



# GREENSHEET



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23rd February 2017

Week 'B'

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<b>Tuesday 7th March</b> Parent/carers Safer Internet evening 6pm	Dear Parents and Carers,			
<b>Thursday 16th March</b> Year 8 Parent/Carers Evening 4.30-7pm	What a delight it was to return to school on Monday after the break to see the front gardens a mass of purple and yellow spring blooms-crocuses, narcissi and daffodils. Snowdrops were out in their glory in the small woodland at the back of the school from before the holiday. Storm Doris visited with some force on Thursday-and snapped one of our saplings in the front. Fortunately that was the only damage; however the Year 11 interform was moved into the sports hall during the afternoon. I have no doubt that the girls did not complain as they ended their day by watching a nostalgic slide show of all their previous interform events since Year 7!			
<b>Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd April 2017- Monday 17th April</b>	The behaviour of all the girls this week in interform has been superb and extremely good humoured. Thank you also to the sports staff for organising the whole event.			
	On Monday, staff were treated to some excellent news. We heard that the half term trip to Rome had been a great success. We are grateful to Ms Famiglietti Mr Shackson and Ms Dowling for giving up their time for this, plus Mr Robert Tatam who was a very knowledgeable guide to the group. I gather his Cicero speech by the Forum attracted a large amount of tourist interest. The only complaint was that the trip entailed a large amount of walking around ancient Rome!			

We also heard that two of our members of staff had given birth during the break; Ms Shafiq and Ms Careless-Pye gave birth to a boy and girl respectively. Both mums and babies are doing well. Congratulations to them and their families.

On a less positive note, we have begun to work on our budget for next year. You will have heard from the press that the changes in the funding formula for schools will be hugely detrimental to the London area due to a reallocation of funding to schools in other areas of the country. The government has not made any more money available to schools to pay for the increasing national insurance, incremental and maintenance costs. In addition, the education services grant is ending so all services offered by our local authority have been put at risk and schools will need to determine which of the services that they wish to retain. These are not easy times. As well as keeping you informed, Waltham Forest Headteachers will be lobbying our local MPs and central government about the impact this will have on our provision over the next few years. The local NUT has organised an open information meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>-see later for details.

A reminder that Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> will be our next Year 9 Parent/ Carer evening, and Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> will be a meeting for all on the subject of internet safety.

Best wishes,  
Meryl Davies

A selection of photos from  
Rome

See the next issue of the  
Greensheet Plus for a full  
report



## Year 9 Parents/ Carers Evening Thursday 2nd March 2017

Your daughter will have made appointments with her subject teachers for a discussion on her progress **from 4.30 to 7pm.**

We encourage all Year 9 students and **their parents / carers or a family member** to attend this consultation evening to discuss their daughter's progress and strategies to help them achieve their full potential at Walthamstow School for Girls.

It is a **crucial event** as it is your daughter's only parents' evening this year and an opportunity to discuss her chosen GCSE options with subject teachers.

We look forward to seeing you.

Ms Desbenoit  
Student Progress Leader, Year 9.

## Spring is in the air at WSFG

There was a colourful display of crocuses at the front of the school to welcome us back after half term.

Hugh Marley (ex-humanities teacher) has confirmed that some of our many spring bulbs were planted by students from all years groups many years ago, as part of a 'Brighten Up Walthamstow/ Environmental Improvement' campaign.

This is contrary to a story I heard about them being planted by girls in the olden days as a punishment!

See our school history on page 14.

Ms Robinson



## Parent/carers safer internet evening

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

6pm



We would like to invite all Parents and Carers to our Safer Internet Evening on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

We will focus on different types of social media, the law and how you can help keep your daughter safe online.

The evening will start at 6.00 pm and will include presentations from PC Thornton, our Safer Schools Officer, Eleni Bloy, the Parent Programme Officer for Waltham Forest, and Jonathan Gunzi, our Deputy Headteacher who is also trained as a Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) ambassador.

We hope to see you all there.





NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THERE

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Dear Parent/Carer,

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

**Internet Awareness and E-safety Evening – Tuesday 7th March 2017**

We invite you to accompany your daughter to an Internet Awareness and Online Safety evening at our school on Tuesday 7th March. The evening will start at 6pm in the school hall and will finish at approximately 7.30pm.

The aim of the evening is to inform parents and carers about the potential issues that young people today may deal with, and the dangers they may face, as a result of using the internet. We would like to offer you an opportunity to see how to use the various methods of social media that your daughter may have access to, and to provide you with the necessary skills and tools to help keep her safe.

