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THE LAST DAY OF  
SUMMER TERM FOR  
PUPILS WILL BE  
THURSDAY  
19 JULY 2012

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PUPILS RETURN TO  
SCHOOL AFTER THE  
SUMMER HOLIDAYS  
ON THURSDAY 6  
SEPTEMBER  
2012

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# Trinity School Newsletter July 2012

## *Dear Parents*

This is our final newsletter before we break for the Summer. It has been prepared especially to share with you some of the wide and varied activities which have gone on at the school this term.

In response to a steady increase in pupil numbers we have welcomed several new faces to the staff. We have been joined by two new Speech Therapists, Mr Stewart Neill and Miss Francesca Buckman and a new Home Intervention worker Miss Vicky Savery. In September we will be joined by new Teachers Mrs Vinita Johnson, Miss Amanda Fennell (PE) and ten new classroom assistants. I'm sure that you would like to join me in offering them a warm welcome to Trinity.

Mrs Ball has been appointed to the post of Deputy Headteacher at Trinity, whilst Miss Town will be my Acting Assistant Headteacher responsible for Lower School.

At the end of the term we also say goodbye to several staff who are moving on to new challenges and opportunities. I would like to make a special mention of Mrs Trundle who is retiring after almost 40 years of service in Barking and Dagenham. Kate Martin the Office Manager will also be retiring at the end of September after many years of loyal service to the school.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to over 20 pupils who will be leaving Trinity to take up places in local colleges and other provisions. They will all be missed very much and we wish them all the very best for the future. But as 'one door closes another opens', consequently we look forward to welcoming many new pupils and their families in September and I offer them also the warmest of welcomes. I expect the school population to reach around 280 later in the year.

As usual we continue to look at how we can improve the services of the school. This year we have built new classrooms, hygiene rooms and enlarged the capacity of the Living and Learning Centre together with lots of other minor alterations. Over the Summer we shall complete new accommodation for staff development and parent training and complete the 'ground work' for a new playground. In addition with a grant of £920,000 from the Department for Education we shall double the capacity of the Further Education Centre. This will enable the FEC to have completely self contained accommodation with increased space for catering, home management horticulture plots and workshops. My thanks to the Local Authority for their support in raising this extra money.

As you may now have heard, 18 of our pupils have been selected to participate in the Opening Ceremony of the Paralympic Games.



## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

### Autumn Half Term 2012

Monday 29 October -  
Friday 2 November (Inclusive)

### Christmas Holidays 2012/2013

Friday 21 December -  
Friday 4 January (Inclusive)

### Spring Half Term 2013

Monday 18 February -  
Friday 22 February (Inclusive)

### Easter Holiday 2013

Friday 29 March (Bank Holiday) -  
Friday 12 April (Inclusive)

### May Day 2013

Monday 6 May 2013

### Summer Half-Term

Monday 27 May (Bank Holiday) -  
Friday 31 May (Inclusive)

## NOTE TO PARENTS

**IF YOUR CHILD IS  
ABSENT YOU MUST  
LET THE SCHOOL  
KNOW ON THE  
FIRST DAY OF  
ABSENCE (BEFORE  
9.15 AM) GIVING  
THE REASON E.G.  
ILLNESS,  
APPOINTMENT  
ETC.**

**ALL ABSENCES  
WITHOUT A  
KNOWN REASON  
WILL BE  
FOLLOWED UP  
WITH A  
TELEPHONE CALL  
BY THE SCHOOL  
OFFICE.**

The pupils and several of my staff will be spending the Summer rehearsing for the big event. Their selection is a great honour for the school and reflects our high expectations in performance arts. I wish them all a great Olympic Games.

Trinity School is fortunate to have a very committed Governing Body who offer me support and guidance in the development and running of the school. From time to time vacancies arise for Governors and if you feel that you can offer the school a few hours each term as a Parent Governor then you will be most welcome.

