

newsletter

Dear Parents

What do you struggle with?

My assembly to students this week considered the nature of learning: I suggested that it is about **aspiration** (hence the need for targets for all – including headteachers), about **life** (education for the tests of life, and not just for a life of tests), and about **struggle** (so if you get stuck, that's a good thing). I am particularly interested in the struggle aspect in this newsletter, and for two reasons.

First, because of its connection to the word 'Israel', roughly translated as 'one who struggles with God'. Genesis 32 tells the mysterious story of Jacob wrestling all night with a stranger, who fails to defeat him, then renames him 'Israel' and then blesses him. It seems a wonderful image for what learning should be, especially in a Jewish context. We delight in tough issues, we enjoy 'arguments for the sake of heaven', we apply our whole selves to the passionate pursuit of truth, and we are unafraid to disagree – with good grace of course. Even to argue with God has a noble Biblical pedigree, and the JCoSS motto, "These and these are the words of the living God," comes straight out of that tradition. Variety, debate and struggle are the very life blood of learning at JCoSS, and you can see in later pages how we have put into practice our key relationship with Israel in marking Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut at the start of this term.

I am also interested in struggle because of a recent conversation with a parent, in fact on the topic of the newsletter itself. Tell us, I was implored, what JCoSS struggles with, rather than just the good news stories. It was a good challenge, and one which I hope I can combine with another parental suggestion, to show how the vision for JCoSS I set out in January will be realised in practice. Here, then, are some highlights of our "School Improvement Plan" for the coming academic year, all of which are responses to things we wrestle with and want to continue working on:

- We passionately want our teaching to be the best, and we have put in place a programme to support and coach even more of our teachers to become outstanding. We also have new software to analyse academic data and thus identify better students or groups of students who may need targeted help or a change of approach.
- We have wrestled with the best way to group students to maximise their learning, and will be introducing setting in a wider range of subjects from the very start of Year 7. Our experience is that this makes a marked difference to attainment right across the range of students.
- We want to find ways to make our students genuinely more independent as learners. Research shows that many students become less independent as public exam results make everyone more risk-averse. We think there is more work we can do here, and reviewing the way we use ICT in teaching and learning is a part of this.
- Our students behave very well, especially in lessons, but we always need to keep an eye on the overall behavioural ethos of the school. Our students are articulate and confident but that can slide into arrogance and disrespect. We will review the structures and procedures to ensure all students know the importance of dignity and responsibility. Additional staffing to support the work of Year Learning Coordinators will help.
- We want to expand our extra-curricular offer, and hope to begin offering a late bus service so that after-school slots can be better used and free up pressure on lunchtimes. Meanwhile, we will be expanding the seating area in the cafeteria to make it easier to serve lunch more quickly, and looking at the use of playground and indoor space and equipment.
- We want the unique Jewish ethos of the school to continue to grow and develop, with additional residential trips, a review of our innovative Rosh Chodesh programme, and further opportunities to reflect and ponder spirituality within school.

The full document extends to 8 pages so there is much more going on, but that at least gives some flavour of the constant process of self-evaluation and forward planning that is involved in running a school. I am delighted to announce that we have appointed **Mrs Follett** as Acting Deputy Head for Teaching and Learning from September. Her expertise and passion in this area will expand the senior leadership capacity in the school, and help us hugely in our core business of ensuring students achieve the very best.

One last "Stop Press" item: we are immensely proud of our Year 12 Team who, with Miss Rajadurai's expert guidance, have won the North London final of the prestigious Young Enterprise competition. It would be inappropriate to crow about the list of schools whom they beat in doing so. More details in the next newsletter!

I wish you chag Shavuot sameach.

Patrick Moriarty
Headteacher

Yom Ha'atzmaut

During Yom Ha'atzmaut a group of Israeli students visited JCoSS as part of the UJIA Magic Moments programme. They included five young people from our partner school, Western Galil High School, and we used the occasion for a special tree planting ceremony.

