



GREENSHEET



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25th February 2016

Week 'B'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Spring Term
2016

End - Thursday
24th March 2016

Thursday 3rd
March

Year 9
Parent/Carer
Consultation
Evening

Thursday 17th
March

Year 8
Parent/Carer
Consultation
Evening

Easter Holiday
Friday 25th

March to
Friday 8th

April
(inclusive)

Summer Term
2016

Start - Monday
11th April 2016

End - Friday
15th July 2016

Monday 2nd
May

Bank Holiday
School Closed

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term.

The grounds are a blaze of spring colour where daffodils and crocuses abound – so spring is around the corner! The history surrounding our spring display was explained in our last Greensheet.

The week launched our winter Interform Competition. Every day, each year group has had a day of competition involving a wide range of sport and dance. There is tangible tension as the winning form is announced at the end of the day! Well done to Ms Wood and the rest of the PE Department for organising this.

Our assemblies have continued with the LGBT theme from last half term, this time led by two Year 11 students who won a place at last year's Stonewall Conference. Their theme has been the issue of transgender relationships. Meanwhile, Leadership Assemblies, led by Assistant Headteacher, Ms Pratt, have celebrated 'Random Acts of Kindness' week during half term; the idea was triggered by a friend being given a flower by a stranger in the West End of London.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." - Aesop

This also offered Ms Pratt the opportunity to play Dolly Parton's music to the girls, as well as speak about the Dollywood Foundation, which donates books every month to the under-5s in towns in 1600 local communities in the UK as well as Canada and the USA.

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On Monday, our Year 7 readers made history when they participated in the Guinness World Record Book Quiz. Congratulations and thank you to our LRC staff and to all participants and, of course, the members of the winning team: *Eva Anderson, Evie Baxter, Cindy Chen, Niamh O'Grady and Kitty Griffin.*

We have recently had some fantastic sporting successes. See inside this issue for more details about our sporting achievements.

Next week we begin an early celebration of International Women's Day with a host of very special events at WSFG on Friday and Saturday. Details of the public events are also included in this issue.

We are also hearing news of former students who have obtained offers at a number of competitive universities. Please do keep us informed so that we can share this news with the whole school community.

I am looking forward to seeing our Year 9 parents and carers once more at the Parents' Evening next Thursday.

Best wishes
Meryl Davies

Year 9 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening Thursday 3rd March 2016.

Dear Year 9 Parents and Carers

Your daughter will soon be making appointments with her subject teachers for a discussion on her progress. Appointments are available **from 4.30 to 7pm on Thursday 3rd March.**

We encourage and expect all Year 9 students and their parents/carers to attend this consultation evening to discuss their daughter's progress and strategies to help them achieve their full potential this year.

We look forward to seeing you.

Ms Warren
Student Progress Leader, Year 9.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16

Spring Term 2016

End - Thursday 24th March 2016

Thursday 3rd March

Year 9 Parent/Carer Consultation
Evening

Thursday 17th March

Year 8 Parent/Carer Consultation
Evening

Easter Holiday

Friday 25th March to Friday 8th April

Summer Term 2016

Start - Monday 11th April 2016

End - Friday 15th July 2016**

**Please note this change to the published date in the student planner

Monday 16th May

Year 11 Written Examinations begin

Half Term - Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th-

Examinations Fortnight for
Years 7, 8 and 9

Friday 17th June

Friday 24th June

Year 11 Leaver's Day

Monday 27th June

Year 11 Written Examinations end

Thursday 30th June

Year 7 Parent/Carer Consultation
Evening

Monday 4th July-

Wednesday 13th July

Year 10 Work Experience

Sainsbury's Active school vouchers

WSFG are once again collecting Sainsbury's Active school vouchers.

Please ask your daughter to bring them into school and deposit them in the box which will be located outside Norris Hall under the machine where they top up their one card.



P.E. Faculty

Notice to all Parents and Carers Student Leave During Term Time

A student's absence during term time can seriously disrupt the continuity of her learning. Not only does she miss the teaching provided on the days she is away, she is also less prepared for the lessons building on that after her return. There is a consequent risk of underachievement which we and you must seek to avoid. Therefore, the school DOES NOT authorise absence during term time for family holidays or trips abroad.

Parents or carers do not have the right to take their daughter(s) out of school for holidays and the school will only grant leave of absence in truly exceptional circumstances.

A student who is absent longer than ten days after an agreed return date, or without authorisation, can legally be removed from the school roll.

Parents or carers who take their daughters out of school without the authorisation of the Headteacher face court action and a fine.

In considering whether or not to authorise leave of absence, the school will look at each case individually, taking into account a student's overall attendance, her stage of education, (e.g. examinations), and the reason for the absence. It is very rare that any student is granted leave of absence.

