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26th November 2015

Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Autumn Term 2015

End - Friday
18th December
2015

Friday 27th November
Year 11 Mock
Examinations
End

Thursday 10th December
Carol Service
St Mary's Church

Tuesday 15th December
Community
Party School
closed 2.30pm

Friday 18th December
Last day of term.
Details to follow

Spring Term 2016
Start - Monday
4th January 2016
End - Friday
24th March 2016

NB: Friday 29th January
STAFF INSET:
School closed to
students

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday, our senior steel pans band played at the Royal Albert Hall at the Youth Schools Prom. The band was selected following its winning performance earlier this year at the Music For Youth National Festival in Birmingham. The girls, under the Musical Directorship of Richard Murphy, performed two pieces which opened the Prom: *Baba Yagar* taken from *Pictures at an Exhibition* by Mussorgsky and *Toco Band*, a calypso by Lord Kitchener. Their performance was stunning and faultless, and as ever, the girls managed to convey an easy confidence and joy, the culmination of many hours of rehearsal - despite the fact that a large number of these percussionists are now scattered wide across London in different colleges and sixth forms. It was an unforgettable event.

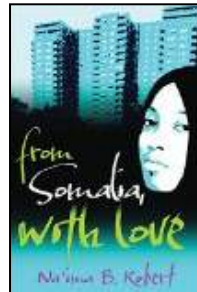


Congratulations also go to all our *Eat or Heat* volunteers who managed to bake a sufficient quantity of cakes to raise over £260 on Tuesday lunchtime! *Eat or Heat* is a local charity which the school has supported for a number of years. Aside from the cake sale, the school team, with the support of Ms Rae, continue to collect food donations for the local food bank on a regular basis.

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On Wednesday, Key Stage 3 students were treated to a visit by a very special guest. Award winning children's author Na'ima B. Robert spoke to the girls about the writing process, issues of identity and diversity, and the importance of telling our own stories.

The author read excerpts from her own books, '*She Wore Red Trainers*', '*From Somalia, with Love*', '*Boy vs Girl*', '*Far From Home*' and '*Black Sheep*'.



Other events this week included a Philosophy Day on Thursday which involved a number of Year 8s and Year 9s. Also on Thursday, the new peer listening service was launched at lunchtime.

On Friday, a group of Year 7, 8 and 9 gardeners will be repairing the school allotment growing beds and building a new composter with a local team of organic gardeners and Ms Dominique.

Best Wishes
Meryl Davies

Year 11 Parents' Information Evening, Tuesday 8th December 2015, 6-7:30pm

We would like to invite Year 11 parents and carers to an Information Evening to help support your daughter over the coming months, as we approach the GCSE exams. At this event, Heads of Faculty for English, Mathematics and Science will present an overview of their courses and provide strategies that can be used to help your daughter to prepare for these subjects.

There will also be guidance produced for each subject outlining key dates and revision tips.

We welcome Year 11 students attending this event accompanied by an adult: however, to ensure that we have capacity for all students to attend we would request that only one adult attends the session with their daughter.

Many thanks

Ms Kennedy
Deputy Headteacher (Key Stage 4)

Loading money on One Cards for Olive Dining



Please remind your daughter that she must press the reset button before and after loading money onto her One Card. There has been an increase in the number of students not doing this, resulting in money not being credited to them, but to someone else.

Olive Dining cannot take responsibility for money not being loaded correctly.

May we take this opportunity to remind you that cheques can be submitted, payable to "Olive Dining ltd" with your daughter's name and form clearly written on the back. There is also an online payment method available via sQuid, please see the school website for details.

Thank you
Olive Dining

NEC Wheelchair Masters Tennis

Seven Year 9 students have been selected to be part of the WSFG Ball Crew for the Wheelchair Masters Tennis and have taken part in a number of evening and weekend training sessions. They will be attending the championships from Wednesday 2nd December to Sunday 6th December.

The girls have been extremely committed to their training and have represented the school with an incredibly mature and focused attitude and we have been very proud of them.