Following the dedication of a herb garden to JCoSS planted by WGS students in Israel earlier this year, we have reciprocated by planting an olive tree in the PSRP garden. The ceremony was attended by staff and students and Jamy Bristol James (Y9) wrote the following for the occasion:

A tree symbolises the ever growing bond and friendship between us and our partner school. As the roots bury themselves in the soil we will implant memories into each other's lives so that we can create personal bonds between us and our Israeli friends. As the tree begins to grow, so will our friendship when we visit Israel.

Jamy, along with Kezia Niman, Jack Mendoza, Molly Schiller and Cole Marshall took part in the ceremony as they are part of the Year 9 delegation visiting Israel later this year. Following the ceremony, students had a wonderful barbecue lunch together and then celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut along with the rest of JCoSS. (see Mrs Rose's article later in the newsletter)

Mr Lyons

Calling all Parents and / or friends, colleagues of parents

The science faculty is hosting a STEM Careers event for Y8 students on Wednesday 3rd July from 8.30 – 10.30am. STEMNET are currently recruiting STEM Ambassadors to take part in this event. Ideally we would like a total of 50 Ambassadors from across the full spectrum of STEM Careers. Therefore we are looking to recruit some additional ambassadors from our community. If you are willing to participate or know someone who would like to volunteer, or would like more information regarding what the event entails please contact Mrs Follett on hfollett@jco.ss.barnet.sch.uk



Attendance

Tutor group	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 12	
	Year to date	April						
B	95.5	98.1	94.4	94.7	95.3	96.2	90.9	96.2
F	95.9	97.9	92.2	92.2	92.8	90.8		
N	94.4	93	94.4	97.2	93.5	92.3		
R	96.3	96.7	93.8	93.1				
S	97.1	96.7	94.5	95.2	94.2	92.8	88.5	89.6
W	94.5	96.4	93.6	95.6	95.7	95.9	94.3	98
Y	93.1	94.2	92.9	97.7	95.3	94.2		

Whole school % attendance for April 13 95

Whole school % attendance School Year to date 94.2

Wholes School Target Attendance % 96

Congratulations to all the forms who have meet the school target of 96% or above attendance for April: A big improvement from 4 forms in March to 10 forms in April

כִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ, מְבִיאֲךָ אֶל-אֶרֶץ טוֹבָה : אֶרֶץ, נַחְלֵי מַיִם--עֵינַת וּתְהַמֹּת, יִצְאִים
בַּבִּקְעָה וּבְהָר

ח אֶרֶץ חֹטָה וּשְׁעָרָה, וְגִפְנוֹ וּתְאֵנָה וְרִמּוֹן ; אֶרֶץ-זֵית שָׁמֶן, וְדָבָשׁ.

For the LORD thy God brings you to a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths, springing forth in valleys and hills; 8 a land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig-trees and pomegranates; a land of olive-trees and honey;

Deuteronomy 8:6-7

If you have visited JCoSS recently I hope you have noticed the stunning new addition to our cafeteria: a beautifully designed 7 Species of Israel.

They reflect our relationship to the State of Israel. This last month has seen a number of days which have celebrated and commemorated that relationship.

At JCoSS our relationship with Israel reflects our Pluralist Ethos: Hugging and Struggling. We are a proudly Zionist school which takes every opportunity to support Israel's existence and recognise the variety of views and complexity of issues within the Jewish community. We proudly celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut this year with singing, dancing, studying and of course eating. We welcomed young teenage visitors from our partner schools in the North of Israel to help us commemorate the loss of life on Yom Hazikaron, in the struggle for ensuring a safe and secure Israel and then to join us in our joyful celebration of Israel's 65th Birthday.

Israel is a fundamental part of the school, and the basis of the Units of Work both Year 8 and 9 are studying at present. In Year 8; An Introduction to the State of Israel; including the history of Zionism, key figures and events; and in Year 9; A Lens on Contemporary Israel: Jewish and Non Jewish Minorities, Orthodox, Reform and Secular Judaism, and the challenges that each of these issues throws up.

