

#### Week 'B'

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students and staff. There was another popular themed lunch provided by our caterers, Olive Dining, on Monday. This time the dining hall was bedecked with pumpkins and spooky cobwebs.

On Thursday the school held its first memorial event for Year 10 student *Dilara Ozbek*, who lost her long and brave battle against bone cancer on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Her year group, along with Ms Warren and volunteer staff, held a fund raising celebratory event at lunchtime for the Bone Cancer Trust, the charity which supported *Dilara* and her family. Many cakes, plants and other goodies were on sale, which raised a large amount of money. Other events are also being planned.

Finally, also on Thursday will hold our Year 10 parents and carers Subject Consultation Evening. We have moved this forward in the calendar in order to communicate with parents and carers about how their daughters have settled into their GCSE courses.

Wishing you all a safe but spectacular Bonfire Night this weekend,

Best wishes, Meryl Davies

#### 15 October 2016 The Hub WSFG Student attends the UK's first diversity lecture and wins scholarship aimed at top BAME talent from across the UK

Headteacher Meryl Davies was delighted that Walthamstow School for Girls was invited to send representatives to the launch of Miranda Brawn's Diversity Leadership Annual Lecture, the first of its kind in the UK. This was set up by renowned business diversity leader, Barrister and Founder of The Miranda Brawn Diversity Leadership Foundation, Miranda Brawn. The launch was attended by around one hundred 14 to 21 year old Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) future leaders and hosted by the UK's leading law school, The University of Law on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Some of the best BAME talent from across the UK attended the trailblazing diversity lecture. This is the first time that a diversity lecture has taken place in the UK to include the 14 to 18 year old age group. The diversity lecture raised awareness about the importance of incorporating a broader representation of backgrounds in the workplace, both from a moral and business perspective. Miranda Brawn, set up her foundation, The Miranda Brawn Diversity Leadership Foundation, to provide the next generation of BAME future leaders with opportunities for success via diversity lectures and scholarships which include funding, mentoring and work experience. This year, Miranda has also teamed up with Black Cultural Archives, aims to preserve and celebrate the heritage of black people in Britain and The Prince's Trust, youth charity that helps young people aged 13 to 30 get into jobs, education and training founded by Charles, Prince of Wales.

Miranda offered more insight on how to close the diversity gap, while educating the next generation about the various forms of diversity issues currently facing the UK workforce for race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion, faith, age and social mobility, in order for the young leaders to start to think about how they can make a difference taking action now.



Award Winners including Savannah Odeyemi (10S) who won a scholarship worth £250 plus personal mentoring from Miranda Brawn

Ms Davies commented "We are extremely proud that Savannah has been awarded one of seven new Miranda Brawn Diversity Leadership Scholarships aimed at supporting the UK's brighter British, Asian and Minority Ethnic future leaders. Other recipients included students from the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge and The Tiffin Girls' School in Kingston.

We are eagerly awaiting a visit from Miranda Brawn who will be speaking to girls at Walthamstow School for Girls later in the year. Savannah herself believes that diversity is empowering; and it is this diversity which makes WSFG and Waltham Forest such an inspirational place to work and be educated."



#### NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE

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2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2016

All Parents, Carers should receive a copy of this letter, together with a numbered ballot paper and statements from candidates, by post, in the next few days. If you do not receive a letter, please contact Ms Royds in the school's front office – 020 8509 9448.

Dear Parent/Carer,

#### ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR - November 2016

As you know I have been requesting nominations from parents, carers who wish to serve on the Governing Body. This request has been repeated in three consecutive editions of the Greensheet which you will have received either by email or via your daughter and the information has been displayed on our website.

By the closing date on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October I had received three nominations and as there is only one vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Governing Body it will be necessary to hold an election.

Each parent, carer is entitled to one ballot paper, which should be returned to the school on or before Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016. On the ballot paper you will be able to vote for one candidate. Papers with more than the permitted number of votes will be disallowed. Ballot papers may be returned via your child, or if you wish may be put directly in the ballot box in the school office.