Leave of Absence forms can be obtained from the school office and all requests should be submitted to our Attendance Manager **at least four weeks before the first day of requested absence.**

Arrangements for trips should NEVER be made before permission has been sought from the Headteacher.

Ms King
Student Attendance Manager



Focus of the Fortnight
Punctuality to School
22nd February – 4th March 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

The school values good habits and being on time is an excellent habit to form. It is very clear (see page 3 of the Student Planner) that students need to be at their desks, ready for registration by 8.45am. If a student arrives any time after that, she they will be given a late mark. A student may be late for a legitimate reason, such as an early morning appointment, in which case, please indicate this by writing a note for your daughter to explain her lateness. Please note that getting caught in rush hour traffic is not a legitimate excuse for being late to school.

The school sanctions for poor punctuality are detailed below.

Punctuality is also commented upon in your daughter's report / data collection throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms. Pratt
Assistant Headteacher



The Sanctions

- If your daughter is late to school (without a good reason, such as an appointment – traffic is NOT a good reason) she will be given a ten minute detention at the end of that day with her Tutor. (See page of the 3 Student Planner)
- If she is late twice in a week, she will be given a half hour detention with her SPL. You will be informed of this detention.
- If she is late three or more times in a week, she will be given an hour's detention with Ms. Pratt. You will be informed of this detention.
- Once she reaches eight late marks, she will be placed on a two week punctuality report by Ms. King. Her punctuality will be closely monitored and you as her Parents/ Carers will be informed of any improvements. She will also be rewarded if she improves her punctuality.

Remember - being on time is a good habit to form!

Year 8 and 9 MyBnk Back My Business Workshops

As part of our financial capability guidance to students, MyBnk are running a number of 'Back My Business' workshops with Year 8s over the coming weeks, as outlined below.



The days will be as follows:

BACK MY BUSINESS

Essential Facts

Back My Business is a programme which challenges young people to create real enterprises. Competing for 0% interest loans of up to £40, students are supported on an entrepreneurial journey from drawing board to a pre-arranged marketplace with MyBnk providing the resources and support to develop their ideas throughout the process. Students create business plans and budgets, which are submitted to a loans panel comprised of students and/or teachers who consider a shortlist of applications before selecting the successful groups. The winning applicants then receive two further sessions to work on their products and service ahead of 'market day'. Once their loan has been repaid the participants can choose to keep the profit they make or donate it to a charity of their choice.

- 1. Round 1: Generating Ideas (1st March – Year 8 WSF during periods 1 and 2, Year 8 GCH during periods 3 and 4))**
Students are introduced to the challenge and begin generating their business ideas. By the end of this first session they will submit their business plan and loan application form.
- 2. Loans Assessment Training (8th March – Year 9 MyBnk only)**
A panel of students considers the shortlisted applications before approving five to six enterprises to receive an interest free loan of up to £40.
- 3. Round 2: Business Planning (10th March – successful Year 8 teams only)**
Successful groups receive their loan and develop teamwork skills as they work on turning their business idea into a finished product or service by looking at pricing and market trends.

4. Round 3: Preparing for Market Day (16th March – successful Year 8 teams only)

Students work on their 'brand' by looking at the promotion and design as well as the logistics for the day.

5. Market Day & Evaluation Wrap-up (23rd March – successful Year 8 students only)

Students sell their finished products or services to a real audience at a market place before reflecting and consolidating in a subsequent wrap-up session and repaying their loan.

The Back My Business programme is conducted by MyBnk staff and each session lasts two hours. MyBnk staff oversee and facilitate these sessions although students are encouraged to generate the business ideas to sell their product or service.

The money raised will go towards the elected Year 8 charity that is currently being finalised.

Please visit the school website or contact Ms Philippou should you have any further questions.

Many thanks
Ms Philippou



Performing Arts News: Performing Arts For All



Music News

“Without music, life would be a mistake.” Friedrich Nietzsche

Instrumental lessons

There are currently opportunities to learn the following instruments:

Cello £46 per term and Music Service instrument hire fee of £20 per term (£10 per term if receiving Free School Meals)

Saxophone £46 per term and Music Service instrument hire fee of £20 per term (£10 per term if receiving Free School Meals)

Trumpet or Trombone Free for one academic year

Interested students should see Mr. Burstow or Mr. Hitchman for an application letter. If parents/carers are unable to afford the cost of lessons then they should write to Mr. Straker (Deputy Headteacher) explaining their circumstances and the school will determine whether the cost of lessons can be covered for their daughter.

Learning a musical instrument is an excellent way of developing skills in discipline, independent learning, creativity, teamwork and listening. Students learning an instrument also have the opportunity to take grade exams in their instrument.

The higher grades carry UCAS points that can be used for university entry.

Practice tips: top tips for students practicing a musical instrument

Practice is for improving things you find difficult. In every practice session you should be focussing on the aspects of your playing or music that you struggle with. Time spent practicing things you find easy or know well is time wasted.