These are all interesting topics which we address with sensitivity and thoughtful reflection. As ever in the Jewish Education Department we encourage our students to think for themselves and to place themselves within the mosaic of Jewish opinion.

Next time you are here please do pop in to the cafeteria and enjoy colourful addition to our environment.

Mrs Robinson

Director Jewish Education



Y12 visit to Keats House

The AS English students enjoyed a visit to Keats House in Hampstead earlier this month. We were shown round by the educational officer, Linda Carey, who has an encyclopaedic knowledge of Keats' life. The students were fascinated to learn, amongst other things, that Keats, who died tragically young, shared many of the concerns of young people today. He fell in love with the girl next door and was relieved to discover that she was no taller than him as he was only 5 foot tall! Though the wind was chilly, the sun was actually shining and we could imagine Keats being inspired by the lovely garden and nearby Hampstead Heath. The students also benefitted from a revision session with Linda on the Keats' poetry that they are studying for their forthcoming exam. The only regret we had was that we couldn't stay longer!

Mrs Lightman

Assistant Headteacher - English, Learning Resources Centre and CPD



We are working with an organisation called Family Lives. The benefits they can provide are as follows:

- Free 24 hour confidential helpline on 0808 800 2222
- Extended support for complex and difficult issues
- Personalised email service and online peer support
- Online advice and information on all aspects of family life
- Face to face support and Families Matters

www.familylives.org.uk



A big thank-you!

Thank you to Mr Bogen for his donation of an Amp to the Music Department.

Year 12 Revision Day

As a way to combat stress in light of the upcoming AS level examinations, Year 12 students were given the opportunity to attend a revision session in order to prepare us for inevitable stress we would be facing. We were taught a variety of revision techniques by an engaging speaker which included association maps, use of mnemonics and story links (methods used by world record holders in memory). The range in methods that we were taught engaged everyone as it incorporated various styles of learning such as kinaesthetic, visual and auditory which ensured that the session was applicable to every person and variations in subjects. Towards the end of the session we were given the opportunity to put these techniques to use in our subjects which proved to be a big help with exams looming. We are particularly grateful for the session as everything we learnt has been put to good use recently and will hopefully aid our quest in achieving our target grades.

By Kelly Hart and Natasha Young, Y12

LRC News



Scholastic Book Clubs

The Spring catalogues have been distributed to students. You can also access the website to browse the offers and place an order online: <http://clubs-school.scholastic.co.uk/jcoss>.

NB: All the books shortlisted for the National "Carnegie Award" are on offer at a reduced price in this issue and can be ordered until Monday 13th May 2013.



Amazon Wish List

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/>

Many thanks and Mazel Tov's to the following students and their families who donated books to the LRC last month: Jamie Lesser in 8F and Jacob Zucker in 8R.

Competitions

- For a chance to win a kindle fire visit: www.emeraldAtlas.co.uk
- For the chance to win a "Filmclub" goody bag or even a Blu-ray player and a selection of films, get reviewing with "Filmclub": www.FILMCLUB.org
- Green fingers? Write a blog to win a visit to The Prince of Wales' organically-run garden at his home in Gloucestershire: www.princeofwales.gov.uk/for-children/mygrove
- You could win £300 for yourself and £500 for our school + a trip to the Houses of Parliament. All you need to do to enter is to learn how to avoid death or injury from Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning and design a poster with impact!: www.tinyurl.com/cogasfirstnews
- Win Reeves art materials: mark your entry "PAINT": www.firstnews.co.uk/competitions

Good luck!



LRC OPENING HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Mrs Mulkis (Librarian)

Lost Property

In January an iphone together with an amount of money was found in B Block.

Also, a brand new pair of UGG boots (boxed) was found in the Library.

If you think these items could belong to your child please can you ask them to come to reception. They will have to describe the items in detail before we can release them.

