



# GREENSHEET



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3rd March 2016

Week 'A'

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Spring Term  
2016**

**End - Friday  
24th March 2016**

**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**

**Tuesday 3rd  
May to Friday  
6th May**

Year 9  
Examinations

**Monday 16th  
May** Year 11  
Written  
Examinations  
begin

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It certainly has been a busy week!

On Tuesday, all but a handful of our Year 9 students visited the Globe Theatre to see Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, a trip organised by Ms Cato and the English team. Fortunately, the rain which threatened the open air action stopped in time for the girls and staff to have a wonderful experience of live Elizabethan drama!

We have also had a number of additional events running this week, including a MyBnk training event for Year 8s in which they had lessons in financial awareness. Thirty lucky Year 9s took part in a song writing workshop in which they created a band, wrote lyrics, melodies, instrumental riffs and harmonies for their own original song from scratch. I am looking forward to hearing the outcome of all this creativity.

There have also been a number of Textiles workshops for pupils from Henry Maynard Primary School organised by Ms Powell over several days this week. These form part of our outreach programme to our primary partner schools, and we were as delighted as ever to welcome the young students in to experience some time in 'big school'.

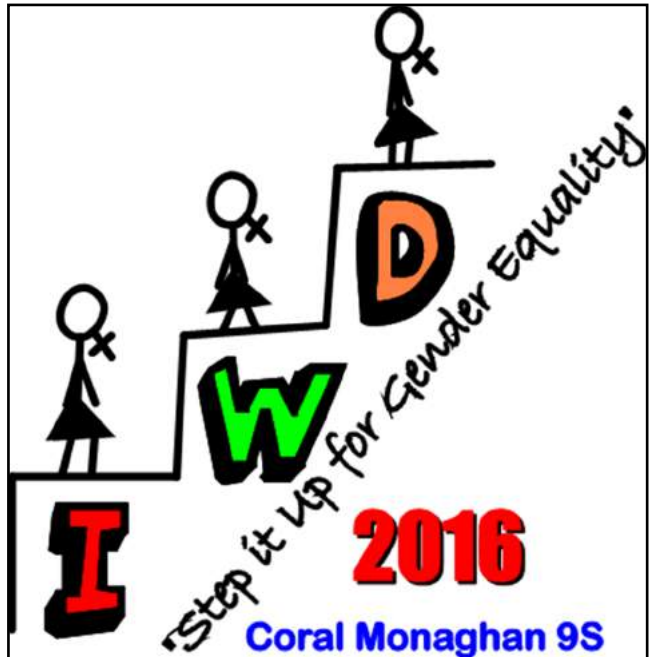
On Friday, International Women's Day, is certainly our highlight. As you can see from this issue of the Greensheet, we make no apology for the celebration of our gender! On Friday, girls – and staff – will be wearing an item of suffragette purple, whether it be a scarf, cravat or hair accessory. Also our IWD ribbon will be boldly affixed to our green uniform. Each year group will be involved in a different activity relating to the theme.

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Year 7s will have the chance to meet celebrated author Sufiya Ahmed;  
Year 8s will be researching and producing an IWD themed calendar;  
Year 9s will meet visitors to the school and take part in 'What's My Line' when they have to guess the occupation of the visitors;  
Year 10 will pit their wits in an IWD theme quiz; and  
Year 11 will see *The Suffragette* and hear how far women have come in their quest to access parliamentary power after finally winning the right for everyone over twenty one to vote in 1928.

Best wishes  
Meryl Davies

This year's winner of the  
T-shirt logo competition  
*Coral Monaghan 9S*



### Student Absence

We would like to remind you that if your daughter is absent from school, including the day following an illness/incident which has led her to be collected from school, you should notify the school office by **9.30am**.

Please note the telephone number for student absence is: **020 8509 9444**

Ms King  
Student Attendance Manager

## SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16

### Spring Term 2016

End - Thursday 24th March 2016

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

Tuesday 3rd May -

Friday 6th May

Year 9 Examinations

Monday 16th May

Year 11 Written Examinations begin

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

Friday 24th June

Year 11 Leavers 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 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.