The girls involved are:

Assa Kanoute 9F
Ismay Bowles 9F
Anna Howles 9G
Jamilia Edwards 9G
Aliyah Ahmed 9C
Lily Deason 9C
Remi Odetoynbo 9H



The BBC red button will be covering play on the Saturday and the Sunday if you are interested in watching it and seeing our girls play their part in the event.

Ms Warren
Head of P.E.

Eat or Heat Bake Sale



I just want to say a massive thank you to all the students and staff who helped at the bake sale on 24th November, whether it was setting up, selling, managing queues, buying or donating cakes and money, THANK YOU.



It was good to see so many Year 7 and Year 10 students involved. I would like to make a special mention of Emily Roberts 8C; she was the only Year 8 involved and was so eager to help. She contacted lots of different bakeries asking them to donate cakes, she was one of the first to arrive to set up, helped to organise the Year 7s and, in the end, she stayed to help with the crowds. She was a great asset to have on the day .

The total at the moment from the sale is £260, which is amazing considering that none of the big famous bakeries donated this time; most of the cakes were home made by the girls.

Thanks again,

Ms Rae



Urban Apple Scrumpling



In our gardening club one of our Year 9 students used an apple picker for the first time to collect apples from our school grounds.

“I made sure the apples were scrummy and good looking to eat. On the day of picking the apples we made fresh apple juice which tasted AMAZING!!!!“

Ms Dominique



WSFG Annual Community Party

Each year we hold a Christmas celebration for the elderly members of our community. As part of this celebration, we offer a Christmas gift to each of our guests. This relies completely on the generosity of our school community.

We are still in need of any new and unused gifts that would be suitable for our community party, please ask your daughter to bring them up to the Humanities faculty in school. We are usually particularly short of gifts that are suitable for men.



Also, should you have any elderly relatives, friends or neighbours who you feel would enjoy this event, please email us at school at info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk with their names and addresses and we will send them an invitation letter.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Ms Philippou
Interim Assistant Headteacher

**CHRISTMAS FAIR FUNDRAISER
FOR THE
GARDENING CLUB**

THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2015

Christmas

Fair

**LUNCHTIME
IN THE LRC**



SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16

Autumn Term 2015

Start - Tuesday 1st September 2015

End - Friday 18th December 2015

Friday 27th November

Year 11 Mock examinations end

Thursday 10th December

Carol Service, St Mary's Church

Tuesday 15th December

Community Party School, closed 2.30pm

Friday 18th December

Last day of term. Details to follow

Christmas - Friday 18th December 2015 to Friday 1st January 2016

Spring Term 2016

Start - Monday 4th January 2016

End - Friday 24th March 2016

Friday 29th January

Staff Training Day: School closed to students

Thursday 4th February

Year 11 Parent, Carer Consultation Evening

Thursday 3rd March

Year 9 Parent, Carer Consultation Evening

Thursday 17th March

Year 8 Parent, Carer Consultation Evening

Holidays

Half Term - Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2016

Easter - Friday 25th March 2016 to Friday 8th April 2016

WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER-10TH DECEMBER: 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE, VENUES ACROSS WALTHAMSTOW AND OTHER PARTS OF WALTHAM FOREST, FREE. This international awareness campaign against violence against and girls includes the White Ribbon Launch Day event at Leyton Orient on 25th November, Youth Engagement session at Leytonstone Muslim Centre on Saturday 28th November and the public speaking workshop for 15-19 year old girls on 28th November (see below). Contact : vawg@walthamforest.gov.uk for full programme details.

THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER: LAUNCH EVENT FOR HO HO HOE STREET INDEPENDENT SHOPS-LATE NIGHT OPENING AND SPECIAL DEAL. Why not shop local and support independent shops eg E17 Art House, Indulgence Cafe and Hair from the Heart? Many are open until 8pm on Thursday. Check school noticeboards for details.

