have produced wonderful performances for the Christmas Concert and our Prizegiving Celebration. We now have a number of recognisable singing voices emerging amongst the Lower School children and we were very excited to have a small choir sing for Jonathan Ross.

Our curriculum this year has been enhanced greatly by the Speech and Language Therapy Team leading us in the use of our high tech multi sensory theatre and also by our healthy cooking and tasting experiences once a week.



★ ★ SUMMER 2009 ★ ★

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
FOR PUPILS WILL BE
THURSDAY
16 JULY 2009

TRINITY SCHOOL
RE-OPENS FOR PUPILS ON
TUESDAY
8 SEPTEMBER 2009

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Summer Holidays 2009

Friday 17 July -
Monday 7 September (inclusive)

Autumn Half Term 2009

Monday 26 October -
Friday 30 October (inclusive)

Christmas Holidays 2009

Monday 21 December -
Friday 1 January (inclusive)

Spring Half Term 2010

Monday 15 February -
Friday 19 February (inclusive)

Easter Holidays 2010

Friday 2 April -
Friday 16 April (inclusive)

Summer Half Term 2010

Monday 31 May (Bank Holiday)-
Friday 4 June (inclusive)

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THE LAST DAY OF
SUMMER TERM FOR
PUPILS WILL BE
21 JULY 2010

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We learnt about personal safety through the visit from the Road Safety Road Show with their big friendly puppets and also through a visit from the Fire Brigade, where the children got to explore the fire engine, use the hose and work the lights and siren. One of their favourite visits was from the animals of Wellgate Farm who spent a day in our Nursery garden and gave the children the opportunity for some close-up work.

We continue with our fitness drive participating in keep fit and musical movement where possible and often daily. This also makes a big difference to our children's ability to focus on other work in class. It also prepares us for big events such as our Sports Day. We would like to thank so many of you for attending this special day as it really helps the children understand a sense of occasion if you are there.

Finally I hope that those of you who were able to attend our Prize Giving this week had a wonderful time. What a great way to end the year! I am sure you will agree that our children deserved the applause they received and we look forward to welcoming them all back in September for another exciting year.

*Sue Ball –
Assistant Headteacher for Lower School*

Middle School News

Where has this year gone? It seems to have flown by because we have had such a busy time here in Middle School with trips out and visits to us from outside guests. It's been non-stop all year! Here are just some of the things we have been doing: a visit to see the Lion King; visits to ELHAP adventure playground; trips to the London Eye; groups going out regularly for canoeing during Outdoor Education sessions; a whole variety of sporting events and fixtures; concerts given by Year 5/6 groups at Harmony House and the Queens Theatre in Hornchurch; regular concerts in school by a variety of different types of

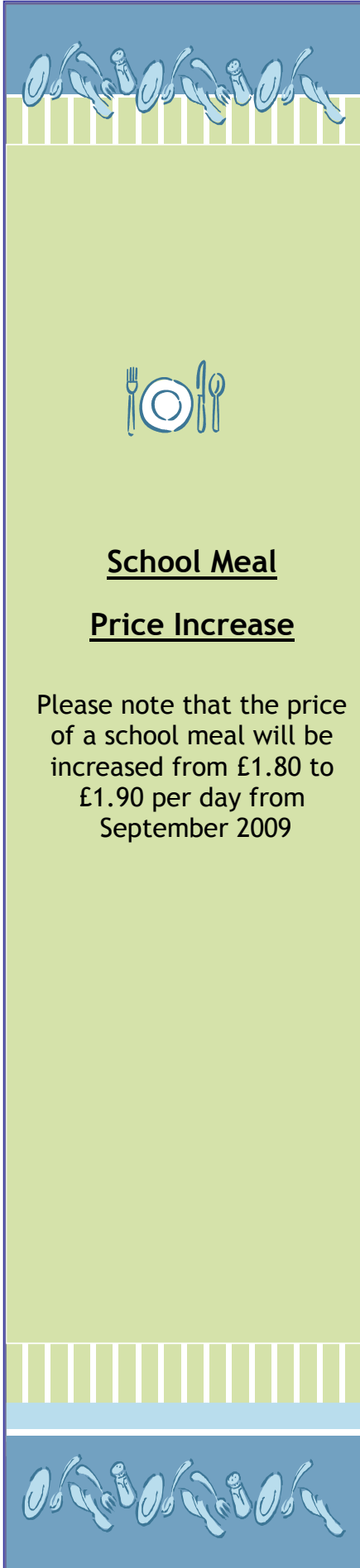
bands - a big band and a steel pan band to name but two; bowling; lunch out in restaurants; Barking Park Fun Day where the boat ride and circus were a big hit; the President's Sporting Cup event in Chelmsford; Paradise Wildlife Park; the Borough's Dance Platform at the Broadway Theatre; joint projects and activities with other schools; Y9 Careers Enterprises such as the Beauty Salon and the Car Wash where we raised money for charities; theme days around Indian and Jewish cultures; a French day at the Europa Centre in Hornchurch and our own Middle School Fun Day here in school last week where we had a BBQ, a bouncy castle and other fun activities going on for the day.

