



# GREENSHEET



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4th February 2016

Week 'B'

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Spring Term  
2016**

**End - Friday  
24th March 2016**

**Thursday 4th  
February**

Year 11  
Parent/Carer  
Consultation  
Evening

**Half Term**

**Monday 15th  
to Friday 19th  
February**

**Thursday 3rd  
March**

Year 9  
Parent/Carer  
Consultation  
Evening

**Thursday 17th  
March**

Year 8  
Parent/Carer  
Consultation  
Evening

**Easter Friday  
25th March to  
Monday - 8th  
April**

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week WSFG was proud to host a meeting organised by our MP Stella Creasy which was also addressed by former Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Yvette Cooper and a number of other speakers on the subject of refugees. There were some very powerful and moving stories shared about the plight of people, described by one speaker as 'being just like us'. Another held up a distinctive orange life jacket, previously worn by a small child who came ashore with his parents at Lesbos after a perilous sea crossing.

Last Friday, staff spent a very productive day with former Headteacher and HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector) Tony Thornley, focussing on what to look for in an excellent lesson. We also discussed our revised marking policy and shared the different practice currently being trialled in different subject areas across the school. Other colleagues updated their First Aid skills and practised CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

We have had some sporting success this week; the WSFG Year 9 and 10 volleyball team came third in the Borough Volleyball Competition. Congratulations to them!

Also, the Year 8 basketball team made it through to the semi-final of the Year 8 Borough League, beating Lammas School 26:13. So congratulations to the Year 8 team as well!

Finally, a reminder about our online survey which we would like you to complete by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February. We are having a rethink about a number of important aspects of our school, including our student uniform and our logo. We are also in the process of constructing a new website. Staff and students are being consulted, and we would also welcome your views. You can access the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TDFK7NQ>

Many thanks for your assistance with this.

Best wishes  
Meryl Davies

## **EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES**

### **OR SEVERE WEATHER**

In the event of an emergency school closure the decision on whether the school stays open will be taken by the Headteacher, after carrying out a risk assessment.

In the event of severe weather, the school will remain open whenever possible.

**Information about any closure will be available  
on the school's website:  
[www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)**

**by phone:  
020 8509 9446**

**or via a text message**

We aim to send text messages to parents and carers, although there are sometimes delays in getting these messages through promptly, so please check the school's website for up to date information.

Please ensure that the School Office has on record up to date addresses and telephone numbers including a mobile number and the person to contact in the case of a student emergency.

It is essential that the school has at least **one** land line and a mobile number.

## **LGBT History Month**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebrating **LGBT History Month** in our school is a great way to enrich our awareness and understanding of LGBT people and issues.

This year's theme is '**Religion, Belief and Philosophy**', which provides an excellent opportunity to hear from LGBT people who also hold a faith or belief.

There will be **assemblies** delivered to students by key staff and KS4 students on this theme this month and of course **LGBT History Month** is celebrated throughout our curriculum in lessons.

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Here are **some useful links** of **free events this weekend**:

**6th February at the V&A Museum:** [http://lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/event/lgbt-history-month-national-festival-2016-london-hub-at-va/?instance\\_id=2519](http://lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/event/lgbt-history-month-national-festival-2016-london-hub-at-va/?instance_id=2519)

**7th February Schools and family day at the Museum of London:**  
[http://lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/event/lgbt-national-history-festival-schools-and-family-strand/?instance\\_id=2412](http://lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/event/lgbt-national-history-festival-schools-and-family-strand/?instance_id=2412)

Ms D Desbenoit  
Diversity Co-Ordinator

## Rebranding Survey

Walthamstow School For Girls is consulting with our school community to gather your views on the rebranding project the governors have asked us to commission. We would value your opinions through a short survey and all responses will be automatically entered into our random prize draw for a £25 Love2Shop voucher.

The survey can be accessed by going to the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TDFK7NQ>

or via our website.

[www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)

The initial ideas produced by the designer we are working with can also be viewed on our website. If you prefer to complete the survey on paper, please ask your daughter to collect a copy of the survey from Student Services.

Please do take part in the survey and encourage your daughters to complete the student survey which also has a prize of a £25 Love2Shop voucher for one lucky student!

