



GREENSHEET



No. 05/14

Church Hill, Walthamstow, London, E17 9RZ

Telephone: 020 8509 9446

Email: info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

Website: www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

Student Absence Line: 020 8509 9444

2nd October 2014

Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Autumn Term 2014

Ends -
Friday 19th
December 2014

Half Term
Monday
27th October
to Friday
31st October

School closures this term:

Open Evening: early closure
October 16th 2:30pm late start
October 17th 9:45pm

Please see Information on page 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our extra-curricular activities have begun. See last week's Greensheet for details - or download from our website (www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) if you have mislaid your copy. Also in this issue we have included our lunch menus from our caterers, Olive Dining. The food really is delicious as well as healthy and very popular with the girls.

Large numbers of our KS3 students have signed up to join *My BnK*. This is an excellent way to encourage girls to begin saving whilst at the same time learning about the various roles related to running a bank. Two years ago our school featured on Swedish national news and a delegation of girls was invited down to a VIP event at the SouthBank. This year the quality of the applications impressed the MyBnk Executives so much they immediately added them to their blog - <http://mybnk.org/young-person-want-banker/>

Last Thursday Ms Howie, Ms Cato and I were honoured to attend a celebration of Year 11 student achievement at Central Hall, Westminster. The event was attended by representatives from over five hundred schools and academies nationwide and the families of hundreds young people with presentations made by Olympic Gold Medallist Hannah Cockcroft. Four of our former students, Susana Anang, Kara Benjamin, Marwa Fares were nominated for awards having made excellent progress from KS2 through to their GCSEs. Fatima Turay was given a special achievement award after overcoming enormous challenges. Congratulations to these young people and their families and carers; it was only a shame we could not have taken along more students, parents/carers and staff.

Please note that our own Presentation Award Ceremony for former Year 11 students will take place on Thursday 4th December.

(continued overleaf)

(Continued)

An important reminder about forthcoming early closures this half term, please note:

We have an **early closure for all students on Thursday October 16th at 2:30pm and a late start of 9:45 am on Friday October 17th** due to our annual Open Evening.

Year 7 leave school at **12.25 on Wednesday October 22nd** due to the Year 7 Settling-in afternoon.

Finally **Eid Mubarak** to all our Muslim colleagues, students and families.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Meryl Davies

Message from The Governors

WSFG Governing Body

The summer term 2014 at Walthamstow School for Girls was an exciting one. There are sixteen governors on the Governing Body who meet in a variety of combinations to work with the senior leadership of the school to make the right decisions for the future development and success of the school.

School Improvement Plan

Every summer term the governors agree the school budget for next academic year and also the School Improvement Plan that sets out the priorities that staff will pursue to improve teaching, learning and achievement for girls at the school. This time there was extra interest as the School Improvement Plan was the first to respond to the findings of the Ofsted inspection earlier this year. The School Improvement Plan includes commitments and improvements in every aspect of the school and so is of interest to all parents. A copy is available on request.

Financial investment

During the year the Finance Committee has kept a diligent eye on the finances of the school to ensure that they are well managed. It has also, during the year, considered a number of proposals for improvements to the facilities available for girls. In the last year this has included upgrades for the ICT equipment and plans to install play equipment and improve the current reception area. At the governors meeting in May, we agreed the budget for the coming year with prudent plans for investment in teaching, learning and equipment.

Staffing

Governors are also responsible for overseeing the recruitment, retention and development of the staff team, as well as scrutiny of the pay and performance management policies. Last term governors worked with the Headteacher to

conduct a recruitment process for the post of Deputy Headteacher. The post was advertised nationally. Following two days of interviews, governors were pleased to confirm the appointment of Ms Kennedy.

Curriculum

Governors are also responsible for overseeing the delivery of the curriculum and ensuring that the school has all the statutory policies in place. It is this committee which scrutinises the examination results with the Headteacher and other members of her leadership team. Governors receive training from the school and the local authority on understanding pupil data so that we are equipped to ask questions about the achievement and progress of students. At our summer term meeting, governors looked at how the pupil premium is being used to accelerate students' learning and participation in extended learning activities.

Careers development

In 2014, the government has given new guidance to schools on how they should support young people in preparing to make decisions about their future learning and careers. Governors examined this guidance at their meeting in July. Along with the school's leadership team, we are now reviewing all of the work that is currently done in the school to make sure that it fulfils the government guidance and best supports our students. The governors and the school are committed to developing responsible, confident young women who are ready to contribute to society and lead their communities.