Assessment Week – Tuesday 21st to Friday 24th May 2013

We will be suspending the normal timetable on these days in order to hold formal examinations and assessments. More details about topics to revise and resources to support revision will be sent to parents. Please note that the school day will finish at 3.30pm on Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd May. We plan to run Enrichment Activities on Friday as normal. Results from the assessment week will be included in the end of year reports that are sent out later in the term.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 9th May – early closure 2.00pm – STAFF INSET
Monday 13th May – 4.30pm to 7.30pm – Year 7 Parents Evening #1
Tuesday 21st May – early closure 3.30pm
Wednesday 22nd May – early closure 3.30pm
Thursday 23rd May – early closure 3.30pm
Thursday 23rd May – 4.30pm to 7.30pm – Year 7 Parents Evening #2
Tuesday 14th May – early closure 2.00pm - Erev Shavuot
Monday 8th July - early closure 2.00pm – STAFF INSET

Congratulations

The top 2 students for achievement points in Year 8 for the Spring Term were Talia Fenton and Becca Davies. Well done to both and good luck to the rest of Year 8 for this terms totals.

Year 8 Form Tutor Mench Awards go to Ben Pick, Georgia Spiers, Mila Yershon, Brooke Farron, Tilly Sawyer, Chloe Cottee, Ben Slagter. The Year Learning Coordinator award goes to Aviv Silver.

Instrumental Teachers Wanted!

We plan to expand the team of instrumental teachers at JCoSS as we take in our 4th cohort. We are also bringing the administration of the music lessons in house. We are seeking instrumental teachers for Flute, Piano, Saxophone, Singing, and Guitar from January 2014. Please contact Mrs Kos for further information via the administration office.

Spelling for Charity!

JCoSS are pleased to announce that students have raised over £300 for Mencap while practising their spelling using Spellathon. This is a fantastic achievement and is in addition to all the excellent fundraising that has gone on within school during the year.

All schools that raised similarly large amounts were placed into a draw and JCoSS were the winners.

As a result, our best spellers and fundraisers from Year 7 and 8 will be rewarded for their efforts with a school trip to Thorpe Park in June. The names of the lucky winners will be announced shortly!

The Great JCoSS Bake-Off

The final of the Great JCoSS Bake-Off took place earlier this week. The standard was outstanding, with Sam Cohen-Morgan 7S winning Gold; Neve Grant 9Y winning Silver and Bethany Kinchuck 7N winning Bronze. Runners up were Noa Clare-Rees 8N, India Grant 8S and Maya Cohen 8B. Congratulations to all.



Gold
Sam Cohen-Morgan 7S



Silver
Neve Grant 9Y



Bronze
Bethany Kinchuck 7N

Reach for the Stars! – Gifted and Talented news

Something a little bit different for our able scientists and mathematicians

On Wednesday and Thursday 17th and 18th of April, sixty of our students from Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in the “*Thinkers in Education*” STEM Days for able mathematicians and scientists. We welcomed session leaders and former teachers Matt Hackett and Kim Jackson into school who both worked over two days with our students on the intriguingly named “*Target Mars*” and “*Bunkered*” Challenges.

Here Lauren Abramson (7B) describes her experience of Target Mars:

“During the workshop, a number of difficult tasks were completed in teams, and each team represented a country. The main title for the workshop was “Target Mars” so objectives were set as if a human were to experience the consequences of living on Mars. At the end of the workshop the team with the most points, were the winners. Some of the tasks included: discovering a mystery black powder; building a string parachute; constructing a safe buggy and making a tall, steady wind turbine. Overall I thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and I like the fact that it really made me think outside the box in order to achieve success!”

Feedback from students and JCoSS staff was overwhelmingly positive and both Matt and Kim said they found working with all our students to be a great experience. They were particularly impressed with the enthusiasm shown by all and by the fact they saw a great deal of strategic thinking. We were also particularly pleased that Team Russia, taking part in the *Bunkered* challenge on Day Two, scored enough points to join the national leader board! A huge well done to Josh Cowan, Jordan Lanning and Ben Pick.

It seems the event has really inspired JCoSS students to really aim for the top in their science and maths studies. We will be running the event next year, with an additional challenge, “*Dead on Time*”, for Years 9 and 10. Watch this space for more information!

