



Greensheet 26Jan2024

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We have had a busy few weeks since I wrote to you at the start of term. Last week, our school choir had the opportunity to sing with the BBC Singers as part of a schools workshop and our whole school celebrated the importance of literature and reading with our Drop Everything and Read day. You can see some wonderful photographs of both occasions below.

On Monday and Tuesday, year 7s visited the Natural History Museum to learn more about earthquakes and volcanoes as part of the geography curriculum; on Thursday and Friday, our year 9s and 10s participated in Project Guardian student safeguarding workshops, run by Transport for London, which explored issues of sexual harassment and safety on public transport. We also had a visit to the Forest School Careers fair for some of our year 10 students.

Thank you to all year 11 parents and carers who came along to our face-to-face parents' evening on Wednesday. It was good to see so many of you and to speak to you about your daughter's progress and achievement.

Matilda!

I have been lucky enough to hear the music and singing from rehearsals for 'Matilda!' in my office and I can confirm that it sounds amazing! The production is the week after next on the 6th, 7th and 8th of February. Please come along to support our students and staff, as well as to enjoy what promises to be a great evening. In my experience, this is usually one of the highlights of the school year so don't miss it!

Online Safety: NSPCC Workshops

As part of our focus on online safety, we are making parents and carers aware of some the risks and opportunities related to students' use of the internet through our partnership with the NSPCC. There is another opportunity to access their online workshop on the 26th of February from 5 – 6p.m. Further details and a link will be sent out by Parentmail.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend

