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11 February 2019

Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR
Spring Term 2019
End Friday 5th April 2019
Wednesday 13th –Thursday 14th February
School production of Mary Poppins Jr.
Half Term: Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February 2019
Thursday 7th March
Year 9 Parent/Carer subject evening 4.30– 7pm
Thursday 21st March
Year 8 Parent/Carer subject evening 4.30– 7pm
Thursday 4th April
7th Annual Steel Pan Fundraising Concert 7 - 9.30 pm

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HEADTEACHER’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

As you may have seen in the local news – or are yet to see – WSFG was pleased to be chosen to host a visit from the Minister for Apprenticeships and Skills, the Rt Hon Anne Milton MP on Thursday 7th February.



Anne requested a visit to the school so that she could meet with careers leaders to discuss the provision of career services within education, as well as the challenges schools face ensuring that each student has a post-16 path in place to pursue their future career.

Anne also met with our Year 10 students, who were fortunate to take part in a Q&A, where Anne discussed her 25 year career as a nurse, before moving into a role in government. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to talk to a successful woman about the challenges and obstacles she has faced throughout her career, as well as the resilience necessary to be a woman in politics.

I am also greatly encouraged by the dialogue that such visits harbour, and the way in which WSFG can contribute to wider government understanding of the challenges and obstacles schools face providing a careers service and education for students, and the ways in which the government can respond to such demands and create opportunities that meet the needs of the young people of today. She was also accompanied by Christine Hodgson, Chair of the Career and Enterprise Company. Waltham Forest Councillor, Grace Williams, joined the discussion with staff afterwards.

I would like to thank Ms Phillipou, Assistant Headteacher for arranging the event, and thank our students for representing our school so maturely throughout the visit.

Thursday was a busy day for our Year 7s as well this week, as myself and a number of other members of staff took half the year group on a trip to see 'Icarus' at the Unicorn Theatre, a modern and fun retelling of an ancient myth. Our Year 7s were more than deserving of this trip, as their behaviour and maturity was displayed throughout the journey to and from the theatre, which involved manoeuvring through the busy London Underground. I also enjoyed the trip too and thank Ms Cornford and the other staff who accompanied the girls.

As a final note, I would like to congratulate our Year 9 Basketball Team for winning 16-9 in the semi-finals against Chingford Foundation School, despite the girls having their injections earlier in the day. Our basketball team will now go through to the borough finals on Monday 11th February at the Feel Good Centre, and I wish the girls the best of luck!

Have an excellent weekend, and a reminder - it isn't too late to buy your ticket for our school production, Mary Poppins Jr via sQuid, ahead of the performances taking place on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th February 2019.

Meryl Davies
Headteacher

Rt Hon Anne Milton MP with
WSFG Headteacher Meryl Davies



Walthamstow School for Girls

Presents
Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's



Mary Poppins

A musical based on the Stories of P.L Travers
and the Walt Disney Film

Original Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman
and Robert B. Sherman

