

# Park Times

Issue 1



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# House Results

Mandela	Wilberforce	Owens	GT	Frank	Scott	Cadbury
37 pts	32 pts	32 pts	30 pts	28 pts	24 pts	21 pts

## Staff Quiz:

10pts Wilberforce  
 9pts Owens  
 8pts Mandela  
 7pts Cadbury  
 6pt Frank  
 5pts Scott  
 4pts GT

## Staff Tug of War:

10pts Mandela  
 9pts Scott  
 8pts Cadbury  
 7pts Owens  
 6pts Wilberforce  
 5pts GT  
 4pts Frank

## 6th Form Inter-House:

1st: Frank  
 2nd: Owens  
 3rd: Mandela  
 4th: Scott  
 5th: Wilberforce  
 6th: GT  
 7th: Cadbury

## House Music:

1st Wilberforce  
 2nd Mandela  
 3rd GT  
 4th Owens  
 5th Frank  
 6th Scott  
 7th Cadbury

## Yr9 Mixed Netball:

10pts Frank  
 9pts GT  
 8pts Cadbury  
 7pts Mandela  
 6pts Owens  
 5pts Wilberforce/Scott

# Owens

*Once chance is all you need*

Owens have had a very successful start to the year! We've begun this year with enthusiasm, dedication and consistency. This year we are focusing on determination because that's exactly what Jesse Owens believed in.

Owens are proud of the few events and competitions they've participated in so far. We've had an increase in participation, which is great! We came second in the Sixth Form inter form sports, fifth in the year 9 mixed netball and fourth in the staff tug of war!



As you all know House Music is soon approaching. Owens have decided to do something a little different this year! The creative minds behind the idea, have put together a mash-up for the choir performance. Owens will be performing two great songs; One Day – Elbow and Hey Jude – The Beatles. Our amazing conductor, Charlotte Jones has been doing an incredible job in making this colourful but complex mash-up work! Not only are we coming to you with a creative and pretty cool choir performance, we are also going to do something quite rare – a brass band instrumental piece made up of 10 talented musicians in Owens house, playing Hello by Adele!



# Mandela

*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world*

Earlier this month we started our house music rehearsals and we have had an amazing turnout with 70 people currently attending! The song chosen is Oh Happy Day by Sister Act, we started off to a slow start but after a few rehearsals we picked up our pace fast and currently the song is sounding like the best house music choir piece we have ever had in the history of House Music which is amazing so well done to all involved!

Hana and Kirsty conducted our first house assembly, which went well with us updating the house on our current successes and updates to aware the house of. During the assembly aswell we gave showed the contenders for our charities this year and then sent house leaders have done votes in form time to choose them, which is now under consideration and the results will be announced soon.

Following on from charities, Lydia Bignell in M2 is trying to organise an army course colour run to raise money for our chosen charities in particular, the Alzheimer's Society which has been our national charity for the last couple years.

We recently elected the Year 12 House Leaders in one form time where Gaby Holy and Aleena Ayub got the vote with their amazing speeches!

In terms of house events, the staff members of Mandela house did an amazing job with devouring all the other houses and coming first in the staff tug of war, well done!

Hana Wilkins and Kirsty Bentley.



# Scott

*Each man in his way is a treasure*

**H**ouse music in Scott house is going really well. We had around 70 people sign up and about 55 have been coming to rehearsals regularly for the choir. Our version of Grease Megamix is looking to be a very entertaining and fun performance thanks to the wonderful conducting from Laura Bayne in year 12. The mix of vocals and well known dance moves will hopefully be a winner on the



night! Our performance piece is also sounding very hopeful. The song choice of Skyfall is a big contrast to Grease but is still full of huge potential and the way our year 12 band (Will Grover, Elliot Jones, Dani Coker and Rachel Broderick) have rehearsed it is sounding amazing. We really hope the evening is a success after all the work Emily, Louis, the SLG, teacher and all the students taking part have put in.



