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GREENSHEET



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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Autumn Term 2014

Ends -
Friday 19th
December 2014

Half Term
Monday
27th October
to Friday
31st October

Training and Development
Wednesday
26th November
Early closure
Students
dismissed
12:30pm

Dear Parents and Carers

We had record numbers of visitors at our Open Evening last week. They were accompanied on their tours by staff and a multitude of our students who clamoured to show off their school. Thank you to them and also many congratulations to our confident and passionate public speakers, Roj Parlakyildiz and Alina Khan in Year 11 and Lizzie Humphries and Areeba Ramzan in Year 7. Also a huge thank you to Molly Kavanagh and Lilian Ngo, our solo musicians, who played piano and flute for our visitors. It takes a great deal of courage to speak and perform in front of hundreds of strangers and our students certainly rose to the occasion and were given a huge round of applause for their efforts. What follows are excerpts from their speeches:

"This school is more than just a school, it's more than just exams and classes and lessons. Believe it or not we actually do have lots of fun".

"There hasn't been a single moment in which I've even thought about regretting putting this school as my priority option for secondary education".

"At this school practically everything is perfect, even the school dinners are nice!"

"I am proud to be part of the WSFG community and I look forward to my next five years here".

We were also successful in the Waltham Forest Borough Cross Country Championships last Friday in which fifteen of our KS3 runners took part. Congratulations to the PE department and all the participants, especially to Becci Leddy 7W who finished 2nd overall in the Year 7 race and Annalie Cole 8W who came 8th in the Year 8 and 9 race.

This week nine of our Year 11 students, accompanied by Ms Bugden, represented the school at the regional finals of the LionHeart Challenge at Hackney Town Hall. Our team competed against others from across the region. I am delighted to announce

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that they won the trophy for the best presentation. Ms Budgen also commented on how well they behaved (compared to others) throughout the extremely long day, having left school at 7.45am and returning at 6pm, after also working through their lunchtime. See inside this issue for more details.

On Wednesday the Smallpeice Trust ran a whole day workshop for a number of girls in Year 9 ADT. They learnt about engineering through problem solving and experimental mini bridge building. Our school visitors at the time commented on the focus and concentration of the teams as they, also, worked into their lunchbreak. Thank you to Ms Healy for organising this.

Finally, Happy Diwali to all our Hindu colleagues and families, and a restful half term break to all.

Best Wishes
Meryl Davies



The Focus of the Fortnight 3rd -14th November 2014 Noise and Movement in the School.

All members of our school community are asked in the "Out of Lesson Positive Behaviour Code" to move around the school "calmly, safely and quietly". We also always walk on the left in school corridors and staircases (with the exception of the trial one way staircases in the Humanities/Maths/ADT block). If students behave in a dangerous, noisy or inappropriate way in the school buildings or grounds, they will be spoken with by a member of staff and will have their conduct card signed. It is in the interest of all members of our community to move calmly, safely and quietly around the school at all times.

Thank you for your support in this and all school matters.
Ms. K. H. Pratt / Assistant Headteacher

THE GREENSHEET GOES DIGITAL.

To allow Walthamstow School for Girls to continue to improve its environmentally friendly status and to continue to reduce the amount of printed material produced, parents and carers will now be sent an e-mail link to the Greensheet on-line.

Where the school does not have an e-mail address, students will still be given a paper version of the Greensheet. However, we ask that they encourage you to provide an e-mail address so we can look forward to the Greensheet being entirely paperless.

The on-line version will also have more photographs as well as obviously being in colour.

All back issues of the Greensheet are available via the school website.

<http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/>

LionHeart Challenge

On Tuesday, nine pupils from Year 11 attended the regional finals of the LionHeart Challenge at Hackney Town Hall.

At this event, our girls came together with LionHeart Business Coaches, entrepreneurs and executives from the business world and undertook a *Real-Time Enterprise Challenge* competing against twenty other schools.

This year's challenge involved the participants designing, marketing and presenting a product that would help vulnerable people protect themselves against crime. Our girls really thought outside of the box and came up with the concept of a wristband designed for people with learning difficulties and mental health issues (who are 1/3 more likely to be a victim of crime).

The "safelet" would make an alarm when they entered areas that had high crime rates. The team worked incredibly hard and won the award for the best presentation.

Well done to the following Year 11 girls: Edagul Ulucay, Alina Khan, Zahra Moolla, Tsering Dolker, Samirah Azad, Laquesha Williams, Zaynah Waseem, Ana Munt and Ella Sade Dowden Hylton. They were presented with their trophy in Ms Davies' leadership assembly this week.

