



# Durants News

**July 2012**

## Welcome to the Summer Newsletter

As usual it has been a busy year with lots going on at school. We have had two major events this year. The first was our successful OFSTED in March. This showed how far we have come as a school since 2009.

In addition the new Sensory Garden has been completed and is now in use. This will be a fabulous new resource to use with our pupils in the coming years.

At Durants we are very fortunate to have such committed, talented and hard working staff. They put an immense amount of effort into ensuring all our pupils have the best possible chance of making great progress. I would like to thank them all for their great efforts this year.

I would also like to thank Sylvia Hart and the school's Governing Body. They do so much behind the scenes to make sure the school is providing the best possible education for the pupils. They hold us to account and ensure all pupils do well.

All of us at Durants continue to value the partnership we have with all the Parents and Carers of our pupils. Our partnership with you is the single most important thing in ensuring a continuity of approach that enables all our pupils to do as well as they do. Thank you for your continued support.

I hope you all have a restful summer and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

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## Jubilee Family Festival

A family of a pupil at Durants School had the opportunity to attend the Jubilee Family Festival at Hyde Park on Saturday 2 June 2012. The tickets were donated by Sainsbury's Enfield.

The family who went had a lovely time and they were very grateful for the opportunity.

Thank you Sainsbury's.



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# The Masonic Fishing Charity

On 12 June 2012 four students from Post 16 Green Class attended an all day fishing event. This event was free to the school and designed for SEN Young Adults from around the area. They were each assigned a fisherman for the day who taught them about the different techniques involved with fishing. The students were also provided with a barbeque for lunch. They each received a medal and certificate for their experience. A trophy was awarded to Daniel Meniru for catching the most fish in his group — 5 fish. A trophy was also given to Joshua Elongama for catching the longest fish in the group. All the students gained from this experience and have written thank you letters to Andrew Rowley who is the Event Liaison Officer. We hope for our Post 16 students to participate in this event for many years to come.



# Enfield Folk Dance Festival

On 5 July Red Class went to the Enfield Folk Dance Festival at Forty Hall. They danced to the Pat A Cake Polka in front of 15 other schools.

It was a beautiful sunny day and we had a great time!

We even met the Mayor of Enfield and had our photograph taken!



# Beige Class

On Monday 9 July Beige Class enjoyed a trip to Southend. The students had an amazing time exploring the beach and the pier.

They were all so well behaved and really enjoyed having fish and chips.

Well done Beige Class for being so fantastic!



# Transition Event

Durants held a Transition event on Wednesday 20 June for Parents/Carers to come along and see what is available for their Children when they move on and have more insight as to what is available in Adult Services. The event was very successful and well attended.

Transition to Adult Services is a very stressful time for families and we are trying to make this stage in their life as informative and smooth as possible.

Thank you also to all the Parents/Carers who took the time to attend, we hope you gained some useful knowledge from this and if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you to all the services who attended:-

- ◆ Edenvale
- ◆ New Options
- ◆ One-to-One Enfield
- ◆ Hoffman Foundation
- ◆ Radio Marathon
- ◆ St Elizabeth's
- ◆ Mencap Enfield
- ◆ Southgate/Barnet College
- ◆ Marcus and Marcus
- ◆ Nash College (Liveability)
- ◆ Connexions

# Sporting Events



**Silver Class have been involved in some sporting events held to celebrate the Olympic Games.**

On Friday 6 July we took part in a Torch Relay Event in Durants Park. The Torch Relay events were organised by the Schools Sports Development Team and took place all over the borough. We took part in a parade around the park and then had an afternoon of different sporting activities. We all received a commemorative medal for being part of the event.

On Tuesday 10 July we attended a sports activities morning at The Norseman Sports Ground in Edmonton. Everyone worked really hard and did cricket, running, tag rugby to name but a few events. We were also lucky to have good weather!

# Summer Fete

Thank you again to all that supported our Summer Fete by either donating gifts/prizes, buying raffle tickets, helping to run a stall or attend on the day.

It was another successful year where we raised £1,300. This money will be used for outings and activities to give our students enriching experiences.

Friends of Durants



## Parent Council

Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who said they would like to be part of the new School Parent Council.

We will have our first meeting early on in the Autumn Term. I am really looking forward to working you with all.

Helen Bruce  
Deputy Headteacher

## Cooking Skills



Silver Class have been developing their cooking skills and we have regularly made our own lunch once a month. Last week we decided to invite Amber Class to have lunch with us. It was hard work but everyone enjoyed a lovely meal of home made burgers and wedges.

## Picnic in the Park!

On Tuesday 17 July, Red, Blue and Amber Classes enjoyed a lovely picnic at Grovelands Park.

The students had a wonderful time, playing on the swings, walking round the lake and enjoying the lovely food. [A Big Thank You to Miss Lacey](#) who made the picnic for all the pupils and staff.

## End of Term

**The last day of the Summer Term for pupils is FRIDAY 20 JULY 2012 and school will finish at the normal time of 3.00pm.**

**School re-opens for all pupils on:-  
Wednesday 5 September 2012 at 8.50am**



**Have a good summer—lets hope the weather improves!**

**REMEMBER— Pupils return to school on:-**

**WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 8.50AM**

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