All of our house leaders have now been elected from each form and we have had a house meeting to get to know everyone. We came 2nd in Staff Tug of War, 4th in Sixth Form Interhouse and showed huge support throughout Frank house's charity week, especially at Race for Life so we are off to a flying start thanks to everyone in Scott house.

Our charity week is in December and we have already begun planning out activities for throughout the week (it's looking to be very festive!) We hope that everyone will get on board with helping our charities and we are looking forward for the year to come.

Sophie de La Mare and Lucy Scott

# Wilberforce

## *Break the Chains*

**H**ouse Choir is underway with a great turn out and plenty of enthusiasm. We've counted a total of 66 members which is brilliant and a huge improvement on last year. We've been rehearsing hard and we're ready to sing!

Our House Charity week is on the same week as House Music... a very busy week! But, we have a raffle, tombola and some small things to sell on the day to publicise our charities and raise as much money as we can.

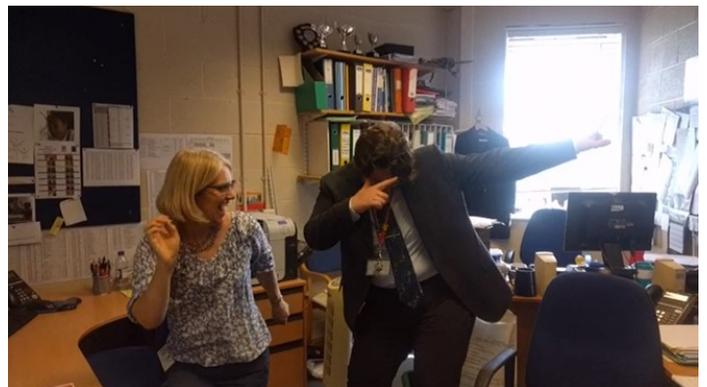


We're planning for House Charity week with the hope that this year we'll get more individual efforts from students. We have three Saturday carwashes planned and we'll be making tea for the rugby spectators.

We had a successful assembly and produced a video trailer to advertise House Music to our forms. We introduced our new House Captains and encouraged students to sign up for the choir. Year sevens got their first Wilberforce badges.

Our new House Leaders have been brilliant in conversing with their forms and reporting back to our House Captains. We've met regularly to report and make plans for the future.

Our House Performance Piece is something new and different. We decided that we didn't want to follow the same format as everyone else. So, we're taking a risk which will be revealed on the night!



# Frank

*Despite everything, I believe that people are really good at heart*

**W**e had a very successful house assembly where we introduced the new house leaders; some helped present the assembly! There was even a fun activity that involved everyone in the house. In our next assembly, we shall elect our local charity, for which we raised money during our charity week.

Our house music rehearsals are going well so far. We have 65 people in our choir and 15 people in our performance piece, with students from all years participating this year. We have an enthusiastic and committed conductor (Pippa Newton) who is doing an amazing job engaging the choir.

We are over the moon with the turn out for our Race for Life Event and would like to thank everyone who got involved. From the event, we raised over £2,900! We wish all the other houses good luck for their charity weeks and would like to encourage everyone to support the other houses in their fundraising efforts.



# Cadbury

*All human beings should be treated equally and should live in peace*

Cadbury has started off the year well with success in Yr 9 mixed netball and the staff tug of war – we came 3rd in both! There has been great participation in events so far as well as lots of enthusiasm.

This year, Georgie and I would like to focus of charity which is why we were really happy to see every house get involved with Frank houses' Race for Life. It's great to see the houses working together for a good cause. We will be working hard to create a fantastic charity week in the start of 2017, hopefully raising more money than we previously ever have for our two chosen charities (which will be chosen at our next house assembly).



Our first assembly went well; congratulating everyone on their participation and success so far as well as updating them on important upcoming events. We were able to introduce everyone to their new house leaders as well as get them involved in the assembly. Everyone was enthusiastic about our traditional Cadbury quiz at the end!