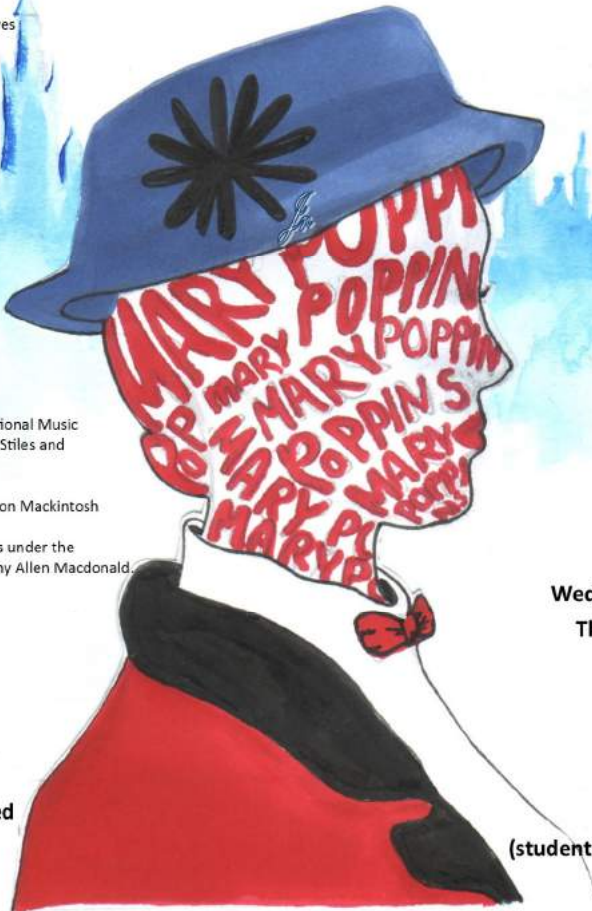
Book by Julian Fellowes

New Songs and Additional Music
and Lyrics by George Stiles and
Anthony Drewe

Co-created by Cameron Mackintosh

Adapted by iTheatrics under the
supervision of Timothy Allen Macdonald.

Poster designed
by
Emira Year 9



Wednesday 13th February
Thursday 14th February

Hewett Hall, 7.30pm

£7 full price
£4 concessions
(students, OAPs, unemployed)

Disney

Faculty News

Challenge puzzle of the week



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N T H Y J D
M E R G C U
C D I

Entries open: 04/02/19
Entries close: 10/02/19

QR code:  puzzle number 85

U	G	Y	S	R	R	V	C	M	R	X	Q	T
Z	S	P	Z	A	S	Q	H	V	S	C	D	?

Extension: Create a different cipher using different numbers and write a message using it.

@asharpeducator | Puzzle created by Andrew Sharpe | www.puzzleoftheweek.com

Check the website for our current position;

[http://
www.puzzleoftheweek.com/
results/school-results](http://www.puzzleoftheweek.com/results/school-results)

Ms Robinson
Challenge Coordinator

P.E. News

The Year 9 basketball team played in the semi final of the Waltham Forest Borough league this week against Chingford Foundation School.

The girls won the game 16-9 so they have made it through to the borough finals on Monday afternoon at The Feel Good

Centre. This is such a fantastic achievement for the team and wish them luck in the final next week:

Rebeca 9F

Arani 9F

Sylvie 9F (awarded player of the match)

Jai Ming 9F

Roya 9W

Jessica 9W

Molly 9G

Deja 9H

Morenike 9H

Tatiana 9H

Ms Warren

Professional Interview Day

Last week our Year 11 students came to school dressed in their interview outfits ready for Professional Interview Day. We welcomed more than twenty volunteers from the world of work who took a day out of their busy schedules to offer this opportunity to our students.

In advance of the day, Year 11 students worked in PSHE and in their own time to create a CV and cover letter that they can work on throughout their lives. On the day, they were each given a 30 minute interview slot where they came to meet with one of our volunteer interviewers.



It was a great opportunity to practise their interview skills, to step out of their comfort zone, to reflect on their own performance and to receive feedback from a professional. There was lots of excitement and some nerves!

The overwhelming response was very positive and I felt genuinely proud to be working with such a fantastic group of great young adults.

Well done Year 11!

Ms Philippou
Assistant Headteacher



The Focus of the Fortnight
4th –15th February
Noise and Movement in the School Corridors

Dear Parents / Carers,

All members of our school community are asked within the Out of Lesson Positive Behaviour Code to move around the school “calmly, safely and quietly”. We also always walk on the left in school corridors and staircases etc. If students behave in a dangerous, noisy or inappropriate way in the school buildings or grounds, they will be spoken with by a member of staff and will have their conduct card signed.

It is in the interest of all members of our community to move calmly, safely and quietly around the school at all times. Thank you for your support in this and all school matters.

Ms. Pratt
 Assistant Headteacher

- The Out of Lesson Positive Behaviour Code states that we move around the school “calmly, safely and quietly”.
- It also states that we walk on the left.
- The corridors are not for social gathering as they need to remain clear.

