



GREENSHEET



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Week 'B'

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday evening, the Chair of Governors and I attended the 2015 SSAT Educational Outcomes Celebration Evening (South of England). I am delighted to report that WSFG was one of only seventeen schools presented with two awards by the Chief Executive, Sue Williamson. These were the **Educational Outcomes Award 2015 for exceptional student progress**-in recognition of being in the top 10% of schools nationally for value added progress, and the **Educational Outcomes Award 2015 for exceptional student attainment**-in recognition of being in the top 10% of non-selective schools nationally for student attainment in the 2015 end of KS4 examinations. In fact, the school is in the **top 3%** of schools nationally for progress. Congratulations and well done to last year's Year 11 students, to their parents and carers, and also, of course to our staff.



Year 8 students with the awards

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Summer Term
2016

End - Friday
15th July 2016

Monday 16th
May Year 11
Written
Examinations
begin

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

Monday 6th -
Friday 17th
June Key Stage
3 Examinations
fortnight

Monday 20th
June - Friday
1st July
Year 10
Examinations

Friday 24th
June Year 11
Leavers' Day

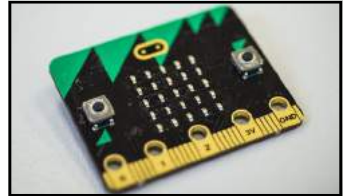
Monday 27th
June Year 11
Written
examinations
end

With our written GCSE examinations only a matter of days away, we have every confidence in our current Year 11 students who have impressed us all with their diligence. We wish them all the very best at this tense time as teachers go over the final preparation before the examinations.

On Tuesday, twenty-three of our Year 10 sports leaders spent the afternoon at Henry Maynard Primary School. They led sports sessions for the younger students, which were thoroughly enjoyed. The teachers praised the older girls for their enthusiasm and patience. We are grateful for all these important curricular links with our local primaries, as the girls derive a huge benefit from passing on their skills to younger pupils.

On Thursday nearly forty lucky Year 7 students will participate in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) workshop in school, run by the Institution of Engineering and Technology.

Students will work in teams learning how to use the BBC micro:bit. This activity promises to give students an exciting introduction to coding, help them realise their early potential and, ultimately, put a new generation back in control of technology, as part of the BBC's wider Make it Digital initiative. We were very fortunate to have been offered this opportunity. I am sure we will see a report of the day in a future Greensheet.



Best wishes
Meryl Davies

Community ICT Programme



Please encourage your family members and carers to come to our school ICT support sessions!

They take place **every Wednesday from 4pm to 5pm in F18** and they are **FREE!**

This is a fantastic opportunity to develop your IT skills including Data Protection and E-Safety.

Our next session is Wednesday 10th May 2016.

Please report to our school office and sign in.

We look forward to seeing you.

Mr Ramlagan

Focus of the Fortnight

9th – 20th May 2016

Chewing

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight for **9th – 20th May 2016** is on Chewing.

All students are clear that chewing gum is a **banned item** and is therefore not allowed in school. If a student is found to be chewing on school premises, she will have her conduct card signed and will get an automatic one hour detention with a member of the Leadership Team.

Please support the school by ensuring your daughter does not bring chewing gum into school and please do not bring chewing gum into school yourself if you are visiting.

Thank you for your, continued support.

Ms. Pratt

Assistant Headteacher

Sanctions

If a student is caught chewing in school, she will have her conduct card signed and will get an automatic one hour detention.



Chewing gum is a banned item at WSFG.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16

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 - Friday 17th June

Key Stage 3 Examinations fortnight

Monday 20th June - Friday 1st July

Year 10 Examinations

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 - Wednesday 13th July

Year 10 Work Experience

Friday 8th July

Key Stage 3 Transition Event

CHALLENGE NEWS

Years 9 and 10 –

Leiths Cookery Course for Teenagers

Tuesday 26th July – Friday 29th July



There is an exciting opportunity for FOUR students from Year 9 or 10 to participate in a cookery course at the prestigious cookery school, Leiths.

If you are a passionate cook, free on the dates above and would be able to travel to and from Stamford Brook (on the district line), please see me for an application form.

Ms Robinson

Challenge News

Talk Like TED

TED talks were recommended on our recent trip to the University of Cambridge. They help you to develop a depth of knowledge that is beyond the school curriculum.



