

# MERIDIAN

# LINE UP

The Monthly Newsletter of Meridian School

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SCHOOL

SUCCESSFUL  
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COMPETITIVE  
CELEBRATORY

April/May 2012

## "Headlines"

The only positive side to this continuing poor weather is that it encourages students to stay indoors and perhaps revise a little more. I do hope that is happening. These next few weeks are so life-shaping for you all—the results of the Summer will either open or close doors—so do make sure that you work hard and do the best you can. In an increasingly uncertain economic climate, it is more important than ever before to achieve the results you are capable of getting—rather than settling for what is easy. Work Hard : Achieve Well

Dr Firth

## Student of the Month April 2012

Art - Callum Bonfield

Physics - Sam Huttleston

ICT - Michael Willingham

Chemistry - Mel Coates

Maths - Jordan Basham

## MARATHON MAN FROM MERIDIAN

Daniel Jinkerson from the Meridian School ran the London Marathon on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April for the first time. We are delighted to say that he successfully completed the course and was soon back at school! "I decided to run the 2012 London Marathon for the Teenage Cancer Trust as it is a worthy cause that supports young people around my age. Around 6 teenagers are diagnosed with cancer every day in the UK, which is a scary statistic for any 18 year old. It is a nice feeling to think that I am giving something back, and helping to raise money to support young teenagers in the future.



Training has been gruelling. Up every Sunday morning throughout winter at 8am. First time I have ever run a half marathon, let alone a marathon. I am aiming to finish in just over 4 hours, although just finishing will be nice!" "We are all very proud of Dan and Adam, his brother, a former student," said David Atkins, Assistant Head. "Huge congratulations to them both."

If anyone would like to sponsor Dan it is not too late. The website is: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/danjinkerson>

## **MUSIC TOUR TO THE NETHERLANDS A BRILLIANT SUCCESS!!**

The tour was thoroughly enjoyed by students, who gave performances to shoppers and in a retirement home, as well as visiting Anne Frank's house and the Ajax stadium. Thank you to the staff and Mrs Warburton.

For more pictures see the school magazine—out in July



Also see the July magazine for pictures of the Spring concert and the Drama production

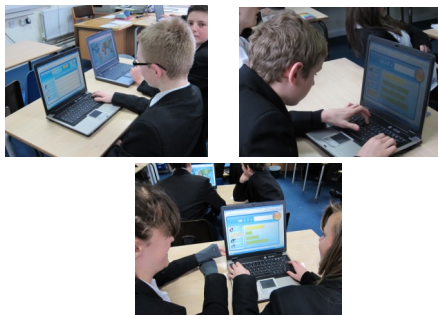
## Rotary Swimathon

After the fantastic performances put in by Meridian students at the Rotary swimathon this year, could I remind students that all sponsor money should now have been returned. Any outstanding money can either be sent to the address on the sponsor form or given to me.

Mrs Roberts

## MATHS DEPARTMENT

**World Maths Day** took place on 7th March. All the Year 9s had been practising and did really well.



### TEAM

#### MATHS CHALLENGE

Callum Marvell and Beatrice Anderson joined 2 other Year 8 students from Roysia to make up an Academy Maths team at the East of England heat of the Junior Team Maths Challenge. In a difficult competition involving a plethora of competitive mathematical activities, they performed very well. They came 18th out of 30 schools, so they did very well.

#### Intermediate Maths Challenge.

60 students in Year 10 and 11 were entered for this National Competition. Two students, Alec Fynn and Andrew Lawrence received Gold certificates and went through to the next round. Four got Silver and 12 got the Bronze award. We are awaiting the results of the next round.



## 6th Form Reward Trip

13 Sixth Formers were selected to go on a Reward trip to Bassingbourn Ski slope for either the top module score in their class and/or improving the most from their mock exam. Everyone had a brilliant time.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Last year any spare vouchers for free books from WH Smith were donated to our Connecting Classrooms school in Ghana. We now have funding from Johnson Matthey and Rotary to send some more books to Africa, and shops in Royston, Cambridge and Newmarket have very kindly let us use our vouchers to claim their remaining stock. A very BIG thank you to everyone.