The survey will remain open until **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February** and I will announce the winners of the prizes after February half-term.

Many thanks for your valued support,

Mr. Jalil  
Business Manager

Samples of WSFG Logo designs  
See website for further details



## Notice to all Parents and Carers

There may be occasions when you would like to contact a member of staff at school. You might want to ask a question of a specific teacher or contact your daughter's form tutor.

Whatever the reason, the best way to make contact is either by telephoning the Front Office on 0208 509 9446 or by emailing [info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk).

Your request will be passed on immediately to the member of staff concerned and they will respond to your enquiry as soon as possible. Please be aware that this will not always be on the same day.

It is very unlikely that teaching staff will be available to speak with you if you arrive at school without a prior appointment, due to their teaching commitments both during the school day and after school sessions.

Thank you  
Ms Janes  
Administrative Manager

## Ski Trip 2016 Parents' Meeting

This meeting is for students and their parents or carers, coming on the ski trip this Easter, so please put the date in your diary.

The meeting will take place in Norris Hall on **THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 at 6.00 p.m.**

You should have received a letter about this meeting, along with an information sheet that should be completed and brought with you to the meeting.  
See you there.

Mr Fowler.



## **Student Attendance League total so far.**

Well done to 7H, 8C, 9S, 10F and 11G for being December winners. I notice that some form groups are getting quite a collection of cups on their notice boards now.

Year to date figures are 7F, 8G, 9W, 10G and 11G which is no change since the last prize zone, but some forms are very close to overtaking.

Winners postcards for the month of January are in form tutor pigeon holes ready to share with their form groups, and the Headteacher will also be giving out postcards.

Pin badges and certificates were given to SPLs at the beginning of term so students should collect them if you have not already done so. Our attendance pin badges are allowed to be worn on lanyards.

Don't forget students will receive a star badge for every term they attain 100% attendance, and their name will be put into a draw for a fantastic prize at the end of the year if they achieve 100% attendance for all three terms.

Ms King  
Student Attendance Manager



## **SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16**

### **Spring Term 2016**

**End - Thursday 24th March 2016**

### **Half Term - Monday 15th to Friday 19th February**

Thursday 3rd March

Year 9 Parent, Carer Consultation  
Evening

Thursday 17th March

Year 8 Parent, Carer Consultation  
Evening

### **Holidays**

Easter Friday 25th March to Monday 8th April

## Year 7 and Year 8 Accelerated Readers

Well done to all those students who have taken Accelerated Readers quizzes, here are the number of words read and quizzes taken over the last fortnight.

Ms Kelly & Mrs Guest LRC

Form	Quizzes	Words Read
7W	139	5,831,308
7S	146	5,660,460
7F	297	12,158,132
7G	157	4,899,349
7C	207	9,814,414
7H	370	17,483,633

Form	Quizzes	Words Read
8W	232	12,315,404
8S	264	12,245,321
8F	269	14,081,024
8G	152	7,393,169
8C	175	6,941,484
8H	136	7,008,017

**GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS® title on  
MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2016!**

The following Year7 students will be taking part in the Guinness World Records Book Quiz on:

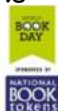
**Monday 22nd February periods 4-5.**

Please wish them all the best of luck.

Ms Kelly and Mrs Guest  
LRC



- 7W** Hannah Billington, Alexandra Yau, Amaarah Qasim
- 7S** Ruby Goodall, Safa Tariq, Nabia Fatima
- 7F** Ying Hang Zeng, Silhouette Bushay-Olarewaju, Aoife Pearson, Brianna Gittens, Florence Williamson, Selma Khelifi
- 7G** Lucy Mikolajczyk, Charlotte Hillman
- 7C** Jade Danaswamy-Santiz, Eva Anderson, Hafsa Naeem, Jasia Macmeikan, Eva Bianchi-Burgos
- 7H** Cindy Chen, Niamh O'Grady, Chikara Mbakwe, Aasiyah Abdul-Azeez, Kitty Giffin, Tiko Janjgava, Evie Baxter



**OFFICIAL  
ATTEMPT**

## St Mary's Bells Heritage Board Project

Last week, eight Year 10s visited the bell tower at St Mary's Church to meet David Baker, one of the church's most experienced bell ringers. St Mary's has a long tradition of bell ringing, with the first bell tower being erected in the 15<sup>th</sup> century for one bell. Now there are ten bells of different sizes in the current bell tower, which have been rung for special occasions over the centuries, including Queen Victoria's death in 1901. David Baker



explained that the bells have deteriorated over the last 100 years, so he has led a major fundraising campaign to raise money to restore them. Now, with the help of the Heritage Lottery Fund and local fundraising efforts, the money has been raised to remove the bells, restore them and make them safe for years to come.

