



GREENSHEET



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Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Summer Term
2014/15:**

**Ends - Friday
17th July 2015**

**Autumn Term
2015**

Starts Tuesday
1st September
(Staff Inset)
Students return -
Wednesday 2nd
September 2015
Ends - Friday
18th December
2015

Half Term:

Monday 26th
October 2015 -
Friday 30th
October 2015

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy few days we have had, despite the heatwave. At these times we are very mindful of students and colleagues who are fasting during what are said to be the hottest July days on record for the UK.

Friday was a wonderful afternoon of celebration in the Greek Theatre as all our former - Year 11 - students returned to school in their finery for their end of school leavers' celebration. Despite the towering heels and long dresses worn by some, we had no injuries. The afternoon was an absolute pleasure for both staff and students who were entertained by our prize winning – and record setting – steel pans band. Touching tributes were paid by both the class representatives and their tutors, Mr Murphy, the steel pans teacher, myself and their Student Progress Leader, Madame Desbenoit. The afternoon was closed by our traditional strawberries and cream – and a few tears. Thank you to all our families who have passed on thanks via cards, emails and the boxes of chocolates- you know the way to our hearts! These have all been gratefully received by staff. We look forward to celebrating with you all again on Results Day on Thursday 20th August at 9.30am.

On Tuesday, Year 8 students were treated to a superb assembly on the Muslim contribution to society, presented by 8W. We all heard about Nana Asmau a Muslim Nigerian Academic/ Writer and advocate for Womens' rights and education, Al-Zahrawi, who introduced the surgical procedure of using catgut for internal stitching which is still used in the simplest to the most complicated surgery today, Sabiha Gocen the first female Muslim fighter pilot and Malcolm X who was part of the civil rights movement in America, as well as the importance of our own family history and aspirations. This assembly was so important to us as a multi-cultural school community, that 8W have been asked to perform it for all of Year 7 as well. Well done to all of them for their contribution to further deepen our understanding of diversity as a school.

Wednesday was the day we got to know our incoming Year 7 students better as they spent a day with us and their new teachers. They had, I must say, a very confident and joyful day if their final assembly in the

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afternoon was anything to go by. Ms Pratt, Assistant Headteacher, was greeted by whoops of joy when she asked if they had had a good time. Mr Morrow, their new SPL for next year, also made a lasting impression on the girls when he emphasised the long and powerful history that WSFG has of educating successful women.

Also on Wednesday, many of our Year 7 and 8 students were involved in a Challenge Day with Ms Robinson and other local schools. Our girls participated in philosophy at WSFG, ICT and judo at Kelmscott School, horseriding at Lea Valley, photography at George Monoux College and Design and Technology at Willowfield Humanities College. We look forward to receiving their reports. In addition, another group were with Ms Healey at a girls' school in East London participating in a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) challenge activity.

Plus we had a group of Year 9 students in a drama workshop on British Values led by the University of East London and Youth of Creative Arts.

There were some very lucky students and staff on Thursday. Our Wheelchair Tennis Masters ball girls, who gave up weekends and holidays earlier this year, were treated to tickets to see the tennis at Wimbledon. Naturally, they needed to be accompanied by the PE staff – so many of us were very envious!

A reminder to book your tickets for two important upcoming Performing Arts events the School Musical Concert and our not to be missed school musical *The Wizard of Oz*. I look forward to seeing you there.

Also in this edition of the Greensheet, please find details below for the funeral of our former Headteacher Pat Marino.

Best wishes
Meryl Davies

Sad News

As you will recall, last week we made the sad announcement of the death of our former Headteacher Pat Marino. Pat Marino was Headteacher of the school from 1986 -2000.

The funeral will be on Friday 10th July at 11.30 at St Mary's Parish, Church, Old Road, Frinton-On-Sea, CO13 9BX. Website, stmarysfrinton.org.

After the service there will be a private burial at Kirby Cross cemetery.

Event Cancellation - Annual Alumnae Day 2015

The Alumnae Committee regret to announce that the event planned for Saturday 4th July 2015 has been cancelled as too few tickets were sold to make the event viable. All prepaid tickets will be refunded as soon as possible. We apologise for the inconvenience this cancellation will cause, and hope that we will be able to invite you to other events in the future. Thank you for your interest in the Alumnae Association.