Ms Marriott

WSFG Matilda the Musical

Walthamstow School for Girls presents

Matilda the Musical

Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 7pm

Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 7pm

Thursday 8th February 2024 at 7pm

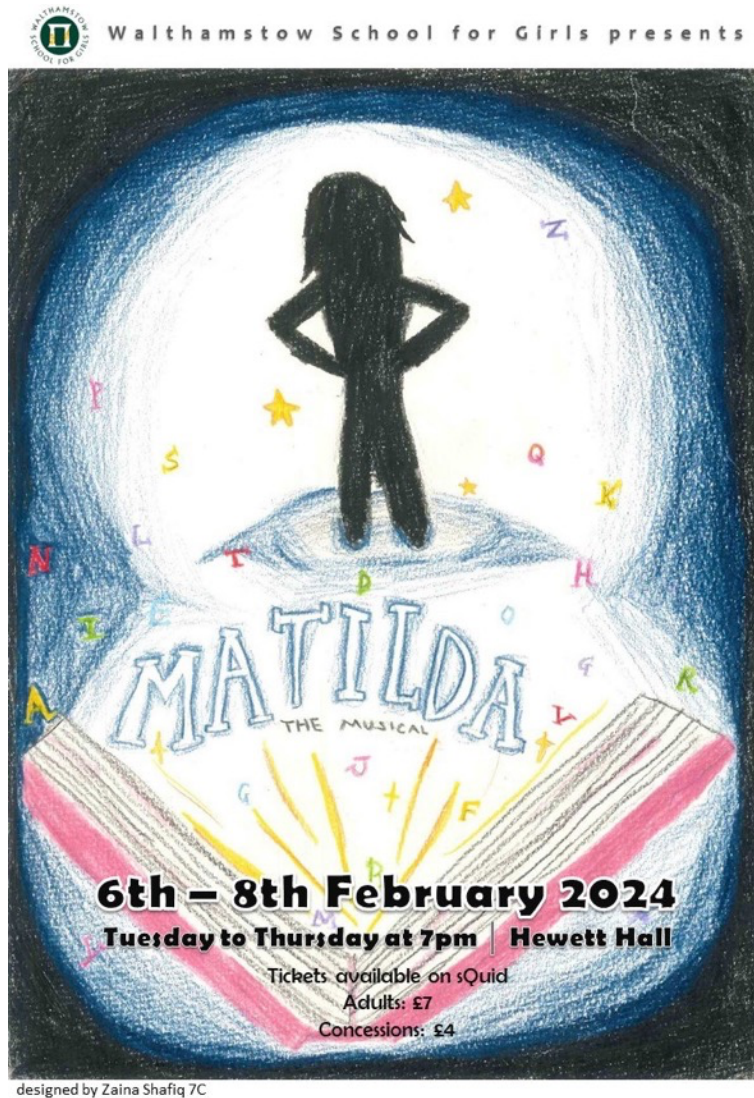
WSFG Hewett Hall

Adults £7

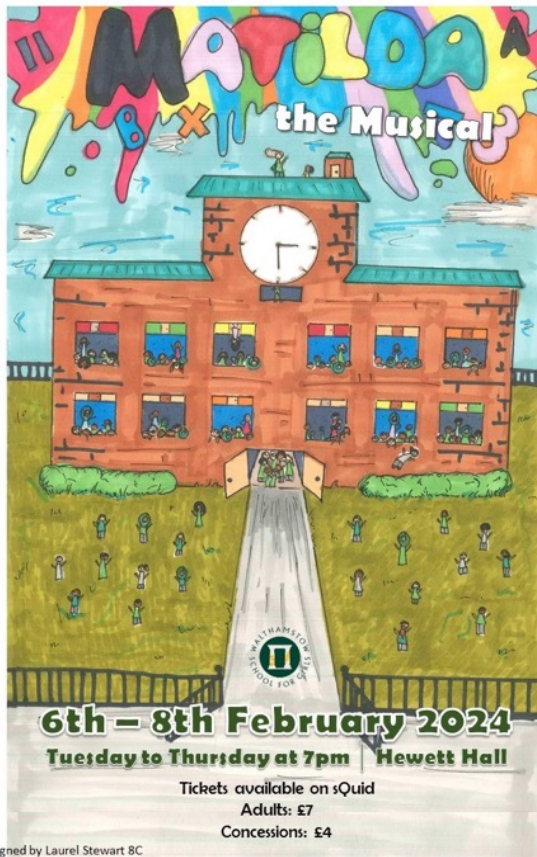
Concessions £4

Tickets are now available on sQuid

** big thanks to Zaina 7C, Laurel 8C, Ellie 8H, and Gabrielle 8H for creating the beautiful posters

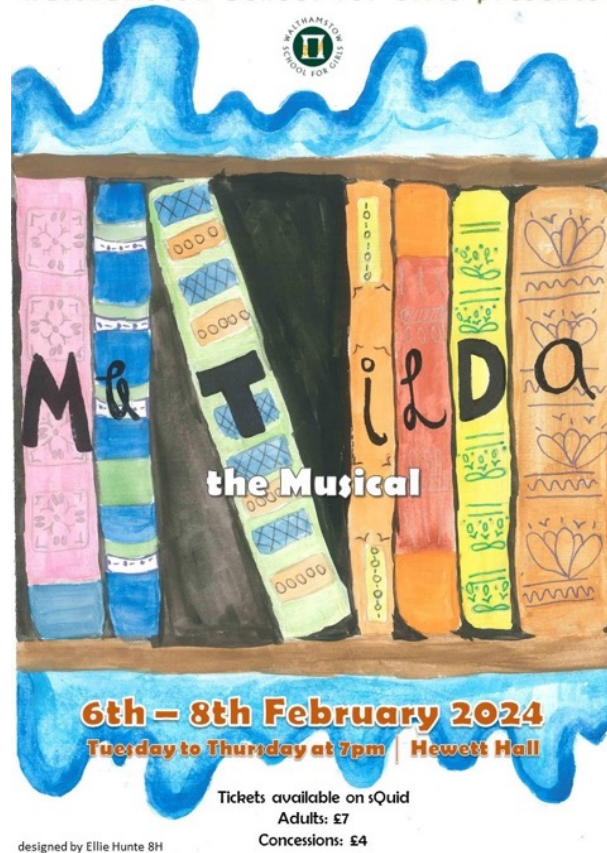


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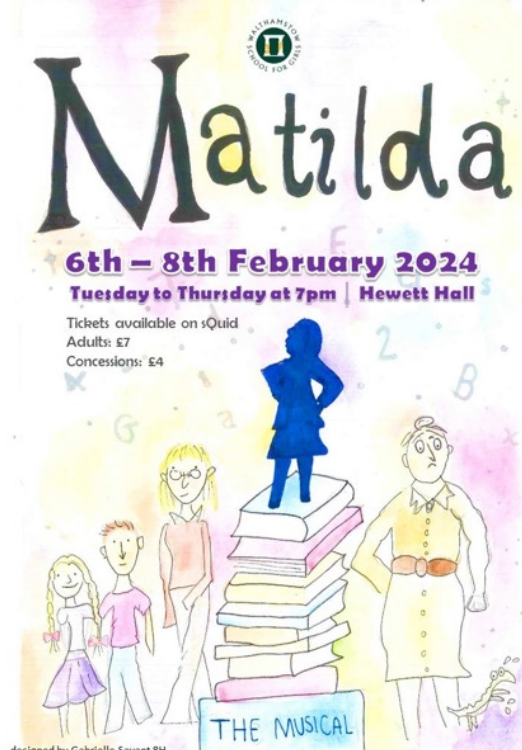
designed by Laurel Stewart 8C

Walthamstow School for Girls presents



designed by Ellie Hunte 8H

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designed by Gabrielle Savant 8H

DEAR Day - Drop Everything And Read

It was DEAR Day on Friday 19th January 2024. Students and staff picked a book to read at the start of each lesson.

Literacy is at the heart of learning and we encourage young people to discover their love of reading.







BBC Singers Workshop

Our WSFG Glee Club students were performing in the BBC Singers Workshop on Tuesday, 16th January 2024.





Information for Parent and Carer

School Office Information

School email – info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk is monitored Monday to Friday between 9am to 3pm, and we aim to respond to emails within three working days.

Student absences must be reported via telephone 020 8509 9446 before 9am to ensure they are dealt with promptly. Kindly do not email the school to report this. Due to the high volume emails received, we cannot guarantee your notification will be seen and actioned before absence text messages are sent.

Please note, information regarding term dates, upcoming events and general school enquires can be found on our website