It has been a positive year with students and staff alike working hard to make steady progress within teaching and learning, and we thank you for the support you have given us over the year to help with these successes. We cannot do it without you!

We have finished the year with some great year group assemblies. Years 5/6 and 7/8 based theirs upon the work they are doing in class and were very entertaining with all students taking part. Year 9 students worked hard with Jan Fisher-Sibbons to prepare a very moving Leavers' Assembly as they prepare to move into the Upper Phase. Parents were invited and there was not a dry eye in the house! We are looking forward to welcoming our new students from Lower School at the very end of term when they attend our last reward assembly for the year. We will really miss the students and staff who are leaving our phase for different parts of the school. Thank you all for being such an important part of our phase over the years you spent with us.

I wish everyone a very happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

*Lynne Kelly
Assistant Headteacher - Middle School.*



School Meal

Price Increase

Please note that the price of a school meal will be increased from £1.80 to £1.90 per day from September 2009

The Upper Phase

It is hard to believe that yet another school year has come to an end. This has been a very busy and exciting year. The students in Key Stage 4 and The Further Education Centre (FEC) have now completed all of their accreditation work. The standard of work is excellent and so we expect some good results.

One of the highlights of the year has been the Key Stage Four garden and its development. Since this time last year most of the area has been cultivated and is looking brilliant. The vegetable patch is flourishing as is the shrub area. On July 6 we welcomed the Mayor - Councillor Fairbrass who officially opened the garden. He planted a shrub in memory of the occasion and enjoyed a short tour of the school followed by refreshments.

The PMLD Bases held a very successful fete at the beginning of June in memory of Mahad Ahmed who sadly died in February. The proceeds of the event are to be spent on the sensory garden area outside the PMLD suite of rooms. The garden is also developing into a beautiful area for our students to enjoy throughout the year.

There have been a number of trips out this term. Many students have been involved in sporting activities and have been very successful in gaining many medals for their achievements. The Cricket Team won The Series Cup and has enjoyed several visits to cricket matches at Lords and the Essex Cricket Ground. Key Stage 4 have also enjoyed a day out to Harlow to see a film and have a picnic at the local park. The FEC have had two STRE Trips, one to Mersea and the other to Wales. Some of the Key Stage 4 students are off to Trewern during the last week of term.

The Leavers Assembly takes place soon, when we will say goodbye to the Year 11 and Year 14 students. This will be followed by a BBQ and disco in the evening. We wish all of our students a successful and happy future.

The Upper Phase wishes all families a very happy Summer Holiday

Sandra Burns
Assistant Headteacher

Year 10 Work Experience

Six Year 10 students have finished their first Work Placement at Wellgate Farm, Noah's Ark Day Nursery, DeBRA Charity Shop and Barking & Dagenham Parks Department. They all worked very hard and received very good reports.

Investors in Careers

Success - For the third time we have secured the Investors in Careers Award for another three years.

The Assessor spent time going through the evidence that the Careers Co-ordinator had compiled. He then matched this evidence with interviews by three managers and six students, Barking & Dagenham Trident Director, Personal Advisor for Connexions and the Careers Co-ordinator.

We are now waiting for the plaque to arrive.