Reconstitution

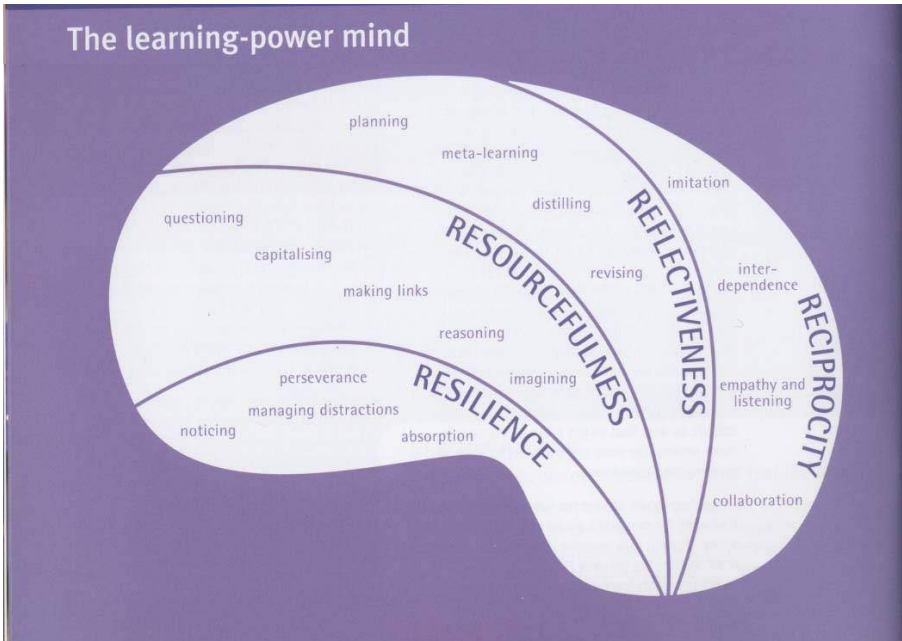
All schools have also been instructed by government to reconstitute their governing bodies this academic year. Governors considered the requirements at the meeting in July and, in this autumn term, we will be adopting a new constitution that will give us the opportunity to ensure that the governing body's work is carried out efficiently and effectively to the benefit of the school and to the wider school community.

Communication with our community

The governing body is already contributing to supporting the school in areas identified for development or improvement. We have initiated some work following our governors' day earlier this year to see how we can improve the way that the school communicates with the local community and promotes its success and reputation. We also want to make stronger links to the wider school community and establish channels of communication to parents and carers. We are currently looking at the possibility of forming a parent/teachers association and would be interested to receive expressions of interest from parents/carers. If you would like to know more about the work of the governors or would like to ask a question, you can contact the governing body through this email address: governors@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

Building Learning Power

.....is about helping young people to become better learners, both in school and out of school.



Top Tips for Parents

Reciprocity

Listening

"Students can be quite readily coached in the art of being a good listener, and can be given games and exercises that help them develop the ability to hear what someone else has said and if necessary, play it back to them"

Guy Claxton

Good Listeners:

1. Face the person they are listening to and make eye contact with them
2. Stop what they are doing to listen
3. Put everything down to focus and concentrate on the person speaking
4. Don't speak whilst they are listening

Switch off and look away from screens whilst they are listening

Ms Fearon

BLP Co-ordinator

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION

PARTIAL SCHOOL CLOSURES THIS TERM

Please note the following partial school closures this term:

School Open Evening

The school Open Evening for prospective parents/carers and Year 6 girls will take place on Thursday October 16th from 6.00 - 8.00pm. As a consequence of this, as usual, students will be dismissed from school at **2.30pm** in order to facilitate preparations for the evening. A number of the girls will also be involved in the evening and parents/carers will be notified separately. On the following day, Friday October 17th, there will be a later start at **9.45am**.

Year 7 Settling in Afternoon

On Wednesday, October 22nd, Year 7 parents/carers will have an opportunity to meet with their daughter's tutor to discuss progress and any other settling in issues. There will therefore be an early finish for Year 7 students only after lessons 1-3. More details on this will follow.

Training and Development

Wednesday, 26th November is a staff training half day. The focus of the training will be the launch of the school coaching and feedback processes for staff. As a consequence of this, there will be a half day school closure. Students will attend lessons 1-3 and will be dismissed after that.

Last Day of Term

On Friday, 19th December, the last day of term, there will be a half day closure. Students will attend lessons 1-3 and will be dismissed after that.

International Links



Following a successful partnership with the Read Foundation School Ambore in Kashmir, WSFG is now broadening its international work and building further links with two schools on the Caribbean island of Dominica.