P.E. Faculty

**Focus of the Fortnight**  
**7<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016**  
**The Focus - Banned Items**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see page 5 of your daughter's planner for clarification of the items that are banned at WSFG. See also the list below. If a student is found to have a banned item in school, it will be confiscated and her conduct card will be signed. If and when appropriate parents/carers will be contacted and will be asked to collect the item.

**PLEASE NOTE** - if your daughter has her mobile phone confiscated, she is **NOT** automatically entitled to have it back the next day. The school rule is that the phone will be returned to the parent/carer the week before the next school holiday. Parents/carers will receive a letter asking them to collect the mobile phone from the school office on a given date. If parents/carers wish to speak with the school about the confiscation of a mobile phone, please telephone the school and ask for Ms. Pratt. Please do **NOT** come into school and ask for the phone to be returned unless an arrangement has been made with Ms. Pratt for its collection. We do have arrangements for mobile phones to be handed in at the office at 8.30am. for safekeeping during the school day as they are **NOT** allowed to be carried in school from 8.45am – 3.30pm.

In order to support your daughter and the school with this Focus, please ensure she is clear about the banned items at WSFG.

Ms. K.H.Pratt  
Assistant Headteacher



**Sanctions to be applied:**

- If a student is found to have a banned item in school, it will be confiscated and the conduct card will be signed. If and when appropriate, parents/carers will be contacted and will be asked to collect the item.
- If the item is dangerous, further sanctions will be taken according to the School Positive Behaviour for Learning Policy.
- Banned items are as follows:- Illegal items, dangerous items, mobile phones, all electrical items, chewing gum, aerosols, liquid paper, glass bottles and non-uniform items. See page 5 of the Student Planner.

## **BBC School News Report 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

We are very honoured at WSFG to be taking part in the BBC School News Report on their tenth anniversary.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> March a number of Year 9 students and I will be turning part of school into news headquarters and working on completing a number of written and video reports on issues that are important to the student body at WSFG.

We will also be taking part in Weather Watchers and producing reports on topics such as the EU referendum and International Women's Day.

Please take a look at our website on the 10<sup>th</sup> March at around 2-4pm to see our report!

Thank you,



Miss Wilkins

## Gardening Club

### AQA: Design and implement a Community Orchard



Well done to all the girls who committed and completed their ten week training programme. On completion of the training the girls gained an AQA qualification in horticulture.

The training was led by a nationally renowned organisation called Organiclea who provide outreach gardening and training sessions across the borough.

The girls had to design and implement a community orchard on our school site, adjacent to our school allotment. This project included girls from across all year groups which allowed a co-productive approach to the task of design and implementation of the school orchard. The challenge empowered the girls to take charge of their learning and to run their own project, grow in confidence, and make a positive contribution to our school community.

It is hoped that this work provided a new and interesting approach to learning which allowed for the girls to develop skills like problem solving, and interacting with others in different years groups with whom they might otherwise not have worked with.

Congratulations, to them all. The fruits of their labour will be with us for many years to come!

The successful students were:

<i>Aqsa</i>	<i>Hussain</i>	10F	<i>Sidrah</i>	<i>Saeed</i>	10S
<i>Zaynah</i>	<i>Bhatti</i>	10F	<i>Amina</i>	<i>Ougad</i>	10S
<i>Shamela</i>	<i>Reid</i>	10F	<i>Onsay</i>	<i>Camara</i>	10S
<i>Fatima</i>	<i>Malik</i>	10F	<i>Aisha</i>	<i>Hashi</i>	10S
<i>Shahina</i>	<i>Jaung</i>	10F	<i>Nasanin</i>	<i>Rahmanil</i>	10S
<i>Valerie</i>	<i>Mbarouk</i>	10F	<i>Olivia</i>	<i>Scanlon-Sanderson</i>	7C
<i>Dilushini</i>	<i>Mohotti Arachiage</i>	10F	<i>Anna</i>	<i>Higgins</i>	7C
<i>Ayan</i>	<i>Osman</i>	10S	<i>Khara</i>	<i>Osei</i>	7G
<i>Emily</i>	<i>Brehaut</i>	10S	<i>Vicki</i>	<i>Mairet</i>	8H
<i>Rochelle</i>	<i>Talbot</i>	10S	<i>Sarah</i>	<i>Mukadam</i>	9H
<i>Rodi</i>	<i>Joseph</i>	10S			

Ms Dominique  
Learning Mentor

# WSFG Diversity Calendar for the month of March

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Here is the March page of the new Diversity Calendar 2016

Each year group will be involved in an array of activities to celebrate International Women's Day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March and to mark this celebration members of the school community (staff and students) will be asked to wear an item of purple on the day.

