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Week 'B'

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE				
<p>Dear Parents and Carers,</p> <p>Students and staff alike enjoyed our penultimate shorter week due to our school closure on Monday which I hope was productive for all, particularly in the run up to the holidays. However, we returned to a busy day on Tuesday with numerous sporting events, involving students from across the year groups.</p> <p>On Tuesday afternoon, students from Years 8 and 9, as well as a group from Year 11, competed in the Waltham Forest Borough Handball and Badminton Championships, with both our Under 14 and Under 16 team winning their matches, making them borough champions. This was a fantastic achievement for our students. We also had a second Under 14 team which played very well too. Congratulations and well done to all the students who took part. Our students' sporting successes also continued after school, with our Year 8 Basketball team winning their game against Walthamstow Academy, another well-deserved win for our students. Finally, our youngest Year 7 Football team played again in the borough football league which continued at the Peter May Centre. They played two games, drawing one and winning another with an impressive score of 5-0. Our team is now through to the final – congratulations to all involved and good luck for the final games! More details of the games can be found inside the Greensheet. My thanks to Ms Warren, Ms Heron Ms Black and Ms Wood for training and supporting our students at the matches.</p>				

It was also a busy afternoon for our school community on Tuesday at our annual Community Christmas Party. We were delighted to welcome the Mayor who spoke at the party, as well as greeting our 100 guests individually. Once again, it was a wonderful event with our ADT faculty along with Food Nutrition students preparing the food and our other subject faculties making Christmas cards, along with Year 11 students, assisting with serving our guests, taking photos of the event, as well as the all-important washing up at the end. Mr Caps from the Humanities Faculty donned his Father Christmas outfit, but unfortunately was left on his own as his elves went missing. Fortunately, this added to the fun of the afternoon and our guests were extremely grateful to all for organising the event. The choir and steel pans band also added to the atmosphere and helped the singing along. Thank you to all our staff and students for assisting with the Community Party.

On Wednesday, we had a short hiatus from the festive celebrations as our careers interviews continued for Year 11 students as noted in last week's edition.

On Thursday, our musical performers spent the entire day rehearsing their performances ahead of the Christmas Carol Concert, which was held at St Mary's Church in the evening. We had performances from all our steel pan bands, our orchestra, Year 8 ukulele ensemble as well as outstanding individual and small group performances. It was a truly wonderful evening which displayed the high calibre talent we have here at WSfG. It was also heartening to see so many of our school community fill the church, from parents to staff to governors on a very wet evening. Well done to all of our performers who have been rehearsing tirelessly for weeks ahead of the performance, and most importantly to our staff members, Ms Bradshaw, Mr Murphy and Mr Hitchman as well as our instrumental teachers and other musical staff who have given much of their own time to ensure that our students played the best that they could and the concert was as spectacular as it was.

On that same day, we held our own election here at WSfG. More details about the parties represented and the platform on which they stood will follow next week. Also, on Thursday, a group of GCSE Art students, accompanied by Ms Hepworth, had an enjoyable day at the Tate Modern. Meanwhile on Friday, the English Faculty organised a Spelling Bee for Year 7 students.

Finally, you will have read about, and hopefully listened to the E17 and Walthamstow Youth Choir's rendition of *Stay Another Day*. The full choir will be performing again on Saturday at Leyton Cricket Ground as part of the WF Borough of Culture final celebrations. For further details go to this link:

<https://wfculture19.co.uk/forest-uprising>

Wishing all a good weekend,

Meryl Davies
Headteacher

Information for Staff, Students and Parents / Carers

The final day of Autumn Term is Friday 20th December 2019

- * Lessons 1 – 3 are as normal.
- * There will be no break or lunchtime due to the early closure for students.
- * Friday 20th December will be a non-uniform day with proceeds going towards the school Community Party 2020 fund.
(Cost £1.00)
- * The jewellery rules still apply on this day and lanyards **must** be worn.
- * Students will be dismissed at 12.45pm

The first day of the Spring Term for all students is Monday 6th January 2020

- All students are expected in full school uniform and to be in school at the usual time.
- The Focus of the Fortnight will be on correct uniform and lanyards.
- We return on a Week B

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Ms.K.H.Pratt

Assistant Headteacher.

Focus of the Fortnight
2nd - 13th December
Student Lanyards, One Cards and Conduct Cards.

Dear Parents / Carers,

The items listed above are essential pieces of your child's uniform at WSFG.

Your child is expected to have them and wear them every day at school.

If your child does not have one or any number of these items with them on a school day, they will be given an automatic detention of one hour the following week. You will be informed of this by letter and / or text.

Please ensure that your child has these items ready for the new school term.

Thank you for your support in this and in all school matters.

Ms. K.H. Pratt

Assistant Headteacher



**All students have been given
a lanyard,
a photo ID one card and a
conduct card
that they must wear
at all times during the school day.**

Sanctions to be applied.

- If a student is not wearing any of the required items (lanyard, photo ID one card or conduct card) a detention of one hour will be set. The student will also have their conduct card signed.
- The **only** items that are allowed to be worn with their lanyard are school responsibility badges and a locker key.

