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18 March 2019

Week 'A'

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7th Annual Steel Pan Fundraising Concert	Dear Parents and Carers			
7 - 9.30 pm	<p>I write this on the eve of my attendance at the ASCL national conference in Birmingham from Friday to Saturday. This is a huge annual gathering of Headteachers and senior staff from schools and academies from across the country. It attracts headline speakers which include MPs, Ofsted, educationalists from the UK and abroad, and passionate changemakers such as Malala Yousufzai who addressed a previous conference and shared her offer of an Oxbridge place to study PPE, and her dream to influence the educational pathway of girls across the globe. I have no doubt that the main feature of debate this year will not be Brexit but rather the tragic underfunding of state education and the diminishing resources that we have with which to deliver the first class education that each of our children deserve.</p>			
Summer Term 2019	<p>Other events this week have been varied. Year 10 students who had not participated in either of the Oxbridge visits this year were treated to 'lecture' type presentations from colleagues from Oxford. They debated theology (via the initial stimulus of Hokusai's wave), Henry VIII and his lineage and also an animated exploration of gender.</p>			
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				

We were joined for this event by students from Willowfield and Eden Girls' School -who were accompanied by two former WSfG students, now themselves a teacher and TA at Eden. They were nostalgic about their former school but impressed by the new build.

The weather has been impressively turbulent this week. No better time, then, than choose this week to take all our Year 11 Geography students for a trip to the Essex coast, to be more precise, Walton on the Naze. Fortunately for all, the torrential rain ceased just in time! They even experienced blue skies as you can see in this issue of the Greensheet.

Thursday was a celebration of Pi Day. I am thrilled to announce that a WSFG world record was broken at lunchtime. One of our KS3 students managed to recite Pi up to over 500 digits. This would not quite make the Guinness Book of records, currently held, I believe, by Akir Haraguchi who, in 2006, broke the world record by reciting Pi to up to 100,000 digits from memory-this took 16 hours 30 minutes.



However, since our record breaking event was constrained by our lunch break-who knows what we could have accomplished if pm registration and period 4 was not looming! See page 10 for full report.

Meryl Davies
Headteacher



Year 8 Parent Evening
Thursday 21st March 4.30-7.00pm

Your daughter will be making appointments between **4.30 to 7pm** with her subject teachers for a discussion on her progress

We encourage all Year 8 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 with an opportunity to discuss her GCSE targets with subject teachers.

We look forward to seeing you.

Ms Warren
 Student Progress Leader, Year 8

Attendance figures for
February 2019.



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

February winners are 7SF (99.11% wow!), 8S, 9S, 10H and 11H.

Winners postcards are in pigeon holes, together with the headteacher's postcards.

No change in Year to date winners who are 7S, 8F, 9S, 10H and 11S, but it's very close. Who will win the term prize?

100% certificates and pin badges for the autumn term have been given to the 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

Celebrating International Women's Day

Saturday 16th March 2019

Vestry House Museum

Eunice Black (née Holden)—A Free Spirit



Oona Kelly, Librarian at Walthamstow School for Girls, will be giving a talk about former pupil, Eunice Black .

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. She spent her early years in Walthamstow and Highams Park.

The Open Day is from 10.30-4pm

and the talk will start at 11am.

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

Parent/ Carer Information student leave during term time

A student's absence during term time can seriously disrupt the continuity of her learning. Not only does she miss the teaching provided on the days she is away, she is also less prepared for the lessons building on that after her return. There is a consequent risk of underachievement which we and you must seek to avoid. Therefore, the school DOES NOT authorise absence during term time for family holidays or trips abroad.

Parents or carers do not have the right to take their children out of school for holidays and the school will only grant leave of absence in truly exceptional circumstances.

A student who is absent longer than ten days after an agreed return date, or without authorisation, can legally be removed from the school roll.

Parents or carers who take their daughters out of school without the authorisation of the Headteacher face court action and a fine.