We will have some guest speakers which will include presentations from PC Thornton, our Safer Schools Officer, Eleni Bloy, the Parent Programme Officer from Waltham Forest, and Jonathan Gunzi, our Deputy Headteacher who is also trained as a Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) ambassador. We hope to see you all there.

We would urge you to attend the evening. Please complete and return the reply slip below and return to the school office before Friday 3rd March.

We look forward to seeing you there and hope that the evening will be extremely valuable for you.

Yours sincerely,

**Meryl Davies**

**Headteacher**

I will be attending the Internet Awareness and E-safety evening on the 7th March.

My daughter's name is \_\_\_\_\_ and her form is \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



## Year 9 Zanzibar Trip 2018

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our information evening.

As you know we are offering your daughter the chance of a lifetime to join Ms Philippou and myself to travel to Zanzibar, Africa, to volunteer at schools in a developing community.

Places on the trip are limited, I have outlined the application process below: Please note all these items must be handed in before **Saturday 25th February 2017**.



- **An A4 letter of application** highlighting what you would get out of this experience and what you would bring to this project. Make sure that you highlight the life skills you have and would develop from this trip. Remember that we will only choose students we can trust 100%, who are resilient, helpful and great at teamwork.
- **A deposit cheque of £195.00 is required by Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February.** Your cheque will only be cashed if you are selected for this trip. The rest will be returned.
- **A completed booking form.**

Merci et bonne chance!

Ms Desbenoit.

Student Progress Leader Year 9



**Focus of the Fortnight**  
**27th February - 10th March 2017**  
**Banned Items**

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight is on Banned Items. 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 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. 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, headphones, chewing gum, aerosols, liquid paper, glass bottles and non-uniform items (see page 5 of the Student Planner).

## International Women's Day 2017

The hugely popular “What’s My Line” activity will be held during the morning of Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March as part of the IWD celebrations.

We are looking for female guests from various working backgrounds to help inspire the students to realise that anything is possible.



The aim of the activity is for students to ask the guests various questions in an attempt to guess their job title.

If either you or someone you know would be willing to participate, please pass on your or their names and contact details and we will send out more information and an invitation.

Thank you

Ms Janes  
Administrative Manager

“What’s My  
Line” 2016





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## LGBT+ celebration

This month is LGBT+ celebration month and we have been celebrating it in our school community in many ways.

This has included a whole school assembly led by Lily Down IIS and myself, and a whole school quiz.



We have also had interesting discussions in KS4 PSHE lessons around transgender issues after watching 'The Danish Girl' and in KS3 lessons on the impact of Alan Turing's life after watching 'The Imitation Game'.

Here is a wonderful poem written and recited in our special assembly by Hafsa Moolla I1W:

*In a world that's almost forgotten how to love,  
There are some who have to fight for love.  
Not because of their race or the colour of their skin,  
But because of who they are deep within.*

*Just like the lives of those in Paris mattered,  
Hearing about the innocents in Orlando left me shattered.  
Because innocent lives were taken away,  
And that was not and never will be okay.*

*When will we start to learn how to tolerate?  
Because no gay, lesbian or trans deserves any hate.  
It's not their choice, it's who they are.  
And even if it was, it shouldn't really matter.*

*Love is Love and they have a right.  
It shouldn't be something for which they have to fight.  
They deserve to feel loved and to be free.  
And they deserve to be who they want to be.*

Ms Desbenoit  
Diversity Coordinator

**WORLD BOOK DAY 2017:  
DO SOMETHING BOOKY  
TO CELEBRATE  
20 YEARS  
OF WORLD BOOK DAY!**

Our school will be celebrating twenty amazing years of World Book Day on

**Thursday 2nd March**

Once again, we'll be distributing **£1 book tokens** to students to help stimulate a love of reading for pleasure that we hope, will last a lifetime.