House music is just around the corner... rehearsals have been going well and everyone has been dedicated to showing up on time and giving their all. We have around 55 people signed up who have all been singing and dancing wonderfully to

our song 'Learn to fly' by the Foo Fighters. Our talented musicians and our conductor Lily Marks have also been doing a great job so far and the whole piece has come together nicely. We have a group of girls who've been very proactive and have been working hard at the performance piece, 'Bruno Mars – Just the way you are' whilst giving it a bit of twist. After a couple of weeks of consistent rehearsal are hoping for another year of success!



# Grey-Thompson

## #GreaterTogether

**G**rey-Thompson is delighted at last years charity cup success, we came second which is amazing. We were narrowly beaten by Wilberforce at the last minute, which yet may be disappointing we are still immensely proud of the efforts of our house, with Mr Binks raising a considerable amount. We would also like to congratulate R. Cheema from 8GT in winning the excellence award last year.

This year we aim to do better, so far we have come 6th in the Teacher tug of war and second in year 9 mixed Netball.

As I am sure your all aware, House Music is just around the corner and Grey Thompson are pushing the boat out this year with the choir singing a song which is just on top of this world and our performance piece is taking us all the way back to the days of the Jackson 5. We all can't wait for House Music.

Eleanor Housden and Gabe Morris



# House Music

House Music is one of the most popular house events in the school calendar. It started off as school captain, Elia Tuck's idea and, since 2013, it has grown into a major event, as well as a celebration of the musical talent within each house. This year, tickets for parents and guests sold out within 12 hours of being available, which shows how incredible the performance is.

Whilst some would see it primarily as a house competition, it also included outstanding

performances from the SLG choir and the staff choir, with their special guest star Mr. Pettengell simultaneously rapping and surprising every member of the audience. There might have been house points up for grabs, but every performer went on and off the stage with a smile on their face.

The SLG - carefully led by Ms. Rooney and Mr. Gray - worked throughout the rehearsal period, many as conductors and musicians for their house, and helped put on this amazing event. The credit goes particularly to Emily Barter and Louis Edbrook (Community and Events Captains) who organised and planned it all and were the presenters on the night.



Conductor:	Performance Piece:	Choir:	Overall Results:
1st Wilberforce - Harriet Waller	1st Wilberforce	1st GT	1st Wilberforce
2nd GT - Laura Duncombe	2nd Mandela	2nd Wilberforce/ Mandela/Owens/Frank	2nd Mandela
3rd Mandela/Owens - Kirsty Bently/Charlotte Jones	3rd Owens	3rd	3rd GT
4th	4th Scott/GT/Frank	4th	4th Owens
5th Frank	5th	5th	5th Frank
6th Scott	6th	6th Scott	6th Scott
7th Cadbury	7th Cadbury	7th Cadbury	7th Cadbury

# Conductors

**Frank:** I'm honoured to be Frank House's conductor this year; I've wanted to conduct ever since House Music started years ago. I'm very excited for the choir piece, we had loads of students sign up! I was very proud of the amount of enthusiasm from everyone. Everyone performing in House Music, students and staff, want to win for their house, but the rehearsals, performing and all the backstage work is the real fun part. If Frank do win, I'll be so pleased for every member of the choir - their handwork would've paid off - but the experience, atmosphere and enjoyment of House Music is the important part.

Pippa Newton

**Wilberforce:** I'm very excited to be conducting our House Choir this year. I joined the school last year and took part in House Music straight away, I loved it and I'm glad to be playing such a big role this year. At the moment, everyone's very enthusiastic, we had a great turn out to our first rehearsal which only grew in the next. We all want to win and hopefully, with everyone's commitment and the efforts of our brilliant band we will! Our Performance piece has been underway since we came back from the summer break; we're hoping that this practice will give us an advantage. We're trying something new and I'm very excited.