The two schools we will be partnered with are:

The Goodwill Secondary School and The Covent School for Girls.

Students who attend International Links group (which runs on a Monday lunchtime Week A in S02) have been busy preparing a scrapbook about WSFG and a guide to London, that will be taken to our link schools next week.

Miss Bugden

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION

TRAVEL PROVISIONS

As you will know from local papers there are extensive road closures in the area around Walthamstow School for Girls.

The Western and Eastern Avenue bridges are closed and therefore no traffic can get through.

This means that bus services are experiencing severe delays.

If your daughter travels to school by bus or is brought to school in a car, you will need to ensure that she leaves in plenty of time to get into school by 8.40am.

The surrounding road closures will NOT be accepted as an excuse for being late to school.

Thank you for your support in this important matter.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Please ensure that you send your daughter to school in correct uniform at all times. The uniform rules are on page 9 of the Student Planner and must be followed by all students.

If your daughter comes into school with incorrect uniform, she will be given correct items from the school store and expected to wear them for the day.

Please be aware that black, plain, low heeled boots are accepted in school as winter wear but if students are unable to wear their trousers OVER the boots, they will be asked to change into more suitable footwear.

This means that Ugg style boots are not acceptable for school as they cannot be worn correctly with trousers over the boots.

Thank you for your continued co-operation in this matter

Wheelchair Tennis Ball Crew



On Thursday 25th September WSFG hosted a selection event to choose young people from the local area to become ball boys and girls at the NEC Masters Wheelchair Tennis Competition which will take place at the new Lea Valley Hockey and a Tennis Centre in the Olympic Park.

As well as hosting the event, fourteen of our girls from years 8 and 9 attended the event which tested their reaction times, coordination and motor skills. All our students performed exceptionally well and the selectors chose seven of our girls to be ball girls at this world class competition at the end of November.

These seven girls will now attend numerous after school and weekend training sessions to prepare for the competition where they will play an essential role in the running of the event. The students selected to be ball girls were:

Elin Edwards 9H
Louisa O'Sullivan 9H
Victoria Phillips 9H
Elysian Folkes 9G
Annalie Cole 8W
Kabila Hambloch 8W
Jessica Darkwah 8W



Congratulations to these students and well done to all the girls who attended the selection event, they were a credit to the school and performed fantastically well under a great deal of pressure.

Ms Warren
PE department



Walthamstow
SCHOOLFORGIRLS

OPEN
EVENING

Thursday 16th October 2014 6-8pm

Olive Dining

Menus for the Autumn Term

All menus are subject to change. This week, we are on Menu Week 2.

A reminder for parents/carers that if you wish to pay for your daughter's school meals by cheque, please make the cheque payable to 'Olive Dining Ltd'.

All students have also been given usernames and passwords to enable payments to be made online via our SQUID system (see the school website for details).



[WEEKLY MENU] Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish of the Day	Chicken Chasseur with Creamy Champ Potato	Traditional Beef Lasagne + Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey with Cranberry Sauce	Chilli Dog served with Seasoned Wedges	Fish + Chips with Fresh Mixed Mushy Peas + Homemade Tartare
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	Cream Cheese and Spinach Canneloni	Roast Mediterranean Vegetables in a Cob Roll	Vegetarian cottage pie with a sweet potato, carrot and Parsnip crust	Vegetarian Jambalaya	Gnocchi with Sunburst Tomato and Butternut Squash with Pesto Oil
Fusion Corner	Spicy Egg + Vegetable Noodles	Teriyaki Chicken Noodles	Pad Thai Noodles	Chicken with Braised Rice	Oriental Beef Noodles
Fusion Corner	Jamaican beef Curry with rice and peas	Seasonal Vegetable Bati	Meat Madras	Quorn Hash with Corn on the Cob	Dhal Palak
Vegetable of the Day	Chefs Selection of Seasonal Vegetables	Chefs Selection of Seasonal Vegetables	Chefs Selection of Seasonal Vegetables	Chefs Selection of Seasonal Vegetables	Chefs Selection of Seasonal Vegetables
Dessert of the Day	Pump and Cinnamon Crumble + custard	Jam Roly polv + custard	Baked Banana + Toffee Sauce	Deep Filled Apple Pie Cinnamon Cream	Jaffa Cake Sponge + Custard
Cold Selection	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit + Yoghurt Pots	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit + Yoghurt Pots	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit + Yoghurt Pots	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit + Yoghurt Pots	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit + Yoghurt Pots

[WEEKLY MENU]