To find out more about this event, including recommended booklists, you can log onto [worldbookday.com](http://worldbookday.com)

Ms Kelly

Learning Resource Centre

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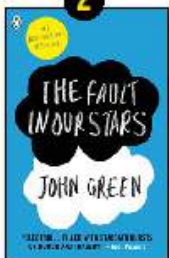
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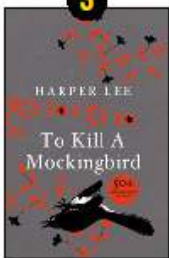
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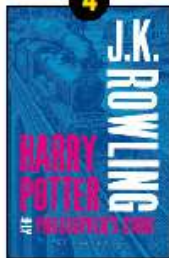
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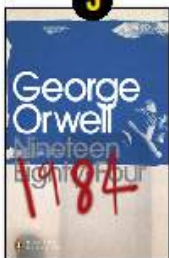
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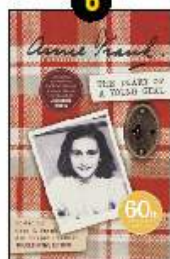
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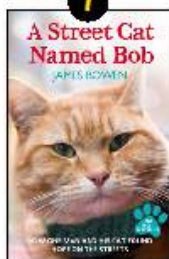
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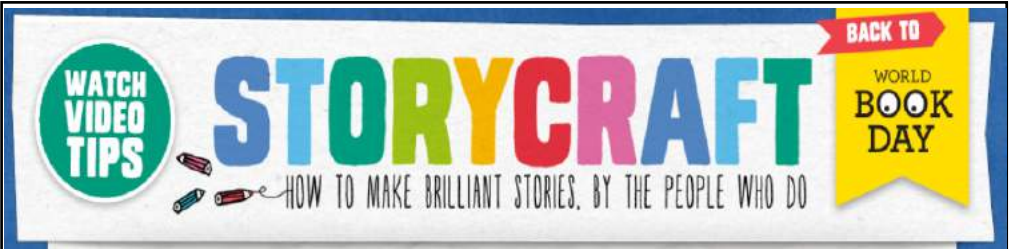
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Ms Kelly  
Learning Resource Centre

### **Sainsbury's Active school vouchers**

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

Message to students:

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



## Our School History

As you enter the school you will see a delightful collection of spring flowers. Our school has always taken an active interest in gardening and we have many beautiful areas within the school which demonstrate this. I have found these articles in the 1965 edition of the *Iris*, our school magazine, about students planting bulbs in the front lawn. The bulbs were donated by the Headteacher, Miss Burnett and planted under the supervision of Mr Hilton, the school gardener.

Ms Kelly LRC

### Gifts to the school

*We acknowledge with many thanks the following gifts: From Miss M. M. Burnett-Crocus Bulbs, planted in front of the school by representatives of each form.*

### Operation bulb 1964

*Our first formers launched the first attack, it was one sunny lunch hour in October when the lawn was so hard that even after a day of sprinkling no ordinary garden tool would make an impression - Mr. Hilton, who was officer in charge, attacked the lawn with a pointed steel rod and managed to make the holes.*

*But when the Upper School ventured out to finish the attack it had been pouring with rain; the sky was grey and our shoes squelched across the lawn. The scene of the attack had been carefully marked out with white semi-circles and inside these we were to plant the croci. With muddy frozen fingers and much to the amusement of passers by, we planted a seemingly ever-increasing supply of bulbs.*

*Then when there was only one more bulb left, cunningly kept in Mr. Hilton's pocket, we stood in a semi-circle: and cheered as Marjorie, our Head-girl, duly sank it into the ground, and Denise, our Deputy Head-girl, covered it with mud. Operation-Bulb was successfully completed. Now it is early February and the croci are beginning to peep above the ground and we are being rewarded for our efforts and by Miss Burnett's kindly thoughts.*



Margaret Davies, 5W.

## Beginners Yoga and Relaxation

Are you looking for a way to get fit and manage your stress in 2017?

Why not try yoga?

**Beginners Yoga and Relaxation** is open to **staff, parents and carers** and takes place on:



**Thursdays at WSFG,**  
in **F11**, from **4 – 5pm**  
Starting **23 February 2017**

**Some of the many benefits of yoga include:**

- Managing stress through breathing, meditation and movement
- Increasing confidence and positive self-image

Contact Ms Wilkinson on [swilkinson@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:swilkinson@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) to sign up for your place.

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Mr Bryant  
Director of ICT

Meryl Davies  
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16 February 2017

Dear Ms Davies,

**Public Exhibition: Proposals for The Mall Walthamstow. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

Capital & Regional own and manage The Mall Walthamstow and I write to inform you about our plans to host a public exhibition at The Mall later this month. This is our second public exhibition and your opportunity to see how our plans have evolved following the first public exhibition in April 2016, in particular how the designs for the town square and gardens have advanced following the feedback received from members of the public at that time.