FEC Interviews

Twenty one Year 11 students have had their FEC Interviews. They spoke to the FEC Manager and were shown around the FEC building. Ninety-eight percent of our parents/carers attended with the students. Others were supported by co-educators.

Transition from Year 11 to The FEC

A programme of taster days were arranged during June for twenty one Year 11 students. They joined FEC classes taking part in Horticulture, Catering, Home Management and Basic Skills.

Redbridge College Link

Eleven Year 11 students spent Friday afternoons following a painting and decorating course at Redbridge College. They have also recently tried their hand at bricklaying and some have shown quite a flair for this.

*Heather Trundle - School
Co-ordinator of Careers/
Citizenship/PHSE*

Upper Phase Mini Enterprise – Horticulture and Arts Projects

As yet another exciting year at Trinity School comes to an end we look back at all the wonderful projects that our students have participated in. At the start of the year pupils and students throughout the whole school were invited to produce art work for the school calendar. Twelve pieces were chosen and the Year 10 & 11 students began to print and assemble the 2009 calendar. As last year we sold over 200 calendars and hope to do as well with the next one which will start to go into production in September when we return to school. Our next project was to design and make clocks. These were decorated using fancy paper and gem stones and like our calendar they sold like 'hot cakes'. All in all we made over £500 from our endeavours. The money we raise is spent on buying equipment and materials for our students to support further projects.

This year also saw the start of our venture into horticulture. The Upper Phase of the school acquired what was the wilderness garden and with the help of our site manager - Mr Dave Reason, we set about turning the piece of land into a garden area for our students to access throughout the whole year. Students put tremendous effort into digging and weeding the soil. They planted rows of spring flowers that made the garden look really beautiful and we are now awaiting a huge array of differing sized sunflowers that should be

coming into bloom in September on our return to school. The garden was officially opened on Monday 6 July by the Mayor and Mayoress for Barking & Dagenham - Mr & Mrs Charles Fairbrass. Our students have planted flowers, trees, bushes and a variety of vegetables including broccoli, carrots, corn and potatoes. From the crop of green tomatoes we made and sold over forty jars of delicious chutney. The strawberry crop was used by Mrs Burns in Food Technology for fruit flans. By September the crop of potatoes and other vegetables should be ready to harvest.

On Monday 11 May, Year 11 students took part in a special one day horticulture project entitled 'From Seed to Scent'. Mike Lovell and his wife Sue led the day which involved making indoor hanging baskets from card and tissue paper, designing a garden and potting up planters, which now adorn the Upper Phase quad and have come into bloom beautifully throughout the spring.

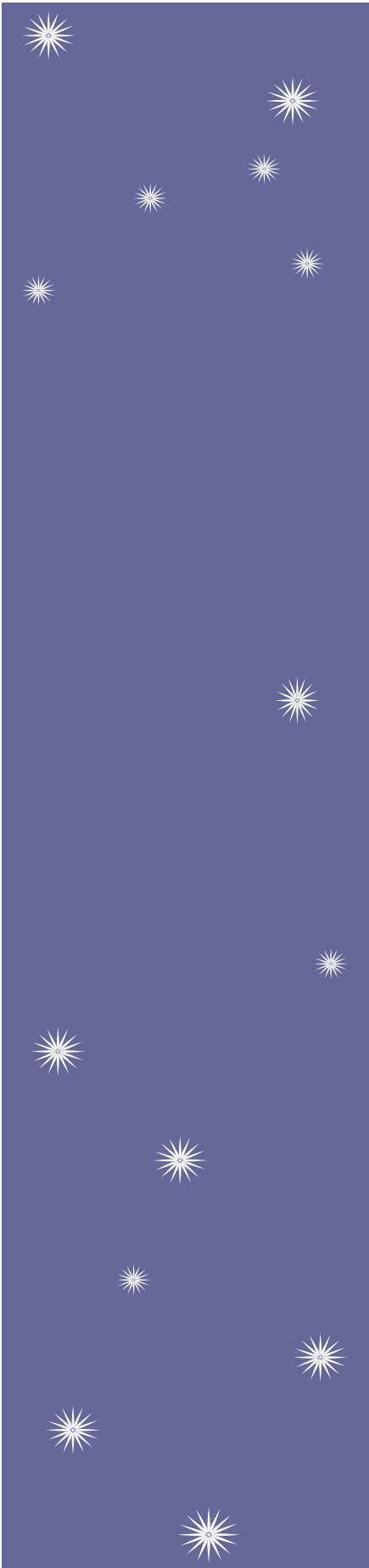
We look forward to many more equally exciting and lucrative projects in the coming year.