The Sanctions.

- The student breaking these expectations will be spoken to by a member of staff.
- The student conduct card will be signed if this expectation is not met by a student.

Emergency School Closures or Severe Weather

In the event of an emergency school closure the decision on whether the school stays open will be taken by the Headteacher after carrying out a risk assessment.

In the event of severe weather, the school will remain open whenever possible.

Information about any closure will be available on the school's website:

www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

by phone:

020 8509 9446

or via a text message

We aim to send text messages to parents and carers, although there are sometimes delays in getting these messages through promptly, so please check the school's website for up to date information. Please ensure that the School Office has on record up to date addresses and telephone numbers including a mobile number and the person to contact in the case of a student emergency.

It is essential that the school has at least **one** land line and a mobile number.

Attendance figures for January 2019.



The following are the attendance figures for January and the year to date.

January winners are 7S, 8H, 9S, 10S and 11S.

Winners postcards have already been issued.

No change in year to date winners who are 7S, 8F, 9S, 10H and 11S.

100% certificates and pin badges for the Autumn Term have been given to SPLs, so please ask if you have not received them yet.

Students are allowed to pin the star badges onto their lanyards.

Ms King
Attendance Manager

Lost Property

Reminder to Parents/Carers.

Please make sure all clothing, including P.E. kit, is clearly labelled. Blazers should be named with labels or in indelible pen.

Students are reminded that you can collect lost property at **3.30pm** every day. Parents and carers may also collect lost property on **any day after school**.

All lost property will be removed from the box on the last day of term. Have a lovely break.

Ms Jolliffe
Student Services



Save the plastic save the world!

At WSFG we are starting an initiative called Ecobricks to try and reduce the amount of litter we produce and encourage our students to become more environmentally conscious. Ecobricks are an exciting way that we can take action today to stop pollution and to start envisioning a healthier way of living with our environment.

The focus of our Ecobrick project is to encourage everyone to collect plastic and not dispose of it, so it can be reused in an environmentally friendly way. The plastic is stuffed into plastic bottles, and once these bottles are full they can be used like bricks to construct furniture or structures.

Plastic is all around us. When we throw things 'away' without thinking, we do so at our peril. Many disconcerting studies are showing the dire effect on not only marine animals and ecologies but also on the health and well being of people throughout the globe.

When plastics are littered, burned or dumped, they poison the Earth, Air, and Water. When we save, segregate and pack plastics into bottles, we can make building blocks that can be reused over and over again. By working together we can build green spaces that will enrich our community while looking after the planet.

Pollution is caused by short sighted thinking, where the impact of the problem is passed on to another group of people. In contrast Ecobricks are a community powered solution to the problems caused by pollution. It empowers individuals within a community to take responsibility for the area in which they live. In other areas where the Ecobrick initiative has been successful the dumping of litter and unnecessary waste have been drastically reduced. So, we hope that by launching this Ecobrick initiative we can have a similar impact at Walthamstow School for Girls.

So what can you do to help?

- 1 - Stop throwing away plastic and start saving it instead.
- 2 - Start putting the plastic into a large bottle (2 litre bottles work best for building)
- 3 - Make sure your bottle is completely full with no gaps.
- 4 - Bring the full Ecobricks into school and hand them to the charity reps who will collect them every week.
- 5 - Pat yourself on the back knowing you have started to save the world!

If you want more information about how to construct your own Ecobricks then you can have a look at the Ecobrick website: <https://www.ecobricks.org/>

Thanks in advance for all your support

Mr Morrow

Associate Assistant Headteacher

HOW to MAKE AN ECOBRICK:

YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING

- 2L BOTTLE (COKE SHAPE IF POSSIBLE)
- STUFFING ROD (BAMBOO, DIAL, WOODEN SPOON)
- DRY UNRECYCLABLE WASTE (SEE LIST BELOW)
- DETERMINATION! (STARTING IS THE HARD PART)

STEP 1.