Music Groups

String Group: Monday 11.00am-11.30am W25 All string players

Flute Group: Monday 11.00am-11.30am W26 All flute players

Wind Group: Tuesday 11.00am-11.30am W33 All wind players

Year 7 Steel Band Auditions

The Year 8 Steel Band gave a fantastic performance to the whole of Year 7 on Monday morning to kick off the audition process for the new Year 7 Steel Band. Thank you to the following students who set up, performed and packed away so brilliantly:

Kaiya Alfred

Firdaous Attioui

Chahinez Behira

Anna Morate Bishop

Emma Blyth

Noeka Bradley

Hannah Coley

Cara Consiglio

Jemma Engle

Iris Fishlock

Ruby Hillcoat

Ayjan Jorayeva

Tenzin Lobsang

Kate Lucas

Nuriya Qureshi

Matilda Redfern

Lily Rees

Emily Roberts

Aleeza Shah

Uswa Shahid

Anushiya Sivaguru

Each Year 7 form now has a sign up sheet for students to add their names to if they wish to audition. Sign up sheets have to be submitted to Mr. Burstow by **Monday 29th February**. **Auditions will begin on Thursday 3rd March** and will continue for several weeks.

Getting involved in the steel band is a fantastic opportunity for students.

In the past steel bands from Walthamstow School For Girls have performed at the Town Hall for the Queen's visit to Walthamstow in 2012, at Symphony Hall in Birmingham in the Music For Youth National Festival and at the Royal Albert Hall, London for the School's Proms last autumn. Also, students who have played in the Steel Bands are frequently amongst those who gain the highest number of A*-C grades at GCSE!

Forthcoming Events

Year 9 Song-Writing Workshop Monday 29th February

Selected Year 9 students will be taking part in a song-writing workshop with two songwriters from Song Academy on Monday. This promises to be an exciting and creative day.

Year 10 and 11 Steel Bands at Music For Youth Regional Festival Sunday 6th March

The Year 10 and 11 Steel Bands will be performing at the Music For Youth Regional Festival on Sunday 6th March at Watford Music School. If successful they will progress to the National Festival in Birmingham in the summer. Good luck to all students performing.

In December, WSFG KS3 and KS4 won the Borough Badminton competition and they went through to the next round– the Regional Finals - which took place on Thursday 11th February. This was a fantastic achievement by both teams. In the Regional Final our KS3 group came 9th in London and the KS4 group also did extremely well. Well done and a huge congratulations to both teams.



*Aini Noorally 7W, Maddy Hilton 8G,
Flora Jones 9F, Sereena Malcom 9F*



*Farah Mohd Azlin 10F, Hirah Awan
10W, Tanwalai Wisutsirikun 10H,
Aisha Amanat 11G,
Mehreen Javaid 11W.*

On Wednesday 10th February, our Year 7 and 8 netball teams took part in the Borough Netball Rally. Both teams were fantastic and worked extremely hard throughout the rally. Well done.



*Amie Burgess 8S, Mariam Boota 8H,
Isobel Phelps 8C, Melissa Monsheju 8S,
Cara Consiglio 8H, Maria H'Maidi 8F,
Eve Terry O'Neill 8H. Shula Carter 8F,
Anna Morate 8G.*



*Jasia Macmeikan 7C, Olivia Hamm 7G,
Karina Forbes 7S, Marianne Sedley 7H,
Chiara Colnago 7G, Eva Bianchi-Burgos 7C,
Niamh O'Grady 7H Anna Higgins 7C,
Deeptionghaa Peratheepan 7H*

Ms. Wood

WE DID IT!

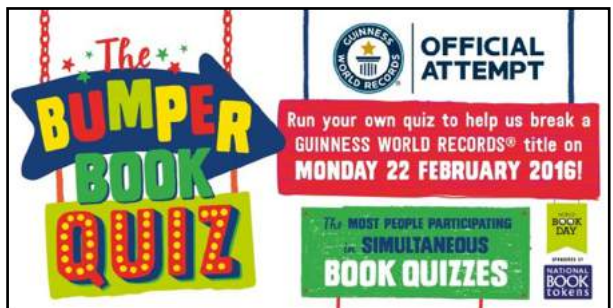


On Monday 22nd February, Year 7 students participated in the Guinness World Record Book Quiz. Teams of top Accelerated Reader quizzers were selected from each form group, with twenty six students taking part in the event. The questions were very hard and covered different genres, ranging from School Days to Dystopia. The atmosphere within the library was a heady mixture of excitement and competitiveness and there was a lot of laughter and sighs when the questions were read out.