*Ken Payne – Teacher
Denny Brackenbury – Middle
School Manager*

FEC4

The students of FEC4 are leaving at the end of this term. They have all secured places at local colleges, apart from Wayne and Ben who have gained places at Derwent Residential College in Wales, and we wish them every success. They leave with AQA qualifications and also some Entry Level qualifications for which they have worked very hard.

Also on the move is Christine Sheppard who has worked at Trinity since its opening and before that for many years at Castle School.



She is taking a well earned retirement. Those of you who know Chris will realise how much she will be missed.

Once again it has been an eventful term with trips to Wales for some of the students and various day trips.

We wish staff, students, parents and carers a good relaxing break.

Staff & Students of FEC4

Inclusion

This year eleven students ranging from Year 3 to Year 11 have attended mainstream links at schools throughout the Borough. Links have included a variety of subjects including ASDAN course, Maths, Literacy, PE, Art and ICT.

Two Year 11 students that have attended Jo Richardson Community School for an accredited ASDAN link have enjoyed visits to Westminster Abbey and Rainham Marshes Nature Reserve. They have also taken part in a 'Lets get Cooking Club' at Jo Richardson Community School and prepared and cooked some wonderful lunches including spicy vegetable chilli, chicken stir fry and fajitas which they then ate in the hospitality suite with the rest of the group during very happy, sociable and enjoyable lunchtimes.

All of the students worked very hard during links and have taken part in many lessons, experiences and activities and produced some excellent pieces of work. They have all been very well behaved and have been a pleasure to take into mainstream. They have all been excellent ambassadors for Trinity School.

We hope to continue links next term and where possible extend both individual and group links.

*Yvonne Johnson
Inclusion Co-educator*

The Jack Petchey Award Scheme

The Jack Petchey Award Scheme continues to be a source of motivation and encouragement throughout Middle School, Upper School, The Further Education Unit and Living and Learning Centre. It provides opportunities for students' achievements and success to be recognised and rewarded. Winners' names and photos are displayed on the Jack Petchey noticeboard in the main hall.

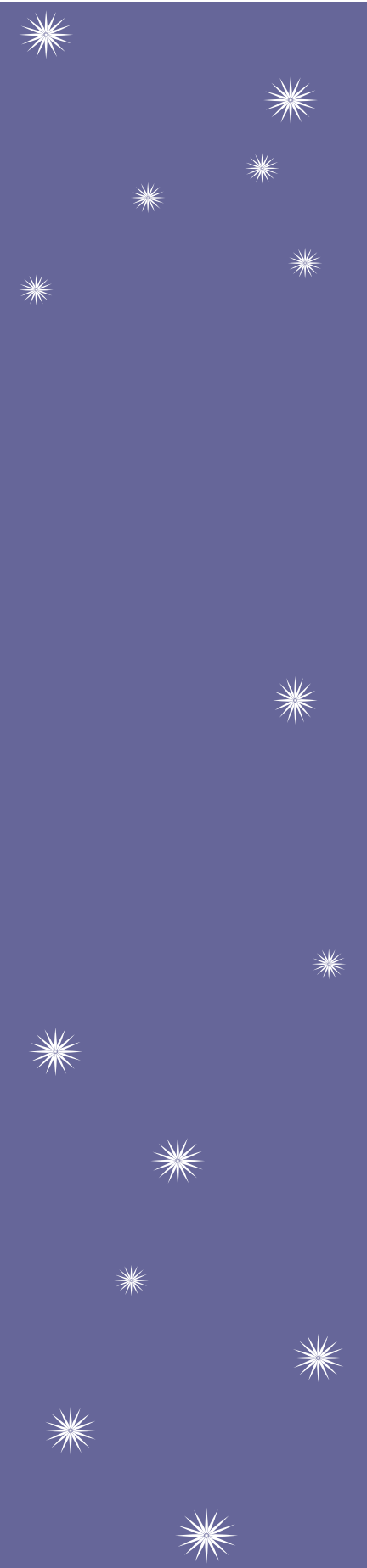
This term, three students have received an award and a cheque for two hundred pounds each to be spent in ways that benefit the school community. As a result money has been spent in a variety of ways, including resources for the home management room, plants and equipment for the Upper Phase garden, trips to Woburn Abbey, Paradise Wildlife Park and multi-sensory equipment.

