



Local Schools Shine at Learning in Tottenham (LIT) Talent Show

LIT recently hosted the first Learning in Tottenham (LIT) Talent Show, bringing together seven local schools for an exciting showcase of young talent. The event took place on 1st July at the London Academy of Excellence Tottenham (LAET), providing a platform for pupils to demonstrate their skills and creativity.

The LIT Talent Show featured performances from pupils and students representing Lea Valley Primary, Lancasterian, Devonshire Hill, Risley, Mulberry Academy Woodside, St Francis de Sales, and LAET itself. The event was judged by a distinguished panel including Shocka, Bola Soneye-Thomas (Headteacher of Roksley), Dawn Ferdinand (Headteacher of The Willow), and Coach Nathaniel from the Spurs Foundation. Adding to the excitement, special guest Tameka Empson, known for her role as Kim on *EastEnders*, presented the trophies to the winners and offered encouragement to all participants. Shocka also treated the audience to a special performance, further elevating the atmosphere.



The judges decided on two award categories: one for primary school pupils and one for older students. Bosath from St Francis de Sales was awarded the primary category prize for his remarkable blindfolded piano performance. Emily from Mulberry Academy Woodside won the secondary category with a powerful rendition of Whitney Houston's *I Will Survive*.

Maria Kokotsis, Headteacher of Lea Valley Primary School, said, "What a great show. It was amazing to see such great talent in our community and an opportunity for our schools to work collaboratively. It was an amazing experience for all those that were present. We were honoured to have Shocka and Tameka from *EastEnders* who gave our contestants some excellent advice. I loved being there and seeing all the talent from all the schools. Thank you to the team at Lea Valley and LAET who made this event possible. Every act was a worthy winner. See you all next year."

The success of this year's LIT Talent Show highlights the strength of community ties in Tottenham and the importance of celebrating young people's talents. Organisers look forward to building on this momentum with next year's event, encouraging even more pupils and students to take part.



LIT 5,50,500 word competition - 2025 winning school announcement

Students across all our schools were invited to take part in the epic 5, 50, 500 Word Competition—an exciting challenge in creative writing. Pupils could choose their own topics and experiment with style and genre, leading to a wonderfully diverse range of entries. From humour to horror, each piece showcased originality, imagination, and flair from all year groups and ages.

We're delighted to announce the winners:

1st Place: Kavalli (Lea Valley) – Murder in the Dark
2nd Place: Ameria (Devonshire Hill) – The Key of Your Heart
Joint 3rd: Konnie (Risley Avenue) – Lost in the Depths
Tanisha (Lancastrian) – The Silencers

The quality of writing was outstanding across the board.

Congratulations to all our finalists for their incredible stories!

Mini Green Marathon

The Mini Green Marathon has become an annual tradition at The Devonshire Hill Nursery & Primary School and 2025 marks our third and most impressive year. Children and staff wore a flash of green as they set off to run for this very important cause. The school field was alive with chants of support and passionate announcements about the important topic of protecting our planet. Everyone enjoyed a beautiful sunny day, with children running as many as 15 circuits of the school field, which is equal to 2.5 miles.

During the run, children displayed their colourful posters with messages such as 'Go Green', 'Recycle or Upcycle', 'Use Less Plastic', 'Say no to Idle Cars', and 'Keep Our Oceans Clean'. This powerful artwork has now been added to our Eco Schools display. Not only does this energetic event benefit our health and wellbeing, but it serves as an important reminder that we must look after the health of our planet too! We are very proud to be an Eco School since 2022, to find out more about our Eco Schools activities visit www.devonshirehill.com/our-learning/eco-schools/



Maths and English partnerships

Over the year LIT has offered lots of great collaborations and competitions but there is also lots of working partnerships around what we all do day in day out in the classroom. The Maths working party have set up visits to one another's schools to look at the most effective maths practice and how to transition skills between primary and secondary schools. The English subject leads carried out a series of moderation activities which all contribute to a greater understanding of how we can develop and understanding and love of these subjects across our schools whilst progressing our students as much as possible.



Red Nose Day 2025 was our tastiest FUNdraiser yet and a huge success! Our brilliant families donated a wide range of delicious bakes for our Bake Off competition. It was clear that many of our children are fantastic bakers, making it a tough job for the judges.

Our panel of five staff judges – Ms Georgiades, Ms Kiki, Ms Chambers, Ms Gasper and Ms Hayley – admired and tasted their way through a sweet selection before choosing three winners. Congratulations to our 'Star Baker' Zeynep (Year 4), 'Most Creative Baker' Charlotte (Year 2), and Ecaterina (Year 5) who won 'Best Presentation'.