TWIST WASTE BEFORE INSERTING INTO THE BOTTLE.

STEP 2.

SLOT COMPRESSED MATTER INTO BOTTLE AND COMPRESS DOWN WITH STUFFING ROD.

STEP 3.

FILL THE BOTTLE TIGHTLY TO THE TOP WITH COMPRESSED MATTER (IT SHOULD FEEL ROBUST).

STEP 4.

BOOGIE!! CELEBRATE YOUR COMPLETED ECOBRICK, BUT TRY NOT BECOME TOO ATTACHED.

STEP 5.

DECIDE HOW YOU'D LIKE TO USE YOUR ECOBRICK. YOU COULD DROP IT OFF AT A LOCAL COLLECTION POINT/START A COLLECTION POINT. OR FOLLOW EASY STEPS TOWARDS CREATING YOUR OWN VERSATILE ECOBRICK FURNITURE!

STEP 6.

CONNECT WITH US TO LEARN ABOUT GLOBAL ECOBRICK TRENDS:

www.facebook.com/ecobrickexchange

www.twitter.com/ecobrickxchange

UNRECYCLABLE MATTER TO USE:

- LAMINATED PAPER
- PHOTOS AND TRANSPARENCIES
- POLYSTYRENE TRAYS
- PLASTIC FRUIT PUNNETS
- SILVERY PACKETS (CHIP, CHOCOLATE ETC)
- P.E.T. TRAYS
- WAX PAPER
- DOGFOOD BAGS

AND JUST LIKE THAT YOU'RE AN ECO WARRIOR!



Our School History

We have an 'Open Door Policy' here but unfortunately the door stop isn't always working. So, the peace of the library is sometimes disturbed by the noise of a nearby door slamming open (oddly enough, it never slams closed). This may be caused by the combined force of thirty students trying to get through a small doorway, all at once, usually at the beginning of lunch or the end of the school day! Sometimes, the doors to the LRC close when there is no one around, either we have very small pupils or the school is leaning to one side, it's anybody's guess.

Here is an article about school doors by Yvonne Abbinett, who was evacuated to Wellingborough during World War II. She writes about the school in Northampton and our present building, when Miss Norris was our Headteacher and Miss Park was the Drama teacher.

Ms Kelly
LRC Manager

Doors.

I have this minute decided to write an article about doors and the various approaches of various people in various ways thereto.

Take, for instance, the doors at the Wellingborough High School, (now Wren Academy) through which we pass innumerable times a day. The swing-doors-such nice playful things; you can dive right through the middle of them, if you care to take the risk of being knocked flat on your face when the recoil sets in.

Also at the aforementioned school the class-room doors, un-like our own at home, prevent girls from peering unobtrusively through their solid wooden panels; so you either have to open the door, majestically or furtively. Whichever becomes you, and find it is the wrong form-room. Whereupon the powers that be turn the full battery of righteous indignation upon you, and you retire hurriedly, mumbling apologies, or sweep out with a "how tiresome, I was sure I was right" look, which inevitably falls flat as you know the mistress will immediately sarcastically ask a delighted form, how work is to progress. . . or other such suitable questions. Or as an alternative you can revert to the degrading method of "keyhole-looking-through." I, personally, am becoming accomplished in the art of recognising a mistress by her keyhole-shaped silhouette.

Exempli gratia (look up what it means, you *should* know) a bright purple keyhole is Miss Park, especially if the keyhole is in continuous motion; and a pair of lorgnettes surmounted by a gleaming chain denotes Miss Norris' presence.

It is quite amusing to observe members of the School and Staff; yes, I have witnessed the stooping of certain mistresses to keyholes, creeping about the galleries and even placing an ear to a keyhole to detect the voice of the one they are tracking.

The familiar joy of peering through glass panels and dis-tracting the form's attention, is gone for a while: for how long, I cannot say. I was bitterly disappointed over this point, as I had just reached the height at Walthamstow when I didn't have to bounce up and down un-dignifiedly to see what I wanted to see, as I had to when merely a puny Lower Third.