Please look out for all local activities in our Greensheet to celebrate Women this month.

Ms Desbenoit.  
Diversity  
Co-ordinator



## March 2016

When you learn something from people, or from a culture, you accept it as a gift, and if it's your lifelong commitment to preserve it and build on it.

Yo-Yo Ma, Cellist (1955 - )



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1		1 <sup>C</sup>	2	3	4	5	6
Week 2	7	8	9 <sup>B</sup>	10	11	12	14
Week 3	14	15 <sup>D</sup>	16	17	18	19	20
Week 4	21	22	23 <sup>O</sup>	24	25	26	27
Week 5	28	29	30	31 <sup>O</sup>			

March is  
Purple Curious Awareness for  
Gender Equality, and on 8th March  
celebrate the Women's  
Movement with a  
Women's Day March  
(www.women.org.uk)

- 1st International Day - Teacher
- 2nd World Book Day
- 3rd Women's Day (Poland) - Africa
- 4th World Book Day (UK)
- 5th Women's Day (Spain) - Mexico
- 6th World Book Day (USA) - Mexico
- 7th International Women's Day - Canada
- 8th World Book Day - China
- 9th International Women's Day - Turkey
- 10th World Book Day - Mexico
- 11th International Women's Day - Chile
- 12th World Book Day - Mexico
- 13th International Women's Day - Mexico
- 14th World Book Day - Mexico
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- 28th World Book Day - Mexico
- 29th International Women's Day - Mexico
- 30th World Book Day - Mexico
- 31st International Women's Day - Mexico

Celebrating International Women's Day  
Lunchtime in the LRC  
Friday 4th March 2016

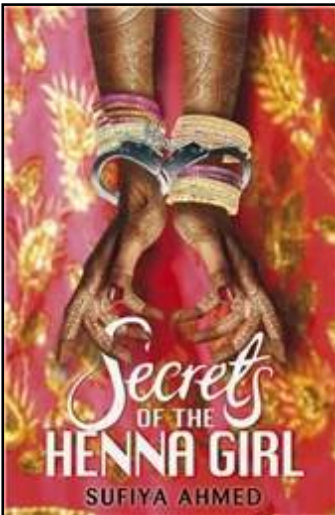


*International  
Women's Day*



**SUFIYA AHMED,  
AUTHOR OF SECRETS OF  
THE HENNA GIRL**

Come along to meet her in the LRC  
and celebrate International Women's  
Day with her.



Sixteen-year-old Zeba Khan has just finished school and with the summer holidays ahead, the world is her oyster: looking forward to her exam results, hanging out with her best friend Susan and dreaming of the day she'll meet her one true love. Except her parents have other plans.

In Pakistan for the summer, Zeba soon realises she's thousands of miles from the life she left tucked away in

England's Yorkshire hills, as her future is threatened by the unthinkable - and forced - duty to protect her father's honour.





# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2016

LET'S CELEBRATE THE  
SOCIAL, CULTURAL,  
ECONOMIC & POLITICAL  
ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOMEN  
AROUND THE WORLD!

Waltham Forest photography  
collective **Image17** is inviting  
individuals & groups to  
pop-up studios in Waltham  
Forest to have a free portrait  
taken & share your thoughts  
on International Women's Day

Both will be shared on social  
media using **#IWD2016** to join  
in the conversation for this  
annual global event

 @image17photo  image17

Portraits will be shot by Image17  
• Claire Byrne • Udall Evans • Jo Sealy • Paula  
Smith • Nicola Tree • Simon Warren

Terms & Conditions: All participants must sign an  
image release form & in the case of under 18's, this  
must be signed by a parent or guardian. Portraits will  
be sent via email only to those taking part

