



**Back to our Base**

After numerous discussions with Infection Control, the 14<sup>th</sup> tweak of the school's risk assessment was finally given the green light by the hospital panel. Our role at the Royal Free remains central to our work, and no time was wasted producing children's artwork and promoting quality improvement ideas such as "Who's behind the Mask" - an opportunity for staff to share more about themselves with young people and families through a series of questions - and the ward's dedicated day to well-being. Pictured are paediatric consultants Karnika and Victoria displaying their cake contributions for that day.

**Headteacher's End of Intern Report**

Sadly, this term marks the end of Caroline and Kathryn's internship as they return to the US to complete their undergraduate studies. In addition to working with our young people at the Day School, they were integral to the design and execution of the school's Diversity audit and worked closely with clinical teams at the hospital.



**Doreen Addy Awarded at School Picnic**

Maesha received this year's Doreen Addy award during the Hawaiian themed end of year picnic on Hampstead Heath. A fitting event and location for a well deserved winner. The award is given to the student who has made the most outstanding contribution and overall progress during their time at the Royal Free Hospital Children's School. Maesha's progress can only be described as remarkable.



**Message from the Headteacher**

We have now finally reopened across all school sites. It has been great to be able to return to support clinical colleagues at RFH. There is a tangible sense of positivity and hope emanating from all paediatric staff despite a hugely challenging 18 months for the NHS. Well done to all who enjoyed the PGL trip to Surrey in early July - it felt like one more step toward normality, and we hope an uninterrupted year of activity and progress beginning from September. I would like to personally thank all our staff, governors, parents and carers in addition to our wider school community for their remarkable support throughout this difficult year. We are genuinely proud of the unity we have built over the last few years and wish all our young people a well deserved summer break and the very best for the future as they move on to the next stage of their education.

**Alex Yates**

**Jack Petchey Award Winner**

Jack Petchey recently celebrated his 96 birthday. For over 5 years, the school has benefited immensely from awards by recognising and celebrating the outstanding achievement and leadership of both staff and young people. The awards have been used to fund school trips, celebration lunches and even online dramatherapy sessions during lockdown. This term's winner is Gabriella who said: "Thank you so much to the Jack Petchey Award scheme and the staff who nominated me. I am so happy for my new art supplies and will always be thankful."



**Local Youth Opportunities**

Don't be bored over the summer holiday; the Local Village Network is an online digital directory signposting community based activities for 14 to 24 year olds. The programme helps young people to discover new interests, events and training opportunities by encouraging like-minded individuals to link up and form networks with similar interests and ambitions. Scan the QR code above and download the app to open a world of summer holiday possibilities.



**Dates for Academic Year 2021-22:**

Autumn term 1	Thurs 2 Sept - Thurs 21 Oct
Autumn term 2	Mon 1 Nov - Fri 17 Dec
Spring term 1	Wed 5 Jan - Fri 11 Feb
Spring term 2	Mon 21 Feb - Fri 01 April
Summer term 1	Tues 19 Apr - Fri 27 May
Summer term 2	Mon 6 June - Weds 20 July

**2020-21 INSET Days:**

1. Weds 1 Sept 2021
  2. Fri 22 Oct 2021
  3. Tues 4 Jan 2022
  4. Thurs 21 July 2022
  5. Fri 22 July 2022
- A level results Tues 10 Aug, GCSE results Thurs 12 Aug.

**Extracts from the activity week at PGL Merchant's Hill in July**

Pictures that speak a thousand words . . . . .



**Examination News**

This summer, A' level results will be emailed between 8.30am and 8.45am directly to all students on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Aug. GCSE results will be issued on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Aug at the same time. Steve Green, the school's Examinations Officer, will be available to deal with any queries on the day immediately via email. To avoid disappointment, students are strongly advised to contact colleges, 6<sup>th</sup> Forms and universities as soon as they receive their results. Good luck!



**Down on the Farm**

A quote from Ozzy, who used her Jack Petchey award converting The Hive into a farm for an entire morning: "I asked my friends and peers what they would like as I didn't want the pressure on myself. We decided on Rocky Ranger as we knew he was cool and brought animals we liked. I enjoyed Coco the rabbit and the miniature reptiles such as the fire salamander, white tree frog and rattle snake. We were able to get very close to the animals; feeding and washing them. Everyone had fun and the money was well spent."

**NCS at The Hive**

For the last 3 weeks of the summer term, the National Citizen Service (NCS) delivered a bespoke programme designed to improve teamwork, communication, listening, debating and leadership skills, with the intention of better preparing our young people for that often difficult transition into adulthood and finding our way in society as thoughtful, objective and considerate citizens. Many thanks to Olga and Nicola for their thoughtful and engaging delivery of workshops.



After completing NCS  
**77% of young people** told us they feel more confident.