The voting paper should be sealed in an unmarked envelope which should then be sealed in an outer envelope marked "Parent Governor Elections" and with your name on the outer envelope. Once the name has been checked against the list of those eligible to vote, the outer envelope will be discarded and the inner envelope placed in the ballot box.

You will find enclosed copies of the statements written by the candidates saying why they wish to become parent governors; these may help you to cast your votes.

The votes will be counted on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November and the outcome will be advised in the following edition of the Greensheet.

Yours sincerely,

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Meryl Davies Headteacher Enc. Voting Slip Candidates' statements.



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Individual No:

#### BALLOT FORM - ELECTION FOR PARENT GOVERNORS - November 2016

Please vote for no more than two Governors

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Please put a cross in the box beside the name of the candidate you would like to vote for.

There is a vacancy for one parent governor only. If you vote for more than one candidate, your paper cannot be included in the ballot.

Please return this ballot paper to the school on or before Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016. Please enclose the ballot form in a plain envelope inside another envelope marked "Parent Governor Election" and with your name on the outside envelope only. Alternatively you are welcome to come into school and place the ballot form directly into the ballot box.

Each parent is entitled to one ballot paper ONLY. Each ballot paper has an individual number to avoid duplicate voting.

#### Statements from Parent Governor nominees

Parent Governor nominees were each asked to write a short statement explaining why they would like to represent the Governing Body of Walthamstow School for Girls as Parent Governor. These statements are reproduced below in the order that they appear on the ballot form.

As Head of School at Willow Brook Primary School, my skill-set will enable me to support Walthamstow School for Girls to improve and achieve an 'Outstanding' judgement from Ofsted. As a Head who has recently demonstrated the ability to rapidly improve a failing school, I am committed to improving the life chances of all children. The role of a governor is to support and challenge a school; to analyse complex data sets and reports in order to understand and target improvements; to hold the school to account in order to help leaders continue to make brave decisions. As a father of a Year 7 girl, I am already highly impressed with WSFG, and would be proud to be part of the governing body.

Graham Clifford

I would be honoured to be your representative on the school board. I would like to better understand and support the work that goes on in the background of our school to make it what it is.

For the last 10 years my husband and I have run our own retail business and prior to that I worked for a small but rapidly expanding charity.

Since our daughter started at WSFG last year I have been impressed with the ethos of the school and the great work they do to prepare our daughters for their futures, guiding them to be well-rounded, outward looking, conscientious and creative thinkers.

Single sex schools have many benefits, however an all-girl environment can also have its drawbacks. I am particularly interested in the school's provision for the emotional and physical wellbeing of our daughters and how WSFG works to discourage relational aggression – the under the radar type of bullying girls can be so adept at.

Clare Elwes

I would like to become a parent governor as I believe I can assist the school in improving its standards, reputation and continued success which will benefit the staff, children and parents. I have a child at the school and I have seen the excellent work the school has done with the children.

I am an IT professional currently working for the DFE; I have learnt many skills from my current post such as leadership and strategic thinking. Education is my passion and I believe I have the skills that would allow me to add value as a parent governor.

Asher Ayub

#### Focus of the Fortnight 7<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016. Student Planner

Dear Parents / Carers,

At the start of the Year, all students are issued with a planner that has been carefully designed to support them with their school work, homework and general organisational skills.

Students are required to have their planner in school with them at all times and if they do not, they will have an automatic one hour detention with a member of the Leadership Team.

If a student looses her planner she should purchase another from Student Services for the cost of  $\pounds 2.00$ .

In order to support your daughter with this Focus, please ensure that she has her planner with her every day for school and sign the planner as required.

Ms Pratt Assistant Headteacher



#### Student Planner

- A student is required to have her PLANNER with her in school at all times
- The PLANNER is an essential part of her school equipment. If a student does not have her PLANNER, she will receive an automatic one hour detention and will have her conduct card signed.

#### Year II Mock Examinations 2016

The Year II Mock Examinations begin on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November and finish on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The MFL speaking controlled assessments begin on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November and finish on Friday 11th November 2016.

