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

Thursday 2nd March Year 9 Parent/Carers Evening 4-7pm

Tuesday 7th March

Safeguarding meeting for parents/carers 6-7.30pm Details to follow

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The highlight for us all this week has to be our school musical Annie. I tore myself away this evening just before the interval, in the knowledge that Friday's performance awaits. This show has been months in preparation. Staff and students have dedicated many hours after school and at the weekends to ensure that the performance is spectacular. And it is. You will be disappointed if you haven't yet managed to get a ticket for the show, as Friday's show is sold out. Aside from Annie we have had 'business as usual'!

On Monday school staff welcomed a lead inspector and four senior colleagues from a range of schools to check our progress since our last Challenge Partners Quality Assurance Review in 2016, and our previous Ofsted inspection in January 2014. They spent three days with us reviewing all the planning and developmental work we have undertaken in school. They met with colleagues from middle and senior leadership, as well as with groups of students. They visited a large number of lessons right across the school, checking a range of paperwork including students' work. They looked at our examination outcomes over the past three years and our current data. So it was a thorough process, albeit one undertaken in the spirit of professional partnership. We await the written report, which will naturally be shared with you. We trust it will be an honest and fair reflection of the school as seen through the eyes of external professionals. There have been a number of other events this week, including our great maths 'pop up' café on Wednesday. There is a link to a lovely film of the event in this newsletter. We were joined by students and teachers from Holy Family Catholic School for a *Jack Petchey* Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) workshop on Thursday run by the Institute of Engineering and Technology. Students worked in teams using the BBC micro:bit. Also, throughout the week, students have been advertising the launch of our very own bank in assemblies. This has been aptly named: We Save For Good, using the school's initials. Year 7s launched their GREEN project on Monday on the theme of Identity.

Finally, our sports stars have continued to excel. Congratulations to Annalie Cole, Aina Noorally, Kalila Hambloch, Jessica Darkwah and Flora Jones who competed in the badminton regional finals on Tuesday.

Over the half term break, we wish all our Latin students and accompanying staff an excellent trip to Rome and a safe and restful break for all of our school community.

Best wishes, Meryl Davies

Attendance League for January 2017

Attendance figures for January 2017 and total so far. Winners postcards for the month of December are in form tutor pigeon holes ready for tutors to share with their form groups.



Well done to 7G, 8G, 9F, 10G and 11F for being January winners.

Overall winners for the year to date so far are 7G, 8C, 9F, 10W and 11W. I Don't forget prizes up for grabs for the end of spring term.

100% certificates and pin badges will be given to the SPLs within the next couple of weeks. Please note ; attendance pin badges are allowed to be worn on lanyards.

Ms King Student Attendance Manager

Mathé, the Pop Up Café

Here is a selection of photos from our February opening of Mathé, the Pop Up Maths Café.

It is a place to have Fun, Relax, Eat and Dream, encompassed in our mascot F.R.E.D.

http://videocentralhd.lgfl.org.uk/Play.aspx? id=BTdKQQJ0T0PBL7

Ms Robinson and the Year 8 Mathé Team









Annie Cast

Radio Voice Artist Beth Scully	Grace Farrell Assa Kanoute
Annie Evie Baxter	Mrs Greer Millie Small
Miss Hannigan Ella Palmer	Mrs Pugh Daniele Jankute
Duffy Shanai Browne	Annette Robin FitzGerald
July Molly Clark	CecilleOlivia Scanlon-Sanderson
Kate Charlotte Hillman	Drake Eve Billington
Pepper Khadijah Hamdan	Justice Brandeis Grace Gambino
Tessie Zia Ralston	Bert Healy Nyah Nish
Molly Ruby Monaghan	Bonnie Boylan Michaela Serieux
Bundles McCloskey Flora Jones	Connie BoylanTwyla Greenway-Bailey
Rooster Alice Evans	Ronnie Boylan Ishwa Salim
Lily Lily Rees	Fred McCracken Annalie Cole
Dog catchers Chloe Nansereko	Jimmy Johnson Beth Scully
Bea Usher	Wacky Aoife McGrath
Lieutenant Ward Natasha Cardinal	Sound Effects Man Scarlett Williams
Second Cop Farah Mohd-Azlin	President Roosevelt Annie Brown
Apple Seller Rebekah Ghani	Cordell Hull Bea Usher
Sophie Ahlam Hamdouche	Francis Perkins Lizzy Humphries
Star-to-be Grace Gambino	Harold Ickes Jasia Macmeikan
Usherette Beatrix Vessey	Henry Morgenthau Khara Osei
Olivia 'Mama' WarbucksKalila Hambloch	Louis Howe Selma Khelifi

Hooverville-ites

Hannah Billington Anna Higgins Eden Howles Gabriela King de Aviz Dorothy Kouame Layla Mowatt Sergina Sergio Yinka Shontan Judah Tsangari

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International Women's Day 2017

The "What's My Line" activity will be held during the morning of Friday 10th March as part of the IWD celebrations.