We want to engage local community groups, local residents and customers in our exciting proposals to enhance Walthamstow town centre through the creation of a vibrant new town square and gardens, exciting new shops, leisure facilities and restaurants, and high quality new homes. We are committed to engaging with the local community groups and residents as we continue to progress our proposals, and will be advertising our exhibition widely in the coming days.

These proposals, which are in-line with Waltham Forest Council's wider aspirations and policy for the town centre, represent a private investment upwards of £120 million. As a long-term member of the local business community, having owned the centre for 20 years, this is Capital & Regional's way of ensuring that Walthamstow town centre remains a thriving place for visitors, locals and future residents.

The exhibition will be fully staffed by members of the project team at all times who will be available to answer queries. The exhibition will be held at The Mall, outside Costa Coffee adjacent to the main entrance, off the town square and gardens.

- **Friday 24 February**, 10am – 6pm
- **Saturday 25 February**, 10am – 5pm

If you are unable to attend and have any questions or comments, then please do contact the project team at [mallproposal@capreg.com](mailto:mallproposal@capreg.com) or on freephone 0800 1126 875. The exhibition material will be available to view from Friday 24 February via our website: [www.themall.co.uk/walthamstow/](http://www.themall.co.uk/walthamstow/)

Yours sincerely,



**Andrew Haughey**  
Retail Development Manager, Capital & Regional



## Tesco Bags of Help Scheme

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been working with local artist Maud Milton to commission a mosaic project as part of our work with the local community. We have been successful in receiving a small grant from Tesco to support the work.



You can vote for our project to receive a larger grant of between £1,000 and £5,000 depending on the number of votes we get. The more votes we get, the larger our grant will be.

Could we please ask parents and carers shopping in local Tesco stores to register a vote with our project: **“Wildlife Legacy Mosaic for Church Hill”**.

You might have to ask the cashier for tokens to place in the voting box if they forget to give you tokens with your shopping receipt.

The following stores will have voting boxes during the whole of February.

2619	Hackney Metro	5923	Wanstead Exp
2671	Hackney Morning Lane	5945	Walthamstow Forest Exp
2805	Leyton Express	6162	Leyton High Road Exp
2806	Leytonstone	6230	Hackney Dalston London Exp
2832	Leyton	6244	London Lea Bridge Rd Exp
3238	South Tottenham	6278	Lower Clapton Rd Exp
3333	Lea Valley Extra	6365	High Road Leytonstone Exp
3359	Walthamstow Express	6431	Walthamstow St Jams Exp
3422	Woodford Green	6490	Tottenham Hale Village Exp
5469	Stoke Newington Exp	6611	Kenilworth Ave Exp
5481	Tower Mews Walthamstow Exp	6663	Hackney Upper Clapton Exp
5727	Woodford Green Exp	6694	Edmonton Exp
		6977	Walthamstow Wood Street Exp

Thank you in advance for supporting us to raise funds for the school.

Kind Regards,  
Mr Jalil  
Business Manager

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**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

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Arif Khan Regional Coordinator - Charity Walk for Peace  
Mobile: 0747 6430368 [rawahuddin.khan@gmail.com](mailto:rawahuddin.khan@gmail.com)

A walk organised by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Association  
Charity Walk for Peace - Registered Charity No. 1161567



## School Calendar for 2016-17

### Spring Term 2017

**Start: End: Friday 31st March**

Thursday 2nd March	Year 9 Parent/Carers Evening 4.30-7pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/carers safer internet evening 6pm
Thursday 16th March	Year 8 Parent/Carers Evening 4.30-7pm

### Easter Holiday

**Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd April 2017-Monday 17th April**

Good Friday Bank Holiday:	Friday 14th April
Easter Monday Bank Holiday:	Monday 17th April

### Summer Term 2017

**Start: Tuesday 18th April                      End: Wednesday 19th July**

### Holidays

**May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May**

Thursday 11th May	Year 7 Parent/Carers Evening 4.30-7pm
Monday 15th May-	
Thursday 26th May	KS3 Examination fortnight
Monday 15th May-	
Monday 26th June	Year 11 GCSE Written examinations

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

Friday 23rd June                      Leavers' Day

### YEAR 11 2017 Summer Written Examination timetable

The Year 11 Summer written examinations begin on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May and finish on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017** a copy of the timetable can be found on the school's website under the Exams section.

Please be aware that all examinations are set externally by the examination boards and the school cannot make any changes and is not accountable for any changes made by the examination boards. It is also important to remember that these examinations **cannot be taken at another time** so attendance is vital to ensure grades are achieved.

Many thanks,

Mrs Brickett

Examinations and Assessment Manager