

Forest Park School

Where today's child
is tomorrow's future



February 2010

Annual Speech Competition

So just how long *did* it take Queen Elizabeth I to get dressed each day? Did Maria and Captain von Trapp really climb every mountain and ford every stream? And just how safe is it to go rock-climbing with your mum?

These were just a few of the fascinating questions and nuggets of information which an enthralled audience of children and parents were treated to by the finalists of the Annual Speech Competition.

The eloquence and confidence with which the fourteen children spoke was most impressive, and the sympathy of many lay with the school's new Director of Dramatic Arts, Mrs Stephanie Niland, who had the unenviable task of trying to pick individual winners from the four age groups.

Not only did the children speak so knowledgeably and enthusiastically about their chosen subjects but several of them had brought some clever props with which to enhance their words. Who could forget Roshan Gulati's giant globe which almost hid him from the audience, or Charlie Gee's flat cap and jacket which turned him from a cheeky schoolboy into a tone-deaf granddad?

Although winners ultimately had to be chosen, this event was a real treat for all those lucky enough to attend and listen to a very talented group of children.

FINALISTS

Reception	Joanna Tower and Micah Walukiewicz
Year 1	Reuben Seymour and Philippa Oley
Year 2	Naomi Tower and Arushi Monga
Year 3	Min-Fay Ng and Roshan Gulati
Year 4	Charlie Gee and Ellie Conway
Year 5	Tom Marland and Caoimhe McGonnell
Year 6	Charu Kayan and Isobel Babenko



Congratulations to Micah, Reuben, Charlie and Tom who won their categories.

Interschool Competition With Forest School

The reward for the winners and runners-up in the Speech Competition was a place in the Forest Park team which hosted speakers from Forest School.

Mrs Anna Wright, who knows both schools better than anyone, proved to be an inspired choice as judge. Mixing well-earned praise with sound advice, she managed to keep everyone happy by awarding two winners trophies to either school.

Reuben Seymour, ably assisted by his faithful husky, reprised his wonderful speech on his holiday to Lapland to win the Year One/Two age group whilst Charlie Gee, who surely has a future as stand-up comic, focused his attention on the failings of grown-ups to capture the Year 3/4 prize.

This happy but keenly-contested event was a credit to both schools, and we look forward to making the return trip to Timperley later in the year for the Reading Competition.

FOREST PARK TEAM:

Congratulations to Reuben Seymour and Charlton Gee who won their categories.

Reception	Joanna Tower and Micah Walukiewicz
Year 1 and 2	Philippa Oley and Reuben Seymour
Year 3 and 4	Min-Fay Ng and Charlie Gee
Year 5 and 6	Caoimhe McGonnell and Tom Marland



Thoughts from the Head's Study

Our New Year began cold and frosty outside, but in school we started the year with the progress reviews and we were soon warmed and glowing with pride. The work that the children and staff have put into achieving such high levels of progress cannot be overstated. The talented, caring and enthusiastic team has provided a wide variety of opportunities for learning and growth which has led to achievements which stretch beyond the core curriculum. It has been wonderful to celebrate the creativity of our children and their enthusiasm for learning. Listening to the children practising their speeches and Lamda has been one of the real highlights so far this term.

A strong sense of belonging has been predominant throughout the school. Our sporting teams whether on the track, field or court must be applauded for their drive and determination, as they have represented the school with real pride and commitment. We continue to encourage a well-disciplined ambience, based on respect and care for others, on good manners and on taking responsibility. Our older children have thrived as they have continued to develop their leadership responsibilities, acting as play leaders to the youngest members of the school, running the school tuck shop, leading house meetings and organising the School Council. I look forward to future innovative and creative approaches to learning – our pet project will be organised by Siân Pye and the Study Buddy Scheme which will be led and co-ordinated by Meredith Davis.



Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy's Corner

What a busy term! The football team beat Our Lady of Lourdes, 2-1 and the netball team lost, or as Mr Marsden says were 'hammered!' Mrs Niland and all the juniors have been working extremely hard for this year's play, 'Honk!' Year 6 have been enjoying 'Bikeability' course. Looking back to the start of the term, I'm sure we were all disappointed when the school was closed due to the heavy snow. Anyway, we wish you all 'a great holiday'.

Olivia Ashcroft and Sam Fuller

P.A. News

This half term has been a busy one for the P.A. A huge thank-you to those parents who took the time to complete the questionnaire that we sent out in relation to the upcoming spending, we had a fairly small response. So, if anyone hasn't completed theirs and still wants to make a comment, please feel free to contact anyone on the P.A.

