

Welcome...

In April the Academy performed the play at the Southern heats of the All England Theatre Festival at the Arts Centre, Shaftesbury and won! They now have to perform at Warminster for a place in the Final on Saturday 15th May.



You are cordially invited to attend the **London Premiere** of the official **STOP THE TRAFFIK** production

~ Date ~ Monday 21 st June 2010	~ RSVP by Friday 21 st May to ~ Francesca Ruiz, fran.ruiz@oasisuk.org, 020 7921 4464
~ Time ~ 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start	Oasis Community Learning, 75 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7HS
~ Location ~ The Oasis Centre, Kennington road, London, SE1 7QP (opposite Lambeth North tube)	



LORD'S HILL

Mozambique Week

The Academy's Lower School students devoted a week to fundraising for their Oasis partner in Mozambique. They held a topsy turvy day where students were teachers and teachers were students – not very well behaved ones in some cases! There was an alternative Sports Day including bench ball and rounders tournaments, a non-uniform day and the week was finished with a sponsored walk. The final act was a photograph featuring all the students making a huge human flag of Mozambique. The current total of money raised is in excess of £600 and Academy Principal, Ian Golding, was able to take a cheque for this amount with him on his visit to Mozambique during the Easter Holidays.



Police Dogs

In March, the Year 10 BTEC Animal Care students were privileged to have a visit from a police handler and his dogs. The first dog, Charlie, was a drugs sniffer dog and in order to show the students how Charlie works, a member of staff was given a substance to put in her pocket and along with several students, she walked around the classroom. Charlie walked around the room and detected the member of staff immediately - stopping and staring at her! The second dog was an 18 month old German Shepherd called Draygo, who had only been given to the handler that morning so they were both getting used to each other! He will now have three months training, after which he will hopefully pass and be out and about.

SHIRLEY PARK

Charities' Parliament

On Wednesday 17th March, I went with Mr Steve Chalke (the Founder and CEO of Oasis) to his head offices to meet the Minister in charge of Britain's healthcare, Andy Burnham. It was a really great experience for me as I got to see a real politician speak live which I had never experienced before. As I am hoping to become a politician myself in the future, it gave me some good ideas on how to better my speaking and writing skills. I also got the chance to ask him a few questions and he was glad to hear my perspective on Britain's NHS and took it on board. I would especially like to thank Mr Chalke for giving me this vital opportunity.



By Henal Ganatra 11SNU

COULSDON

Students at Oasis Academy Coulsdon Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

An award-winning charity called The Global Action Plan came to the Academy to talk to a group of 18 students (from different year groups) about the Academy's waste material and how to reduce the amount of rubbish we use every day.

The day started off with The Global Action Team talking about how all the rubbish goes into huge landfills across the UK. It was not a pretty sight as most of us were shocked to see how much waste was filling up these massive spaces in the ground. We were then told that we had a task to perform: look into the rubbish bags of the school! So we rolled up our sleeves, slid on our gloves and got to work. We looked in every room of the school and most of the litter was plain paper and plastic which could easily be recycled.

Afterwards, Croydon Council came to talk to us about what they are doing to reduce the amount of litter used. For example old car tyres can be used to make recycled pencil cases. We then got into our groups and were given a topic (plastic bottles) of ways to reduce, reuse and recycle the materials.

Finally, we gathered up our information and decided what could be done to make this happen. Green parties, musicals about recycling, murals. All these ideas were put up to raise money to create better recycling facilities for the Academy. At the end, the Green Party was the most successful idea as it will include green food, green clothes and green decorations.

By Year 9 student Ashvin Jalabhay



MEDIACITYUK

Salford in Motion

Six Academy students took part in 'Salford in Motion', which is an exhibition by young people from Salford and is the result of a collaborative project between the Arts Unit at the University of Salford and BBC 21CC (the BBC's digital learning centre). Working with Arts and Media professionals, the students explored the history and changing face of Salford. The exhibition showcases drawings and animations created by participants who are inspired by site visits, oral history and photographic archives.



Adult Education

The Academy's new adult education classes started last week with 125 learners – and they already have a waiting list of 50 people! They offer yoga, digital photography and media, Thai chi, painting and drawing, Spanish and floristry courses. There was a real buzz around the building with a lot of community members commenting on how this kind of thing is needed in the area.

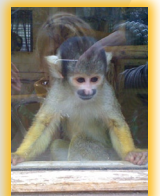
HADLEY

London Zoo

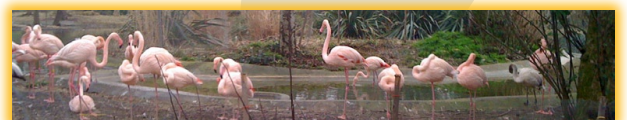


Year 7 recently visited London Zoo and students Hasan and Shanice wrote about their experience:

"First we went into the Africa section and saw hunting dogs sleeping peacefully in their dens. Then we went over to see the bearded pigs; they smelt extremely foul. We found our way out of Africa and went into the reptile house filled with creepy lizards and scary snakes. We also went to see the part that was taken from 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' where the king cobra talked to Harry.



We visited the education centre where a woman called Rosie talked to us about the environment and explained how habitats are being destroyed by pollution. After lunch we went to the butterfly enclosure which was hot to recreate the climate butterflies need, followed by the aquarium where they had sea horses and loads of different species of fish. It was a really fun day out and we hope we can have more school trips like this".