This week's TED Talk was recommended by Ms Pratt in her assembly which celebrated the life and works of William Shakespeare.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSbtkLA3GrY>

What is your favourite TED Talk?

Oxbridge Question

Each week there will be a question from an Oxbridge interview, taken from a book donated by Ms Dowling's daughter who is currently studying French and Russian at Oxford.

Why is the pole vaulting world record about 6.5m
and why can't it be broken?
(Computer Science, Cambridge)

Discuss with your friends and family to help develop your HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills).

Ms Robinson

WSFG Diversity Calendar for the month of May



May 2016

"We may have different religions, different languages, different colored skins, but we all belong to one human race"
Kofi Annan, United Nations (1998 -)



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 18							1
Week 19	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Week 20	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Week 21	16	17	18		20	21	22
Week 22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Week 23	30	31					

May is Action on Shikar Month | Mental Health Awareness Month
Family Wellness Month | Cystic Fibrosis Month | Hepatitis Awareness Month

Special Days

- 1st Pascha (Easter) - Orthodox Christian
- 1st Bellona - Wicca/Pagan
- 2nd Bank Holiday - England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and ROI
- 12th Day of B'Nai - Baha'
- 13th Birthday of Gaur Anjan Day - Sikh
- 3rd World Press Freedom Day
- 5th Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) - Judaism
- 1st of Ma'aj - Islam
- Ascension Day - Christian
- 8th World Red Cross Red Crescent Day
- 11th Yom HaZikaron (Yersei Memorial Day) - Judaism
- 12th Yom Ha Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) - Judaism
- International Nurses Day - Secular
- 13th Our Lady of Fatima - Catholic Christian
- 15th Visakha Puja - Buddhist Day - Buddhist
- Pascelest - Christian
- International Day of Families
- 16th Whit Monday - Christian
- 17th International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia - Secular
- 21st World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development - Secular
- 1st of Baha' - Islam
- 22nd International Day for Biological Diversity
- 23rd Trinity Sunday - Christian
- 23rd Birthday of Gaur Anjan Day - Sikh
- Declaration of the B'G - Baha'
- 24th Lag B'omer - Judaism
- Corpus Christi - Catholic Christian
- 29th Ascension of Baha'ullah - Baha'
- International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers - Secular
- 30th Spring Bank Holiday - England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland
- 31st World No Tobacco Day

Review of British Values Diversity Event



Last week our Year 8 and 9 students were very fortunate to have the opportunity to be part of a diversity event here at WSFG.

We hosted an upcoming girl band 'Office Girls' who discussed with students the importance of treating each other fairly, **why diversity should be celebrated**, what to do if you are being discriminated against, and why it is wrong to discriminate against other people.



At WSFG, we want **every student** to feel confident about her importance as an individual in our rich and diverse school community. We strongly believe that everyone should be regarded as an individual and **should not be stereotyped or discriminated against**.

We hope to instill in our students, **the skills to challenge** racism, sexism,

homophobia and other injustices if they encounter them. The girls found this an **incredibly valuable experience**.

Here are some reviews from our students:

When the Office Girls came, it was amazing, they made us have so much fun. They didn't just sing and dance they talked about diversity, the four British rules and about being yourself, independent, unique. The funniest thing was when some students went on to the stage and started singing and dancing. I loved it.

Ceren 8H.

I really enjoyed the show, it was very engaging and they talked about the four British Values and discrimination and everyone enjoyed it!

Maarya 9C.

I loved the event because their message is very important and implies that it is everyone's responsibility to make all feel accepted in our school community.

Alice 9F.

I thought the Office Girls had a really strong message and they gave a really nice performance. When they spoke about discrimination they really put their heart into it and told us personal stories and a story about bullying which I thought was very touching.

Haviisha 8S.

When the Office Girls came in, it was amazing. Not only the music and the entertainment, but when they spoke about British laws, diversity and discrimination, I was quite intrigued. They spoke about how important it is to be yourself. They were very inspirational and energetic. It was great fun.

Munawara 8H.

They performed really well and included us in a lot of the performances. Not only that, but the reason they were there and what they talked about made me realise they were more



than just pretty young women trying to be the next "Little Mix", "Spice Girls" or "Destiny's Child". They actually taught me about things I didn't know before like the four British Values. I think it was also really good of them to talk about discrimination and radicalisation considering they are very relevant in our society today.