Plans are now underway for our Easter Eggstravaganza. Dates for your diaries:-

Friday 12th February	purchase your Egg for the competition - £1.00;
Thursday 11th March	Own Clothes Day in exchange for 'Easter Chocolate';
Monday 22nd March	Chocolate Tombola and Cake Sale at 3.30pm after school;
Tuesday 23rd March	School Disco - Infants - 5-6.30pm

Juniors - 6.30-8pm. Whilst parents are not expected to attend, we would greatly appreciate any help. Disco tickets cost £3.50, which includes a snack. A tuck shop and a drinks stall are planned.

The date of the next meeting is Monday February 22nd at The Cellar Bar within the The Eskdale Lodge from 7.30pm. Please feel free to come along and have a drink with us.

Have a great half-term holiday.

Jane Ellston

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Football v Our Lady of Lourdes

After their heroics in the previous game, the youngsters of Forest Park pitted their skills against another team made up of Y6 boys, at the Partington Sports Village.

To the likes of Tom Marland and Tom Pye, size means nothing, and both boys relish the challenge of launching into tackles with opposing players who tower over them. Ably assisted by full-backs Luke Kelly and Callum Ashcroft, the defence not only soaked up pressure but provided plenty of telling passes out of defence to the speedy Jordan Henry and his clever striking partner, Ethan Hennessy. So well did the fast-break ploy work that both players had chances to break the deadlock before Ethan tapped in from Jordan's well-timed pass. A 1-0 half-time scoreline owed much to the fine goalkeeping of Sam Lewis who made four outstanding saves.

Chances continued to be created after the break but the home 'keeper was in good form himself, and the posts were rattled three times. Just when it seemed that one goal would have to be enough, the impish Ethan broke through with just the 'keeper to beat. Whilst his finish was a joy to behold, the ensuing 'Tevez Twist' celebration failed to impress his coach.

As the rain began to fall and the wind to swirl, Our Lady of Lourdes finally breached the 'green wall'. Although young legs began to tire, the boys were not to be denied a famous victory which owed much to their courage and the sheer will to win.

Result:

Our Lady of Lourdes 1 Forest Park 2

Scorer: Ethan Hennessy (2)

Man of the Match: Ethan Hennessy

Forest Park V Wilmslow Preparatory School

Our most recent match was against Wilmslow Prep. Although we had won this team in a previous match, they had a fierce reputation and despite our best efforts we were slightly anxious. We tried to put any doubts we had to the back of our minds and soon we were all feeling positive and confident. We have enjoyed our recent successes and know we play well as a team, always doing our best to support and encourage each other.

Things did not look good when we were greeted by the team of giants. The game soon started with much energy and enthusiasm on both sides. Our opponents hung onto the ball and were excellent shooters. It was a fast and action packed game; before we knew it the game was over. Although we did not win, we were highly commended for our efforts, especially Isobel Babenko, who was awarded player of the match as she recovered from an injury and sprang into action with her excellent marking.

Jasmine Gee

Sporting Achievements

Football Skills—Infant award went to Prithvi Mody, whilst the Junior award was shared between Samuel Lewis and Charlie Prosser.

Reception News



Reception has been busy this term with visits from three doctors and Aunty Mabel from Hong Kong. Before we jump to any conclusions, let us clarify. Dr Verma came to talk about different sizes of bones and health and safety matters related to them; Dr Tower came in with 3 bags, medicine bottles and grapes to teach us about 'big', 'medium', 'small' and healthy eating. Dr Faris 'washed his hands' and showed us how we could

combat various sized bacteria and viruses.



Aunty Mabel

gave us 'sound' knowledge on the Chinese New Year as she banged her instrument and swayed the dragon around. What is Chinese New Year without noodles and fried rice eaten with chopsticks and with self-made lanterns warming our imagination? Some of us realised that we had an innate talent with chopsticks whilst the others concluded they'd rather 'stick' with the forks.



So, folks - all in all - we had a fantastic term - 'terminating' germs, learning about healthy eating and playing safe. We can play it safely and say thank you all for 'germinating' good seeds of information, knowledge and helping in the 'hands on' process of learning.