Harriet Waller

**Scott:** I was incredibly pleased to be asked to conduct the Scott House choir this year. This is my first opportunity to conduct and Sophie and Lucy's choice of a Grease 'megamix' has been wonderful arrangement to work with. I must also mention the amazing choreography which they put together on very short notice. My favourite song from the set is 'Grease Lightning' with a great beat, and the opportunity for the audience to clap along (hint hint). I should also mention Mr Wilson who has provided excellent volume control and kept the enthusiasm set to maximum; and Mrs Fulham, who in addition to helping organise the music, has been giving out biscuits at the end of every rehearsal. The soloists - Ellie Sands, Iueun Price, Anna Haywood-Surrey and Adam Sharp – have all been fantastic and committed singers, and have successfully managed to not imitate the 'interesting' vocal styles of John Travolta and Oliva Newton John. Overall, the entire choir has been amazing and I only hope all our hard work pays off!

Laura Bayne

**Cadbury:** My name's Lily I am the conductor for Cadbury house for house music 2016, when I first started off conducting I had no idea what I was doing but over the last 2 weeks I have received an amazing amount of help from house captains and leaders which has helped me so much and I know that Cadbury are by far the best and we know if we put in the effort we can win house music!!

# Conductors

**Owens:** Owens house choir were really enthusiastic throughout rehearsals. They took on criticism very well and used it to improve their performance. I was really proud of the way they threw themselves into the singing and genuinely enjoyed themselves during the rehearsals and in the performance. They even sang with gusto when rehearsing on the bus ride to the Alban arena run-through! There was lots of preparation for the house choir behind the scenes as well, with all the students learning their parts and not to mention a great arrangement of our Beatles/Elbow mash-up done by Vicky Akroyd. The house band performance was also an amazing result of hard work. Lead well by Greg Saunders, the house band did a great cover of Hello by Adele. In both the choir and band there was great encouragement from staff as they joined in on the action and sang or played just as enthusiastically as the students! I think with a little more practice we could do even better next year!

Charlotte Jones

**Mandela:** To be conductor for Mandela for a third time is an amazing honour and our choir are truly fantastic! With the help of Georgia, and some wonderful nun outfits, our choir have been put through their paces and are sure to put on a good show. We've been a little risky this year by choosing a Gospel number, but it only took a little convincing of the choir to really bring the number to life! Our performance piece is an acoustic version of a well-known pop song and is sure to go down a storm and fingers crossed the judges' love it too! Everyone's commitment and dedication to turning up to all our rehearsals, always armed with loud voices and wide smiles, is brilliant and has made conducting a real pleasure. Congrats to all of Mandela in advance, I'm sure we'll nail it!!

Kirsty Bentley

**Grey-Thompson:** I have participated in house music ever since it was first introduced to Roundwood 3 years ago and I am so happy to be able to conduct the GT choir this year. We are singing On Top of the World by Imagine Dragons. I know music may not be everyone's cup of tea and many people can get nervous performing, (myself included), but I think performing together as a house allows everybody to become more confident and gives everyone a chance to get to know people in different years at Roundwood.

Ester Batt

# Clubs and Societies Fair

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, the second annual Clubs and Societies Fair took place in the hall. This was an opportunity for students in years 7 and 8 to come and see the clubs and societies on offer for them at Roundwood.

Student Ambassadors represented the different departments and clubs by running stands. They

gave the prospective members information about their respective clubs. Having the student ambassadors there allowed the pupils an opportunity to ask any questions they had about a specific club. Pupils had the chance to sign up for the clubs, as well as taking part in interactive stands. There was also a suggestions list for pupils to write down any clubs they would like at



Roundwood, we got some great suggestions and hope to work towards getting some of those clubs up and running.

We hope the students found this useful and will help to enhance their school lives. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a successful event.

Greg Saunders and Conor Heaney



# *Think Charity*

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The chance to elect new charities is coming up, so get thinking about the charities you are passionate about. Get thinking, get involved, be a part of #proudRPS.

# Interview with Mr Binks

## What charity work have you done over the past few years?

When I first started doing charity work it was for military charities. The first thing I ever did was for an organisation called the Royal British Legion, after that I went on to Help for Heroes. This is because I was a



member of the armed forces previously and it was an area of charity that was very close to my heart. Only more recently, this year, have I supported anything other than military charities. I supported the Willow foundation, which is a local Hertfordshire based charity for critical and terminally ill young people.

