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Blackheath High School Celebrates Naw Rá'z

TWO OF THE children in the Lewisham Bahá'í community were thrilled when one of the members of the Local Spiritual Assembly visited their school to speak about the Faith and Naw Rá'z. Aged three and five respectively, they had excitedly told their teachers about the approaching celebrations and their teacher had suggested the Bahá'ís should take an assembly.



Three hundred girls aged between three and eleven listened attentively as Fiona Young spoke of the oneness of God, the oneness of religion and the oneness of mankind. Fiona then went on to talk about the Bahá'í calendar, the Intercalary days and the Fast. Finally she talked about the coming of Spring and the new day which had dawned. She had arranged some flowers on the table and told the children that the flowers were a reminder of the coming of springtime and that they were also a reminder that we are all like flowers in a garden, and that the more different colours, shapes and sizes, the more beautiful the garden is. The children then learned to sing "We Are Drops" and after only a short practice they stood and raised the roof with their voices.

Brian and Semira Bailey had provided the school with an exhibition setting out the principles of the Faith, which was displayed in the school hall for the Naw Rá'z period. Flower arrangements were left by the display to remind the staff and pupils that we are all just like the flowers. Each class was given a box of chocolates as a gift. The teachers have commented on what a lovely assembly it was, and the children in Delara's class have all made "Thank You" cards and sent them to Fiona to show their appreciation.

Sefton Bahá'ís

Celebrate Naw Rá'z

SEFTON BAHÁ'Í community celebrated Naw



RÃ°z with friends at the home of Sue and Ryszard Pierlejewski in Southport. The pot luck meal was delicious and the invited guests commented on what a wonderful feeling there was to the evening. Once again the Sefton community sent Naw RÃ°z cards to local MPs, dignitaries and the Heads of Religious Education at local secondary schools.



Members of Bath and North East Somerset community with friends and the Mayor of Bath at an International Evening recently.

Stamp Project raises over Â£10,000 for International Fund

THIS PROJECT has been going for twelve years now and Â£10,000 has been sent to the International Fund. As well as this, Â£1000 has gone to other funds in Haifa due to personal requests for certain large collections.

The stamps are received by myself and I sort the UK stamps into Definitives, Commemoratives and Christmas Commemoratives. The foreign stamps go into auction after I've made certain that any valuable ones are in individual lots, the others go on paper by weight. All First Day Covers and presentation packs are sold at auction.

The UK stamps are exchanged abroad and the exchange stamps are then sold. Stamps which are ripped or heavily franked are not worth sending, but I accept them anyway as a valuable one may be with them.

Please remember to enclose your name and address, preferably on a stamped, addressed envelope as this saves the Fund money. This is essential: otherwise the stamps cannot be sold for the Fund. All stamps must be receipted by request of the Universal House of Justice.

Chesterfield Naw RÃ°z Party

CHESTERFIELD BahÃ°s held a Naw RÃ°z party on behalf of the new Cluster 41. It was attended by over 200 people including BahÃ°s from as far away as Wolverhampton and Louth and two from the Caspian



the room and the from the Caspian shores of Iran.



Also attending were many non-Bahá'í friends, including the Mayor Councillor Jim McManus, the Mayoress Mrs Carol McManus, the vice-chair of the N.E. Derbyshire Council Councillor Frank Taylor, his wife Sheila Taylor and the MP Paul Holmes. Also attending were two Muslim refugees from Afghanistan.

The programme was organised by the youth. Everyone said how much they had enjoyed the evening. They liked the food, the relaxed atmosphere, and said how nice it was that all ages could come.