Here is what some of our other students had to say about the day:

“I loved how interactive it was and that everything could help you in real life. I also enjoyed the variety of challenges and using different types of equipment. The handset game was very fun! The general bunker theme was excellent and I learnt so much I didn’t know”. – Ilana Hur (Year 9)

“I thought today was really fun and exciting. I liked the fact we were under so much pressure to get things done and that we got to decide stuff on our own. I also thought it was fun to extract our DNA” – Grace Soning (Year 9)

“I enjoyed everything. It was challenging and educating. It was very competitive. Even though I am not that keen on Science it really made me enjoy it more” – David Cohen-Morton (Year 8)

“I really enjoyed the generator game because it involved skill and logic and forced me to really think about the activity” – Adam Gould (Year 8)

“I really like the practical part of designing a parachute because it felt professional to be investigating and creating one. I liked it all!” – Roy Kurtzbard (Year 8)



Gifted and Talented events coming up soon

- We have an Architecture event for Years 7, 8 and 9 on Friday 3rd May. Teachers from DT, Maths and Humanities have been asked to nominate students for this.
- Year 9 students taking part in the Brilliant Club are now in the final stages of writing their dissertations. I look forward to reading them all and taking the students to their graduation ceremony in Oxford in June. The Year 12 programme will begin after the AS examination season ends.
- The English department is beginning its *weRead* event with able readers in Year 7 and the department continues to work with students on the Carnegie Shadowing scheme as part of the Enrichment programme.
- The Great JCoSS Bake-Off – see the article on page 6 for more details!
- Our able Key Stage 3 mathematicians took part in the UKMT Maths Challenge last week.
- Our Gifted and Talented Subject registers will be compiled in June following a change in policy. Parents will be notified of any nominations in early July by letter.

Miss Kemp
Head of Languages
Gifted and Talented Lead Teacher

UKMT Team Challenge

On Tuesday 12th March four JCoSS students took on the Mathematical brains of other schools in North West London. Nathan Caplan, Emily Siva, Zachary Levenson and Rebecca Saunders accompanied by Mr Davies arrived at Ashlyns School, Berkhamstead, in awe at how traditional the school building was in comparison to our own. The other teams were as steeped in history, with most being Grammar Schools, All Girls or All Boys schools from the region.

That did not daunt our team of 4 focused Mathematicians. They competed well in the first round, the Group Competition, deciding to work in pairs as boys and girls to solve ten questions of varying type and difficulty. Round 2 was much harder, the Crossnumber, similar to a crossword but with numerical answers. They stuck to the same pairs, with one pair working on the across clues, and the other pair working on the down clues.

Round 3 involved a Mini Relay, and a change to the pairs to Zachary and Emily, and Rebecca and Nathan. Teams competed against the clock to correctly answer a series of four questions. Answers to each question were dependent on the previous answer, referred to as T in Questions 2, 3 and 4 (e.g. "T is the number that you will receive.").

The final round was the Relay Race, with pairs taking it in turns to solve problems, and then run with the answers to receive the next question to pass to the other pair. It was a good end to the day with lots of movement as well as mathematics.

The JCoSS team did fantastically, finishing in the top half of 25 teams and showing the high calibre of our students. Well done to them!



Social Action and Informal Jewish Education at JCoSS

JCoSS Students Enjoy a 'Magic' Yom Ha'atzmaut:

As well as joining together with the UJIA's Magic Moments programme which Mr Lyons mentioned on page 2, we also had a whole host of wonderful activities for the rest of the school on Yom Ha'atzmaut.