Students will receive copies of their individual Mock Examination timetables via Form Tutors before half-term and there are details of these mocks on the school website:

http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/exams-and-controlled-assessments/year-11summer-examination-

Please ensure that students are in full school uniform and have all the equipment they need for these exams.

Many thanks.

Mrs Brickett Examinations Officer

#### Year II Science mock revision

Resources are now available on the MLE:

Criteria for units 3, 4, (plus 5 and 6 for Triple Science) Unit 3 past papers and mark schemes for Higher and Foundation papers.

Ms Gocool

## Challenge News

#### This week's Oxbridge Question

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

> What is fate? (Classics and English, Cambridge)

Ms Robinson



#### English Literature GCSE Workbooks

Dear Parent/Carer,

The English Faculty have arranged an opportunity for your daughter to purchase workbooks covering two of the texts she is studying for GCSE English Literature, at a reduced price.

From **Monday 31**<sup>st</sup> **October** copies of the following will be available to purchase from Student Services;

An Inspector Calls: York Notes for GCSE Workbook Jane Eyre: York Notes for GCSE Workbook

The recommended retail price for each workbook is  $\pounds 5.99$  – students can purchase them here for just  $\pounds 4.00$  each. If your daughter is able bring the exact money, that would be helpful.

We hope that this offer is useful to your daughter in her study of the texts.

Ms Baldwin Head of English Faculty



## Obituary

It is with regret that Greenleaf Primary School announces the death of teacher Anthenia Trim, after a long illness.

A lot of students who transferred from Greenleaf Primary School will remember Ms Trim with fondness as she was a much loved teacher.

Greenleaf Primary School have opened a book of remembrance, which they would like to present to her family to help them through the difficult days, months and years ahead.

Any former Greenleaf pupils and their parents who remember Ms Trim are welcome to go along to the school office to write a message in the book. Thank you

Maureen Breslin Administrator Greenleaf Primary School

## Afterschool ICT Club

# From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November, we will be re-opening our afterschool ICT facilities from 3:30pm until 4:30pm on Mondays through to Thursdays.

This is a supervised space which provides a calm environment for students to complete quiet study individually or in pairs and very small groups. The workroom is equipped with 30 computers as well as adequate desk space for students to use.

Our afterschool ICT club was well attended last year by students across the school and I'm sure that our students will make the most of this opportunity once again.

Please note that this is a quiet study area and mobile phones and music are not allowed in line with our usual school procedures. Many thanks,

Ms Philippou Assistant Headteacher



#### Olive Dining Halloween Poster Competition Winners

The winners received a tub of Halloween goodies each.

Sana Arshad 7W

Evie Thomas 7C







## MyBnk Workshops - Year 7 and 8

Dear Year 7 and 8 Parents, Carers and Students,

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, MyBnk will be in school delivering workshops to our Year 7 and 8 students as follows.

 Year 7
 9:05-12:25
 My Money and My Choices

 Year 8
 1:30 – 3:30
 My Future

Please see below an outline for what these sessions will cover:

#### I. My Money

- History and features of money
- Forms of payment
- Currency & exchange rates

#### 2. My Choices

- Budgeting, Needs & Wants, Saving
- Youth employment and minimum wage

## 3. My Future

- Interest and the flow of money
- Types of accounts, including ethical banking
- Connecting the learning from previous sessions

The sessions will take place in school and students are expected in full school uniform at the usual time.

Students have found these sessions really valuable in the past and I'm sure your daughter will enjoy them.

Many thanks, Ms Philippou

#### Equal Opportunities drama play 'The Man of Good Hope'

Ms Cornford and I took twenty three students to see a play "A Man of Good Hope" at the Young Vic on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October in the evening as part of our Black History Month celebrations.

Here are their reviews:

#### Lily Down 11S

On Tuesday 18th October, students from Year 10 Drama and from Equal Opportunities group went to the Young Vic in Southwark to see 'A Man of Good Hope', the play follows the life of a young Somali man. Upon his mother's death, he travels across Africa, seeing different cultures, looking for family, a home and a good life. The audience see his passion and intelligence, and through speech and song his story is told. He encounters setbacks and misfortunes, but he never gives up his hope for the future. The play features a cast gifted in acting, singing and dancing, and the rare species – a good child actor. We all greatly enjoyed this play, for the humour, political message, and the passion of this man of good hope.