WINTRINGHAM

Musical Success

The Academy's first musical production was a resounding success! Students and staff worked together to sing, dance and act their way to a fantastic display of talent, hidden abilities and even a few secret dreams! The whole Academy took up the 'Joseph' baton and supported Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat (under licence by The Really Useful Group) with months of hard work behind the scenes – building, painting, filming and sewing – for two brilliant nights of very catchy songs and some fancy footwork.

The students performed to a professional standard and this was really appreciated by very enthusiastic audiences – some even enjoyed the show so much, they came again for the second night! Henry Ford once said that "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success," and Wintringham have certainly proved this to be true!



MAYFIELD

Contractor Appointed to Build the New Academy

Just before the Easter break, Principal John Toland, announced Carillion as the winning contractor for the new build, following a five month design competition with Balfour Beatty. Both companies had worked extremely hard to win the appointment and the standard of presentation was very high.

Work on the new state-of-the-art building will begin later this year in a securely sectioned part of the grounds, which will allow full use of the existing facilities, ensure that learning is not interrupted. It's a very exciting time for Oasis Academy Mayfield and updates will follow as work progresses.



Bowled Over!

In March, six Year 7 students attended a competitive Inter-Cricket Festival. The competition was held at Fleming Park, Eastleigh with a large number of spectators. They showed good sportsmanship and a lot of respect to the umpires and other players. Charlotte Small excelled as the only girl in the team by bowling out an opposing competitor and then making a very important catch to get another opponent out. This contributed hugely to the final success of the team. They performed above expectations and finished a fabulous 2nd overall.



BRISTOL

Bristol Schools Festival of Sport

Eighty students from the Academy took part in the Bristol Schools Festival of Sport on Thursday 25th March. They had the opportunity to try out different sports and to improve their skills. Everyone agreed the day was lots of fun as well as very informative. A number of matches were played during the day and Oasis Academy Bristol students won 7 out of their 14 matches.

IMMINGHAM

PGL Easter Trip

During the Easter holidays, fifty students and eleven staff visited the PGL centre at Caythorpe Court in Grantham. The trip was designed to motivate students in English and Maths and also give the opportunity for others to complete Business, ICT and Science coursework. During the three days, the students (and staff) also had the opportunity to participate in PGL high-wire activities, which included the trapeze, climbing wall, high ropes, giant swing and abseiling. The trip was a fantastic success with all students and staff enjoying themselves greatly.



BRIGHTSTOWE

Business and Enterprise Day

The Academy held a 'Business and Enterprise within the Curriculum' day which consisted of a programme of activities, events and guest speakers designed to give students an insight into different careers and an understanding about how businesses operate.

Amongst the many things on offer, Year 7 took part in a dance workshop run by Vincent and Flavia from Strictly Come Dancing, a group of Year 10 English students visited the Evening Post building to see how the Western Daily Press is made, and another group of students took part in workshops run by insurance company, Liverpool Victoria.

Business Studies teacher Keryn Perkins said: "We really enjoyed what was a fun and informative day. It was about encouraging students to look outside the Academy environment and engage with different types of companies and professions."



BRISTOL & BRIGHTSTOWE

Academy Students Take on Political Debate

On Wednesday 21st April, students from Oasis Academy Brightstowe and Oasis Academy Bristol took part in a political debate which was aired as part of the general election coverage on Sky News.

The event was set up by the charity Debate Mate, who specialise in training young people in debating skills and public speaking, and was one of three debates which aim to mirror the historic televised leadership debates and get young people talking about issues at the heart of the May 6th General Election.

The debate was on the theme 'Britain is no longer a great power', and students from both Oasis Academies made up the 'floor', where they asked some very compelling questions about foreign policy and international relations. To watch highlights from this debate, please see www.skynews.com.



ENFIELD

Keep Britain Tidy

The 3E's science group answered the Keep Britain Tidy's call for all Eco-schools to join forces and go into battle with litter for St George's Day. Science club students took up the challenge and spent an hour showing their pride in our environment and demonstrating just how easy it is to take care of their local area by carrying out a litter pick around the school. Congratulations to the team for filling eight of "The Big Tidy Up" green sacks with rubbish!

London Marathon

John Walton, Principal of the Academy, and Robb Cayford, Year Leader, took on the challenge of running the London Marathon and both successfully completed it! As well as enjoying the experience, the pair, with the backing of the Academy students, raised approximately £3,000 – an amazing achievement by all! Well done!!

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

Oasis Global are developing a Key Stage 3 Scheme of Work for Humanities Departments as an introduction to each of the African Oasis country bases (Uganda, Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe). The resources will include lesson plans, a PowerPoint presentation, a student workbook and additional teacher information. For those Academies partnered with other Oasis country bases, the team are also developing a Key Stage 3 Scheme of Work, looking at globalisation and migration. The countries covered will be Oasis USA, Oasis Bangladesh, Oasis Belgium, Oasis India and Oasis Kyrgyzstan.

The Global Team have also carried out some research regarding Academy involvement with International School Awards. They have written an example job description for an International Co-ordinator role and are in the process of writing a standards framework for developing global dimensions and Oasis Global Partnerships that complements the ISA.

The team have also facilitated a number of visits from Academies to their overseas bases:

- Jane Bowman from Oasis Academy Wintringham visited Oasis South Africa in Johannesburg
- Ian Golding and Kate Bulpit from Oasis Academy Lord's Hill visited Oasis Mozambique in Beira
- Students and staff from Oasis Academy Bristol will be visiting Oasis Uganda in May.