Our lunchtime gala included live musical performances, an Israel themed photo session and some very energetic Israeli dancing. A highlight of the afternoon was our Mock Israeli Election led by a cross section of the community's Youth Movement Workers. Students became political parties, learning about some key issues facing Israeli society and preparing Party Political Broadcasts before voting on who they wanted to win the election. Great fun was had by all and a big thank you must go to all the organisations who supported the event. A special thank you to Sharna Nothman from Flower & Balloon Room, 07956 212012 who donated all the balloons and decorations for free. The Flower & Balloon Room specialise in flowers & balloons for bar/batmitzvahs and weddings



JCoSS Students plant a tree to commemorate Yom Ha'atzmaut with students from the Western Galil School with whom we are twinned

A Very Super Sunday: A massive thank you to our wonderful volunteers who helped at the UJIA's annual Super Sunday. Students picked up the phones and helped to raise over £34,000. Omer Samuel, a Year 7 volunteer said "we all worked together as a team and I was pleased with how much money we raised - it was lots of fun chatting on the phone."



Omer Samuel helping out



JCoSS Supports Diversity: Year 12 students took part in a session lead by Keshet UK exploring the experiences of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people, discussing positive Jewish responses to diversity. "When I went to school, it would have been illegal to deliver a session like this," remarked David Brown who delivered the training on behalf of Keshet UK. "It was emotional for me to run this session, and I'm proud to have been a part of this small but historic moment."

JCoSS Charities: It has been less than a month since we chose the new JCoSS charities and students have already raised over £700 for the Beth David Institute in Israel through Yom Ha'atzmaut activities. We have some exciting activities planned to help support Jewish Care and Save the Children so watch this space! A special note from Executive Director, Chaim Fuchs at the Beth David Institute...

"Thank you very, very much for voting for us in the elections at your recent Charity Fair. Your support will make a real difference in the lives of Israelis with deaf-blindness. Should you ever be in Israel it would be an honour for us to invite you to visit our Centre in Tel Aviv, to see our work first hand. Please, view this as a personal invitation to you and your families. I can be reached by e-mail at Chaim@cdb.org.il.

Mrs Rose
Informal Jewish Education Co-ordinator

JCoSS Sports

Year 7, 8 & 9 Maccabi Table tennis / Badminton

Great results from the Maccabi Table tennis and Badminton tournaments:

Year 9 Badminton 1st place
Year 8 Badminton 4th place
Year 7 Badminton 1st/2nd
Year 7 TT 3rd
Year 8 TT 2nd/3rd
Year 9 TT 1st



JCoSS vs Christ's College - Table Tennis

JCoSS recorded an overwhelming 4 round victory against Christ's College (5-2, 6-1, 5-2, 6-1). The boys practically tore their opponents limb from limb with some devastating and nonreturnable forehand and backhand bodyline shots. Some standout performances from Benjy Klauber- Griffiths, Ryan Isaacs, Tom Stepsky and James Rich saw JCoSS through this resounding performance. Well done to the following students: Jamie Lesser, Ryan Isaacs, Gabriel Platt, Alex Bogen, Benjy Klauber-Griffiths, Tom Stepsky, Sam Taylor, James Rich, Harrison Leighton, Jonathan Sinyor, Saul Shimoni and Hadley Shapps.

JCoSS vs London Academy - Table Tennis

JCoSS Table tennis team came up against an elite training squad at London Academy in March. Famed for their high level table tennis coaching and daily training schedule this was always going to be a valuable experience rather than a victorious outing. However, JCoSS started brightly with El Capitan Jamie Lesser recording victories alongside Ryan Isaacs and Hadley Shapps who added to the win tally with some fine match play. After a hard fought 3rd round, in which JCoSS had played some outstanding table tennis, the fat lady sung loud and proud as the boys finally succumbed to a humbling defeat. Well done to the following students: Jamie Lesser, Ryan Isaacs, Gabriel Platt, Austin Gershon, Tsepho Kara-Raphael, Tom Stepsky, Alex Bogen, Ben Felt, Sam Taylor, James Rich, Harrison Leighton, Jonathan Sinyor, Saul Shimoni, Thomas Brent and Hadley Shapps.



Extra-curricular Sports Club @ Lunch

Monday - Short Tennis Sports Hall ; Tuesday - KS3 Rounders Astro turf
Tuesday - KS3 Cricket Sports Hall ; Wednesday - KS3 Softball Astro turf
Thursday - Athletics; Friday - Krav Maga

Clubs will start at 12:45 prompt and end at 1:15. This will give all students an opportunity to eat lunch after the club has finished. There will no longer be lunch passes given to students.