My thanks to you all for the magnificent turnout for the recent Open Evening with almost 95% of parents attending their appointments.

On a sad note we I would like to take time to reflect on the recent death of Sirma Mutlu a Year 13 pupil. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Finally may I again offer my sincere thanks to you all for the kindness and support that you have given the school over the year. Have a great Summer.

*Peter McPartland*  
*Headteacher*

## *The Lower School*

As we come to the end of a busy year in Lower School I thought it would be good to share with you some of the highlights, and say thank you for all your support with your children's learning.

Firstly the children have been enjoying some very special events for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. They visited each other's classes for parties, and had an Ugly Bug Ball assembly and tea parties which provided a focus for our learning about Minibeasts.

They have been learning about Wild Animals this half term, getting to know stories such as Dear Zoo, Going on a Bear Hunt and Walking through the Jungle. Resources used in class are adapted by our Speech and Language Therapists so that children can access them at their level. One class has visited a wildlife park called Tropical Wings in Essex as part of this term's work. You may wish to try it for yourselves over the holidays as they are very welcoming and the children love it. Children have also enjoyed a puppet show about looking after teeth. This was put on for us by the dental service.

New play equipment in the Lower School playground has been in use for a few weeks now and helps us to support the children's play and social skills. We hope to start work on the Early Years playground this summer.

The Early Years children are preparing for their end of year tea party which will take place on Tuesday 17 July at 1pm. Please come along to celebrate their achievements this year.

The Years 1-4 children are preparing for their Prizegiving Celebration which takes place on Wednesday 18 July at 1 pm in the Sports Hall. Please come along to celebrate all our children's achievements this year. It is always a very special ceremony and for the first time, some of the children will be performing a song and dance and will be supported by our new Music Teacher. We look forward to seeing you all there.

It only remains for me to wish you all a great Summer and hand you all over to Ms Abby Town who next term will be acting as Assistant Headteacher for Lower School. I look forward to working with you at the children's Annual Reviews and in many other new ways,

Best wishes

*Sue Ball*  
*Assistant Headteacher*  
*Lower School*

## *Middle School*

Middle School has had a really hectic term. There has been so much going on! The students have been working on some great topics this half term. Years 7/8 have been doing work based upon the Olympic Games and Years 5/6 have been learning about holidays. As a result there have been lots of trips out even though the weather has been so poor. Years 5/6 have been to Southend to visit the aquarium, spend time on the beach and sample all the delights of a typical seaside town. Years 7/8 have been busy finding out about their adopted countries and designing sports strips based on the flags of those countries. Unfortunately our planned trip to Eastbrook School for a mini Olympic Games at the end of the topic had to be cancelled, as did our annual Middle School Fun Day. No bouncy castles because of the rain this year.

We had a great themed week around the Jubilee with lots of fun activities, a crazy crown competition and parade, finishing up with a great street party at the end of the week. Staff and students alike really enjoyed the week and there were some great displays about the activities that we took part in.

Last week we held our Year 8 Leavers' Assembly where we celebrated the students' time in Middle School and the things that they identified as important to them. There was a fabulous power point presentation showing this and all the Year 8 students performed a goodbye song specially written for them by Gwyn Jones, our Music Teacher. It was great to see parents at the assembly.

We wish all our Year 8 students lots of luck as they transfer to Upper School in September and look forward to welcoming all our new Year 5 students when they transfer from Lower School in September.

We'd also like to thank all the staff in Middle School for the hard work and support that they have given us and all our students over the year, especially those who are leaving us to work in

other parts of the school next term or to move on to new jobs elsewhere.

Finally, we'd like to wish all of you and your families a happy Summer holiday and lots of SUNSHINE!! See you in September.