Miss Bugden



National Poetry Day

Earlier this month we celebrated **National Poetry Day** and, some of our Key Stage 3 students wrote poems based on this year's theme 'Remember'.

We published some poems from Years 7, 8 & 9 in the last two editions of the Greensheet. You will find more poems in this week's edition.

SOHO
THEATRE

LONDON'S MOST VIBRANT VENUE FOR
NEW THEATRE, COMEDY AND CABARET



FREE HALF TERM THEATRE

MAKING WORKSHOPS FOR AGES 11-18

NEXT WEEK: 27 Oct - 1 Nov, 10am - 4pm

Takes place at Walthamstow School for Girls, E17 9RZ

Places still available

FREE

Join Soho Theatre in October half term for a week of free theatremaking for 11-18 year olds, led by Walthamstow-based [Slap Haddock](#).

Everyone is welcome, whether you're brand new to performance or have been treading the boards for years, come spend a week with us as we look at performance and storytelling, with the opportunity to show off what you've learnt to friends and family at the end of the week.

To find out more, have a chat with us or to sign up simply email jules@sohotheatre.com or call 0207 478 0113.

National poetry day...

Remember

Do you remember summer last time? I want to go back like pressing rewind. Oh my, It's a time for all of us to remember.

Under the moonlight staring at the sea, and looking up at the glistening stars, oh, it

Was a beautiful night to remember.

Remember, remember last September?

Yes, want to go back there every night, whilst the twinkling of the stars shine down

And the glowy moon fills the world with its beautiful shine. I remember, remember

Last September.

Do you remember last winter?

Playing the guitar by the fire too loud,

Laughs, and good times

Are always great to remember.

The wind whistling through our ears

Making us smile each day of the year,

Try to remember all the good times,

It may help you in the future

Every now and then when you're all alone, think about the memories....

That you....

Remembered!

Try to always remember it..

By Haviisha Jesuthas 7S

William Morris Arts and Crafts Club

Thursdays 3.30-4.15

If you are interested in art and want to experiment with unusual materials then this is the club for you. If you want to find out more, please see Ms Kelly in the LRC for an entry form. The club will be starting on Thursday 6th November.



MyBnk Launch

The WSFG Bank is once again open for business for its fourth year following our launch event last week. The opening attracted some high profile visitors including: The Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Walthamstow, the local press (we are even in the Waltham Forest Guardian!) and representatives from the Local Credit Union.

It was a fantastic event and pupils were queuing up throughout lunchtime to open a savings account. The Bank will now be open every Thursday Lunchtime in the Norris Hall where students can come and deposit their savings. Even if pupils missed the launch event, they can still open an account with us at any time throughout the year and get saving! MyBnk is a charity delivering financial and enterprise education programmes to young people.

Its mission is to build young people's knowledge, skills and confidence to manage their money and make enterprising choices throughout their lives. It works in accordance with all religious laws regarding banking and finance. Please encourage your daughter to open an account and help promote her economic well being. Our aim this year is to continue to be the most successful bank in London (a title we won from Forest Gate School last year!)

Miss Bugden



Black History Celebrations in the LRC



Paul Crooks visited the school on Monday 6th of October, as part of our Black History Month celebrations.

During the day he met with groups of students and spoke about his experiences in researching the origins of his family. He has traced his family in Jamaica back to 1777, when his great-great-great-great Grandmother Ami Djaba was captured in Ghana and brought to a slave plantation in Jamaica. He talked about her resistance and other campaigns to end slavery.

He ended his talk with the message, *"We must go back and reclaim our past so we can move forward and to be aware of and learn from the past, to ensure a better future"*.

This is what Jessie Loky from 7S had to say about his visit:

Paul Crooks is a famous author and loves to write about his family history.

On Monday 6th October he gave a talk about how he had traced his family

history in Jamaica and Africa. He has written 'Ancestors', a story based on

his ancestor who was enslaved on a plantation in Jamaica. His other book 'A

Tree without Roots', is a guide to tracing British, African and Asian

Caribbean ancestry. Paul had a lot to say about his great-great-great

grandfather, John Alexander Crooks, who was a slave.

He has inspired me to take more attention in history and that I may be able to trace my family history'.

Ms O Kelly

LRC Manager

National poetry day...

Remember

Remember that panda?

The one in that ancient shop?

You fell in love with it.

Remember those shoes?

With purple buttons?

You fell in love with them.

Remember that moose head?

Stuffed on your wall?

You fell in love with it.

Remember that time?

When I proposed to you?

You didn't fall in love with me.