Save the Date – JCoSS Sports Day 2013: Thursday 27th June @ Allianz Park (formerly Barnet Copthall Stadium) – Further details to follow.

JCoSS vs London Academy – Yr 7 Football

JCoSS B team went into this rearranged fixture with such fevered excitement they were finding it difficult en route to quell their animated eagerness. It was billed as a friendly but such congenial matches only exist in the hearts, minds and souls of sports also-rans. It was a propitious start as the footballing omens appeared to be favouring the boys. The pitch was colossal and therefore conducive to our ubiquitous defence-splitting through balls and equally, JCoSS fans had turned up quite literally in their singles with such raucous support that only one outcome seemed conceivable. However, the weather took a distinct turn for the worse. The unseasonal snow, plunging temperatures and gale force winds were so horrific they would have made scant work of any Florida beach home, let alone test our burly resolve.

The match was frenetic to say the least, real end-to-end stuff. Jonathan Brown mimicked the prescribed *Scholesy* role majestically by displaying passages of neat link up play with our enigmatic forwards, Luka Janjic and Harrison Leighton, which brought several fine saves from the vertically challenged Academy keeper. At the other end, Ellis Prodroumou and Ethan Earle nullified any counter attack with such pace and panache they would not look out of place in La Liga.

Academy were stepping it up a gear and began to stamp their authority on the game. JCoSS passes went astray, terrible 1st touches were turning 2nd touches into tackles and the lads had gone mute. If Messi is the catalyst to Barcelona then Jack Earle is most certainly JCoSS' one man blockade. A number of amazing saves from the herculean shot stopper kept a lively Academy side seriously questioning the clinical prowess of their lonesome striker. Inevitably, Academy took full advantage and broke the deadlock with two quick goals from open play that really tested our mettle. The pressure was relentless.

JCoSS rallied and began the fight back with an irresistible assault. Jacob Freedland and Samuel Lachmann turned the screw by making darting runs through the midfield and allowing Jo Gellar to show his talent with some classy one touch passes. Luka and Harrison had shot after shot blocked by a combination of leg, groin and face, whilst Zack Azulay unleashed a rasping drive only for it to miss by the far upright by mere nano-centimetres. JCoSS talisman, Jonathan Brown, capitalised by shimmying past two defenders

before nonchalantly rolling the ball past the bamboozled goalkeeper. 2-1. It should have been 'game-on', however London Academy had clearly not read the script as they quickly

and clinically netted three more soft goals to lead 5-1. However, beware the wounded lion. JCoSS were truly angered by the score line, they pushed further and further forward in search of a comeback and Jonathan Brown duly delivered with aplomb, smashing in two goals from long range to not only secure the match ball but cut the deficit to a modest 5-3. As further chances came and went it was clear the game was beyond us but the boys had done themselves and the neutrals proud, continually fighting back to make a real game of it and such an exciting spectacle.



Year 7 Football @ Mill Hill Power League Tournament

After entering into two separate 5-a-side pools meant a squad of 13 players had to be split into two inexorable 5 a-side teams. With an array of attacking prowess in the form of Adam Morris, Joel Walters, Alex Essl and Bengy Radnor present in both A and B teams then scoring was never going to be an issue. Corollary, neither was conceding, as JCoSS are lucky enough to possess the two finest goalkeepers in the district; Jack Earle and Hadley Shapps. It was almost a given that captains for the day Sam Baker and Jonathan Brown would lead their fantasy football teams to an emphatic demolition of Barnet borough's most proven Year 7 football sides. The boys did not disappoint. Jonathan Brown is a captain with such moral integrity you would not find him shaking hands with John Terry or David Bernstein, let alone using his canine incisors to inflict actual bodily harm a la Suarez. Adam Morris skilfully crafted his way through defence after defence to score 10 goals in 6 games for the B team, a scoring feat unrivalled in the whole competition. Not to be outdone Hadley Shapps, Ellis Prodroumou and Harry Brodin combined to produce a defensive display akin to the *invincible* days of Campbell and Adams, in turn limiting their inferior counter parts to scoring just two goals throughout six games. Unreal. With Jonathan Brown and Alex Essl pulling the strings in the middle of the park for the B's the results were a formality, with the only legitimate question being asked was, what time is the medal ceremony? The A team started brightly recording 3 wins out of 4 with Joel Walters and Or Rapaport turning providers of all things good. Cont. on next page..