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER: DIWALI CELEBRATIONS, WALTHAMSTOW ASSEMBLY HALL, FOREST ROAD, E17 4JD, 7-10.30 PM FREE (BOOKING ESSENTIAL). Celebrate the Hindu festival of light with music, dancing and more- all ages welcome. Hot food for sale. Book tickets through; <http://eventbrite.co.uk/e/diwali-celebrations-2015-tickets>

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER: HEAR MY VOICE WORKSHOP WITH WALTHAM FOREST WOMEN'S NETWORK, WALTHAMSTOW TOWN HALL, FOREST ROAD, E17, 2-5PM, FREE. This workshop for young women 15-19 aims to develop confidence in public speaking. For booking information, email: info@wfwon@gmail.com Part of the 16 Days of Activism event.

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER: ST ANDREW'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, CHURCH ROAD, HIGHAM HILL, E17 6AR, FROM 11AM. Father Christmas, tombola, a raffle, lots of stalls and refreshments- all welcome. Probably the best Christmas Bazaar in E17!

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER: OPEN DAY AT MASJID E UMER (QUEENS ROAD MOSQUE), QUEENS ROAD, E17, 1-7PM, FREE, ALL WELCOME. Displays, topical discussions and presentations about the real meaning of Islam, plus guided tours and refreshments. See www.masjideumer.org.uk or ring 0208 520 2658 for more information.

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER: E17 DESIGNERS CHRISTMAS MARKET, ASIAN CENTRE, ORFORD ROAD, E17, 2.30-6PM, £2 ADULTS, CHILDREN FREE. Support local designers/makers and get ready for the festive season! See www.e17designers.co.uk for details.

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER: LONDON FOREST CHOIR PRESENT: MENDELSSOHN'S ELIJAH, CHINGFORD PARISH CHURCH, THE GREEN, E4 7EN, £10, STUDENTS £5, CHILDREN £2 IN ADVANCE.

Contact 0208 531 4837 to book, or visit: www.londonforestchoir.org.uk Tickets £12, £6. on the door will be more expensive.

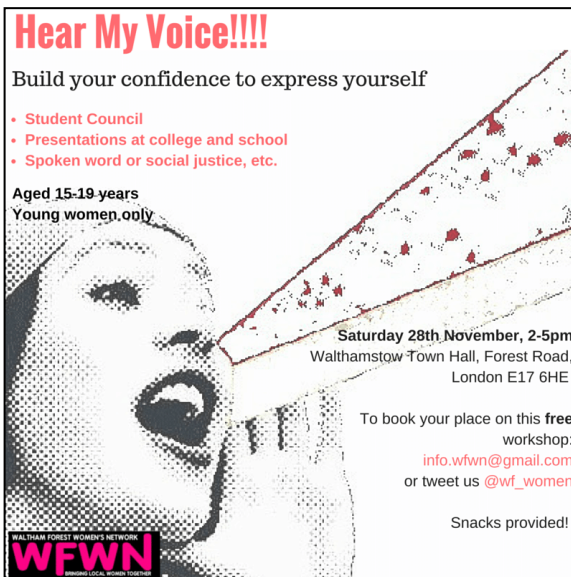
SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER: STONES THROW MARKET, ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL, CHURCH LANE, E11 1HH, 2-6PM. This month the stalls will include handmade glassware, new and vintage clothes, books, jewellery and refreshments. Email: stonesthrowmarket@yahoo.co.uk

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER: ICE HOCKEY AT LEE VALLEY ICE CENTRE, LEA BRIDGE ROAD, E10 7QL, 5.30PM, TICKETS FROM £4.

The London Raiders will be playing the Oxford City Stars, so get ready for some exciting action on the ice! Ring 0208 533 3154 or email:

icecentre@leevalleypark.org.uk

Enjoy your free time!
Mrs Finamore



Hear My Voice!!!!

Build your confidence to express yourself

- Student Council
- Presentations at college and school
- Spoken word or social justice, etc.

Aged 15-19 years
Young women only

Saturday 28th November, 2-5pm
Walthamstow Town Hall, Forest Road,
London E17 6HE

To book your place on this free workshop:
info.wfn@gmail.com
or tweet us [@wf_women](https://twitter.com/wf_women)

Snacks provided!

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WALTHAM FOREST WOMEN'S NETWORK
BRINGING LOCAL WOMEN TOGETHER