[Walthamstow School for Girls - Home \(wsfg.waltham.sch.uk\)](http://wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)

Term Key Dates

Key Dates of the Spring Term:

Tuesday 30th January – Year 9 Options evening

Friday 9th February – INSET day

Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February – Spring half-term

Thursday 22nd February - Year 9 Parents evening

Wednesday 6th March - Year 7 Parents evening

Thursday 28th March – last day of Spring term (Early closure for last day of term)

School Calendar 2023 - 2024

	SCHOOL DAY				
	BANK HOLIDAY				
	SCHOOL CLOSURE				
	INSET				
	Y8-11 Students collect timetables: Y7 in school				
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Sept 2023	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29
Oct	2	3	4	5	6
	9	10	11	12	13
	16	17	18	19	20
	23	24	25	26	27
	30	31			
Nov			1	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	
Dec					1
	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29
Jan 2024	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30	31		
Feb				1	2
	5	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14	15	16
	19	20	21	22	23
	26	27	28	29	
March					1
	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29
April	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30			
May			1	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	31
June	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21
	24	25	26	27	28
July	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19

Enrichment Programme Autumn Term 2023-2024

Enrichment Programme Spring Term 2023- 2024





Here are some of our clubs and support sessions to enjoy this term, a big thank you to the staff and students who volunteer to organise and run these activities.

Please encourage the students to participate and display this list at home.