*Lynne Kelly, Abby Town  
& Jan Fisher-Sibbons  
Middle School Management Team*

## *The Upper School*

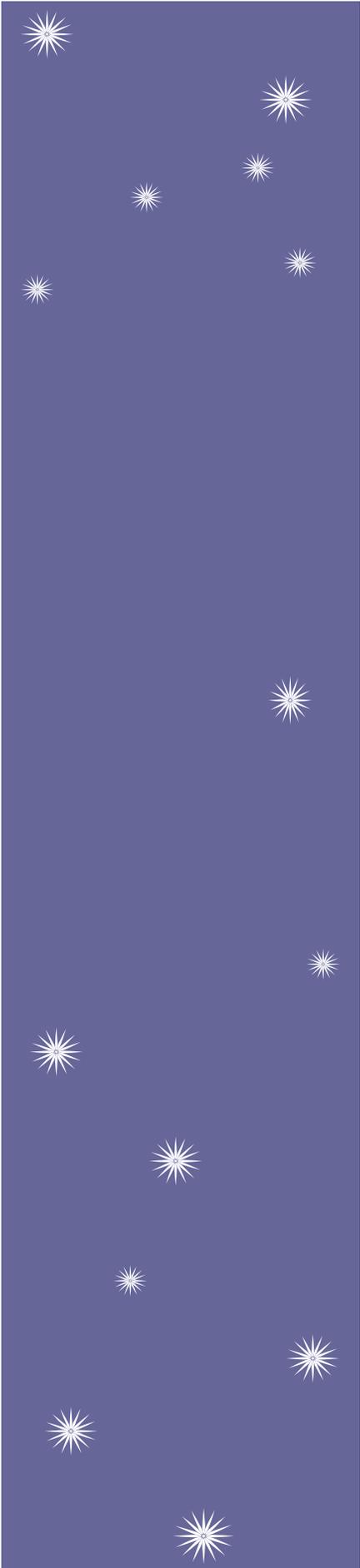
We have had a busy term in the Upper Phase. Since April, students in Year 11 and 14 have completed their accreditation work. We have recently received results that show our students have been very successful. All the moderators' reports have been extremely positive and in one case the feedback stated that the work was of outstanding quality. In the Autumn term we will hold our annual Presentation of Certificates.

Back in May, we held our Prizegiving event which was a very successful occasion. It was an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students.

This term, some Year 11 students went to Barking College on a link course to experience bricklaying, painting and decorating.

We celebrated the Golden Jubilee by having a special lunch in the FEC and a special assembly in Key Stage 4. Everyone enjoyed the occasion.

The FEC held a two day voluntary event which included running a café, working in the dining room and cleaning windows! The students worked hard and enjoyed helping others. We also welcomed a group of volunteers who came to Trinity and helped the horticulture team in the FEC by digging out new vegetable plots and carrying out some general maintenance work.



Before the end of term we will hold our Leavers Assembly when we say goodbye to the Year 14 students who will be moving on to different provisions and to Year 11 students who in the main will move into the FEC. Some of the leavers are going to Barking College, and have recently enjoyed taking part in a two week transition programme. Following the assembly, in the evening we will have our BBQ/Prom with a disco which will be an opportunity for everyone to dress up!

A number of FEC students will be going on their annual Short Term Residential Education to Wales, while others in Key Stage 4 will be going to Trewern. Some of the Upper Phase students have already been on a residential trip to Mersea.

Many class groups will be going out on trips to celebrate the end of another successful year at Trinity. We have also had two Theme Days based on work related learning. The students made jewellery based on the theme of the Jubilee and the Olympics. Some of the jewellery was sold to raise money for WHIZZ KIDS.

We have had another really good year where all our students have worked hard and achieved much success. As we say goodbye to some and wish them well, we welcome the new students to the phase and hope they will enjoy and achieve success throughout their time with us.

We wish you all a very happy holiday time.

*Sandra Burns and the Upper Phase Management Team*

### *Living & Learning Centre*

As the academic year finally comes to an end for most of our pupils and students, we would like to wish you all a happy Summer holiday.

The period under review has been very progressive especially with the opening of our new building (Living & Learning Centre 2).