Still, we must resign ourselves to the inevitable; the mistresses must endure frequent interruptions; the pupils must not be dis-tracted by them, and both parties must practise the little-known art of School Espionage without Detection.

Yvonne Abbnett (V.A.).



Door at WSFG



Door at Wren Academy



EMBROIDERY CLUB IS BACK!
 LEARN A NEW SKILL
 OR
 BRING ALONG YOUR PROJECT
 TUESDAY
 LUNCHEON IN THE LRC

Celebrating International Women's Day

Saturday 16th March 2019

Vestry House Museum

Eunice Holden—A Free Spirit

GREEK THEATRE, GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL,
 CHURCH HILL, E.17

The Perfect Open-Air Play in an Ideal Setting

DANCES ARRANGED BY JOAN BARRATT.

THE MENDELSSOHN MUSIC UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MR. L. C. BELCHAMBERS

COSTUMES DESIGNED AND EXECUTED BY EDNA WILSDON.

FLOOD-LIGHTING ARRANGED BY MR. J. S. ARTHUR.

JEANNE KING, JOAN BARRATT, GLADYS PHILLIPS, EUNICE HOLDEN, EILEEN STANDEN, MARY KING,
 SIDNEY PARRIS, JACK ALLEN, DOUG COATES, ALFRED BISHOP, RON BURRAGE, DOUGLAS DAVIDSON,
 NORMAN BARNES, KEN PETTIGREER, BILL ALLEN, ROY DAVIDSON, PETER McDERMOTT, ROY HOUSEMAN

THE PLAY PRODUCED BY EUNICE HOLDEN.

Oona Kelly, Librarian at Walthamstow School for Girls,
 will be giving a talk about Eunice Black (née Holden).
 A character actress best known for her role as 'Ada' from
 'On the Buses,' you will hear about her time at the
 school and beyond.

For more information contact info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

Times to be arranged.

Community Events

Sunday 10 February 2019, Family Day Valentine Crafts, Vestry House Museum

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm, Free, but a suggested donation of £3 will help us maintain our programme.

On the second Sunday of the month we run fun activities for families to make and do together, inspired by our collections, exhibitions and the history of Waltham Forest.

This month, inspired by our Victorian Parlour screen, learn traditional Victorian-style découpage techniques. Make colourful gifts for your loved ones such as cards or heart shaped picture frames. Activities for children with access needs are available.

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HOLIDAYS



Monday - Friday

Dates: 18 - 22 February

Times: 8.30am - 4pm

Address: TBC

HALF TERM CAMP

Join us for a jam-packed week full of physical, fun and creative activities. Be inspired as you develop your own social enterprise. You could win the competition where a cash prize will bring your creative business idea to life. Places for the half term are limited so we suggest booking as soon as possible.



To register your interest text **07575 053994** with your name, age and which project you would like to attend.



In partnership with Big Local

CODING



Saturdays

Ages: 10 - 14

Dates: 2 February - 6 April
(no session 23 February)

Times: 11am - 12pm and 12pm - 1pm (book one slot only)

Address: Apple Store, Westfield Stratford City E20 1EQ

CODING ROBOTS: THE SPHERO MAZE CHALLENGE

This project is designed to spark imagination and creativity through fun and hands-on sessions. You will explore coding with Sphero robots by programming simple movements, loops and more. Then you will design a maze and navigate your robot through obstacles. You can bring your own iPad and Sphero Sprk+robot, or we will provide them for you. No experience is required.



To register your interest text **07575 063994** with your name, age and which project you would like to attend.

School Calendar Dates 2018-2019

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Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 19th July 2019

May Bank holiday Monday 6th May

Thursday 9th May Year 7 Parent/Carer subject evening
4.30– 7pm

Monday 13th May—Tuesday 18th June—GCSE Examinations Year 11

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019

Monday 3rd June—Friday 28th June Year 10 mock examinations