Ms Philippou

Activity	When it runs	Room	The activity is run by	Year Groups
Monday				
Figure Drawing club	12.30pm-1.30pm	F35	Ms N Hepworth	Year 9-11
Football Club	12.30pm -1pm	Sports Hall	Miss L Wood	Year 9-11
Key stage 3 French Club	1.00pm-1.30pm	F24	Ms Guechoul	KS3
Football Fixtures	3.30pm-4.30pm	Sports Hall/Various	Miss L Wood	Year 9-11
Voice	1.00pm - 1.30pm	W33	Ms Bradshaw	All years welcome
Manga club	3.30pm - 4.30pm	LRC	Ms O Kelly	All years welcome
Tuesday				
Netball Club	12.30pm - 1pm	Sports Hall	Ms Careless-Pye	Year 9
Q-Vees Movie & Art Club	12.45pm - 1.25pm	F18	Mr G Quest	All Years welcome (Starts 17th October)
Netball fixtures	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Sports Hall/Various	Ms Careless-Pye	Year 9
Glee Club	3.45pm - 4.45pm	W33	Miss H Bradshaw	Audition only - show choir
Debate Club	3.45pm - 4.45pm	G14	Dr Rose	Year 9 - 11 (Starts on 3rd October)
Wednesday				
Netball club	12.30pm - 1pm	Sports Hall	Miss L Childs	Year 10 & 11
Netball Fixtures	3.30pm-4.30pm	Sports Hall/Various	Miss L Childs	Year 10 & 11
Year 7 Drama club	12.40pm - 1.20pm	G10	Ms C Wallace	Year 7
All Sewn Up (knitting, crochet, sewing & textiles)	3.30pm - 4.30pm	LRC	Ms O Kelly	All Years welcome
Key Stage 4 French Club	1pm-1.30pm	F24	Ms Guechoul	
Key Stage 3 Spanish Club	1pm - 1.30pm	F25	Mr Polo	Years 7-9
Thursday				
Football Club	12.30pm-1.30pm	Sports Hall		Year 7 & 8
History of Art Club	12.30pm - 1.30pm	F35	Ms Hepworth	Years 9-11
Key Stage 4 Spanish Club	1pm - 1.30pm	F25	Mr Polo	Years 10 & 11
Q-Vees Movie & Art Club	12.45pm - 1.25pm	F18	Mr G Quest	All Years welcome (Starts 19th October)
Sparx Club	12.30pm-1.30pm	S02	Ms T Cassango	All Year welcome (Week A and B) (Starts 2nd October)
Tottenham football coaching	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Sports Hall	Qualified coaches	All Years welcome
Orchestra	3.30pm - 4.45pm	W33	Miss H Bradshaw & Mr N Hitchman	All Years welcome who play an orchestral instrument
Papercrafts	3.30pm - 4.30pm	LRC	Ms O Kelly	All Years welcome
Philosophy Club	3.40pm-4.30pm	S10	Mr C Caps	Week A - Year 9,10 and 11 Week B - Year 7 and 8
Friday				
Badminton Club	12.30pm-1.00pm	Sports Hall	Miss L Childs	All Years welcome
Sparx Club	12.30pm-1.30pm	S02	Ms T Cassango	All Year welcome (Only Week A) (starts 2nd October)

PE Extra- Curricular Timetable

  WSfG PE Extra- Curricular Timetable  		
DAY	LUNCHTIME 12:30pm-1:00pm	AFTERSCHOOL 3:30pm-4:30pm
Monday	Football club Year 9 only Sports hall LWO	
Tuesday	Netball Club Year 8 Only Sports Hall FCA	
Wednesday	Basketball club Year 7 and 8 only Sports hall LCH	Basketball Fixtures LCH
Thursday	Basketball club Year 9 and 10 only Sports hall LCH	Tottenham football coaching (qualified coaches) Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Sports hall Football Fixtures Year 9
Friday	Badminton club Year 7,8,9,10 & 11 (30 max) Sports hall JIT	

Focus of the Fortnight (29th Jan to 9th Feb 2024)

29th January to 9th February 2024

Noise and Movement in the School Corridors

Expectations

- In order to stay safe, we move around the school calmly, safely and quietly.
- We do not run in the corridors.
- We walk on the left.
- We behave with kindness and hold doors open for people.
- The corridors are not for social gatherings as they need to remain clear.

Sanctions

- Any student breaking these expectations will be spoken with by a member of staff and a sanction may need to be applied.

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 when 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.

Viewing Homework Tasks through Go4schools

Dear Parents and Carers,

We will be starting from this week setting homework tasks for students through our Go4Schools system. We have decided to move to this new system in response to parental feedback on being able to track and monitor homework set more easily. Those parents and carers with children in Years 8-11 should already have access to Go4schools, as we were using it as our system for sending out student assessment reports. Once you login into the system the Homework section of main homepage should start to display the various homework tasks being set by the various subject teachers.