#### Rebecca Dan IIW

'The Man of Good Hope' is a play about a young Somalian man who had struggled to build his life ever since he was young. The play had amazing live background music and the actors and actresses played the instruments themselves. They also sang beautifully which was emotionally touching. They had creative methods of presenting many different issues such as FGM, refugees and poverty. This play is the best one yet!

#### Hope Terry O'Neill I I W

I thought it was an exceptionally good play and I found it very interesting how they touched on a lot of issues, for example, FGM, poverty and violence because of racism. It was powerful but also didn't get you too down because of the amazing singing. I would definitely recommend for you to go see it.

#### Jeevan Kaur IIW

As part of the Equal Opportunities group, I had the pleasure of going to see this play based around Black History Month. The fact that it was a musical made it extremely enjoyable and got the message across well. The play covered many issues including Female Genital Mutilation, refugees and discrimination against black people. The story at times was upsetting and shocking which really brought the issues to reality. Overall, I understood well the different messages and I've been able to understand the life and journey of a Black refugee. Gabya Nakrosiute IIW

I enjoyed the day very much because of the amazing singing and dancing that the actors and actresses presented to us. It touched on issues such as poverty, refugees and FGM. I found it very interesting to watch because of the creative ways they presented the issues.

#### Tosin Ajayi IIW

'A Man of Good Hope' gave us an insight of the reality that many refugees have to go through. It was very moving and powerful and showed us things that we hadn't seen or understood before. Following the play, I now understand how important helping refugees is because they are people just like us and they deserve support and help contrary to what the media has said previously.

#### Hafsa Moolla IIW

'A Man of Good Hope' was the first theatre play that I watched and it was a very surreal experience. It outlined a lot social and political problems that are weighing upon the lives of Black people. It was very moving, emotional and powerful. The music, such as opera and the cultural and traditional instruments used, made it more enjoyable and memorable. I will definitely recommend it to others.

Ms Desbenoit / Ms Cornford. Diversity Coordinator / Head of Drama.



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Performing Arts Extra – Curricular Timetable				
DAY	LUNCHTIME I 2:30pm-1:00pm	AFTERSCHOOL 3:30pm-4:30pm		
Monday	Year 9 and 10/11 Football training (FCA)	Year 7-11 Basketball coaching SH		
Tuesday	Year 7 and Year 8 Football training (LWO)	Year 9 and 10/11 football fixtures (LWO&FCA) Roller skating club SH		
Wednesday	Year 7-11 Basketball (RWA) sports hall	Year 7 Drama club CWA drama studio Basketball fixtures (RWA)		
Thursday	Wii fit club WFA F55 Badminton Ms Black Sports hall	Year 7 and year 8 Football fixtures (FCA & LWO) Year 7-11 Tottenham football coaching		
Friday	Year 7-11 KTROO Club Please sigh up at performing arts office			









# Walthamstow Town Centre Improvements Ist November 2016 -Summer 2018

# Hoe Street/Selborne Road junction

As Waltham Forest continues to grow, we are working hard with Transport for London to ensure that the transport network in the town centre can support growth and that you can get around easily.

Initial works have started to prepare for our contractor who will be constructing a new bridge over the railway line.

You will start to see contractors on site from 1 November. The construction works will be completed in separate phases to keep disruption to a minimum

with different areas around the gyratory affected at different times.

In the longer term, our improvements will create a new public space in the heart of the town and introduce a simplified traffic layout, better access to public transport, provide space for cycling and improve pedestrian crossings.

Consultation on the final gyratory proposals will take place early in 2017



and feedback received will be used to help shape the final design.

Expect delays during this time and plan your journey before you travel. Visit TfL website.

For further information please visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/e17roadworks or email

e17roadworks@walthamforest.gov.uk

## Providing more reliable and safer journeys through Walthamstow town centre

For further information

www.walthamforest.gov.uk





#### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

#### Free Yoga Classes for Parents and Carers

Are you looking for a way to get fit and manage your stress? Why not try yoga!

