

Amazing Grace

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An Evening of Celebration

Special points of interest:

- **Gala Evening**
- **Dance Display 2006**
- **School Play 2006**

Nearly 300 students, parents and friends enjoyed a glittering evening of celebration. Mr. Lee Parry, Master of Ceremonies introduced ten Year 7 students who did a splendid job of announcing the names and distributing certificates to each and every student present to celebrate their progress in attainment and recognition of hard work and dedication to school life.

Mr. Chris Frostick, Attendance Officer presented

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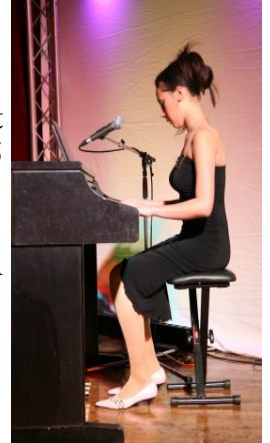
won the draw for a sort after Ipod.

Special trophy awards were presented to:

Attainment:
Highest attainment at Key Stage 3 in 2005 awarded to **Richard Pingram**

Highest Attainment at GCSE level in 2005 awarded to

Denizhan Erkan
Highest Attainment at A level in 2005 awarded to **Lucy Bennett and Danielle Linton**



Performers:

Sportsperson of the Year 2005 awarded to **Kate Massey**

Musician of the Year 2005 awarded to **Sophia Panayiotou**

Actor of the Year 2005 awarded to **Anna Graham**

Service to the School:

Service to Mount Grace School during 2004-5 “Gary Hudson Award” – **Helen Taylor**

Service to Mount Grace School during 2004-5 “Colonel Ross Award” – **Michael Williamson**

Service to Mount Grace School during 2004-5 “Chris Jones Award” - **Effie Zinonos**

Service to Mount Grace School during 2004-5 “Gillian Hargreaves Award—**Kevin Brown**

Award—**Kevin Brown**

The Business and Enterprise Award (sponsored by Arcadia) were :-



**SPRING
HALF
TERM**

**13TH—17TH
FEBRUARY**

**School returns
Monday 20th
February
At 8.40 a.m.**

awarded to Robert Brain and Iain Maclean. The boys also received from Arcadia a £50.00 voucher to be spent in their stores.

Walsh, Lauren Bartlett, Camilla Thompson and Susie Webb.

A medley of songs from the recent school play “Little Shop of Horrors” were performed by Tiece Edwards, Sian Honeygan, Natasha Quinton and Anna Graham

After a tasty finger buffet was served in the interval by Mike Haye and his team, our subtle dance team Thea Fredericks, Louis Jenkins, Sian Honeygan, Carla Butterworth, Lauren Cann, Natasha Quinton, Hermione Halpin and Kate Massey opened the second half of the celebrations with their precision dance routines.

Peter Baker, Headteacher congratulated all students on their achievements and thanked all for attending the evening of celebration.

The Mayor of Hertsmere, Mr. Ron Gealy, ended the evening with a toast to the school.

We have received many wonderful compliments with regard to the Gala and it is great to know so many were able to share in the annual celebration of our students attainment and achievement throughout the year.

If any families have not yet sent in their order for photographs taken at the event please send this in as soon as possible to enable Adrian Knight to complete the processing.

The Special Endeavour Award was presented to Robert Brain by the Mayor of Hertsmere.

Staff Awards,

nominated by students, were this year awarded to:

Miss Vicky Horn – English, Miss Fiona Butterworth – P.E., Mr. Mike Haye - Catering Manager and Danielle Parsons - Teacher Assistant

Our Headboy, Danny Barth, and Headgirl, Holly Cannon presented a bottle of champagne and a certificate to each of the members of staff.

It was lovely to see our “old” Headboy (Paul Jackson) and Headgirl (Danielle Linton) join us again. They were both presented with a “Red Cross” Hamper to take back to University as a thank you for all their hard work last year and representing the

school on many occasions.

Wonderful musical performances were enjoyed from Sophia Panayioutou, Laura



Certificate Afternoon

On the 26th January Mike Haye and his team laid on a delicious “afternoon cream tea” for our last year’s Year 11, 12 and 13 students to celebrate their successes and for them to collect their well earned certificates.

There was a lovely atmosphere when students met up with old friends and staff. It was great to hear how many of them were getting on in the “outside world” with their first jobs and college courses whilst frantically picking up all the gossip from their old friends who have stayed on to our own Sixth Form.

Target Stamps

If you take the Welwyn & Hatfield Times Newspaper may we ask you to cut out and save the “Target Stamps” and send them in to school. Many thanks.

Fundraising by 9GA

Following the article in the last Amazing Grace we are pleased to report that 9GA raised £56 in “small change” during December. Enthusiastically led by Jenece Caunte and Mr. Allen this was a tremendous achievement considering it was just before Christmas and we broke up on the 16th December !

The following acknowledgements have been received—well done 9 GA.

PTFA Quiz Winners !!

We are proud to announce that Mr. Russell, Miss Wells and Mrs. Smith with their guests managed to achieve **FIRST PLACE** at the PTFA Quiz on Saturday 28th January—well done a remarkable achievement, your guests were obviously very talented people !!!



The Mount Grace Shake down Gym & Dance Display

The Mount Grace PE Department proudly presents the Mount Grace Shake Down Display which will be held on the 9th February.

It will be a spectacular display of dances & Gymnastic routines performed by the Mount Grace pupils of all ages. The pupils have worked hard in their own time to produce some fantastic dances then to go through auditions to be selected for the displays.

The display will be held in Mount Grace School Hall. Tickets cost £2.50 each and are on sale from the P.E. Dept. All proceeds go towards buying new dance equipment for the BTEC Dance Course being run at the school.



The Shake Down Dance Display will be starting at 6.30—8.30 p.m. Come along to support the pupils and enjoy a spectacular evening of entertainment.

Miss Barrett—P.E. Dept

*Winners of the 2005 Dance Display
Lauren Bartlett and Laura Walsh*

Secondary Returners Conference 14th March 9.00—3.15 p.m.

If you are a secondary trained teacher, not currently working in a school, the above conference may be just the boost you need to return to teaching. The Recruitment team at Wheathampstead would be very pleased to hear from you and provide the support you need to return to the classroom. If one of your friends or neighbours is a trained secondary school teacher who is not currently teaching, please pass news of this conference on to them.

For further information and agenda please contact:

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DRAMA NEWS



The drama department are currently working on a fantastic show for the schools main production called **“Our Day Out”** by **Willy Russell**.

The show is full of amazing performers who will be showing off their talents to all. The performances will be showing on the 28th, 29th and 30th March so do not miss out ! Tickets will be available after half term. There will also be a chance for pupils to help out backstage, so I will be recruiting a crew, if you are interested look out for notices around the school in the near future.

Miss Kurland—Drama Department

CONGRATULATIONS

to the winner of the
“Around the
painting
competition—



ner of the
World”
competition

Oliver Brown

We received numerous outstanding entries and it was a very difficult decision to make. Oliver’s work will be displayed outside S2.

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