Parents and carers of Year 7 students should have received login information on how to access Go4Schools via our Data Team this week. If you have any problems registering your login details, accessing the system or general feedback about the Go4Schools system, please do let us know by contacting the school via info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

Many Thanks,

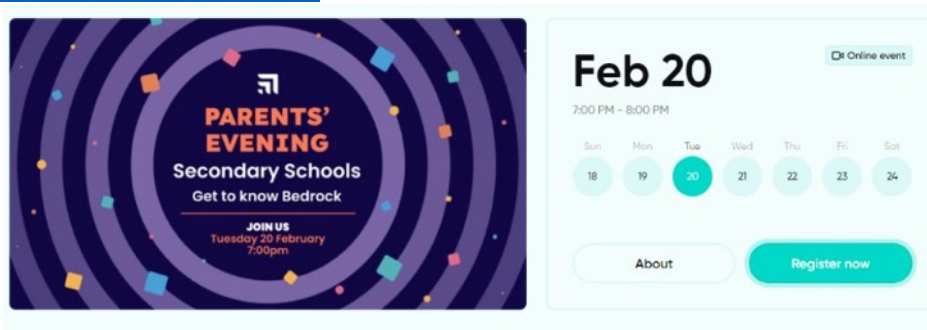
Mr Jalil

Business Manager

Bedrock Parents' Information Evening

Please register for this event to find out why it is so important for students to improve their literacy through this online programme.

Here is the link for you to register your email: <https://bedrocklearning.org/bedrock-features/bedrock-parents-evenings/>



Community Events

Please visit our school website to find out more community events:

[Walthamstow School for Girls - Community Events \(wsfg.waltham.sch.uk\)](http://wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)

School History

Food in Canada - Iris magazine, 1954

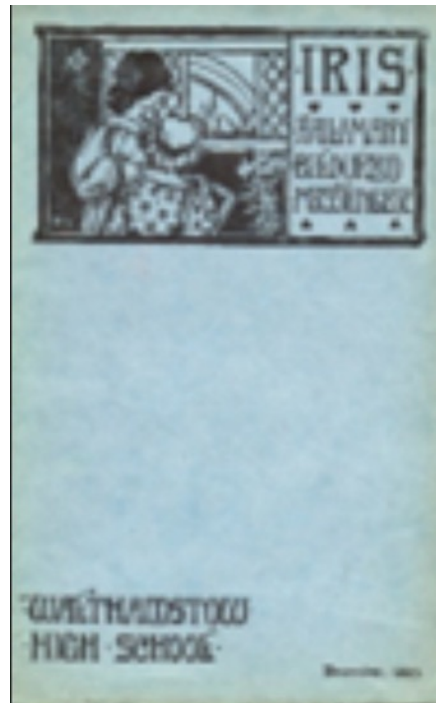
Joan M. Crowe (Morgan), provide us with a glimpse of the future of food and shopping in the 1954 *Iris* magazine. She writes about her summer spent in Ontario, Canada.

O Kelly, LRC Manager.

Food habits are rather strange, they have gone to enormous lengths in order to get pure food with rather disastrous results. The bread is so pure that they've practically only starch left, so they have to put vitamins back in it! Milk is homogenized, which means it comes out looking like chalky water, tomatoes come in boxes of four or five, spinach already washed (?) in paper bags and so on. The bread is sweet, too, and rather like a sponge and the crust is almost non-existent.

The groceteria near where I work is most magnificent, about as big as Bakers Arms' Woolworths. I got the shock of my life the first time I patronised it. I put out my hand to open the door and it jumped away from me; they have a photo-electric cell and beam which you cross and the door opens automatically- just like the one in the South Kensington Children's Science Museum. I've never see one elsewhere. They even have meat ready packaged and priced in that one. On the way out there are barriers; you unload your basket and the girl rings up all the items on an electric adding machine and puts them in an enormous paper bag; they are even selling special metal baskets on wheels called "bundle buggies" to take them home in. Every item is wrapped and I usually have a wastepaper bin full when I unload at home.