## So what charity event have you done?

I have tended to things related around fitness, as its one of my hobbies and interests. In the past it has usually been around long distance running, or long distance triathlon. Last year I made a particular effort where I completed a 45mile run, 50 mile run and a 140mile triathlon. These were some of the highlights of the year. I train the most for the iron man.

## What would you encourage young people to do to help charity?

The good thing about fundraising for charities is that it is optional for people, nobody is obliged to pay, but they can contribute however much they would like to, which is why I like to do it really. The other side of it is that charities themselves don't get a lot of money from other incomes, but a lot of it comes from donations. If young people are interested in supporting charities, which I feel as though we all should be, then to perhaps find something which is an interest to them, which they can do in order to be sponsored for, perhaps something that is a little bit outside their comfort zone, such a fitness goal (but it doesn't have to be related to fitness).

By Natasha and Alice, 10M

# Race for Life

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, students, staff, friends and family of Roundwood Park School came together to help an amazing cause: Cancer Research UK. The Race for Life could have been ran, jogged or walked and every participant wore the names of those they were supporting on their chest.

What many of the marshals and standers-by noticed is how many lives cancer effects. Everyone will have to deal with it at some point, whether it be losing someone close to them or battling it themselves. Standing near the finish line, you could see names and names of suffers as their loved ones ran to save lives.

The route was 3km long, starting with one lap of the top sports field, then through the fields behind Rothampstead Park and down the Nickey Line, finishing with a medal back on the sports field where Mrs Rooney cheered everyone on during their final steps.

The Race was a part of Frank House charity week, run by house captains Sophie and Hugh. They started the year with a bang by raising over £2000 during that one day, from the sponsors of over 140 runners. This exceeds the total amount of money that any house has ever raised in any given year, which is truly remarkable.

Many participants gave themselves additional challenges, like running the route more than once. There were even some three-legged runners, who (admittedly) took a little longer and got a little muddier than the others, but the commitment to the cause was touching.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Form class M2 also gets a special mention, as many of those students joined their tutor, Mrs Tattersall, in a lap of the route near the end of the day. As well as them, there were also other late runners, like many members of Roundwood's SLG.

Part of their SLG responsibilities is helping out with house events, like this one, so many house/school captains were out on the route, in a disgustingly-bright orange bib, directing and cheering the runners on. However, once they had finished their SLG duties and knew they hadn't left a participant stranded in a field without the guidance of a marshal, many set off for the 3km run themselves.

Overall, the atmosphere at Roundwood on Sunday was unbelievable. Every single participant was incredibly enthusiastic when they arrived and when they left, despite the fatigue. You couldn't help but smile at the number of people there trying to make a difference.

# Charity Week

This year, our aim for our Charity Week is awareness. We've found that although raising money proves to be helpful to our charities, we have never succeeded in achieving a high level of awareness for our causes. To achieve this, we have lots of plans in place: these came from our House Leaders and the suggestions from students. We've decided to run some video social experiments, that we hope could go viral. The benefit of a video is that we can attach it to our website and have it shown in form times and perhaps even send them to our charity. We want to get as many students involved in these plans as possible, because working together is the way that we will achieve our best for our charities.

Our House Charity week is on the same week as House Music... a very busy week! But, we have a raffle, tombola and some small things to sell on the day to publicise our charities and raise as much money as we can.

Wilberforce are working hard and we hope to have the most successful charity week yet!