JCoSS's very own Leighton Baines, Bengy Klauber-Griffiths, was a rock at the back providing the stability for Eddie Lisberg to orchestrate the ebb and flow of a three pronged attack. However, with such influential individual performances JCoSS A could not quite match their teammates as they finished a very respectable third. Well done to the squad: Hadley Shapps, Jack Earle, Harry Brodin, Ellis Prodromou, Bengy Klauber-Griffiths, Or Rapaport, Jonathan Brown, Joel Walters, Sam Baker, Alex Essl, Adam Morris, Eddie Lisberg and Bengy Radnor.



JCoSS Year 12 vs Hendon

Could they do it on a cold, wet, Wednesday night in Cophthall? Harry 'Mariah Carey' Soning led the team in song on the team bus, driven by legend of the game Mr Mitman. Sports Minister Dom 'Theodor Herzl' Michaelson led the JCoSS army out into the Promised Land, the first match of the new year. He reminded the team of Bradford City's recent heroics in the League Cup, where they have beaten several Premier League sides on the road to the final (whom have in turn beaten Chelsea, arguably making Bradford the Champions of Europe?) and how, with the hundreds of loyal supporters back home in New Barnet, anything was possible. As the self-designated 'pride of East Barnet' arrived at Mill Hill Power League, the excitement was palpable. The team took with them JCoSS's friendly and open ethos, and admittedly were caught off guard when the day's opponents, Hendon School in red, brought with them only an ethos of looking terrifying and being 6"8.

The purple sea parted. Michaelson guided Mann, Pelled, Nathan, Soning and Wegier out, with Tucker, Coleman, Van Straten, Steiner, Harris and I on the other pitch.

Prolific goal-scorer Mann gave JCoSS the lead, slotting away a one-on-one opportunity. But the lead wasn't to be, as Jordan 'Lee Dixon' Mann put the ball in the back of his own net. Despite attractive possession football the Purples continued conceding, going 3 goals down. Pelled appeared to take a knock within the half, not for the easily repulsed. Michaelson knew what he had to do 1-3 down, and with half-time came some words of wisdom. "Pass-and-move boys, pick a man and stick to him!" The come-back began with Nathan, and Wegier kept the side in the game on various occasions from between the posts.

Next to Michaelson's VI the team started nervously. Our counter-attacking style produced the goods early on, with the team also opening the scoring. Hendon appeared to be storming ahead at 1-3, but however much they barred out the windows and shut out the lights we would not let them close every door to us as we scored again. Dom 'Bressan' Coleman put away a cracking volley.

Regardless, the 'Purple and Whites' went into the break suffering 3-5. Sporting his new navy hairstyle, Coleman led the talk. JCoSS could not afford to start a tradition (Tradition! Tradition!) of embarrassing defeats. It didn't get better when, despite bouncing off two posts and returning to the field of play, the reds had another goal awarded. The tides began to turn. In the same assured fashion as his goalkeeping, Ballon D'Moriarty candidate Van Straten comfortably put away a penalty. JCoSS came close again after a disallowed goal, and eventually taking the game to 5-6.

Despite two (suspicious, which matches are being investigated by Europol again?) defeats, the Purples lost no pride. We came

up against a technically gifted Hendon side and nearly came out with results. Our games ended 2-4 and 5-6 respectively, with Pelled breaking his nose in sacrifice to the cause. We wish him better and would like to thank Mr Mitman for organising the game; his efforts are invaluable and always appreciated!

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