Boy Knits Too! - Iris magazine, 1923



This article appeared in the 1923 edition of Iris, our school magazine. Dudley Gower was describing his time at the school whilst attending St John's College, Cambridge. Presuming that he was in his early 20's when the article was written, it is likely that he attended the school in 1912, when he was 8 years old. Dudley was born in Clapton, Hackney in 1904 and his family lived in Church Hill, Walthamstow. He later became a teacher in South Africa and New Zealand. He later returned to England and then taught at Henry Maynard School.

My next recollection is the learning of knitting. Ah! it was a proud moment in my life when a ball of scarlet wool and a couple of gigantic bone needles were handed to me, and the history of a garment was in the making. I remember distinctly, and only too distinctly, the unseemly and very unladylike burst of raucous laughter that distended the mouths of all in the class, at my inflexible determination to knit a table-cloth. It was only some three-quarters of an hour later after a stiff battle, that I gave in and grudgingly consented to knit my father a pair of trousers. Ultimately I did weird things with a pair of reins. The effect was rather moth-eaten to say the least of it, so I was relegated to the manufacturing of woolly balls.



Early photograph of the school (c. 1908).



The High School for girls, Church Hill House, Walthamstow

School Poem - Iris magazine, December 1923

*FOUR-SQUARE to all winds that blow, Set on a hill, Sing we our battle-song Zest for the
mill: For that we would be strong, Valiant in all, Joying to chant our call, In
Walthamstow.*

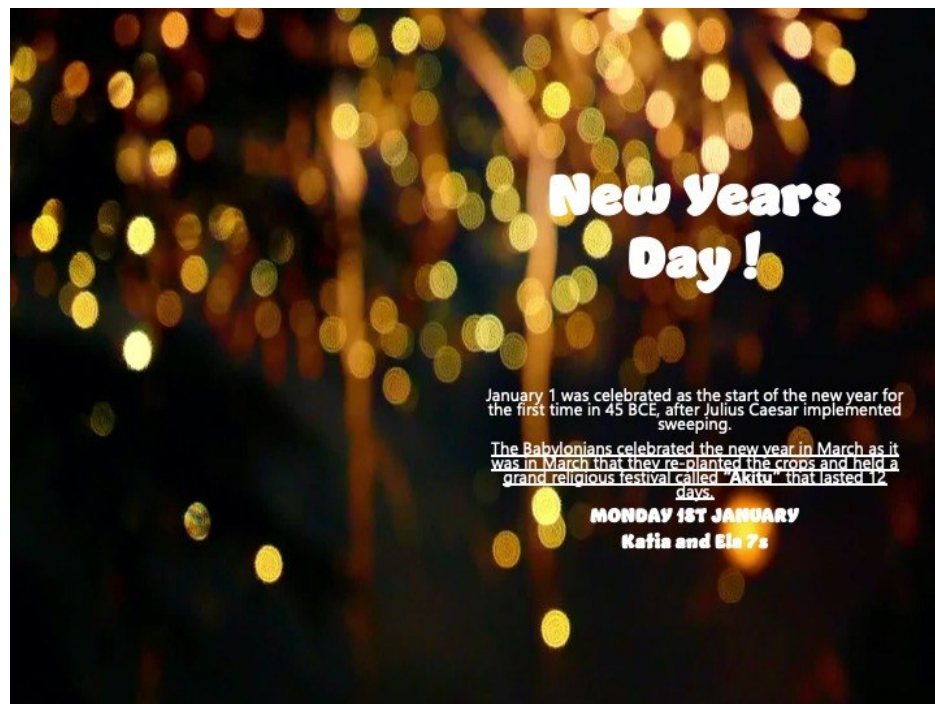
*Red walls of Georgian mould, Fairer to us than gold, (Midas, his store), Guard ye your
treasure well, Knowledge herein doth dwell, (Pallas, her lore).*