In considering whether or not to authorise leave of absence, the school will look at each case individually, taking into account a student's overall attendance, her stage of education, (e.g. examinations), and the reason for the absence. It is very rare that any student is granted leave of absence.

Leave of Absence forms can be obtained from the school office and all requests should be submitted to our Attendance Manager **at least four weeks before the first day of requested absence.**

Arrangements for trips should NEVER be made before permission has been granted by the Headteacher.

Ms King
Student Attendance
Manager



Focus of the Fortnight 18th – 29th March 2019 Banned Items

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see page 5 of your daughter's planner for clarification of the items that are banned at WSFG.
(See 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 it's collection. We do have arrangements for mobile phones to be handed in at the office at 8.30 for safekeeping during the school day as they are **NOT** allowed to be carried in school from 8.45 – 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

- If a student is found to have a banned item in school, it will be confiscated and the conduct card will be signed. If and 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, chewing gum, aerosols, liquid paper, glass bottles and non-uniform items, such as hoodies.
(See page 5 of the Student Planner)

Zanzibar Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to all of our parents/carers and students for their support with our non-uniform day in order to raise money for Kinuni school (our partner school in Zanzibar through African Adventures).



We raised almost £800 as a school community which is amazing! A very special 'thank you' to 9S and 11G for their generosity and efficiency. They raised £35 and £34.50 (over the £1 per person requirement) and were the first classes to hand their money in. Much appreciated!!

We will be donating more than this to Kinuni. Some years ago, we raised money for our partner school in Pakistan. Unfortunately we are no longer in touch with them but had around £500 remaining.

We think it's important that this remains charity money and is used for a similar cause. With this in mind we will be sharing the money between Kinuni school, Zanzibar and Asni School, Morocco ,where we are forming new and exciting links.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Ms Philippou
Assistant Headteacher



Faculty News



International Women's Day



The whole school celebrated International Women's Day at WSFG on last Friday

All students participated in a variety of activities: dressing up as an inspirational woman, designing a page of a celebratory calendar, playing "What's my line?" with women from different lines of work, and competing in a quiz! And designing a logo for the school as seen in last week's Greensheet.



The winning logo by *Jemima 9W*.

Here is her explanation of her design:

*My logo shows the stereotypes of how men and women are perceived in society. The fact that men are more likely to get the job or are doing the exact same work but earning more money is completely unacceptable and needs to be changed. **Slowly we are working towards an equal society but we definitely haven't reached our goal yet.** The images in the logo should easily be able to be switched and that shouldn't be different or wrong. Hopefully, in the near future, it will be normal for women to be excellent at sport and DIY or men to wear makeup.*

Celebrating International Women's Day at our school is crucial for many reasons.

We want our students to feel **confident and empowered** in our school to tackle issues such as gender equality, pay discrepancy, objectification of women in society, and to challenge stereotypes and bias.

We want them to have a voice, to express their views and to celebrate women's achievements.

Students are very fond of this day and past students when they visit always comment on how our school encouraged them to become outspoken and strong.

The International Women's Day 2019 campaign theme is #BalanceforBetter


Ms Desbenoit.
Diversity Coordinator.

Mathematics


Challenge puzzle of the week

Check the website for our current position;

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



Entries open: 11/03/19
Entries close: 17/03/19




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Drew makes some 5 digit palindromic numbers.

A number is palindromic if it is the same when read backwards and forwards.




12121 22322

33333

Drew only uses the digits 1, 2 and 3.


How many different numbers can Drew make?

Extension: What if Drew also used the digit 0? What if he made 6 digit numbers?



@onshaeducator

Puzzle created by Andrew Sharpe



www.puzzleoftheweek.com

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Ms Robinson
Challenge Coordinator

Humanities visit to Walton on the Naze

This week the Year 11 Geography students braved 'storm Gareth' and headed to Walton on the Naze, for what would be their final fieldtrip before their GCSE exams.

Cressida in 11H wrote the following report about the experience:

GCSE Geography students went to Walton-on-the-Naze, a beach on the east coast of England, to carry out our fieldwork study about different methods of coastal management.