**Well done to the winning team, the Page Turners:
*Eva Anderson, Evie Baxter, Cindy Chen,
Niamh O'Grady and Kitty Giffin.***

I would like to thank Mrs Guest, our library assistant and Ms Clarke, who filmed the entire event, as without their help the event could not have taken place. The event was also supported by Marcelle Grant, Zahreen Peeroo and Neal Allison from Osborne Ltd, who acted as independent external witnesses and ensured that we complied with the strict requirements of the organisers. I would also like to thank them on behalf of the students for the pens and water bottles that they gave to our students.

Ms Kelly
Learning Resource Centre



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DAY
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BOOK
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WORLD BOOK DAY TAKES PLACE ON THURSDAY 3 MARCH 2016

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WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY: EVENING OF CULTURAL EXPRESSION FOR LGBT HISTORY MONTH, WILLIAM MORIS GALLERY, FOREST ROAD, E17, 7-9PM, FREE, REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL. Enjoy a celebration of LGBT talent, with dance, music, art and spoken word performances inside (and outside!) the gallery. Limited places- registration essential: <http://eventbrite.co.uk/e/lgbt-history-month> or via www.walthamforest.gov.uk – events.

SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY: STOW FILM LOUNGE PRESENTS BILLY LIAR (PG, 1963), VESTRY HOUSE MUSEUM, VESTRY ROAD, E17 9NH, 2PM, £ 5.50 ADULTS, £4.50 CHILDREN AND STUDENTS. Enjoy a classic British film with friends and family- refreshments available, plus DVD swap. Book online: www.stowfilmlounge.com or purchase at the door.

UNTIL 15TH MAY: LOCAL LIFE THROUGH A LENS- THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALFRED WIRE (1839-1941), VESTRY HOUSE MUSEUM, VESTRY ROAD, E17 9NH, WEDNESDAY- SUNDAY, 10AM- 5PM, FREE. This new exhibition gives a fascinating insight into daily life in Victorian and Edwardian Waltham Forest, showcasing the talents of local pioneering photographer Alfred Wire. Contact: vhm.enquiries@walthamforest.gov.uk for details.

WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH AND EVERY WEDNESDAY UNTIL 23RD MARCH: BEARTUZA THEATRE COMPANY'S NEW COURSE ON SCRIPT WORK FOR YOUNG ACTORS AGED 11-18, GNOME HOUSE, 7 BLACKHORSE LANE, E17 6DS, 6.30-8.30PM, £10 PER SESSION. This new course will help aspiring actors break down scripts, learn lines and develop as a performer. For information, email: info@beartuza.com

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY: LONDON FOREST CHOIR PRESENTS THEIR SPRING CONCERT OF MUSIC BY MONTEVERDI, ALLEGRI, MENDELSSOHN, BRAHMS AND OTHERS, ST EDMUND'S CHURCH, LARKSWOOD ROAD, CHINGFORD, E4 9DS, 7.30PM, £10 IN ADVANCE, £12 AT THE DOOR, HALF PRICE FOR STUDENTS.
To book, ring 0208 531 4837 or visit: www.londonforestchoir.org

Enjoy your free time!

Mrs Finamore

International Women's Day Event at WSFG

**Saturday 5th March-
Generation to Generation-
a Feminist March and Bootcamp in E17,
organised by Stella Creasy MP for
local girls and women.**

To celebrate IWD in E17, Stella Creasy has been working with local organisations, activists and WSFG staff to plan a special afternoon of inspiring talks and activities for women, by women.

Local campaigners, 'Take Back the Streets' will be leading a march from Bell Corner, E17 to raise awareness about street harassment of women and girls, starting at 12.15pm. The march will reach WSFG at 1.30pm for an afternoon of exciting presentations and activities designed to inspire a new generation of leaders. Speakers include Stella Creasy MP, Charlene White (newsreader), Hibo Wardere (WSFG parent) and Leyla Hussein (FGM campaigners), comedian Ava Vidal, NUS president Megan Dunn and novelist Dreda Say Mitchell.

The borough's Young Advisors will be present, and chef Jack Monroe will judge a cake competition! There'll also be workshops, a crèche for children under 10 to enable mothers to attend, and a photo booth run by Image 17, plus refreshments.

THE EVENT IS DESIGNED FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN ONLY; WSFG STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND, BUT MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE.

Young people under 18 must be accompanied by an adult (ie over 18). Boys under 10 will be admitted, but must be registered and attend the crèche.

PLACES AT THIS EVENT ARE LIMITED, SO PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST THROUGH THIS LINK:

<https://billetto.co.uk/en/events/generation-to-generation-walthamstow-feminist-bootcamp>





**Community Orchard
Launch
Saturday
27th February**

**Walthamstow School for Girls
Church Hill Walthamstow
London E17 9RZ**

11am-1pm

Come and join students who
have been hard at work
designing building and planting
an orchard
for the local community to enjoy.
Celebrate their success at our family
friendly event in the school allotment.

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