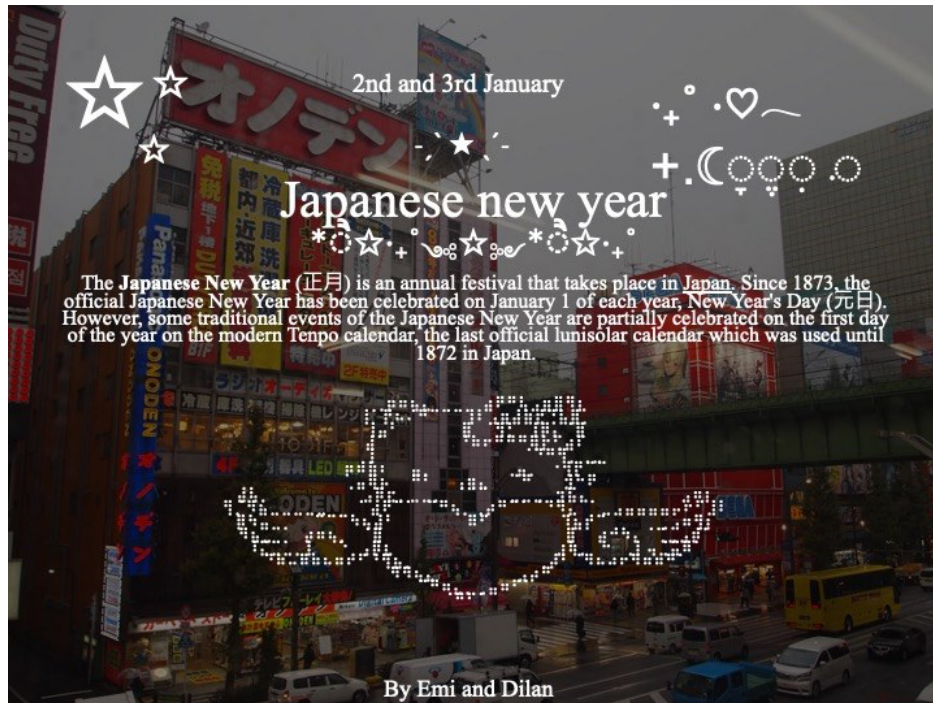
*Would she might guide our life, Here from the hill, Gentle in all her dooms Steadfast and
still; Seek we in all our rooms, Loved for their sun, Hoping to find her won Not without
strife.*

*Pavements of granite hewn, More unto us have shewn Than Pheidias' pile: Guard ye your treasure well, Knowledge hereon doth dwell Of Marathon mile.
Send forth through all the world, Those from our hill, Burnished with gifts winnowed Here in our mill, (Gifts not neglected, heaven-bestowed), Radiant in every deed Speeding to fill the need From Walthamstow.
Building not made with hand, Lo, unto us you stand Dream-strong for aye: Guard you your treasure well, Knowledge herein doth dwell, Potent to save.*

Global Alliance Calendar

Global Alliance Calendar - January - by the students of 7S





Braille Alphabet

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y	Z				

Roughly how many people use braille?

In total there is said to be roughly 40 million people with visual impairment who use braille daily.

What is braille?


Braille is a form of written language for blind people, in which characters are represented by patterns of raised dots that are felt with the fingertips: Braille is an amazing thing that can help so many blind people enjoy the magic of reading

WORLD BRAILLE DAY

When was world Braille day created?

The date for the event was chosen by the United Nations General Assembly via a proclamation in November 2018, and marks the birthday of Louis Braille, creator of this writing system. The first World Braille Day was celebrated on **January 4, 2019**

By Amelia and Sofie in 7s



January 11

Proclamation of Independence of Morocco

The Proclamation of Independence of Morocco or Manifesto of Independence of Morocco or Proclamation of January 11, 1944, is a document in which Moroccan nationalists called for the independence of Morocco its national entirety under, Muhammad V Yin Yusuf as well as the installment of a democratic, constitutional government to guarantee the rights of all segments of society. January 11 is an official government holiday in Morocco.

By Yasvinika and Elsie 7S



World Snow Day!!

21st of January

By Hannah and Senna

The aim of World Snow Day is work with local snow sports stakeholders to stage events to bring a new generation to snow sports.

The purpose behind it is to increase children's participation in snow-related sports like skiing and snowboarding, while bringing together families for a fun-filled frolic in the snow.

