

**Celebrating World Book Day**

Just before the ward was closed, Amal was admitted for a number of days whilst she recovered from a procedure. This did not stop her from dressing up and taking part in World Book Day, where she adopted the persona of a character from one of her favourite stories. Much to the delight of staff and the other children on the ward, she spent the day making this wonderful costume of Little Red Riding Hood. What big arms you have granny!



**Jack Petchey Achievement Award**

Matty Fisher has been living with Crohn's for the last 4 years and has made an inspiring video outlining his journey since being diagnosed. He released the film on World Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) day and praises the help he received from the IBD team at the Royal Free. He invested the award in camera and film equipment and plans on completing yet another film, partly funded by the Jack Petchey Charity, that explains to young people what to expect during a planned IBD admission. His film can be seen at [https://youtu.be/Bf\\_T-sgOBQs](https://youtu.be/Bf_T-sgOBQs)

**Message from the Headteacher**

We are incredibly proud of the response from the whole school community to the current corona virus pandemic. During the period of lockdown, pupil engagement has been excellent and our Year 11s succeeded in generating the evidence they needed in unprecedented circumstances. We have tried our best to run the school as normally as possible, with all lessons being provided using Zoom and other technologies. We would also like to thank the Jack Petchey foundation for providing financial assistance with printers, ink and paper so pupils could continue to work at home. Teachers and learning support assistants have been flexible and adaptable - offering individualised remote learning programmes in addition to our usual timetable. We will learn lessons from this for our practice going forward. Endings remain important and we are going to do our best to say a proper goodbye to our Hive cohort in the last couple of weeks as well as starting to welcome new pupils into the group. If you didn't see the exceptional work captured in the Royal Free's response to the emerging crisis. please do have a look at 'The Hospital' on the BBC iPlayer.

**Alex Yates**



**Vicky Hanton retires after 16 years**

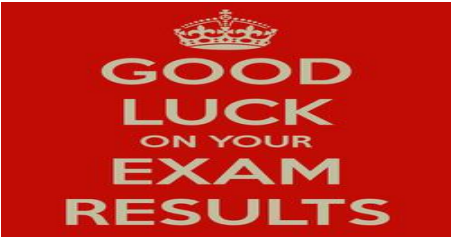


After 16 years of distinguished service, Vicky retires at the end of this term. An exceptional Primary teacher, Vicky has made an enormous impact as both SENDCO and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). She has worked tirelessly on handing over these responsibilities this year to Siobhan (new SENDCO) and Jemma (new DSL). She leaves both areas in a much better place. There will be a proper celebration of Vicky's contribution to school life when we can do so safely. Vicky is pictured above presenting the **Doreen Addy** award from last year's winner, Annabel, to this year's winner, Patricia.



**Results Day**

Due to restrictions on travel and our intention to reduce footfall within the hospital, results will be emailed to all pupils at **8.30am on Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup>**. A' level results are released the week before.



**Term dates for Academic Year 2020-21:**

Autumn term 1	Wed 2 Sept - Fri 23 Oct
Autumn term 2	Tues 3 Nov - Fri 18 Dec
Spring term 1	Wed 6 Jan - Fri 12 Feb
Spring term 2	Mon 22 Feb - Fri 2 April
Summer term 1	Weds 21 Apr - Fri 28 May
Summer term 2	Mon 7 June - Thurs 22 July

**2020-21 INSET Days:**

1. Tues 1 Sept 2020
2. Mon 2 Nov 2020
3. Tues 5 Jan 2021
4. Tues 20 April 2021
5. Fri 23 July 2021





**A special form of therapy**

Dramatherapy has continued throughout the last few months via Zoom. Our dramatherapist, Grace Linstead, has provided a safe and creative space to explore the themes and emotions that have challenged our pupils during the previous weeks. Forced to think out of the box, they have worked together to explore topics through role play, screen sharing, artwork and verbal discussion. Grace has also created a Dramatherapy and Wellbeing pack which is accessible on the school’s virtual learning platform.



**Art that always challenges**

In recent months, our pupils challenged each other to recreate famous works of art using household objects. Patricia won the challenge by completing a highly imaginative and stunning composition based on Ann Bart’s Dancing Tree Spirit. We have also been working on a piece that represents some form of inspiration experienced during the Lockdown. The work of the winners of this competition will adorn the walls of the hospital entrance.



**Farewell note from Vicky**

As I will be retiring at the end of this academic year and to ensure a smooth transition of responsibility, I have been heavily involved in handover meetings and completion of documents for both this year and going forward. Alongside this I have continued to deliver zoom sessions – a steep learning curve and supported colleagues and pupils with issues around safeguarding and SEN. I have also attended a wide range of professional meetings and supported parents as needed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and the school community for supporting me in these roles and many others over the past 16 years.

**Don’t stop the Music**

Our music tutor, Matt Smith, has worked wonders doing what he does best – raising our spirits with superb engagement through music tuition and performance. If you have used the lifts at the Royal Free on either a Monday or Friday, you may have been privileged to hear him sing requests on his guitar. Matt also works on other wards throughout the hospital. Within the school, Shi-Ying completed her guitar grade 5 exams and Patricia grade 6 on piano. Hermione has excelled on the drums, Alessio on the decks and Natalie on violin. With no distractions and greater privacy online tuition has actually benefited our pupils.



**A big thank you to our support staff**

The school is dearly blessed with a tremendously creative and hardworking group of teaching assistants. They have worked tirelessly to ensure that the continuity of lessons was maintained, providing essential support throughout, often starting at 9am and working beyond 3.30pm. They make the small stuff count; writing letters, fielding queries from colleges, providing moral support and simply being there when pupils needed them. We are all eternally grateful to Ramone, Lilli, Meryem and Szilvia.

**Jack Petchey Leadership Award**

This year’s nomination went to Dr Victoria Dublon. Victoria is a great supporter of the school and the clinical lead for paediatric diabetes across the trust and is a constant source of quality improvement ideas, designed to improve understanding and awareness of the condition. She has a “Me First” approach in all that she does, which means putting young people and their feelings at the forefront of our thinking, which inevitably leads to better social and clinical outcomes for our young people and their families. Well done. The award will be spent on an exercise bike and activities for the waiting area .