## GEOGRAPHY TRIP

Five Year 12 Geographers travelled to Juniper Hall FCS Centre near Box Hill, Surrey on Monday 26th March. The weather was excellent and ideal for field work, but not great when you are studying the channel characteristics of the River Tillingbourne. The data collected by our students will be used in the Unit 2 part of the AS exam. Thanks to Mr Young who cleaned the minibus inside and out, and drove us to the venue and back. Mr Bage

## SCIENCE WEEK

Science week, 12th March, was a roaring success. All students had the chance to be awarded "I'm a Scientist" stickers during the week in their science lessons, to be traded in for raffle tickets for prizes. On the Monday lunchtime Mrs McKnight made Bath Bombs and Rockets using denture cleaning tablets as the propellant. Tuesday saw explosions with Dr Paterson using liquid nitrogen, as well as making eggs fluorescent! Mr Haigh and Mr Smith were dissecting hearts, trotters and eyes on Wednesday, as well as Mr Smith's Sixth Formers making face cream which L'Oreal would have been proud of! Visitors included Jess Housden on Designing Space Craft and Dr Graham Neill on One-eyed sheep and Cancer. Science staff said "all in all it was a very successful week".



### VOUCHERS

WE ARE NOW COLLECTING TESCO AND SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS IF YOU HAVE ANY AT HOME PLEASE

## SPORTS NEWS ROWING

Congratulations to the Year 9 Rowing team who put in a brilliant performance at the County Finals on Tuesday 20th March at Wodson Park Leisure Centre in Ware. In a 2000m team sprint both the boys' and girls' teams achieved a personal best and beat their qualifying times by over 20 seconds! This fantastic performance sees them now ranked 5th in the county, an achievement they should be proud of. Well done Year 9!



Rowers in Action

## TAG RUGBY

Well done to all the Sports Leaders who helped organise and run the North East Herts school Sports Partnership Tag Rugby Festival for Year 3 and 4. It was a really enjoyable afternoon which saw over 60 children taking part. The leadership qualities shown by Meridian students were outstanding and led to an impromptu speech from the Head of Reed School, in which she highly praised their maturity and enthusiasm.

Further praise was received from Kevin



Green, Rugby Coach, who said "the excellent leaders were a real credit to Meridian School".

Congratulations to Mackenzie Harris, Danny Mynott, Bradley Calvert, Michael Willingham, James Shannon, Tom Grimshaw, Alfie Osmond, Rhys Redrup, Harry Towler, Harry Partridge, Zoe Freeman and Hayley Smith.



## YEAR 2 MORNING

Well done to all the leaders who helped run a highly successful Year 2 morning on 28th March. Over 180 6 and 7 year olds attended 3 sessions of PE which saw some highly competitive races and some outstanding organisational skills and team management from Meridian students. The feedback from the morning was fantastic and particular thanks must go to: Katrina Abrams, Sophie Iles, Kelly Newsome, Amy Tansley, Kyran Cassidy, James Palmer, Callum Pinner and Justin Leavers.

This was part of an exciting morning, in which pupils also worked on Maths and ICT activities.

## SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the Year 9 leaders who helped run the North East Herts School Sports Partnership Sportshall Athletics festival for Years 3 and 4. They did a fantastic job which earned some very high praise from both teachers and students from the participating schools. Well done to everyone involved.

**LEADERS WITH ROYSTON TOWN FC**  
Well done and good luck to all our Sports Leaders who are now working with Royston Town FC. We wish them every success as they help organise and run different sporting initiatives set up by the club.

## Dates for your Diary

- **14th May - Exam Period starts**
- **4th June– 8th June**  
Half Term
- **11th June -**  
New Timetable starts for Years 9, 10 and 12
- **29th June -**  
Year 11 Prom
- **9th–13th July**  
**Performing Arts Week**  
**Mon**—"Frantic Assembly"  
Working with our students G&T Drama events including Yr 8 from Roysia/Greneway
- **Tues 10th July**—Drama Showcase Evening
- **Weds 11th July**—Live on the Line Evening
- **Thurs 12th July**— Summer Concert Evening
- **Friday 13th July**—  
Combined Schools Activity with performance at 2pm.

**Reminder to Parents:**  
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