We are looking for female guests from various working backgrounds to help inspire the students in realising 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 you or know of anyone who would be willing to participate we would be grateful, if you would please pass on 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



SQUID Payment System Update

How to access the new SQUID online portal

Dear Parent, Carers



If you haven't already done so, you now need to access the Squid Online services via their new Portal.

You can also download the sQuid App for iOS and Android devices by clicking the relevant links in the App store or Google Play button to download the App to your phone.

You must use this link now on for Catering and School Trips & Offers payments. Please ensure that you bookmark this link.

There are 2 ways to access the new portal:

1. via the "WSFG" website and click on the sQuid lcon located in the bottom left corner. Go to "sign in" at the top of the page and select, that will take you to the new "login" page.

Choose the first choice "New sQuid Online Portal" and continue as normal.

2. Log in from the internet directly typing in this link address: <u>https://portal.squidcard.com/login</u>

Follow the on screen instructions. Your log in number and email address are the same.

Ms Barbier Finance Manager



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Free School Meals

We have recently noticed a reduction in the number of students applying for free school meals and we want to ensure all students entitled to a free school meal are able to take up the offer. Ensuring that all students entitled to a free school meal take up their offer also maximises the Pupil Premium funding we Receive, which is used to support our disadvantaged students.

You can apply for free school meals if you or your child receive any of the following:

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax

Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less

Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

I would therefore encourage you to claim, even if your daughter does not wish to eat a school meal.

If you would like further information on making an application then please access the following link:

https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/free-school-meals

Thank you for your continuing support to the school.

Mr. Jalil School Business Manager



Focus of the Fortnight 6th—24th February 2017 Punctuality to School

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight is on Punctuality to School. The school values good habits and being on time is an excellent habit to form. The school is open to students from 8am and a breakfast is available for early arrivals.

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 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.

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

The school sanctions for poor punctuality are detailed below. Thank you for your continued support.

Ms. Pratt Assistant Headteacher



The Sanctions

- If you are late to school (without a good reason such as an appointment traffic is NOT a good reason) you will be given a ten minute detention at the end of each day of lateness with your Tutor.
- If you are late twice in a week, you will be given a half hour detention with your SPL the following week.
- If you are late three or more times in a week, you will be given an hour's detention with Ms. Pratt the following week.
- If you are late eight times, you will be placed on a two week punctuality report by Ms. King. Your punctuality will be closely monitored and your parents/ carers will be informed of any improvements. You will also be rewarded if you improve your punctuality.
- **Remember** being on time is a good habit to form!

WSFG Bank

We Save For Good

We are very excited to be launching WSFG's very own bank.

As you know, learning about money and how to save and be responsible are vital life skills for all of us.



Any student at WSFG can come and save money – we are here for all of you!

We will be launching our bank on Wednesday 22nd February 2018 in F18 at lunchtime.

- Each student who opens an account will receive a raffle ticket and a cupcake.
- All you need to do is open an account with a minimum of 50p.
- We will then be open each Wednesday lunchtime in F18.

Please note – you can only save money on a weekly basis as we'd like to encourage you to save and not spend.

Withdrawals can only take place on allocated withdrawal days at the end of each term.

We look forward to working with you.

Ms Philippou Assistant Headteacher



Year 9 Zanzibar Trip 2018

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

As you know we are offering your child 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 to fifteen, 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 required by Saturday 25th 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.



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 Tescos to support the work.



You can vote for our project to receive a larger grant of between $\pounds1,000$ and $\pounds5,000$ 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
- 2671 Hackney Morning Lane
- 2805 Leyton Express
- 2806 Leytonstone
- 2832 Leyton
- 3238 South Tottenham
- 3333 Lea Valley Extra
- 3359 Walthamstow Express
- 3422 Woodford Green
- 5469 Stoke Newington Exp
- 5481 Tower Mews Walthamstow Exp
- 5727 Woodford Green Exp

Thank you in advance for supporting us raising funds for the school.

Kind Regards, Mr Jalil Business Manager

- 5923 Wanstead Exp
- 5945 Walthamstow Forest Exp
- 6162 Leyton High Road Exp
- 6230 Hackney Dalston London Exp
- 6244 London Lea Bridge Rd Exp
- 6278 Lower Clapton Rd Exp
- 6365 High Road Leytonstone Exp
- 6431 Walthamstow St Jams Exp
- 6490 Tottenham Hale Village Exp
- 6611 Kenilworth Ave Exp
- 6663 Hackney Upper Clapton Exp
- 6694 Edmonton Exp
- 6977 Walthamstow Wood Street Exp

Borough Trampolining Championships

The Borough Trampolining Championships were held this week at the new Waltham Forest Feel Good Centre. Competitors all had to perform a set routine including a somersault which was judged by trampoline coaches from a local club. *Annalie Cole, Angela Igbinovia, Eve Terry O'Neill* and *Sophie Borley-Holden* all represented WSFG and performed their routines extremely well.