WSFG is offering free 5-week beginners yoga and relaxation course to parents and carers, beginning in November 2016.



Sessions will take place on Thursdays at WSFG, from 4 - 5pm, from 10th November.

#### 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, but please do hurry as places are strictly limited!

#### WALTHAMSTOW

**Thursday 3rd November: Diwali Celebrations,** Chestnuts Field, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, E17 4JF, 7-10.30pm, free but ticket registration essential. Celebrate the Hindu festival of light with music and entertainment, hot food and fireworks. To book, visit: <u>http://www.wfculture.eventbrite.co.uk</u>

**Friday 4th November: Waltham Forest Firework Display,** Chestnuts field, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, E17 4JF, 6.30-9pm, last entry 7.45pm, display starts at 8pm, free. Enjoy the annual firework display, plus funfair, food and drink stalls and music. Wrap up warm, and check <u>www.walthamforest.gov.uk/updates</u> if it's a wet evening. **Saturday 5th November: Bulb planting session,** Walthamstow Village Residents' Association, meet in the Square, Orford Road, E17 9NJ, 10.30am-12.30pm, free, all welcome. Volunteers of all ages are needed to help plant 5,000 crocuses! Ring Helen Lerner on 07814 042499 / email: <u>helen@walthamstowvillage.net</u>. Tools provided.

**Saturday 5th November: Ex Warner Estate Residents' Tea Party and exhibition tour,** Vestry House Museum, Vestry Road, E17 9NH, 2.30-4.30pm, free. Do you live in an ex-Warner flat or house? If so, you are invited to join the curators of the new exhibition about the Warner Estate, which displays photographs, artefacts and interviews from residents of these distinctive homes. The exhibition runs until 19th February 2017, open 10am-5pm, Wednesday to Sunday, free. Contact: info@exwarnerproject.co.uk for more information.

## BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

Until 15th January 2017: Punks! Museum of London, 150 London Wall, EC2Y 5HN, daily 10am-5pm, free. This new exhibition explores the phenomenon of punk music and culture, which transformed music, fashion and attitudes in 1976; ask your parents or grandparents to explain! Clothes, posters, vinyl, photographs and film; nearest tube St Paul's or Barbican.

See http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk for more information.

#### Sunday 6th November: Beeswax and Candlemaking Evening,

The Learning Lodge, Pimp Hall Nature Reserve, Kings Road, E4 7HR, 6-8pm, free. Local beekeepers will show you to make candles with natural beeswax. Contact: <u>lodge.hornbeam@gmail.com</u> for details. Nearest station: Chingford.

**Thursday 3rd November and every Thursday until 15th December: DJ drop in for 13-6 year olds, Young Creatives at the Roundhouse,** Chalk Farm Road, NW1 8EH, 5-6.45pm, £2 per session, just drop in. Learn how to mix, scratch and more, using CDs and vinyl, at this exciting arts venue in Camden. Nearest tube: Chalk Farm. See <u>http://www.roundhouse.org.uk</u> for details of the full programme of activities for young people

Enjoy your free time!

Mrs Finamore



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#### School Calendar for 2016-17

#### Autumn Term 2016 End: Wednesday 21st December 2016

Thursday 3rd November	Year 10 Parent/Carers Evening
Monday 21st November	INSET Day School closed to students
Thursday 15th December	Carol concert details to follow

#### Spring Term 2017 Start: Wednesday 4th January 2017 End: Friday 31st March

Monday 30th January 2017	INSET Day School closed to students
Thursday 2nd February	Year II Parent/Carers Evening

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

Thursday 2nd March Thursday 16th March Year 9 Parent/Carers Evening Year 8 Parent/Carers Evening

Easter HolidayMonday 3rd April 2017-Monday 17th AprilGood Friday Bank Holiday:Friday 14th AprilEaster Monday Bank Holiday:Monday 17th April

Summer Term 2017 Start: Tuesday 18th April

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

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May

Thursday 11th May

Year 7 Parent/Carers Evening

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