By Vidura Sothilingam 9S

Reading for pleasure supports academic success

Recent research discovered that those who read books often at age 10 and more than once a week at age 16 gained higher results in all three tests (vocabulary, spelling and mathematics) at age 16 than those who read less regularly. Reading for pleasure had the strongest effect on children's vocabulary development, but the impact on spelling and mathematics was still significant. "It may seem surprising that reading for pleasure would help to improve children's maths scores," she said "but it is likely that strong reading ability will enable children to absorb and understand new information and affect their attainment in all subjects."

For more information go to <http://www.ioe.ac.uk/newsEvents/89938.html>

Ms Kelly
LRC Manager

Waltham Forest Borough Cross Country Championships



On Friday 17th October, thirteen girls from years 7-10 competed in the Borough Cross Country Championships which were held at Chingford Plains. The students were fantastic and each girl put 100% effort into her race, representing the school in a mature and sporting way. Special congratulations goes to Becci Leddy in 7W who finished 2nd overall in

the year 7 race and Annalie Cole who finished 8th overall in the year 8 & 9 race. Here are the names of all the girls who competed:

Year 7

Becci Leddy 7W, Folashade Agungbemi 7F, Shula Carter 7F, Sasha Kane 7F, Isobel Phelps 7C, Eve Terry-O'Neill 7H

Year 8

Annalie Cole 8W, Anna Howles 8G, Renae Steel 8C

Year 9

Bella Evans 9G, Ellen Bishop 9G, Khadijah Mokhtari 9W

Year 10

Hannah Willard-Jeffs 10H



WHAT'S ON THIS HALF TERM IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

AUTUMN DAZE: THERE ARE LOTS OF HALF TERM ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND WALTHAMSTOW THIS HALF TERM, MOST OF THEM FREE, SO CHECK THE FULL PROGRAMME AT:

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/cypd Activities include Junior Fitness at the Peter May Centre, Holiday Teenscheme at the Limes Centre, Swimming Lessons at Waltham Forest College Pool and free Cycle Training across the borough.

Saturday 25TH October: Drawing with Indigo- a free family workshop, William Morris Gallery, Forest Road, E17 4PP, 1-4pm. Join artist in residence Lucille Junkere to explore one of William Morris' favourite media. See www.wmgallery.org.uk for further information. All materials provided.

Monday 27th October- Saturday 1st November: Exhibition of new work by members of Walthamstow and District Photographic Society, the Welcome Centre, Church End, E17 9RJ, 7-10pm daily, free. See the winning entries from the club's annual competitions; to join, visit: www.wdps.org

Friday 31st October: Diwali Celebrations, Walthamstow Assembly Hall, Forest Road, E17 4JD, 7pm, free (but tickets must be reserved in advance). The Hindu Festival of Diwali falls on 23rd October, and the borough's annual celebrations of the Festival of Light will include live music, dancing, delicious food and even fireworks! Tickets can be obtained from all borough libraries and the reception desk at the Town Hall. Maximum 5 tickets per household, and proof of address will be needed. Doors open 6.30pm; all ages welcome.

Wednesday 29th October: Soap making family workshop, Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service, Queens Road, E17, 1-3pm, free. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Ring 0208 496 2974. (There is also a bag making workshop on 30th October, 1-3pm).

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

Saturday 25th October: London Forest Choir presents an autumn concert, St Edmund's Church, Larkwood Road, Chingford, E4 9DS, 7.30pm, £10, students £5, accompanied children £1. Faure's Requiem and Handel's Coronation Anthem are on the programme. Tickets available at the door from 7pm.

Monday 27th- Friday 31st October: Generation versus Generation- half term project for young people, BSix College, Kenninghall Road, Clapton, E5, 10am-1pm, £5/week. 11-18 year olds interested in film making, fashion design, baking or music production should enjoy these challenging courses. Ring 0208 249 4542 or email: info@hypu.org.uk, Limited places- don't miss out!

Monday 27th-Friday 31st October: Half term holiday activities, Brooks Farm, Skeltons Lane Park, Skeltons Lane, E10 5BS, 1-3pm/4-6pm), £2 per session. Enjoy an afternoon at the newly refurbished farm, with craft and activity sessions for 12-14 year olds from 1-3p, and 4-6pm for 15-16 year olds. Contact brooksfarm@forestymca.org.uk for details, or ring 0208 509 4636.

Most museums, galleries and tourist attractions in London have special activities this half term, so look at www.timeoutlondon.co.uk and search!

Enjoy your half term break! **Don't miss Soho Theatre's FREE drama workshop at WSFG, Monday 27th- Saturday 1st November- see special feature overleaf.**

Mrs Finamore