Sophie Borley-Holden won the Under 14 girls competition, beating girls from five other schools to take the title.

The four girls were also entered into the Under 16 girls' team competition. All girls completed their routines so well they actually won this section of the competition and are now the Under 16 Waltham Forest Trampolining Team Champions. This is a fantastic achievement for the girls in their first schools trampolining competition, well done to all the girls!.



Ms Warren

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

Last week, we took a journey back to our school's past and travelled to Wellingborough. Our students were evacuated to Wellingborough from 1939 to 1942, where they attended their host school, Wellingborough High, now called Wrenn Academy.

Our host, the school Librarian, Juliet Walsh, organised a tour of the school with staff members and a former pupil, giving us an insight of life at the school, both past and present. As you can see by the photograph, the building is remarkably similar to our school. We hope to develop further links between our schools.

There are many stories in Iris, our school magazine which describe time spent in Wellingborough. The Headteacher, Miss Norris sums up her thanks to the people of Wellingborough in her article from the *Iris* magazine of 1942.

To many the word evacuation is a word of ill-omen, but to Walthamstow High School it is full of happy memories; in retrospect we recall a host of kindly foster-parents and hospitable friends, we remember how when we were strangers they took us in and opened to us their hearths and their homes, we think of all their "little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love"; we know that we have forged bonds of friendship which can never be broken and from the bottom of our hearts we say, thank you, Wellingborough, and au revoir.

Ms Kelly and Mrs Winter



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 FII, 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 <u>swilkinson@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk</u> to sign up for your place.

Cost: £15 for four sessions or £5 per session drop in, with your first session free!

Digital Parenting

Would you like to find out more about digital parenting?

- Online peer pressure and cyber bullying
- Setting family technology rules
- Online controls for children of all ages
- Is your family cyber secure?
- Jobs for girls: a future in technology
- How to report inappropriate content

Use this web link to find out more: <u>http://vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk/</u>

Mr Bryant Director of ICT



Free Half-term Cycling School for Young People Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February

Community Outdoor Group (COG) is a community cycling and bike maintenance project in partnership with Higham Hill Hub, British Cycling, Waltham Forest Metropolitan Police & partners.

As part of the project, the COG team will be putting on another free week of cycling sessions for young people at the Higham Hill Hub.

This will run from;

Monday 13th February to

Friday 17th February

between 1.30pm to 3.30pm.



If you have your own bike and helmet, please bring these along however they have a small limited supply to offer those without their own

Please sign-up in advance by following this link -

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HB7ZX9Y

or for more information about COG and/or to register your interest in other COG community cycling group, bike maintenance sessions or interested in becoming a COG volunteer, please contact them via email.

info@highamhillhub.org.uk

MASID-E-UMER Open Day & Exhibition

Sunday 19th February 2017 O Ipm - 7pm @ Masjid-E-Umer, 79 Queens Road, Walthamstow E17 8QR

Families Welcome

Discussions; ask questions, clear misconceptions

Refreshments

Exhibition; History of Islam in Britain

Watch Live Prayers

Masjid - e - Unter

Guided Tour

Get In Touch Tel: 07977 212591

Web: www.masjideumer.org.uk Email: info@masjideumer.org.uk Please dress modestly.

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Rebuild Barpak Quiz Evening

Friday 3rd March 2017

7.00 - 10pm Ye Olde Rose and Crown, Hoe Street, E17 4SA



It is now almost two years since the devastating earthquake destroyed the village of Barpak. Since then the people of Barpak have made incredible headway in planning and rebuilding the village. Our fund raising events have helped to provide temporary school buildings and 800 books for the library.

But as they say the fight's not over till it's over,

and that's exactly why we are hosting another fundraiser, not just to raise money but to share our experiences from our most recent trips.

We are having a talk from the inspirational Mickey Gordon and a short film made by Ryan Mc Gee – one of the young people from Essex Boys and Girls Clubs, who came with us on the trip in August 2015.

Quiz night entertainment is being provided by Steve Barks and Stephen Crawford from Leytonstone School, who have always supported this cause.

Challenging and fun quiz/prizes/pay bar/ sponsor a school pack.....

Rsvp

kate@qklltd.co.uk /mickey@leaside.co.uk

Tickets £10

School Calendar for 2016-17				
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Thursday 16th March	Year 8 Parent/Carers Evening 4-7pm			
	rd April 2017-Monday 17th April Friday 14th April Monday 17th April			
Summer Term 2017 Start: Tuesday 18th April	End: Wednesday 19th July			
Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday Ist May				
Thursday 11th May	Year 7 Parent/Carers Evening 4-7pm			
Half Term: Monday 29th May-Friday 2nd June				
Friday 23rd June Leave	ers Day			
YEAR 11 2017 Summer Written Examination timetable				
The Year 11 Summer written examinations begin on Monday 15th May and finish on Monday 26th 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				
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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