Notice to Parents and Carers

Fasting during Ramadan

Could you please ensure that if your daughter is fasting she does so according to the sunnah method. That is they should have a full and nutritious breakfast (SEHRI) before keeping the fast.

Your daughter should not keep fast if she is feeling unwell. In addition, in the rare event of feeling very ill during a fast she should break the fast rather than allowing her condition to get worse.

As agreed by medics fasting is not at all detrimental to our health and in fact it can be physically very beneficial. However, the correct method of fasting should be adhered to.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

Mrs Ahmed, Ms Soobhany & Ms Siddiqui

WSFG Summer Concert

The annual Walthamstow School For Girls Summer Concert will take place on Monday 6th July in Norris Hall, starting at 7.00pm.

Featuring performances from students across the school, it promises to be an exciting evening. Tickets are available in advance from Mr. Burstow from the week commencing 29th June 2015. Tickets are priced at £4.00 for adults and £2.00 for concessions.

Thank you,
Mr. Burstow

WSFG presents The Wizard of Oz

Students at Walthamstow School For Girls will be presenting a production of
The Wizard of Oz

On the 14th, 15th and 16th July 2015

Performances will start at 7.30pm. Tickets are available in advance from now.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Performing Arts

WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

FRIDAY 3RD JULY: DON GIOVANNI LIVE FROM THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, THE BIG SCREEN, HIGH STREET, E17, FREE, 7PM. Enjoy one of Mozart's most popular operas screened live from Covent Garden. Chairs provided; take a picnic and enjoy open air cinema!

SATURDAY 4TH JULY: WALTHAM FOREST COMMUNITY CHOIR'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT, ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH END, E17 9RJ, £10, £5 CONCESSIONS, 7PM. This popular local choir will be performing Vivaldi's Gloria with the Forest Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble. Tickets are available at the door or from: tickets@singwithus.net

SATURDAY 4TH JULY: ST SAVIOUR'S SUMMER FETE, MARKHOUSE ROAD, E17 8PP, 11AM- 3PM, FREE ENTRY. This year's fete has an American theme for See: www.stsaviourswalthamstow.co.uk for more information.

SUMMER DAZE (THE BOROUGH'S ROUND UP OF LOCAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS) IS NOW OUT- START PLANNING WHAT TO DO IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAY NOW! This year's programme includes many free and subsidised events and activities e.g. multi sports schemes, performing arts, trips, cycle training, the summer reading challenge and much more. Summer Daze is in Waltham Forest News 22nd June edition, and is also available online : www.walthamforest.gov.uk/summerdaze

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 4TH AND SUNDAY 5TH JULY: THE LEYTON BIG WEEKENDER, LEYTON CRICKET GROUND, CRAWLEY ROAD, E10 6RJ, 1-6PM ,FREE. Enjoy free sporting activities for all ages on Saturday and the Caribbean Carnival and live music on Sunday, with many stalls and refreshments on both days. See: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/get-together for full line up. Nearest Tube: Leyton.

SATURDAY 4TH JULY: BANK OF ENGLAND OPEN DAY, THREADNEEDLE STREET, 9.30AM-5PM, FREE (PART OF THE CITY OF LONDON FESTIVAL, WHICH RUNS TO 10TH JULY). Explore one of the City's most famous institutions and its museum with a guided tour. Last tour 4pm. See www.colf.org for details of other events in the festival - music, circus, talks etc. Nearest tube: Bank.

SUNDAY 5TH JULY: HAVEN HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SUMMER FETE, HIGH ROAD, WOODFORD, IG8 9LB, 11AM- 4PM ,£2 SUGGESTED ENTRY DONATION. Games, activities, a wide range of stalls and delicious refreshments- all to raise money for our local children's hospice. See www.havenhouse.org.uk for more information.

UNTIL NOVEMBER: NEW EXHIBITION – SOLDIERS AND SUFFRAGETTES- THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF CHRISTINA BROOM, MUSEUM OF LONDON DOCKLANDS, WEST INDIA QUAY, E14 4AL, 10AM- 6PM DAILY, FREE.

Christina Broom started to take photographs in 1903 and is regarded as the first female press photographer. Subjects include the suffragette marches and soldiers in the WWI; the exhibition includes unseen photographs, plus Broom's equipment, diaries and memorabilia. Nearest tube: Canary Wharf. See: www.museumoflondon.org.uk or ring 0207 001 9844.

Enjoy your free time!

Mrs Finamore