Olive
OIL
BY THE WAY

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish of the Day	Minced Beef & Onion Pie served with new potatoes	Herb Crusted Turkey Escalope Milanese	Roast Beef Yorkshire pudding & Roast Gravy	Chicken Yakhnet with Moljadarra	Carrot of the Day Chips Peas & Tartare Sauce
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	Macaroni Cheese served with a seasonal side salad	Twice Baked Stuffed Jacket Potato	Vegetable and Bean Vol Au Vene	Falafel wrap served with a seasonal salad	Quorn and Vegetable Hotpot
Fusion Corner	Singapore Noodles	Stir Fry Beef & Spring Onions	Chicken Chow Mein	Beef StFado with Lemon and Rosemary Potatoes	Vegetable Noodles
Fusion Corner	Tandoori Chicken & Rice	Thai vegetable Curry & Rice	Pumpkin, Parsnip & Sweet Potato Curry Coconut Rice	Spanakopita (Spinach and Feta parcel)	Meat Dansak & Rice
Vegetable of the Day	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables
Dessert of the Day	Warm Peach Cobbler With custard	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	Apple Meringue Pie	Honey & Orange cake	Pear and Berry Crumble with Vanilla sauce
Cold Selection	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Pots	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Pots	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Pots	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Pots	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Pots

[WEEKLY MENU]

Olive
OIL
BY THE WAY

Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish of the Day	Chicken Cacciatore With Braised Turmeric rice	Cottage Pie topped with a cheesy mash crust	Roast Lemon and Herb Chicken with Stuffing and Roast Gravy	Beef in HoI sin & ginger served with egg fried rice	Carrot of the Day With Chips & Tartare Sauce
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	Quorn chilli fajita served with a warm Cajun potato salad	Vegetable Goulash herb rice	Vegetarian Lasagne with a side salad	Vegetable spring roll with sweet & sour sauce	Leek, potato, cheddar and spring onion pasty
Fusion Corner	Chilli beef Noodles	Ginger and spring onion Vegetable Noodles	Lamb & Chilli Stir Fry noodles	Char Sui chicken	Chow Mein
Fusion Corner	Cauliflower mushroom biryani with curry	Thai Chicken Curry & Rice	Vegetable Rogan Josh & Rice	Stir Fried vegetables egg fried rice	Chicken Tikka Masala Minted Yoghurt & Rice
Vegetable of the Day	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables
Dessert of the Day	Dutch Apple Crumble & Custard	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	Sticky Toffee Pudding With Butterscotch Sauce	Toffee banana served with ginger syrup	Hot Fruit Compote with Vanilla Sauce
Cold Selection	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit

Year 7 Settling In Afternoon

Dear Parents / Carers of year 7 students.

As your Year 7 daughter has now been with us for almost a month, we will be having a Year 7 “Settling-In Afternoon” on Wednesday 22nd October.

Your daughter will be given an appointment by her tutor and she will have this put into her school planner. This appointment is for you to come into school with her and meet with her tutor. The appointment will be between 1.30 and 4.30pm on Wednesday 22nd October.

Her tutor may be able to accommodate you if you request a particular appointment, so please communicate this by using your daughter’s planner.

The tutor will have a copy of her settling - in report for you and will be able to discuss the outcomes with you during the appointment. You will be given a copy of this report to take home with you.

Your daughter will be dismissed at 12.25pm on Wednesday 22nd October and will be expected to go home to return with you in her full school uniform to attend the appointment.

I am afraid we do not have the capacity to look after your daughter after 12.25pm, so you **MUST** make arrangements for her to leave school and only return with you at your appointment time.

We hope you will find this appointment useful and we look forward to meeting with you.

If your daughter is entitled to a free school meal and wishes to order a packed lunch to take with her when she leaves school at 12.25pm on Wednesday October 22nd, please ask her to see Ms Fearon by Friday 10th October.

If you have any concerns or questions about the “Settling-In Afternoon”, please contact your daughter’s Tutor or myself.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Fearon
SPL year 7

Work Experience



For the last two weeks, our Year 11s embarked on the working world, undertaking two weeks of work experience.

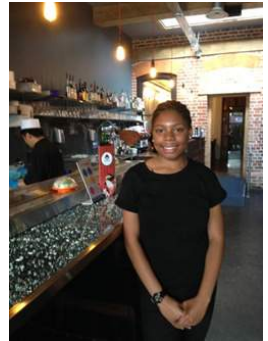
We had students visiting a wide range of different placements which included: the Houses of Parliament, Fashion Design studios, The Goldsmith's Fair, universities, shops, magistrate

courts, solicitors' offices, city farms and doctors' surgeries.