Mrs N. Paul

Teddy awards

Teddies	Awarded to...
Big Ted	Charlotte Bell, Armin Yaghmaee, Konnie Stewart, Lucy Alderton
Little Ted	Jenna Houlier, Alexander Chebaro, Leonel Collins, Ryan Hill
Kitty	Shreyas Verma, William Hollingworth, Anais Heath, Joanna Tower, Alyssa Powell
Pup	Anna Faris, Surjo Datta, Nadal Collins, Micah Walukiewicz, Shreyas Verma



House News

House	Star
Moreton	Callum Ashcroft,, Eleanor Marland, Jessica Hinds, Heather Bates, Lucy Hinds
Dunham	Milly Alderton, Caoimhe McGonnell, Luke Kelly, Jordan Henry
Tatton	Charlton Gee, James Layton, Grace Smallwood, Rebecca Hooper, Philippa Oley

Pupil of the week awards

Y1	Ellie Howells, William Smallwood, Philippa Oley, Reuben Seymour, Andrew Domville	Y 4	Luke Kelly, Akhash Rathinam, Charlton Gee, Hannah Head, Callum Ashcroft
Y 2	Arushi Monga, Samuel Peacock, Mason Gee, Jessica Hinds, Kavin Kannan	Y 5	Iyal Kannan, Sudiksha Devendra Kumar, Haris Hussain, Thomas Bloor, Charlie Prosser
Y 3	Lucinda Pratley, Roshan Gulati, Lydia Gorman, Arion Yaghmaee, James Layton	Y 6	Jordan Henry, Charu Kayan, Alexander Coutsavlis, Nicholas Coutsavlis, Matthew Lewis



Swimming Awards

Riya Melachuri, Ellie Howells, Philippa Oley, David Adshead	Grade 3
Frank Cockill-Guy, Rebecca Hooper	Grade 4
Laura Head, Heather Bates, Matthew Lewis, Samuel Lewis	Bronze Swimming Challenge
Lucinda Pratley	10m
Aastha Paul, Grace Smallwood	15m
Charlton Gee	Gold Swimming Challenge

Cross-Country: Annual ISA Race

As they sat in rapt attention to the memorable speech of Tom Marland about arctic explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes, in the annual Speech Competition, a certain group of Forest Park pupils probably had little idea they would have the chance to experience conditions all too familiar to the great man, come the afternoon.

Taking part in the annual ISA Cross-Country race at Cheadle with nearly five hundred other children, was the team of fifteen girls and boys, made up mostly from Years 3 and 4.

Having taken time to 'walk the course' to assess whether to trudge through the mud or skate across the frozen grass, the girls took their positions for the U11 race. To complete one circuit of the arduous course would be an accomplishment but these hardy little souls had been asked to complete two. Although Lucy Hinds finished a highly creditable 42nd, all the girls deserve the highest praise for their heroic efforts. They simply never gave up!

By the time the boys U11 race started, snow had started to fall quite heavily. Once again, the young runners showed remarkable stamina and determination to complete the race. Callum Ashcroft's 17th place was an outstanding effort but all the team members drew the admiration of the watching parents and teachers.

Miss Biesty and Mr Ross would like to thank the parents for their support and for taking the trouble to help with transport.

Results:

Lucy Hinds	42	<u>Race</u>	Callum Ashcroft	17	<u>Girls U11</u>
Hollie Jenkinson	90	<u>Race</u>	Tom Pye	66	<u>Boys U11</u>
Ellie Conway	74		Luke Kelly	67	
Hannah Head	72		Sam Lewis	113	
Grace Smallwood	96		Ethan Hennessy	114	
			Charlie Gee	115	
			Arion Yaghmaee	116	
			Kai Smith	117	

Hollie Johnson and Haaris Sharif also took part in the races.

Celebrating Success

Prefects— Congratulations to Alexander Coutsavlis, Nicholas Coutsavlis, Siân Pye, Matthew Lewis, Isobel Babenko and William Hull who were all awarded prefect status just before the Christmas Holidays.

Green Certificates - Roshan Gulati, Shriraj Mody, Ethan Hennessy, Ellie Marland, Lydia Gorman, Kai Smith, David Adshead, Olivia Ashcroft, Charlton Gee, Akhash Rathinam, Haaris Shariff, Luke Kelly, Annan Mao, Emily Conway, Tanya Aggarwal, Phoebe Gelndon, Arushi Monga, Naomi Tower, Jordan Henry, Charu Kayan.

Blue Certificates—Callum Ashcroft, Jason Salthé

Barney Bear— for reading and illustrating 10 books—Lucy Alderton.

Primary Maths Challenge—Bronze award— Olivia Ashcroft, Meredith Davis and Iyal Kannan. Silver award—Thomas Marland and Charu Kayan. Gold award—Hector Salathé.