Despite the rainy and windy weather we all kept our spirits high and managed to record all our data. We even walked through a muddy SSSI habitat which had snakes and lizards in it - but luckily we didn't see any. Overall, we all had a really good day.

The humanities faculty were extremely impressed with the attitude of all the students and the maturity in which they undertook the work. If they take the same approach towards preparing for their exams they will do extremely well!

Mr Sterlini
Head of Humanities



Pi Day 2019

Pi Day is always a special day in the mathematical calendar but this year will be particularly memorable due to a fantastic new WSFG record being set.



During lunchtime in the LRC we held a Pi Recitation competition.

Congratulations to everyone who took part and thank you to Year 7 student, *Stella* who filmed the event.



The WSFG winner was *Iqra* 7S, who recited pi to a phenomenal 552 decimal places! She achieved this by breaking pi down into bite sized chunks, and memorizing an extra 4 digits/day.



In second place was *Isra* 7S who achieved 202dp, closely followed by *Aaminah* 7F who achieved 201dp.

Pi Day is always a fantastic opportunity for the girls to exercise their brains, research and practise various memory techniques and to experience the effect of having a GROWTH Mindset. With effort and practice, anything is possible.

Pi themed cakes and biscuits were also eaten, and beautiful Piscapes were created which illustrate the connection between maths and art.

Ms Robinson
Challenge
Coordinator



Mathletes Competition at Monoux

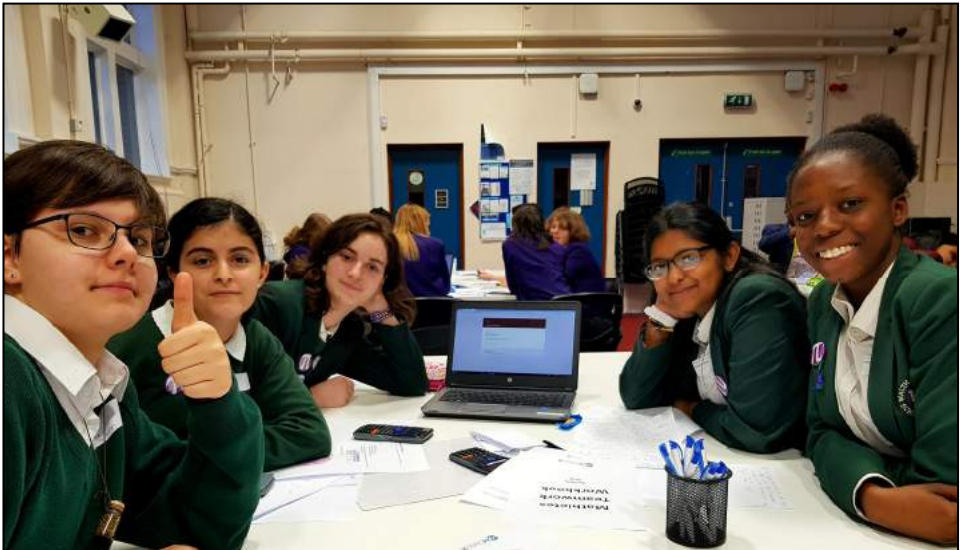
After school on Pi Day, five students from Year 10 went to Monoux for an A level Taster session followed by a Mathletes Competition. Teams were there from schools all over London, not just Waltham Forest.

The Taster introduced the students to the topic of differentiation. It was impressive how they challenged themselves and persevered. As V mentioned, it was like they had been thrown in at the deep end and had to learn how to swim!

The Mathletes competition involved a series of questions on maths in real life, where the students had 45 seconds to answer each question. I was very proud of the teamwork, thinking skills and strategy of the WSFG Team (*Aatani, Dorothy, Elif, Tulin* and *V*) This resulted in them being joint winners momentarily, before they were pipped at the post by Bridge Academy in the tie-breaker.