St Mary's Church has invited students from WSFG, St Mary's Church of England Primary School and Sir George Monoux Sixth Form College to get involved with this important restoration project. Eight Year 10 Art and ADT students volunteered to take part, without realising that they would have to climb up into the bell tower and try to ring the bells themselves! David took us up to the bell ringing platform and showed us how to ring the bells, which was much more difficult than expected! Timing is more important than strength; one of the regular bell ringers is only nine years old! We were then taken up to the bell tower to see the bells themselves, which were very impressive. The bells will be removed from the tower in a complex two day operation on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February; they will be sent to Loughborough for restoration, and then reinstated later this spring, with new fittings to make them safe and pitch perfect for the next hundred years.

Our students have been asked to design and make a heritage board to explain the history of bell ringing at St Mary's, which will be hung in the church entrance for the church's many visitors to see. It is a great privilege to be involved in such a project, as St Mary's is the oldest place of worship in the borough and has played a major role in the history of Walthamstow from Saxon times. The students will be using a wide variety of materials, including ancient nails, bell ropes, photographs and even cuttings from old newspapers found under the floorboard in the bell tower! They were really inspired by their visit, so I am sure the final board will be very imaginative and impressive.

Mrs Finamore  
Community Liaison Co-ordinator

## Design a Logo for International Women's Day



**International  
Women's Day**

The theme for 2016 is "Step it Up for Gender Equality."

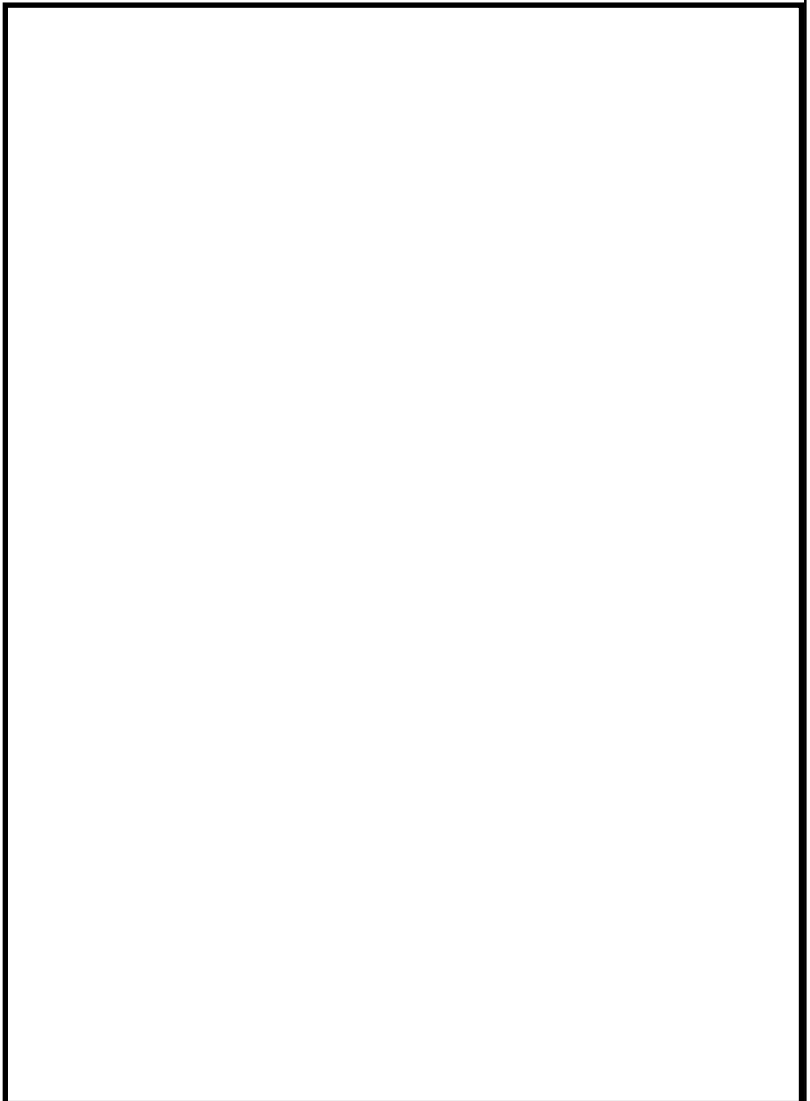
The design will be used on T shirts to be bought by staff and given as prizes.