# Student Achievements

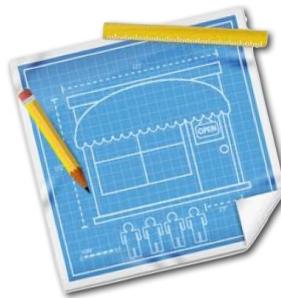
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Michael Thomas Yr11



Graphics:

Millie Gower Yr8

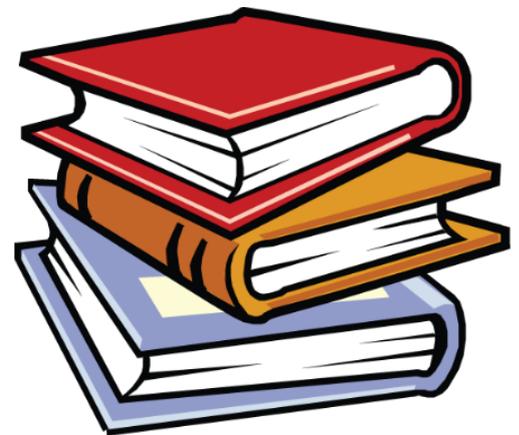


English:

Jimmy Heywood Yr10 - Great start to GCSE. Keen, hardworking and great PETER paragraphs so far!

Writer:

Lydia Gardner Yr7 - Who is always ready to give her all in class and has handed in a stunning piece of writing for HL that any GCSE student would be proud of!



Art:

Lucy Barter - Awarded for her jelly fish, as she is the first in the group to complete the painting and it is of a high standard.



Music

Matteo Hunt Yr9 - Awarded for his work in lessons and his dedication to extra curricular music.



# Puzzle Page

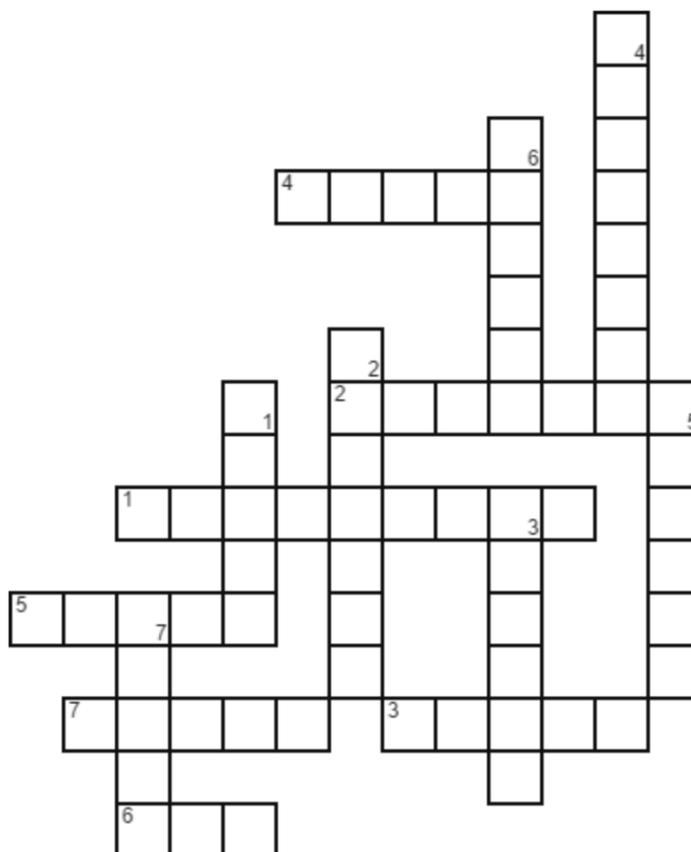
*Can you solve these tricky puzzles?*

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Find all real solutions of

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# Crossword



## Across

1. PRIME MINISTER DURING WWII (9)
2. TALLEST MOUNTAIN IN THE WORLD (7)
3. BETTER SAFE THAN \_\_\_\_\_. (5)
4. BALLROOM DANCE (5)
5. ARM MUSCLE (5)
6. NOCTURNAL ANIMAL (3)
7. DANCE TO THIS (5)

## Down

1. REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR US PRESIDENT (5)
2. CLOSEST PLANET TO SUN (7)
3. FAMOUS MUSEUM IN PARIS (6)
4. SCHOOL IN HARRY POTTER (8)
5. SQUARE ROOT OF 144 (6)
6. US CURRENCY (6)
7. SMALL BIT OF FOOD (5)

