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STUDENTS IN YEARS 3---6 PERFORM, CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY





Cover image - Upper School Students Performing in Carnegie Hall, New York.

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Welcome from the Head of School, Mrs. Alison Cobbin

Welcome to our Spring edition of the Dwight School London magazine for the 2015/16 academic year.

My first term back at Dwight was not a quiet one as you will see from this magazine.

During the term, we saw our younger students enjoy their residential trips in the UK whilst our older students represented us at the Model United Nations in the Hague and performed live on stage at New York's Carnegie Hall.

Our Lower School students had a fantastic week celebrating book week including a tribute to Roald Dahl's birthday culminating with their wonderful performance of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

The Upper School students have shared some amazing art with us this term at the Dwight Global Art Exhibition and IB Art Exhibition. We were also inspired by the M5 students' IB MYP Personal Project evening. At the M5 Storytelling drama evening it was great to get to know the students better through hearing stories they chose to reflect their different experiences.

Across the school I have been proud to see our children taking action in response to their learning and I was particularly impressed by the M1 student initiative to raise money for the RSPCA.

I am sure the coming term will be equally as busy and I look forward to sharing what we have been up to at the end of the academic year

Kind regards

Alison Cobbin
Head of School



Book Week in the Lower School



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Swimming Sensations

Well done to Sterre and Ben in Year 4 who did themselves proud representing the school and the London North Independent Schools in the National swimming championships at the Olympic Park pool. They gave their best against tough opposition and enjoyed the experience of swimming in an internationally-renowned Olympic venue.



Brilliant Baseballer



Congratulations to Will in Year 6 who played for The London Mets in Madrid recently. His team came in 5th overall out of 10 teams and he got the prestigious Most Valued Player award after pitching a no-hitter!

M5 Storytellers

In January the M5 Theatre Arts students entertained us with an evening of stories from around the world. This was a challenging and demanding project for the students, as not only did they have to learn all the lines for their presentations (up to 10 minutes long), they also had to command the stage and deliver their narrative whilst on stage with only a costume and a few props for support. It was an impressive feat and the audience appreciated the range of stories on offer. Some were funny, some sad and some surprising. All of them had personal resonance for the students who selected their stories themselves, many of which were linked to the student's cultural heritage. It was a great way to get to know the students on a more personal level by listening to them tell their chosen story.



IB Art Exhibition

Our D2 Visual Arts students exhibited their work this term. It was a fascinating exhibition demonstrating the high level of creativity and skill in the group. We were also entertained at the exhibition by performances from our music students. Due to the breadth of the IB Diploma, students who aspire to a wide variety of disciplines can continue to take creative arts subjects like Music, Theatre Arts and Visual Arts until they leave school. More than two-thirds of our D2 students study creative arts subjects alongside their more traditional academic subjects, which is a great credit to our thriving Arts Department.



Clever at Coding

This term we promoted the initiative of Coding for a week throughout the Lower School. We introduced a robot on wheels that was programmed using coding so that its steering was controlled by an iPad. Throughout the week all of the children in the Lower School learned more about coding and how to input algorithms into computers.



Personal Project Evening

This term our M5 students hosted their Personal Project Evening. This is the culmination of a two-year activity - an invention, work of art or other initiative - designed by the IBMYP students. The M5 students did a great job explaining what they had done, and the younger M4 students were very grateful for the tips that they were given.



Global Vision



This term, the MUN club participated in THIMUN in The Hague. Our delegates represented Iran and The International Fund of Agricultural Development (IFAD). They demonstrated a lot of compassion and



skill when debating, and were very professional in their attitude. They were not afraid to voice their opinions throughout the debating process and some of our delegates were fortunate to get their resolutions passed during voting procedures. They were also able to enjoy a half-day trip into Amsterdam to visit the Rijksmuseum. Congratulations to all of our participating delegates; they made Dwight School London proud!