The design needs to be simple and memorable and must take up no more space than shown below. (Actual size). If you choose to use lettering these must be no smaller than 15mm (1.5 cm) in height as they will be very difficult to print (or see!) if they are any smaller. (Use portrait or landscape).

You may create a design on computer or hand draw it.

Use bold and clear shapes as well as clear, bold lettering. These will show up much better on the finished design.

Please hand in your finished design to the **LRC or Mr Streader or Ms Healy** by **Wednesday 24th February** (you may enter more than once!)  
1st Prize £20  
2nd Prize £10  
3rd Prize £5 vouchers.





**International Women's Day Event**  
**WSFG**  
**Saturday 5<sup>TH</sup> March**  
**Volunteers Needed**



**International  
Women's Day**

**On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March**, Stella Creasy MP will be running an afternoon of workshops, speakers and activities for girls and women in **Hewitt Hall, 1.30-5pm.**

Speakers will include women activists, writers and Members of Parliament, and local organisations will run information stalls and workshops.

**Stella is looking for volunteers (students in Years 9, 10 and 11 only, please) to help on the day- please sign up on the list of my office door ( WO2) if you are interested.**

Also, if you have suggestions for speakers or topics you'd like to discuss, please let me know so I can pass your suggestions to Stella's office. The event will be public, for women and girls only; refreshments will be available.

Mrs Finamore  
Community Liaison Co-ordinator

**Sainsbury's Active school vouchers**

WSFG will once again be collecting Sainsbury's Active school vouchers.

Please bring them into school and deposit them in the box which will be located outside Norris hall under the machine where you top up your one card.



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## Our School History

Doris May Roper of Inks Green Farm, Highams Park.

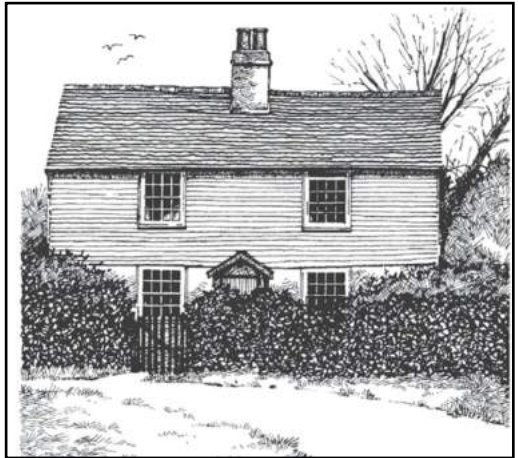
This admission register gives details for Doris May Roper, whose father was a Dairy Farmer at Inks Green Farm, Highams Park. Before coming to our school, Doris attended Selwyn Avenue Elementary School, a school near to where she lived. Doris was obviously a bright child, as she won a scholarship, which paid for her school fees for 4 years from September 1916 to July 1920.

Unfortunately, this scholarship was cancelled in 1918 due to 'unsatisfactory work' when she would have been asked to leave the school. We can only speculate about the reasons why she left the school, perhaps the long walk to school, helping her family in the dairy, or that the country was at war. We will never know.

Her family name and the farm where she lived survives in local place names, Ropers Field Estate and Ropers Avenue in Highams Park and Inks Green in Chingford.

○ Kelly LRC

Here is an illustration of Inks Green Farmhouse, a C18th weather-boarded cottage, which was demolished in the 1960's.