We hope that the scheme will continue to run throughout next term.

*Yvonne Johnson
Jack Petchey Co-ordinator*

Speech & Language Therapy Department

This term our primary focus was to give each and every student in the school the opportunity to access a sensory journey in the multi-sensory theatre. All Lower and Middle School students experienced a summer journey which took them to the seaside. They were able to pack their own beach bags, go on a bus ride, build sand castles, play with shells and pebbles, surf on boogie boards and feel the heat and the breeze. Upper School students had the opportunity to experience a Hawaiian journey. They went to Hawaii on a plane and had to go through customs with their passports.



They boarded the plane using a boarding pass and had to take care of their own hotel room keys. They packed their own beach bags, tanned on the beach, surfed on boogie boards, swam with the fish and participated in hula and limbo dancing. Both sensory journeys were very successful and we acted on feedback from staff and students to make it a memorable experience.

We had to say goodbye to Heather Rushton, who is now working for the National Health in Central London. We miss Heather, but wish her all of the very best in her new post.

*Erna O'Neil, Alison Mitchell &
Katy Wraight –
Speech & Language Therapists*

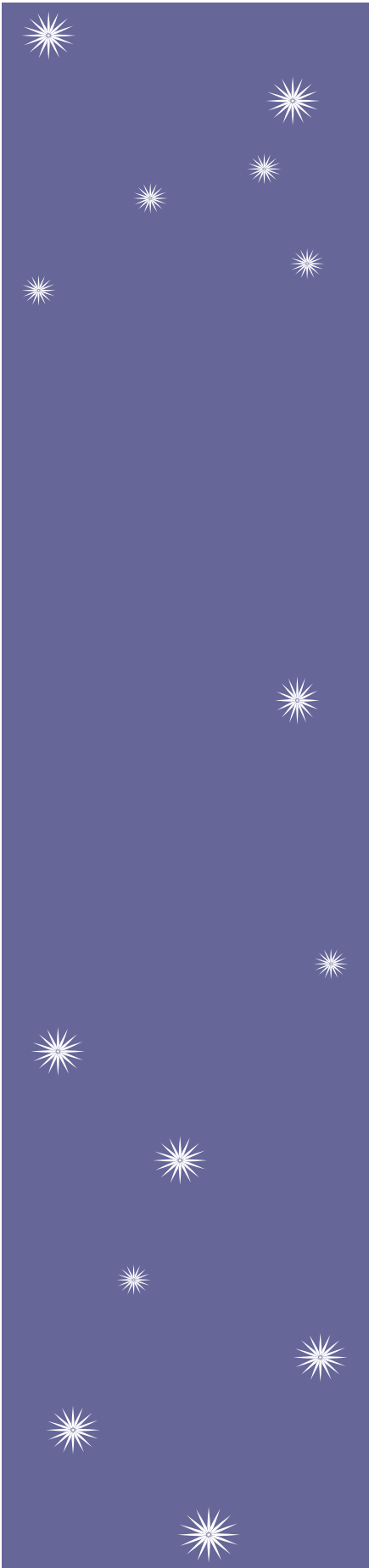
After School Clubs

As the academic year draws to an end, it is difficult to know where to start writing a report about the extended school and out of school hours learning provision at Trinity because there is so much to say. As a school we aim to provide our pupils with extra-curricular opportunities in which they can enjoy activities, achieve at whatever level they are able and to develop positive attitudes (especially towards being active and healthy), but we also aim to offer these opportunities in settings in which the pupils feel comfortable and safe. This we are able to do because of the continued support of our parents group (who have helped secure funding to run the activities) and Trinity staff themselves (who have organised and run the clubs). Both of which take a lot of time and dedication - and we are hugely grateful to them all. As a result of all their hard work, we have been able to run 13 clubs for our pupils in Years 7 -13, including one during the lunch break. These clubs offer 18 ½ hours of activity per week in total and have an

