



WINGS NEWS

Announcing the overall winners of WOHAA 2014-15



Team Eclipse from Northwood College are the proud winners for 2014-15. Davina, Lauren, Riya, Sherin and Tara will be off to India in February half-term to meet children who are benefiting from their incredible fundraising. We, at WOHAA, have been incredibly inspired by the dedication and boundless enthusiasm of this year's winning team. We have been incredibly inspired by the dedication and boundless enthusiasm of this year's winning team. The amount of work they have done for WOHAA over the past year is unbelievable.

The girls started out setting up their twitter and Instagram pages upon signing up, attracting over 100 followers in a matter of hours. Via these networks and their school, they came up with a number of fashionable products to sell including chokers, necklaces and even candy canes at Christmas time! The girls went on to bring their creativity and their wares to an array of fairs, both within their school and the local area. Through a wacky combination of attractions including Henna and a 'Guess the Jellybean' competition, the girls raised hundreds of pounds and brought lots of attention to the Wings of Hope Charity.

The girls combined personal dedication with an incredible team spirit with individuals taken on challenges as part of an incredible group effort. Tara sacrificed her long locks in a sponsored haircut and Riya took upon herself a 2.5 km sponsored swim.

As a group, the girls committed not just to fundraising, but to community action, getting together during the Christmas Holidays to host a tea party for elderly people. They also organised a Prom Night in their local golf club for students in Years 9 and 10. Not only that, but Team Eclipse brought together an array of rising stars for a Talent Show in St. Helen's Hall. If that wasn't enough, the girls organised a Hanuman Chalisa for their friends and family in the Watermill Hotel. The event was an incredible success, raising close to £4000 and attracting interest from local business and media.

The tremendous efforts of Team Eclipse have been featured in 'Divya Bhaskar', 'The Harrow Times', 'News London', 'This is Local London' and Harrow Community Radio! The Mayor of Harrow even arranged to meet them! All the girls (and Northwood College!) can really be incredibly proud of their achievements. We can't wait to see them in India!

Dear Colleagues & Students,

We are very excited for 2016! We have been really impressed with the hard work of the WOHAA teams over the festive period. WOHAA is off to a fantastic start!

We have lots to look forward to in the New Year, including our flagship event, Speed-Mentoring! We are extremely proud to host this fantastic opportunity for students once again and are so very grateful to all the wonderful mentors who are giving up their time.

We have some incredible workshops coming up too, organised by our prestigious corporate partners. These will enable students to learn more about a number of different industries and get some top tips from experienced professionals.

We are so very grateful for the continued support of our participants, their parents, the liaison teachers and our corporate partners. We are looking forward to working together with you in the UK and abroad in 2016!

Best wishes,

Mrs Rajni Sriram, CEO & Co-founder

Swaminarayan Primary School Christmas Appeal



We would like to thank all the fantastic students at Swaminarayan school who bought Christmas presents for our Indian students!

Speed-Mentoring from the Wings of Hope



We, at the Wings of Hope will be hosting our annual speed-mentoring event at the Royal College of Surgeons on 30th January 2016 for pupils in years 9 through 13.

The event, which has historically attracted upwards of 500 students, brings together young professionals from a vast array of industries. Each professional is seated on a table with others from their industry, and each table is named and arranged so as to indicate a particular 'route' which students might like to go down as a career. Students spend 15 minutes at each table gathering information on a whole host of different fields into which they might like to enter in the future. It is the job of the professionals to engage, inspire and inform the students about the work they do and the qualifications they have.

Past participants have given fantastic feedback as to the impact 'speed-mentoring' has had on them and their choices. For some, it provides an opportunity to discuss GCSE options, for others it's a chance to find out more about graduate schemes and post-graduate courses. So whether they are looking at medicine or media, retail or research, or they have absolutely no idea what the future holds, speed-mentoring is an unmissable opportunity for any student.

For all students participating in The Wings of Hope Achievement Awards (WOHAA) programme, the event is free to attend.

International Projects

children's Day celebration

Our partners in Chennai, the SAVE Trust, organised a wonderful Children's Day celebration for participants in their evening tuition centre. The Dr Ambedkar Welfare Association hosted the event, which was attended by a number of local dignitaries. Mr Baskar, Director of the SAVE Trust gave the introductory remarks followed by a music from Mr Balu, Mr Kumar and Mr Kamalesh.



children's Tuition centre

The Children's Tuition Centre in Chennai continues to go from strength to strength. It provides a space in which slum children can do their homework every night of the week. It also organises summer camps for the children where they are given opportunities to enjoy extra-curricular activities in a safe environment.



Students respond charitably to Chennai Floods

The terrible floods which wreaked havoc in Chennai last month proved a great spur for students at the Wings of Hope project school to come up with their own initiatives to help the needy. They put together 500 food packages over a period of three days which they distributed at Amudha Nagar, Vellakkal, Tambaram and Ambetkar Nagar. They also collected pots and pans to distribute to flood victims enabling them to cook their own food during these difficult times.



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