The Living and Learning Centre is now an all age group consisting of pupils and students in LLC 1 (portacabin building close to the FEC) and the LLC 2 which also has a room for our pupils in our recovery group. Students and pupils in the new LLC building (LLC 2) have settled very quickly in their individualised TEACCH structured classrooms and they have generally made very good progress.

All students and pupils are able to access a range of curriculum based programmes which are tailored to meet their individual needs. The pupils in our recovery group for instance have done extremely well with respect to using their schedules, work systems and visual structures in accessing both class based activities and community based programmes. Most of our young people have exceeded their projected PIVATS targets and have completed many of their personal learning objectives.

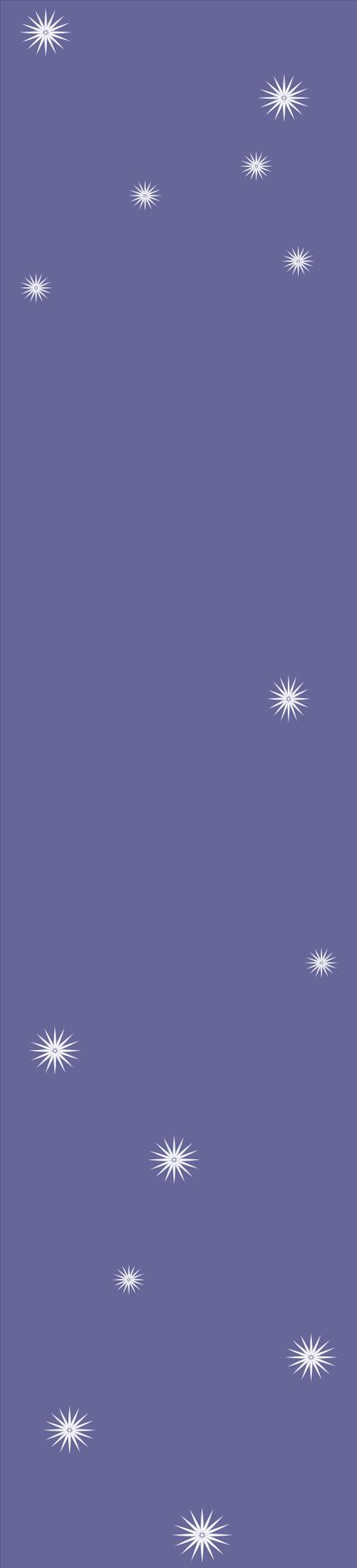
New community based activities that have recently being introduced include, cycling at Hainault Redbridge Cycling Centre, golf at Warren Golf Centre and climbing at the YMCA in Romford. The progress made in these activities has been impressive.

The behaviour data on our pupils and students is now computerised and the graphs that have been generated from this data have shown improved behaviour for virtually all our pupils.

Thanks to great team work, our dedicated members of staff have worked hard to support our pupils and students.

Staff working groups have been very effective in assessing behaviours and putting in place strategies to address new and old challenges.

The input of our Speech and Language Therapist in supporting and training staff in developing pupil communication both at school and in their home has been very helpful and we are very grateful to the SALT team.



Some of our students and pupils also had Music Therapy sessions with Simone Michael. The LLC staff also had input from the Senior Educational Psychologist Ken Greaves and we are grateful for his support.

The school believes that with the right structures in place and a dedicated team of staff ready to support our pupils, much can be achieved and life can be reasonably fruitful and fulfilling. We will continue to work hard to support our young people and their families.

We wish everyone a happy Summer holiday.

*Rolland Dankwa*  
*Trinty LLC Manager.*

### *The Catering Department*

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like your feedback on Catering Provision for your child within this school. We have placed a link to a survey on your Parentpay Account, simply log in and from the 'Home Page' scroll down and click on the Blue Button called 'View School Page' you will then see a link to the survey. We are keen to get your feedback so please take this opportunity to have your say.

Thank You

*Gary Barrell*  
*Project Support Officer*