average of eight pupils attending each one. As mentioned in previous reports the activities offered include multi-skills, swimming, hydrotherapy, KS4 games, social skills, street dance, drum circle, ICT, cricket and multi-sensory clubs. For years 3 - 6, we have been able to run 3 clubs totalling 6 hours per week, with again eight pupils on average attending. These being multi-skills, hydrotherapy and multi-sensory clubs.

Our Fun Splash club is a great opportunity for those pupils who do not receive swimming in curriculum time to access the pool, but this has now been extended to another swimming club on Mondays where those pupils showing talent in swimming can train specifically to improve their stroke work - with the final outcome being a team of Trinity pupils entering as part of the Borough Swimming Team at the London Youth Games later in June.

The drum circle have successfully performed at the Jack Petchey Foundation Borough cheque presentation, at our school Prize Giving and for Jonathan Ross - have now formed a link with Southview School in Essex. They recently travelled to Witham to share a days African drumming with pupils at this PD school - performing in front of the school, taking part in workshops, having lunch with their peers and joining them at playtime. This was so successful that Southview School are hoping to visit Trinity next year for a similar event. Our cricket club have also had a noticeable impact on our pupils, and in this case on some of our pupils for whom school is a very difficult environment. Here they have achieved success not only in their physical performance but in their self-esteem and self-control. Their achievements to date include County representation for four pupils, Paul, Faik, Bradley and Jamie winning the Andrew Welsh Cup after some hard fought matches against William Morris School and a



very close match at Arundel - losing by only 4 runs!

And all this does not include our holiday clubs at half-term and during the Easter and Summer breaks. These have again been very successful and now include a PMLD specific club as well as a multi-activity club and swimming. However we did have to limit numbers and activities last half-term due to building work, but are on course to offer some, if not all, again during the summer.

We are also looking to the future in respect of extended schools and out of school hours learning. I would like to develop our current Young Leaders Award to allow those pupils achieving the award to organise and lead activities for our Primary pupils during break and lunchtimes - and we may also be adding the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme to our repertoire, as well as extending the number of opportunities available to our pupils for residential experiences. Again watch this space!

And thank-you again to everyone for their hard work and support in offering our pupils such an extensive and rewarding range of extra-curricular opportunities!

Abby Town (Extended School / OSHL Co-ordinator)

Extended Schools

Barking & Dagenham Council have teamed up with the Summer Uni London to put on hundreds of free course places for young people over the summer.

The courses cover over fifty subjects, including music, drama, cricket, football, fashion, journalism and henna art.

The courses range from one day to four weeks and are being held at up to 20 venues across the Borough so there's bound to be something happening where you live.

The sessions are available for young people between the ages of 11 and 25 and are a great way to meet people, learn new skills and have fun.

To enrol for your free courses, young people and parents should visit: www.summerunilondon.org and follow the link to Barking & Dagenham to see what is available in the area.

But you had better hurry, Summer Uni courses always get booked up very quickly, so register as soon as possible to avoid missing out on the courses that interest you.

Parent Support Group

This school year has been a very busy time for the group and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Committee Members for their hard work and commitment, also the support and assistance from all the staff of Trinity School.

Funding has been secured by the Committee to provide projects and outings for pupils and their families throughout the coming year and the group are involved in talks with the Local Authority for the provision of Saturday Clubs to be held in Trinity School and an 'In Borough' overnight respite centre for children with special needs.

We look forward to the Summer activities, especially the outings and the Summer 'Fun Splash'. These activities give the children and the parents the opportunity to get together and enjoy themselves.

On behalf of the Committee of Trinity School Parents Support Group, I would like everyone involved with Trinity School to have a pleasant Summer Holiday.

*George Tidbury – Chairperson
Trinity School Parents Support
Group*