Kelsey 8H.

They gave a great message on discrimination and how it doesn't matter what our gender, sexuality, background, skin colour, religion or shape of our body is. We are all equal

Ameerah 9S.

Ms Philippou and I were impressed by how mature and respectful our Year 8 and 9 students were during the performance. Let's continue to ensure we do more than just accept our differences but really embrace our diversity! Many thanks again to everyone for their support.

Ms Desbenoit (Diversity Coordinator) and Ms Philippou (Assistant Headteacher).

Our School History

I found this delightful poem about St Mary's Church in the 1922 edition of Iris, our school magazine. The church is presently holding fundraising events to raise money towards restoring their bells. This poem mentions the bells, "in mellow chime, tolling on the hour". It would be nice to think that in the past, the school used the bells to remind them of lesson changeover times. A much more pleasant sound than that of our present buzzer system!



Ms Kelly
LRC Manager

The Village Church.

*PEACEFUL it stands, now as in years gone by,
The village church beneath the rising hill;
Its sombre tower among the guardian elms,
Makes outline dim against the evening sky.
An ancient mullioned window, dark and gray,
Is turned to gold in a last slanting ray,
Then drearily the gloomy shadows fall,
Athwart the gravestones from the moss-grown wall.*

*The chattering rooks chirp out their last good-night,
Among the darkening branches of the yews,
In flagstone crevices pale daisies dream,
While shadows chase away the fading light.
What tired ghosts with noiseless tread do glide,
Along the lonely walks at eventide?
When, from the ruined ivy-covered tower,
The bells, in mellow chime, toll out the hour.*

*When the pale rays are driven into flight
By faltering shadows, deepening the gloom,
From a low bough beside the old Church-door,
The owl, with solemn stare, regards the night.
Perhaps she sees some restless spirit pass;
Wan phantoms fainting in the twilight grass,
Till the low-moaning winds a-dying fall,
And slumber wraps her shrouding mists o'er all.*

E. Burnell (Va.).

WALTHAMSTOW INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2016

Film makers of all ages are invited to submit short films to this prestigious local film festival, closing date 13th May 2016.

If you are interested in film making, why not enter?

See: <http://walthamstowinternationalfilmfestival.com/enter.php>

for further information.

Films must be under 5 minutes long, in English (or with English subtitles), and suitable for family viewing.

School and college students are not charged to enter, so there's nothing to lose. Successful films will be shown in venues across the borough in July.

If you enjoy film, but would rather help behind the scenes and get useful experience for work in the media or events management, why not volunteer to help with press and publicity, social media promotion or stewarding?

Contact Liza and Paul Fletcher, Festival Founders, via the festival website:

<http://walthamstowinternationalfilmfestival.com>

Mrs Finamore



The Pirates of Penzance

Opportunity for Year 9 during half-term

Looking for something to do over half-term?

Would you like to sell programmes and ice-creams at The Pirates of Penzance?

The shows are on from 2nd-5th June at The Deaton Theatre, Forest School

Two Ex-WSFG students, Hannah Berridge and Deborah Anstey have leading roles.

Also, two women who came in for 'What's my line?' on International Women's Day are involved – Clare Bradley (who brought in her BAFTA) is the Director and Harriet Hammel (Puppeteer) will be operating a parrot puppet, called James.

If you help, you will have some work experience to put on your CV, a free ice-cream during the interval and you will see the show for free.

See me in **F03** if you would like to be considered.

I am looking for 2/3 reliable and responsible students for each performance.

The show is lots of fun for all of the family and includes many catchy tunes.

Ms Robinson

CHAPEL END SAVOY PLAYERS
Musical Director: Graham Offord
Director: Clare Bradley

W S Gilbert & Arthur Sullivan's

The Pirates of Penzance

Thurs 2nd - Sun 5th June
Thur/Fri/Sat eve 7.30pm
Sat/Sun matinee 2.30pm

DEATON THEATRE,
Forest School, London E17 3PY
tickets £14 - £5

Box Office: 020 8527 0215 Enquiries: 020 8529 3143
Email: boxoffice@cesp.org.uk
Online bookings: www.ticketsource.co.uk/cesp

www.cesp.org.uk

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

THURSDAY 5TH MAY: STOW FILM LOUNGE PRESENT TSOTSI (cert 15), WILLIAM MORRIS GALLERY, FOREST ROAD, E17 4PP, 7-9.30PM, £6.50, £5 CONCESSIONS. This Oscar- winning foreign language film explores the dramatic adventures of a teenage boy who hi-jacks a car in Johannesburg, only to discover a baby on board.. The screening coincides with the current exhibition, Social Fabric: African Textiles Today Booking essential: www.stowfilmlounge.com