After the winners were announced, all cakes were sold at our after-school bake sale. It turns out our families love eating cake just as much as baking it.

We raised £291.50, which will be split between Comic Relief and the Devonshire Hill FUNdraising pot, which now stands at a brilliant £2,622.50.

To find out more about our fundraising efforts, visit: www.devonshirehill.com/news/fundraising/



King's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace

Our music mentor, Mr. Peter James, had the honour of attending the King's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. This exciting recognition is a moment of pride for everyone at Risley Avenue Primary School and a true reflection of Mr. James' dedication and influence in education. His ongoing commitment to teaching piano has inspired countless pupils over the years. A truly well-deserved honour.

Labour MP Bambos Charalambous's first visit to visit to Risely Avenue Primary

We were delighted to welcome Labour MP Bambos Charalambous to Risley Avenue Primary School for his first visit! As the Member of Parliament for Southgate and Woodgreen, Mr. Charalambous plays an important role in representing our local community in Parliament.

During his visit, he met with pupils and staff, toured the school, and learned more about the work we're doing to support learning, wellbeing, and sustainability. It was a great opportunity for our school community to connect with our local MP and share the achievements and aspirations of Risley Avenue. We look forward to building a strong relationship moving forward!



Engineering Meets Innovation at Tottenham Hotspur

We were thrilled to take part in an exciting STEM Day, thanks to an incredible partnership between Tottenham Hotspur and Schneider Electric! Our pupils got hands-on with LEGO robotics, coding robots to transform a football pitch into an NFL field – a creative challenge that brought engineering and innovation to life.

Following this, our budding engineers joined students from three other schools for a fantastic day at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, where they competed in a high-energy STEM showdown! Teams were challenged to:

- Build a ramp to test how far their LEGO cars could travel
- Code robots to follow directional commands (left, right, turnaround!)
- Showcase their problem-solving and creativity at every stage



It was a brilliant day full of collaboration, imagination, and real-world STEM learning. We're proud of our pupils for their teamwork and enthusiasm – they did us proud!



Students Shine at National Sustainable Business Final

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the success of our three year 9 students who represented our school at the prestigious national final of a sustainable business competition, held at none other than Westminster Palace.

Competing against 11 other talented teams from across the country, our students captivated the judges and audience alike, earning a special award for "Presentation Prowess" - recognising their outstanding ability to deliver the most engaging and impactful presentation on the day.

Their innovative ideas and confident delivery stood out in a highly competitive field, and they were praised for their creativity, professionalism, and passion for sustainability. The team was supported throughout their journey by dedicated mentors from Cadent Gas, and their efforts were further honoured by the presence of their local Member of Parliament, Bambos Charalambous, who attended the event in person to show support.

This achievement is a testament not only to the students' hard work and talent but also to the strength of partnerships between education, industry, and government. Congratulations to our amazing team - you've made the whole school proud!

Celebrating Creativity Across the Community at the LIT Art Show

Woodside hosted the first-ever LIT Art Show in the hub, showcasing artwork from Rowland Nursery, Devonshire Hill, Risley Avenue, Lea Valley, and our own students. The exhibition captured creativity from ages 2 to 16, highlighting the importance of artistic expression at every stage.

Print workshops ran throughout the day, with thanks to our Art team for leading a brilliant celebration of talent from across the local community. It was inspiring to see artistic expression from children as young as two through to our Year 11 students, highlighting the importance of creativity at every stage of learning.

For more pictures, check out the gallery section on our school website, or visit using this link:

<https://www.mulberrywoodside.org/gallery/lit-art-show-2025/>



Foreign Secretary David Lammy Visits Mulberry Academy Woodside to Inspire Young Leaders



On Thursday 6th June, Foreign Secretary David Lammy MP visited Mulberry Academy Woodside to meet students involved in a range of enrichment programmes. He spoke with members of the Mulberry STEM Academy, Mulberry Societies, and Global Girls Leading, learning about their work in STEM, subject-based enrichment, and youth leadership. Mr Lammy also met with student leaders, including House and Sports Captains and Values Ambassadors, who play a key role in shaping the school's inclusive culture.

The visit ended with a Q&A panel with Year 10 Citizenship students, where Mr Lammy responded to insightful questions on his personal journey in public service, future aspirations, and his role as Foreign Secretary and MP for Tottenham. It was a memorable and inspiring visit for all involved.