Congratulations to the team for their fantastic performance.

Ms Robinson
Challenge Coordinator



1 school 120 musicians 6 bands

Seventh annual fundraising steelband concert



Thursday 4 April, 2019 7pm sharp

Tickets must be purchased in advance via
sQuid and collected from student services

£7 adults & £4 students

Doors open at 6.30pm



Vestry House Museum
WALTHAM FOREST

Celebrating Waltham Forest Women

Saturday 16 March 2019
10.30am-4.30pm
Free entry

Join us to celebrate
Women's History Month!
Explore a display of archives
and printed sources, meet
with local historians and
drop in for some fascinating
talks about the lives of
Waltham Forest women.

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and Local Studies Library
Vestry House Museum
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QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 2nd May 2019

7.00 p.m. (doors open at 6.30)

Tickets £5.00 per person in advance

Tickets £7.00 on the door

Adults only - open to staff, parents,
alumnae and friends over 18

Bring YOUR own food and drink

Tables of eight

Booking essential

To book a place please contact

Lesley Winter on: 020 8509 9410

Or email: lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

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Waltham Forest Music Service at WSFG

Waltham Forest Music Service now hosts their Music School at Walthamstow School for Girls after school from 4pm Mon-Thurs and on Saturday mornings.

The service offer a wide range of groups and ensembles for instrumentalists of all abilities to join, regular performances and opportunities to perform and learn from professional musicians. They also offer one-to-one tuition on a range of instruments including flute, saxophone, piano, trumpet, violin, guitar and drum kit.

The Service also runs one-off low cost or free courses, workshops and performance opportunities in the school.

New courses for the summer term include **'Songwriter's Circle' on Mondays at 4.30pm** and **'Beats and Bass Music Production' on Tuesdays at 4.30pm**.

Any pupil aged 11+ who is interested in music can attend. For info/booking go to:

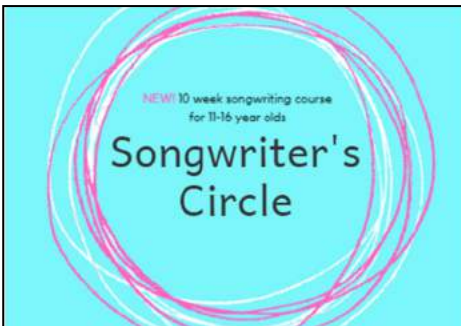
<https://songwriterwfms.eventbrite.co.uk> / <https://beatsandbass.eventbrite.co.uk>.

To find out more about tuition, groups and upcoming opportunities visit

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/music-service,

email music.service@walthamforest.gov.uk

or follow on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram @music servicewf.



NEW! 10 week song writing course for 11-16 year olds

Songwriter's Circle

Develop your creativity,
learn new ways to generate ideas,
write memorable lyrics & melodies, understand
chord sequences & song structure

Date & time: Mondays during the summer term starting 29 April 2019, 4.30-5.30pm

Venue: WFMS at Walthamstow School for Girls, Church Hill, E17 9RZ

Who can attend? Singers, keyboardists and guitarists aged 11-16

Cost for 10 weeks: £15 or £7.50 low income (50% discount on usual Music School fee)

Info & booking: <https://songwriterswfms.eventbrite.co.uk>



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NEW 10 week VIP Music Production Course for age 11-16s

Date & time: Tuesdays in the summer term starting 30 April
2019, 4.30-5.30pm

Venue: WFMS at Walthamstow School for Girls, Church Hill, E17 9RZ
Who can attend? Students aged between 11-16

Cost for 10 weeks: £15 or £7.50 low income
(50% discount on usual Music School fee)

Info & booking: <https://beatsandbass.eventbrite.co.uk>



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School Calendar Dates 2018-2019

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019

Thursday 21st March	Year 8 Parent/Carer subject evening 4.30– 7pm
Thursday 4th April	7th Annual Steel Pan Fundraising Concert 7 - 9.30pm

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
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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
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