SATURDAY 7TH MAY AND EVERY SATURDAY UNTIL 2ND JULY: CREATIVE YOUTH CLUB FOR 10-14 YEAR OLDS, GNOME HOUSE, 7 BLACKHORSE LANE, E17 6DS, 11.30AM-3.30PM, DROP IN, FREE (£3 DONATIONS WELCOME). Film making, music, art, games and more are on offer each week- why not drop in and check it out? Contact Chantelle Michaux on 07535 326157 or email: info@wfaen.org.uk Parental consent forms are required.

SATURDAY 7TH MAY: E17 DESIGNERS SPRING MARKET, MIRTH, MARVEL AND MAUD, 186 HOE STREET, E17 4QH, 12-5PM, FREE ENTRY. If you haven't yet been inside the former EMD cinema in Hoe Street, this craft fair gives you a great opportunity to see its fantastic interior as well as browse the well-stocked craft stalls. See: www.e17designers.co.uk for details.

SUNDAY 8TH MAY: FAMILY WORKSHOP- MOTION PICTURES, VESTRY HOUSE MUSEUM, VESTRY ROAD, E17 9NH, 1.30-4PM, FREE, DONATIONS WELCOME. Get inspiration from the Alfred Wire photography exhibition, learn how old photographs were taken and make a pin hole camera or zoetrope. Children of all ages welcome. Enquiries: 0208 496 4391 or www.walthamforest.gov.uk/vestry-house

WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY AND EVERY WEDNESDAY UNTIL 29TH JUNE: FUSE IT- BEAT BOX FUSION FOR 11-18 YEAR OLDS, THE SOUL PROJECT, 245 WOOD STREET, E17 3NT, 5.15-6.30PM, FREE . Khyal Arts and beatboxer Killa Kela offer inspiration and coaching for new beatboxers and drummers, working towards a performance in June. Ring Vanessa on 07958 523431 or visit: www.khyalarts.org.uk

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 7TH MAY: OPEN GARDENS LAUNCH, HAVEN HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE, HIGH ROAD, WOODFORD GREEN, IG8 9LB, 12-4PM, £2, CHILDREN FREE. Enjoy a tour of the gardens, gardening workshop and refreshments in the sensory garden . Find out how to open your garden to the public to raise money for the hospice. Ring 0208 506 3638.

SUNDAY 8TH MAY: HIGHAMS PARK SPRING VIKING FESTIVAL, THE HIGHAMS PARK, IG8 9RB, 11AM- 4PM, FREE. Enjoy Viking battle re-enactments, falconry displays, folk music, story telling, crafts, stalls and refreshments by the lake in The Highams Park. Fun for all! See www.fothp.org for details. Enter the park via Henry's Avenue or Tamworth Avenue, IG8.

Enjoy your free time! Mrs Finamore

Provisional School Calendar for 2016-17

Autumn Term 2016

First half

Start: Thursday 1st September 2016 End: Friday 21st October 2016

Half Term: Monday 24-Friday 28 October 2016

Second half

Start: Monday 31st October 2016 End: Wednesday 21st December 2016

Spring Term 2017

First half

Start: Tuesday 3rd January 2017 End: Friday 10th February 2017

Half Term: Monday 13th-Friday 17th February 2017

Second half

Start: Monday 20th February 2017 End: Friday 31st March 2017

Easter Holiday

Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd April 2017-Thursday 13th April 2017

Good Friday Bank Holiday: Friday 14th April 2017

Easter Monday Bank Holiday: Monday 17th April 2017

Summer Term 2017

First half

Start: Tuesday 18th April 2017 End: Friday 26th May 2017

Holidays

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2017

Half Term: Monday 29th May-Friday 2nd June 2017

Second half

Start: Monday 5th June 2017 End: Wednesday 19th July 2017

Please note: training days are to be added