  
International  
Women's Day

  
Waltham Forest

## COME & GET YOUR FREE #IWD2016 PORTRAIT TAKEN!

Visit any of our pop-up studios below

**5th March**

- Leytonstone Library 10am – 1pm
- Leyton Library 2pm – 5pm

**8th March**

- North Chingford Library 10am – 1pm
- Walthamstow Library 2pm – 5pm

“ I came across a Swahili proverb  
years ago. When translated it says  
“A woman is an important part of any  
development effort.” These have  
become the words I live by! ”

**Freda Muyambo**  
(BEng Electrical/MSc Construction Economics & Management)  
Project Manager - Power Renewals & Upgrades  
(Transport for London)



## International Women's Day Event at WSFG

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.**



March in 2014

**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>**

## WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

### WALTHAMSTOW

**THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH: CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE AT THE MILL, 7-11 COPPERMILL LANE, E17 7HA, 3.30-5PM, FREE ENTRY.** Celebrate World Book Day at the Mill, where new children's books in English and other languages (eg French, Spanish and Greek) will be on sale for just £1. Refreshments and craft stalls too. Visit: [www.themill-coppermill.org](http://www.themill-coppermill.org) for details.

**SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: CELEBRATE FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT, WALTHAMSTOW MARKET, HIGH STREET, E17, 11AM-1PM, FREE.** The Waltham Forest Fairtrade Group will be promoting the benefits of supporting Fairtrade farmers and producers with information about Fairtrade and free Fairtrade bananas and chocolate !

**SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AT WALTHAMSTOW LEISURE CENTRE, 243 MARKHOUSE ROAD, E17 8RN, 9AM-5PM, FREE.** All girls and women are invited to try out a new sporting activity for free at this women-only day to encourage more females to take up sport and exercise. Activities include trampolining, badminton and group exercise; no booking required, but first come, first served! Ring Luana Tierney on 0208 520 7464 or email: [walthamstow@gll.org.uk](mailto:walthamstow@gll.org.uk)

**UNTIL 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY: SOCIAL FABRIC- AFRICAN TEXTILES TODAY, WILLIAM MORRIS GALLERY, FOREST ROAD, E17 4PP, WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY 10AM-5PM, FREE.** This colourful new exhibition is on tour from the British Museum. Visit: [www.wmg.org.uk](http://www.wmg.org.uk) or ring 0208 496 4390 for details of forthcoming family workshops, etc.

**SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: GENERATION TO GENERATION: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MARCH AGAINST STREET HARASSMENT, 12.15PM, FROM BELL CORNER TO HOE STREET E17, FREE.** Walthamstow MP, Stella Creasy, and Take Back the Streets campaigners invite everyone who is concerned about street safety for women and girls to join them on a march to raise awareness, followed by a Feminist Bootcamp at WSFG, 1.30-5pm, with speakers, performances, crèche and women's photography project, open to all girls and women (and boys under 10), REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL : <https://billetto.co.uk/en/events/generation-to-generation-walthamstow-feminist-bootcamp> Limited places- don't miss out!

### BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

**SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING PROJECT, LEYTON MARSH, BEHIND LEA VALLEY ICE CENTRE, LEA BRIDGE ROAD, E10, 10AM-3.30PM, ALL AGES WELCOME, FREE.** Help plant 150 new trees and shrubs – just turn up wearing warm clothes and boots. Refreshments provided.

**SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: WALTHAM FOREST WOMEN'S NETWORK PRESENT : HEAR MY VOICE- AN EVENT TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, LEYTON GREAT HALL, LEYTON HIGH ROAD, E10 5NN, 12-5PM, FREE.** WFWN's annual women-only event will include speakers on Forced Marriage and FGM, performances, information stalls, refreshments and even beauty taster treatments ( small charge). No registration required. Contact: [info@wfwngmail.com](mailto:info@wfwngmail.com) for details. NB use side entrance in Adelaide Road. Nearest tube: Leyton.

**TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH- SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: WOMEN OF THE WORLD FESTIVAL, SOUTHBANK CENTRE, BELVEDERE ROAD, SE1 8XX, 10AM-11PM, MANY FREE EVENTS.** This popular annual event includes talks, debates, film, comedy and more to celebrate women's achievements. Ring 0844 875 0073 or visit: [www.southbankcentre.org.uk](http://www.southbankcentre.org.uk) Tube: Waterloo.

Enjoy your free time!  
Mrs Finamore