The Dwight travelling Art Exhibition arrives in London

The long awaited 20:20 Art Exhibition arrived this term. This year's theme - *What we think we become* - featured art produced by students from Dwight London, New York, Seoul, Vancouver and Shanghai. The small format (20cm x 20cm) inspired some very intricate pieces that made effective use of the viewer's instinct to closely scrutinise each one in detail, whilst others were bold and used bright colours and surprising textures. Miss Ross, Head of Visual Arts, and Mrs Cobbin, Head of School, both agreed (without a hint of bias) that the Dwight London contributions were the highlight of the show.



Italian Tradition and Culture

Our D1 and D2 Italian students had the opportunity for some creative learning this term when they hosted a workshop on the Italian theatrical art, Commedia dell'Arte, and pizza making. There were plenty of laughs as students got involved in creating and interpreting short dialogues in Italian complete with gestures and exaggerated body language. Despite the dusting of flour decorating the hall, it was pleasing to see the satisfied grins on the faces of the students when they prepared their pizzas. All-in-all it's a great way to practise Italian and to learn first-hand about Italian culture.



Community

Lower School Fun Run and International Breakfast

Our annual Fun Run and International Breakfast took place this term. We had a great turn out for the fun run around the park with the older students and their families, and in the playground for the younger students and their families. We then shared a fabulous international breakfast with contributions from our families.



Supporting the RSPCA

The Upper School resembled a menagerie in March as students came dressed as animals in support of the RSPCA. This was inspired by work the M1 classes had been doing about animals in their French lessons. They raised £268.25!



Out and About

The Dwight Out and About Parents Club were treated to an incredibly sunny spring day for their tour of the Highgate Cemetery, one of the magnificent seven Victorian garden cemeteries of London. They spent time exploring the East

Cemetery finding notable residents Karl Marx, George Eliot and Malcolm McLaren and then had a special tour of the West Cemetery learning about the history, seeing the Egyptian Avenue and entering the Terrace Catacombs!

Upcoming trips for the Summer Term include:

Dennis Severs House - Friday, 13th May 7:30-10pm

Little Venice to Camden Canal Boat Tour - Wednesday 22nd June 10:30-2pm



Big Fun Walk

Congratulations to the Dwight School London staff that raised more than £500 for Dwight Lower School's chosen charity, the North London Hospice, when they did the *Big Fun Walk*.

They followed an 8½ mile route from East Finchley underground station through Cherry Tree Wood, Highgate Woods, Primrose Hill and Regents Park, finishing in Storey's Gate, Westminster.



Beyond the Classroom

Year 6 Visit the Houses of Parliament

Year 6 visited the Houses of Parliament as part of their IBPYP Unit of Inquiry on Governance. They had a tour and took part in a workshop where they were grouped into parties and constituencies before electing their own government. This gave the students a deeper understanding of how the democratic electoral system works in the UK.



Year 5 Residential Trip to Flatford Mill

Year 5 students enjoyed their residential trip to Flatford Mill in Suffolk. They learned about mammals, river life, and nature in one of the most scenic places in the country. They compiled factual charts about mammals and they identified mammals by using branching databases.



Year 4 Residential to Moat Mount

Year 4 students enjoyed their first residential trip at Moat Mount in North London. They learned about map reading, nature, teambuilding conquering assault courses and, at the same time, increasing their skills at being independent.



IBDP Theatre Arts Trip to Stratford East Theatre



In January our Theatre Arts students went to watch *Robin Hood*, a pantomime, at the Stratford East Theatre. Pantomime is a traditional style of English theatre performed mainly around the Christmas holidays. This year pantomime is part of the IB Theatre Arts research unit and several of the students had never before seen this unique genre of theatre. After watching the performance, D2 student Muna decided that she would like to research this style of theatre in more detail for her unfamiliar drama research project. Muna explained, '*The references to modern culture were quite a shock, as was the fact the pantomime dame was actually a man, it was a really interesting and different type of theatre*'.



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