The girls represented the school exceptionally well, evident from the praise and wonderful feedback received from the employers. Some of the opportunities offered to our pupils were phenomenal! Below are some quotes from our Year 11 girls about their experience...

"I want to become a lawyer so working in a court was perfect. It made me realise that law is what I really want to do." A placement at a Magistrates Court and Crown Court

"Work experience made me realise I'd really enjoy working with children and I felt very welcome. I settled in well and learnt many skills and tips when dealing with children in different situations." – A primary school placement



"I have developed my spoken communication skills and feel more confident in handling new situations." - A placement at a solicitors office



"I got to write daily reports and was able to go with the residents accompanied by a member of staff. I enjoyed spending time with the service users playing dominoes and other activities." – A placement at a care home.

"I have loved the experience and don't want to go back to school!"

For current Year 10s, work experience will be taking place for one week between Monday 6th July and Friday 10th July following student feedback last year, more details will follow in future Greensheets.

Miss Bugden
Assistant Headteacher

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER: NORTH WEST WALTHAMSTOW JUMBLE TRAIL, STREETS NORTH OF THE TUBE LINE/FOREST ROAD, 1-AM- 4PM, FREE. Stalls will feature much more than jumble- crafts, plants, vintage items and more. If you want to set up a free stall outside your house, or need a map to locate stalls, see: <http://jumbletrail.com/event/NorthWeste17> or <http://jumbletrail.com/login> Nicola Shelton is the organiser.

SATURDAY 4TH AND SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER: THE MILL BECOMES A FUN PALACE, 1 THE MILL, 7-11 COPPERMILL LANE, E17 7HA, 11AM-4PM, FREE. This event is for all ages, to mark what would have been Joan Littlewood's (Theatre Workshop-Oh What a Lovely War) 100th birthday. Activities include arts workshops for children, E17 memory sharing, photographs and memorabilia from Vestry House Museum, refreshments and more. On Sunday, 3 local choirs (Waltham Forest Community Choir, natural Voices Children's Choir and British Gospel Arts 4 Life) will be performing from 1.30-4pm. See <http://funpalaces.co.uk>

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER: SOAPMAKING WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR GRANDPARENTS, WALTHAMSTOW CENTRAL LIBRARY, HIGH STREET, E17 7JN, 1-3PM, FREE. Enjoy an afternoon making soap and presentation boxes with your grandparent(s). Booking recommended- www.wflibraries.eventbrite.com or call in at the library.

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER: E17 DESIGNERS AUTUMN MARKET, ASIAN CENTRE, ORFORD ROAD, E17 9LN, 2-6PM, £2 INCLUDING A DRINK AND RAFFLE, FREE FOR UNDER 16S. Lots of tempting stalls , music and refreshments- get ready for Christmas early! www.e17designers.co.uk

UNTIL 1ST MARCH 2015: RATIONS, RAIDS AND RIOTS - A NEW EXHIBITION ABOUT THE GREAT WAR IN WALTHAM FOREST, VESTRY HOUSE MUSEUM, VESTRY ROAD, E17, WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY, 10AM- 5PM, FREE. Find out how the First World War (1914-1918) affected local people. Ring 0208 496 4391 or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/vestry-house

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER: BIG GREEN WEEKEND, JUBILEE PARK, SEYMOUR ROAD, E10 7BL, 11AM-3PM, FREE. Build an insect hotel, find out how you can grow your own food and get information on green organisations in the borough. Contact Gareth Chalmers : gg.waltham-forest@tcv.org.uk or ring 0208 533 8022. Why not visit the Waterworks Nature Reserve and Centre , Lammas Road, E10 afterwards? It's free- opposite the Lee Valley Ice Rink on Lea Bridge Road .www.leevalleypark.org.uk

UNTIL SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER: THE BIG DRAW- A MONTH LONG CELEBRATION OF DRAWING AT VENUES ACROSS THE UK. MOST EVENTS ARE FREE. This year's theme is 'It's Our World', and all ages are welcome to rediscover the pleasure of drawing at art galleries, arts centres, museums and open spaces- see www.thebigdraw.org for details eg **Saturday 4th October:** An afternoon of drawing and doodling with the Youth Forum for 14- 21 year olds, led by artist George McCallum at the National Portrait Gallery, WC1, free. **Sunday 5th October:** the Drawbox Project, Victoria and Albert Museum, SW7, 10.30-5pm, free. Create an imaginary world in an interactive artwork at the V and A's unique digital studio!

Enjoy your free time!

Mrs Finamore