Other Achievements

Anna Ball received a certificate from the Tooth Fairy. **Arushi Monga** achieved Level 3A in Kumon Maths. **Laura Head** was awarded a Preparatory Grade with Honours for Tap Dancing. **Roshan Gulati** took part in the 'Introduction to the Astronomy and Philosophy of Science' course through the University of Oxford. **Naomi Tower** passed the Associated Board of Royal School of Music Preparatory test. She was also awarded a Bronze medal through the Drama company 'Stage Coach' for her part in the performance of 'The Wiz'. **Jessica Hinds** and **Neil Kunnure** were awarded certificates for Spanish. **Eleanor Conway** received a Head's praise award for her creative writing. **Samuel Peacock** was awarded a ski certificate by the 'Chill Factore'. **Alexandra Kelly** was awarded a Freestyle Solo Dancing Award. **James Layton** showed us his Gold Ski Award and explained how he had earned it.

Bronze Athletics Certificates—William Smallwood, Anna Faris, Laura Head, Abby Bamber, Daniel Obeiszadeh, Charu kayan, Shriraj Mody, Luke Kelly, Arion Yaghmaee, Ben Glendon.

Silver Athletics Certificates—Arion Yaghmaee, Abby Bamber, Daniel Clamp. A special mention should go to Srivaishnavi Kalavalapalli and Charlton Gee for completing all of the Athletics Year 4 problems.

Late Stay Awards—Joanna Tower for being so kind to other children, Theodore Lund and Mason Gee for being so helpful.

Holiday Projects— Harshita Aribandi, Akhash Rathinam, Anna Ball, Prithvi Sekar, Riya Melachuri, Abby Bamber and Micah Walukiewicz and Arushi Monga,

Early Years Speech Certificates— Shreyas Verma, Daniel Clamp, Akhilesh Rathinam, Anna Faris. Congratulations to Joanna Tower and Micah Walukiewicz who qualified for the Speech Competition.

Bikeability

The children in Year 6 have been doing a 'Bikeability' course, which is run by Trafford Council. We learned how to signal and look behind ourselves on the first day, in preparation to go out of the school grounds and experience what it is like to be a real road cyclist!

We were put into small groups of four and five to go out on the road, so that it would be safe. We did lots of drills, one at a time so that we

could thoroughly learn these exercises and become safe cyclists. It was great fun and we all hope we pass, so that we can ride to our new schools and help the environment whilst doing so. 'Bikeability' is definitely something to look forward to!

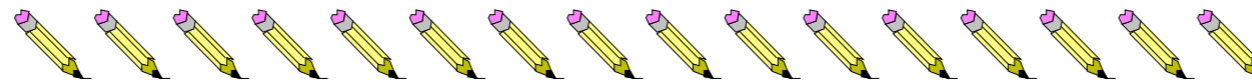
Meredith Davis



Eco Warrior News

Lately, the eco-group have been very busy. We have started to recycle the staffroom waste and empty ink cartridges (from the printers) in addition to recycling paper, cardboard and the kitchen waste. As spring is on its way, the group is preparing to attract wildlife in the Nature Garden. All the children are looking forward to doing eco-displays in class, raising eco-awareness about topics such as water, litter, energy, etc.

Charu Kayan



Art and Craft

Roshan Gulati painted a Christmas tree and a flower on canvas using oil paint. He kindly gave one of them to his cousin as a present. **Jessica Barnsley** painted a poppy on a canvas using water paints. Jessica also decorated a plate with paintings of fruit. **Riya Melachuri** made a jolly looking snowman using a glass jar, which she covered in cotton wool and other materials. **Arushi Monga** copied drawings from a book and then used these pictures to create coasters and a placemat. **Samuel Peacock** made a Lego aeroplane. **Laura Head** cleverly used a shoe box to create a mountain scene, complete with beavers. The scene could be viewed through a small peephole at the front of the box. **Nicole Henry** showed us the 6 designs she had made using Hammer Beads. **Phoebe Glendon** showed us a very colourful heart that she has made, also with Hammer Beads. **Neil Kunnure** showed us a Bionicle alien he had made. Rebecca Hooper made a pretty nightlight using Hammer Beads. **Charlie Prosser, Samuel Lewis, Thomas Marland, Haris Hussain, Thomas Bloor, William Wilson, Thomas Pye, Luke Kelly and Callum Ashcroft** made a football pitch, complete with stadium and players during a wet play session.