Attendance Figures for November

Winners postcards for the month of November have been given to form groups. Classes will also receive a postcard from the Headteacher.



Well done to 7S, 8H, 9C, 10S & 11C for being November winners.

Year to date winners are 7S, 8C, 9C, 10S & 11G.

Don't forget, winners for each term receive a form treat and 100% attenders receive a new star badge.

Ms King
Attendance & Pastoral Manager

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 13th December

WSFG supported Save The Children with a Christmas jumper day.



Ms Warren.

Community Party

Our annual Community Party took place earlier this week. Here are just a few comments from our guests:



*Thank you for putting a smile on our faces
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

*What a marvellous party! Congratulations
to everyone. Well done the Steel band .
Thank you Walthamstow School for Girls.*



*Thank you very much for a wonderful
entertaining afternoon. The food was first
class and the girls looked after us very
well. I really enjoyed the Steel band,
hope to attend next year!*

*I bought my dad, this is his fourth year.
We both look forward to the wonderful
afternoon, thank you for all your hard
work!*

*I want to thank you once again for your
hospitality. It was a pleasure being
here again and look forward to seeing
you next year!*



*Thank you everyone for a wonderful
afternoon. The service was impeccable
and the entertainment wonderful!*

Thank you to everyone for all of the
contributions that you have made to
another fantastic Community Party.

Ms Philippou



Faculty News

Diversity Magazine Trip to Somerset House

Last week some of the students involved in the creation of WSFG's first ever diversity magazine went to Somerset House. Whilst there they engaged with Mary Sibande's art exhibition: 'I came apart at the seams', which explores the power of imagination and constructive anger in shaping identities and personal narratives in a post-colonial world.

The students are now busy researching South African history and writing up articles inspired by the exhibition; their work will be published in the first magazine in February. Watch this space!

Ms Simpson

Students involved:

Syd 7C, Anisa 10H,
Zainab 9F, Maryam 9F and Iris 11G



Maths News

Year 10 Maths Inspiration Visit, Phoenix Theatre

Last week thirty students from 10Ma1 and 10Ma2 took part in the annual Maths Inspiration Lectures. Guest speakers from the world of mathematics included Rob Easaway, Hannah Fry, Matt Parker and the amazing juggling mathematician, Colin Wright.

Dr Hannah Fry will be presenting the 2019 Royal institution Christmas Lectures. *Secrets and lies: The hidden power of maths* will be broadcast on BBC 4 at 8pm on 26, 27 and 28 December. Definitely worth a watch!

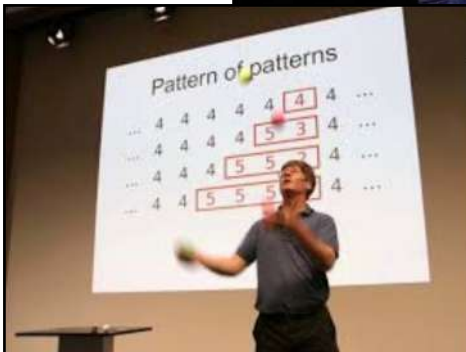
Miss Kelly

I enjoyed finding out from Rob about the odds of cards being dealt to four players and each getting a full suit of cards.

Layla, 10C

The trip was insightful, informative and overall a great experience.

Mominah, 10G



Mathematics

PUZZLE OF THE WEEK



Entries open: 09/12/19

Entries close: 15/12/19



In the controversial reality TV programme Big Woofer, nine cats and six dogs occupy a house

The final animal left in the Big Woofer house is the winner

Each evening, two animals are randomly selected to leave the house

As soon as the two animals leave, a different animal joins the house according to the following weird rules:

- If two animals of the **same** species leave the house, a dog enters the house
- If two animals of a **different** species leave the house, a cat enters the house



In 100 series of Big Woofer, how many times would you expect a cat to win?

Extension: What if the series was really long and initially 999 cats and 500 dogs were in the Big Woofer house?



Puzzle created by Stephen Cross



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<http://www.puzzleoftheweek.com/results/school-results>

Ms E Kelly
Maths Faculty

British National Indoor Year 11 Rowing Championships

We are please to announce that *Abby 11F* won a Gold Medal at the British National Indoor Year 11 Rowing Championships at the Olympic Velodrome last Saturday. *Abby* rowed a distance of 1,664 metres in 6 minutes.

She also won the Silver Medal in the 500 metres indoor event on the same day. The winner of that event broke the British Record and we also think that *Abby* was inside the previous record as well.

Ms Wood

P.E. News

Year 8 U13 Handball

Congratulations to the U13 handball team who finished 3rd last week.

The team members;

Betty 8G
Hannah 8C
Aminah 8C
Lily 8W
Hira-May 8H
Nell 8W
Tenzin 8C
Debra 8C
Leigh 8G
Josephine 8C

They all played very well and improved over their game.

Ms Heron

Year 7 Football League

Earlier this week, we continued the Year 7 football league at the Peter May Centre.

We are now through to the final! This will take place next week.

