



BARBARA SPEAKE STANDARD



SPORTS DAY 12th JULY 2018 - GALA EVENING 13th JULY 2018

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The Juniors of Barbara Speake will be performing a rendition of the award winning musical Buggy Malone.

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On the 12th of July the school battled against each other for the victory of the Barbara Speake Sports Day 2018. With sports including the classic track, unusual boot chucking, the patience enduring egg and spoon.**



SPORTS DAY

Sports day! The annual event that is demonstrated in school around the world! Our students, teachers and even parents of the Barbara Speake Stage School fought for victory, dealt with injuries and the came across the realisation of the irony of a Sports Day at a Stage School .

'Friendly' competition had been rising in the school over the last few weeks and today was finally the day to test if all the hours of chanting and screaming was worth it. After a short gathering at the school a journey was made to the nearby grounds , Acton Park, and the fun began. The school divided into their own respect groups (blue, green, yellow and red) and prepared for the day and with inspirational quotes such as:

"I just think were going to win. Blue team are fabulous!" - Miss Joseph, Early Year teacher, blue team co-president.

"We're a team and we give one hundred percent! Team work makes the dream work!" - Miss Joanne, drama teacher, yellow team co-president.

"Green team is coming home!" -Mr Southern, vocal teacher. Green team co-president.

"Green." -Mrs Layton, dance teacher, green team co-president.



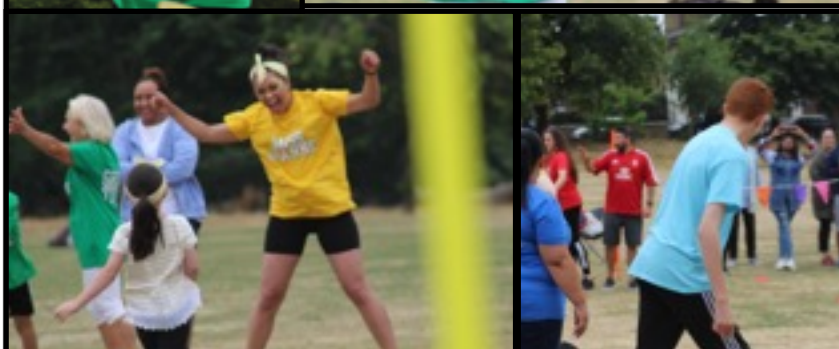
On the 13th of July the Barbara Speake Stage School introduced household name Tom O'Connor as host of 2018's Gala night.

The show consisted of students like Layla H, ex-students like Kamarane G and good friends of Miss Barbara Speake MBE like Linda Watts singing, dancing, performing and..playing the spoons, yes cutlery being used as instruments sounds baffling at first yet has it's surprising turn outs.

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There was not a doubt in anyones mind that the teams were supported by MOST teachers proven by office worker and DJ Mr Nuby- "I don't think were going to do that well this year."

However the disappointing attitude was revived with the reply: "What a load of rubbish!" Mrs Nuby, Street Dance teacher, Red team co-president.



The events that took place were the classic running, unusual welly wanging, patience enduring egg and spoon race, balance required bean bag race, time precise over and under race, springy sack race, the chaotic three legged race, the over populated mother race and last but not least the testosterone fuelled fathers race in which Mr Nuby appeared clearly victorious despite others protests.

The day had been long and after numerous events everyone was Anxiously waiting for the results...the students, teachers and parents returned to the school. Participation awards were handed out to every student and thanks given to the teachers who helped organised this event. Finally the results were revealed. In 4th place stood Yellow with 212 points. Green in 3rd with 230. Blue in 2nd with 278 and claiming 1st place and the 2018 Barbara Speake Sports Day were Red with 298 - after sharing congratulations with each other a rumour of cheating was being spread. Here are some students opinions:



“I think the games unfair and I personally think the red team have a clear advantage for the amount of people. Yes I think the red team were cheating because the egg and spoon, people were running with them in their hand and no ones coming out about it and I don't want to be that guy!” - Carlo H, year 10 student, blue team member.

“I don't get it. It doesn't make anything fair. The teachers have tried to do something about the children but it doesn't really work.” Elysse N, Red team member.

Yet behind the finger pointing was shine of hope and content from drama teacher Miss Joanne: “Sports day was really fun. It was lively and yellow team were FANTASTIC!”

When questioned about the alleged cheating Miss Joanne, and rightfully so, refused to make any sort of statement covering the conflict.



To wrap up sports day 2018. Although people had their frustrations and petty annoyances most if not every student walked home with a smile on there faces and the rumoured cheating left with no evidence can be left to the imagination...



On the rainy night of Friday the 13th the school performed a Gala Evening hosted by the house hold name Tom O'Connor. Performing were current extraordinary students like the juniors, Layla H and Beau W. Past students such as the talented Kamarane G also took bart along the side of good friends of Miss Speake's: Linda Watts, Jan Hunt and others.

Kamarane G, past student - “It is a night were Miss Speake has got loads of her friends and loads of people from the school that she thinks are the best vocally fit for the people she knows if that makes sense cause she's obviously of a different generation. She's got her friends from her generation and me singing songs from that generation, Beau, Layla dancing to a song thats quite old. It's a like a cabaret. I'm singing 'Mein Herr' from Cabaret and 'Another One Bites the Dust' from Queen; I found out about most of this a week ago, it was a lot. The teachers have been stressed because it hasn't been the same as our normal shows. Its just been 'Alright we're doing a gala! Need these people to do it! Go!' and the teachers are like 'WHAT?!' and then I've had to come in on my own time and go 'What am I doing? When am I coming in?' It's been quite a lot”

Beau W, current student - “It's a fundraiser for the school.”

The night was well on the way. Although problems like an inability to understand the host did occur. It certainly did not devalue the performance level portrayed. Raising on the edge of £2000 fundraised for school improvements the night was nothing short of a success...