

## PDS Trip to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory



On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, the students from the PDS went to the Drury Lane Theatre in Covent Garden to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Lots of other schools came as well. We started off with a workshop, which was about acting and being creative. We worked with other students and acted out our own ideas about machines, chocolates and people in the play.



We also got to go on stage before the act to see the props and set. We were taught about what the actors did and how effects were created as well as costumes etc. I enjoyed how we could sit where the actors do and learn all the different stage tricks which were very clever.

After that we watched the play from the front row in the royal circle. The play was captioned so it was easy to understand and we talked about the stage effects we learnt when we saw them.

Willy Wonka chocolate bars were for sale, so we bought them. They were much better than any other chocolate bar! Overall, this trip was

very fun and a great learning experience as I went home with a lot more knowledge about theatre than when I came.

**Esah Hayat 8.4**



On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March the PDS Department held a cake sale at lunchtime and raised £40.80 for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.

Liz Arent is the chairwoman of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and she has a dog named Maple who is her guide dog. Maple has been trained to assist Liz in alerting her when needed e.g. she touches Liz on her leg when the doorbell is ringing, when her bed alarm goes off and alerts her to any hazards. Liz works hard to raise money for new puppies to be trained. The money covers things like staff salary when training puppies and kennel space until they

are trained. Deaf people do not pay for these dogs and that is why we need to raise money to cover these costs.

Liz and her dog Maple will visit us on 21<sup>st</sup> April to show the Year 7 students how Hearing Dogs for the Deaf help people like Liz on a daily basis with things that hearing people take for granted.

**Mrs Stavrou - PDS Department**



## Year 9 Health and Well-being Survey

All Year 9 students will be invited to take a Health and Well Being survey over the next few weeks to help us better provide for their needs in school. This will take place during their ICT lessons. The survey is confidential, we will only know patterns of behaviours and issues that our students face, not specifically who is facing them. Please look at the website for more information.

Thanks for your support in the education of your child.

**Mr Mann - Senior Assistant Headteacher**

### Diary Dates

- ❖ Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March
- ❖ Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April
- ❖ Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April
- ❖ Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April
- ❖ Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April
- ❖ Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April
- ❖ Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May
- ❖ Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

- End of Spring Term (Students finish at 12 pm)**
- Easter Holiday
- Start of Summer Term. Staff Development Day (School closed for students)**
- Academic Review Day
- Year 8 Parents' Evening (4-7 pm)
- Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip
- May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)**
- General Election/Polling Day (School closed for students)**

## Free Saturday Morning English classes for Hendon Parents

A parent who is a qualified English teacher is offering free classes for our parents. These classes will be on a Saturday between 10am-12pm and will start in the summer term. If you are interested please email Jacqui Jack our Parent Voice Co-ordinator on [JackJ@hendonschool.co.uk](mailto:JackJ@hendonschool.co.uk)

### Stock Market Traders for a day

On enrichment day last week our Year 9 students had an opportunity to take part in a Stock Market Simulation game. This was an opportunity to take on the role of a trader and experience how stock exchanges were run before computers were used to record transactions.

Pupils arrived at school looking every bit the part of city traders in their business suits and dresses. They had already set up their teams of; Financial Manager, Investment Analyst, Media Analyst and Floor Trader. Trading started early with the £15,000 bankers' drafts each team were given to invest. The simulation was split into five trading "days" together with daily newspapers, news and radio reports with intermittent news flashes. Trading was carried out in the 'Pit' where our teachers acted out the role of the bankers - a tough job coping with the demands of the floor traders responding to the market by buying and selling shares in nine different companies as well as the US Dollar.



As well as experiencing the thrill of 'playing' shares, pupils got to use and develop several important skills. Teamwork was the most important as pupils had to work together in their teams to make effective decisions about the best shares to buy or sell. Success in the game depends on the ability to understand the effect company decisions and unexpected events can have on prices. The Media Analyst's role was to assimilate this information in a short space of time to avoid an untimely drop in share prices. Finally, the skill that gave teams the edge on the trading floor was risk-management. The floor traders could make a significant contribution to the team's investments by making the right investment at the right time.

Students really rose to this challenge and their understanding of the factors affecting share prices sharpened throughout the day. Interviews were conducted by Mr Gadatara and here are some of the comments: "All the small things made a big difference - I have actually looked up jobs in stock trading", "We improved our teamwork skills - especially working with new people."

There were prizes for the winning team and Form who had the highest portfolio value at the close of trading on the final day. The Winning team came from 9.7 and the best overall Business dress was won by **Miad Jahangiri Doghozloo**

Four Year 10 students volunteered on the day to act as bankers in the pit; **Shivani Patel, Nrupen Pindoriya, Alex Liow and Prerak Shah**. They were able to use their experience from last year to great effect. They are pictured above with Mrs Poh who organised the day with the help of staff members from several departments. A BIG thank you all involved in making this such a wonderful experience for our Year 9 students.



*Mrs Poh - Head of BICT*

Music Fees for the Summer Term are now available to pay on Parentmail. To secure your place full payment **MUST** be received by Monday 23rd March.

Year 9 Activities Week payments must also be received by Tuesday 31st March.

Don't forget you can top your child's dinner money up on Parentmail.