It was created by the
International Ski Federation



BY MAYA AND ANNABELLE!

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Popcorn day!

Enjoy a sweet or salty treat! Maybe while watching a new movie in the cinema or at home! Sweet or salty or even a little of both!

This event takes place on Friday the 19th!

So, remember to cuddle up on your sofa or in a cinema chair eating big bucket of delicious popcorn



Martin Luther King Jr was an African American activist and Baptist minister. Martin Luther King honored achievement of the civil-rights leader Martin Luther King. The holiday is usually celebrated with marches and parades and with speeches by civil rights and political leaders.

January 20th, Martin Luther King Jr day.

(USA)

By Emma and Nhi Yen 7S





World religion day

21st January

World Religion Day was created as a day for religious organizations to develop talks and forums which are associated with distinct faiths. Hence it is a day for every individual to try and reach out to other persons of different religious identities.

By Nour and Fizza 75



International Squirrel Appreciation Day

21 January

Squirrel Appreciation Day is celebrated on the **21st of January** every year. Christy Hargrove, a wildlife rehabilitator from Asheville, North Carolina created the holiday in 2001. Hargrove was inspired to create the holiday after recognizing the importance of squirrels in our urban and natural ecosystems.

By Evie & Matilda 75

• National fun-at-work day! 26th January

- Why do people celebrate?
- It promotes office positivity It's easy to get caught up in the stress of work, and sometimes this can lead to a negative and depressing work environment. But you can break this routine by celebrating National Fun at Work Day.
- It can also help coworkers bond Companies get better results when coworkers like and respect each other

National fun-at-work-day is on the last Friday of January every year.

Sometimes you can dress up in fun costumes

Play games with co-workers

Wear costumes to work/wearing comfortable clothes

Talent shows

Catered lunch

Bring your pet to work



By Aicha Rafas and Klara Nilsson 75

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

January 27th

This day is a very important day as it commemorates the death of many innocent victims of the Holocaust.

The Holocaust was a period in history at the time of WWII, when millions of Jews were tortured, imprisoned and killed, following the orders of the Nazi leader, Adolf Hitler.

World LEGO Day

JANUARY 28TH 2024

BY ELLIE
NEIL 7S

LEGO is a fun, easy way to build things with some small building blocks, if you can dream it you can probably make it thanks to their ingenious design. As such a versatile toy that is for all ages of people, it's not surprising that Lego is now recognized as the World's Most Powerful Brand, towering over Google, Nike, and Ferrari to claim the top spot in 2017, but as with most gigantic companies, Lego started from humble origins and International Lego Day marks the very beginning.

LEGO Timeline

1932

LEGO founder starts a woodworking shop in Denmark

In a small woodworking shop in Billund, Ole Kirk Christiansen makes all types of furniture and household items. But his favorite creations are toys for his sons, so he eventually names his company LEGO—a combination of two Danish words meaning "play well".

1946-1949

Plastic bricks are first sold by the LEGO company

A wood shortage following WWII makes manufacturers look for alternative ways to create products. Christiansen gets his hands on the first plastic-injection molding machine in Denmark and starts selling the Automatic Binding Brick, the predecessor to today's stackable blocks.

1976

LEGO minifigures are introduced

Realizing that the sets might be more fun if a human dimension was added, the company releases the iconic yellow-faced humanoid bricks.

2014

LEGO feature film is released

When watching his son play with LEGOs, a Hollywood producer gets the idea to make an animated movie. It is a huge hit and grosses more than \$450 million, with more films coming in the following years.

January 28, 1958

LEGO patent application is submitted

With Christiansen's son, Godtfred, at the helm, the company submits their patent application for the tubes and studs that would add stability and connectivity to the plastic blocks. This anniversary coincides with International LEGO Day each year.

Croissant day

30th January

• A croissant is a delicious French pastry, known by its crescent shape. (Croissant means crescent in French). Puff pastry is used to make this delicacy - the dough is layered with butter, rolled and folded a few times, then rolled into its shape. It is then glazed with butter and baked. It is perfect served warm with some strawberry jam on the side.

• By Inaaya, Rania and Eysan, 7S

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