The Year 7 team played two games;

WSFG vs George Mitchell B
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WSFG vs George Mitchell A
0 0

Well done to the following students;

<i>Aaliyah</i>	<i>7W</i>
<i>Breanna</i>	<i>7C</i>
<i>Sarah</i>	<i>7G</i>
<i>Samanta</i>	<i>7F</i>
<i>Sabrina</i>	<i>7F</i>
<i>Miray</i>	<i>7F</i>
<i>Fadma</i>	<i>7G</i>
<i>Alice</i>	<i>7W</i>
<i>Chanelle</i>	<i>7G</i>
<i>Eliza</i>	<i>7W</i>
<i>Isobel</i>	<i>7F</i>

Ms Wood

Waltham Forest Borough Badminton Championships

Twelve students competed in the Waltham Forest Borough Badminton Championships on this week at the Peter May Centre. The students all worked extremely hard throughout each of their games against a number of different schools from across the borough. The Under 14 A team won each of their matches and so were overall competition winners:

Hannah 8C, Alishia 9S, Demmy 9C and Tenzin 8C.

The Under 16 team players also won each of their matches and so are the badminton champions for this age group:

Aini 11W, Maarya 11F, Saniya 11W and Safa 11S.

Both teams are now borough champions, which is a fantastic achievement! Well done to all those involved and thanks to Ms Black for her support at the competition.

Ms Warren



Christmas Craft Fair

A Christmas Craft Fair took place on Wednesday lunchtime in the LRC this week. Here is a selection of just some of the hand made gifts available to buy:



Christmas Card Competition Winners

The winners of this year's Christmas Card Competition have been announced this week. Each winner will receive a pack of cards of their design.

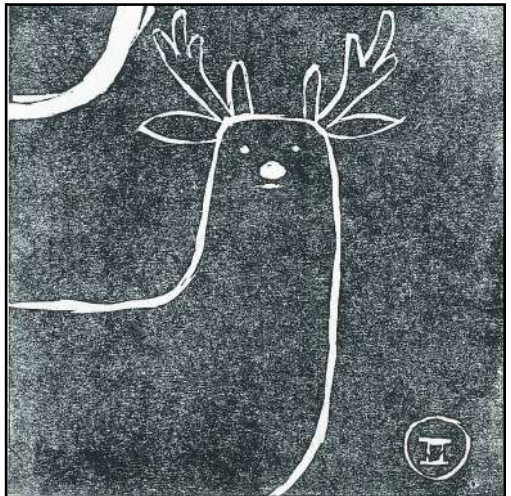
This years theme is artists with links to Walthamstow and the surrounding area.



Year 7
By *Jessie* 7F
Inspired by Pen Dalton



Year 8
By *Alizah* 8S
Inspired by Pen Dalton



Year 9
By *Minnie* 9S
Inspired by Inky Cuttlefish
in Gnome House



WSFG Friends Group

We hope parents/carers and other members of the school community (teaching and support staff, governors and school leaders) will get involved as our plans progress to bring projects to life for the benefit of the whole school and wider community.

Further discussions are under way- if you'd like to find out more, please contact Lesley Winter by email: lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk and register your interest now.

We need people who enjoy organising events, publicity (including social media) experts, local business people with useful contacts for sponsorship, and anyone with good ideas to raise money for special school projects. We look forward to hearing from you!

The Friends Committee



WSFG Christmas Gift Ideas available from the LRC

Cards 50 pence each
or 4 for £1.50,

Tote bags
various designs £3,
Key Rings £2,
Mugs £5.



Community Events

London
forest
Choir

CHRISTMAS concert

Carols old and new for choir, orchestra and
audience plus Poulenc – *Four Christmas Motets*

Thursday 19 December 2019

7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Walthamstow E17 9RJ

London Forest Choir

Sylvan Ensemble

Jonathan Rathbone conductor

Tickets £15/£11.

Book online and reserve
numbered seats at

www.londonforestchoir.org

(or telephone 07845 156494)

Students and benefit recipients

£7/£6; children £4

www.londonforestchoir.org

Registered charity no. 272799

School Calendar Dates 2019-2020

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Spring Term

Monday 6 January to Friday 3 April

Thursday 23 January	Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening 4:30–7pm
Thursday 6 February	Year 9 Options Evening

Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

Thursday 5 March	Year 8 Parents/Carer Subject Evening 4:30–7pm
Thursday 26 March	Year 10 Parent Carer Subject Evening 4:30–7pm

Easter Holiday Monday 6 April to Friday 17 April

Summer Term

Monday 20 April 2020 to Friday 17 July

Thursday 7 May	Year 7 Parent Carer Subject Evening 4:30–7pm
Friday 8 May	Exceptional Bank holiday
Monday 11 - Friday 22 May	KS3 Examination Years 7, 8 and 9
Wednesday 13 May	Early Closure Staff INSET

Half Term: Tuesday 26 May to Friday 29 May

Monday 1 - Friday 26 June	Year 10 End of Year Examinations
Wednesday 10 June	Early Closure Staff INSET