A scan of an admission register form. The form is titled 'Admission Register' and has a date of '15.9.16'. The name 'Doris May Roper' is written in the 'Name' field. The address 'Inks Green Farm, Highams Park' is written in the 'Address' field. The form is filled with handwritten text and has several stamps, including a blue circular stamp at the top. The form is divided into several sections, with the top section containing the name and address, and the bottom section containing the date and other details. A note at the bottom right of the form reads 'Scholarship Cancelled on account of unsatisfactory work'.

Admission Register  
September 1916

## WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

### WALTHAMSTOW

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AND EVERY SATURDAY: NEW FREE BASKETBALL SESSIONS, YMCA, 642 FOREST ROAD, E17 3EF , 12.15-1.15PM FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN AGED 15 AND OVER, 1.15-2.15PM FOR JUNIORS 8-13- MIXED SESSION.**

Why not try out the YMCA's new sports facilities for free? Register your interest at : [everbettersport@gmail.com](mailto:everbettersport@gmail.com)

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY: YOUTH FOR CHANGE PRESENT ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FGM AND FORCED MARRIAGE DAY, TOWN SQUARE, HIGH STREET, E17, 10AM-4PM, FREE.** Youth for Change is a youth - led campaigning organisation who want to raise awareness of the issues around Forced Marriage and FGM for young women. There'll be speakers, live music, games and a fashion show and information stalls. See :

<http://www.youthforchange.org/traintoprotect> for more information.

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY- 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY: TRANSFORMED- A NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION, THE WINDOW GALLERY, 47 ORFORD ROAD, E17, FREE, OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY!** See how Waltham Forest has been changed by flood, war, fire and changes in transport in this exhibition of vintage photographs from Vestry House Museum's archive.

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY: ECOLOGY -THEMED 16 mm FILMMAKING WORKSHOP OPEN TO ALL AGED 16 +, WILLIAM MORRIS GALLERY, FOREST ROAD, E17 4PP, 10.30AM- 4.30PM, FREE.**

Artist in residence Rosalind Fowler and filmmaker James Holcombe will lead this exciting workshop, open to anyone interested in filmmaking. Registration essential; ring 0208 496 4390 or email: [wmg.bookings@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:wmg.bookings@walthamforest.gov.uk)

### BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

**UNTIL 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY: DRAWING ON CHILDHOOD, THE FOUNDLING MUSEUM, 40 BRUNSWICK SQUARE, WC1N 1AZ, TUESDAY-SATURDAY 10AM- 5PM SUNDAY 11AM- 5PM, £8.25 ADULTS, CHILDREN FREE.** This new exhibition of works by famous children's book illustrators from the 18<sup>th</sup> century to the present day includes the original designs for the images for Jaqueline Wilson's *Hetty Feather*, and Roald Dahl's *James and the Giant Peach*.

See [www.foundlingmuseum.org.uk](http://www.foundlingmuseum.org.uk) or ring 0207 841 3600 for more information.

Nearest tube: Russell Square.

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**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY: SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES DAY FOR NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF LGBT HISTORY, MUSEUM OF LONDON DOCKLANDS, WEST INDIA QUAY, DOCKLANDS, E14 4AL, 11AM-5PM, FREE.** This special event to celebrate the contribution of LGBT people includes live music, readings from children's books by authors and famous LGBT activists, gallery tours and workshops for teachers. Some activities/workshops need to be booked in advance- see [www.museumoflondon.org.uk](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk) .  
Nearest tube/DLR: Canary Wharf, West India Quay. Bookshop and café open all day.

**DAILY UNTIL 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: CHINESE LANTERN FESTIVAL, CHISWICK HOUSE, BURLINGTON LANE, W4 2RP, 5-10.30PM £16 ADULTS, 4-16 YEAR OLDS £10 IN ADVANCE.** Over 50 giant illuminated silk lanterns will brighten up the gardens at Chiswick House this month, to celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Monkey. Lanterns include a 66m long dragon, a temple and life size terracotta warriors! Nearest tube: Turnham Green.

Enjoy your free time!  
Mrs Finamore

Just one of the many lanterns on display at Chiswick House.

