**House Events**

This school year has got off to a very busy start for the Houses. It began on open evening when, for the first time, House Captains in year 11 manned a table selling cakes, drinks and biscuits to prospective pupils and their parents. This began the fund raising for Pankhurst and Hepburn houses and also gave the girls the opportunity to showcase and talk about what the House System involves. Parents were very interested in the wide range of activities, competitions and events that take place throughout the year.

Mrs Stillwell took on the busy task of organising a full school Inter House sponsored run. Valuable funds were raised for the school fitness suite and the house charities. The results were as follows.

1st Pankhurst  2nd Curie  3rd Bronte  4th   Hepburn 5th   Seacole  6th Keller

During PDT there has been an autumn themed House quiz which the majority of forms took part in. The results were:

1st Pankhurst 2nd Curie/Seacole 4th Hepburn 5th Bronte 6th Keller

On Enrichment Day in November, year 9 pupils competed in Inter House sports. The results were:

1st Hepburn 2nd Bronte/Pankhurst 4th Keller 5th Seacole 6th Curie

Points have been awarded for these and it would seem that Pankhurst are leading the way at this stage.

The first Inter House Art competition took place this month and girls were encouraged to produce art work to empathise and compliment the WWI 100 year anniversary and the Memorial Event taking place in school. There were some very talented and emotive entries which are all on display in the entrance hall. Every house had their own winner and one was chosen overall – this went to Lilian Tomley in 9D for Hepburn House.

Hepburn House held a busy Halloween Cake Sale and raised over £148 for UNICEF. Captains from the house will also be attending some of the upcoming evening events in school. This is to sell raffle tickets for the chance to win a giant teddy bear – kindly donated by Mrs Billingsley from the maths department – or meal vouchers for one or other of the local Joseph Holt pubs in Southport; the Imperial or the Richmond.

Curie House are planning easing the dismal dark nights by raffling a ‘Girls Night In’ Pamper Basket. They are looking for donations of items, which could include: ‘girly’ DVD’s, nail varnish, hair styling products, gels and creams, chocolates and popcorn or other appropriate items. If they have enough donations, they hope to have more than one basket and raise more money for money for Marie Curie Cancer Care/Queenscourt Hospice.

At the end of November, house assemblies will be held to award certificates and prizes to the girls in each house who have earned the most house achievement points for the first half term of the year.

Finally, auditions are about to take place for the House Talent Show which will now happen on the afternoon of 3rd December. This event is the final one in the run up to Christmas, which is fast approaching us all.

A happy and healthy festive season to you all.

Mrs Moran – House Co-Ordinator.