



# Magazine

# Inline

Little Ilford School News & Events Summer 2019 - Issue 20

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Learning together  
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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the latest addition of Inline. Another year has shot by at breakneck pace and, as usual, there are many reasons to celebrate the achievements of the students at Little Ilford School.

Our Year 10 Young Enterprise team came second for the whole of London and were only beaten by a 6th form group. It is a sign of their high standards that they were thoroughly disappointed by this result despite also winning the prize for Best Presentation!

The PE department are becoming established in Newham and Essex competitions. The Year 9 cricket team were semi-finalists in the Essex Plate competition and the Year 8 football team got to the final of the Newham Cup. There were also outstanding individual athletics performances, with Femi Ade-Ayibiowu and Sareeta Kaur representing the school at a high level.

The school library continues to go from strength to strength - a recent visit of the author of the Bodyguard series, Chris Bradford, was a particular highlight. I have always been convinced that good reading habits are vital to an outstanding education. Please continue to encourage your child to read. We recommend at least 40 minutes per day for years 7-8 and 20 minutes per day for years 9-11.

This week we have hosted students from Shenyang No.126 Middle School in China. Our students have performed music and drama for them and there have been many wonderful conversations about the differences and similarities between life in the UK and life in China. I'm confident that we will be able to build a long-term relationship with this school going forward.

There has been a long and protracted process to secure planning permission for the astro-turf pitch. As I write, I'm preparing to attend a meeting of the council planning committee in a few days which will hopefully allow work to begin over the summer.

School will be opening on Tuesday, 3rd September 2019 for **year 7s ONLY**. School will resume for the rest of the year groups on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 with an 8.30am start. All students are expected to be on school site for 8.20am.

In September I will be changing my working patterns to four days per week (Mondays to Thursdays). Ms Marriott, one of our Deputy Heads, will become the substantive head on Fridays. I would not have put this proposal before governors if I did not have every confidence in Ms Marriott to fulfil this role at least as well as I can. This model is similar to one that has been employed at Essex Primary School to great effect. Indeed, we were delighted to hear that Essex Primary have joined us in achieving OfSTED 'Outstanding' status this year. Ms Higgins, another of our Deputy heads, has become the new headteacher of Connaught School. We wish her well in this new endeavour.

It only remains for me to thank you for all of your support during the past term and to wish you all a wonderful summer break.

**Mr Ian Wilson**  
Headteacher





## Summer Fête fun time again

The Little Ilford Summer Fête was held for the second year in our new premises and was a great success. There were even more stalls selling barbequed food, sweets and games, along with soaps, socks, second hand books and, as always, face painting. The bouncy castle was in constant demand, although for health and safety it had to be shut for a short period of time due to the 25mph winds! The changeable weather didn't dampen spirits though and the whole event was a great success. Here's looking forward to an even bigger Fête next year.



## Language Careers School gets cooking

The year 8 Languages Careers School meets once every two weeks to practise their linguistic skills and create a 'language blog'. To celebrate their hard work in completing their language blog and their last Careers School Lesson of the term, during their final lesson with Ms Morel they made delicious French crepes.



To read their language blog, follow this [link](#).



## Cricket win

Little Ilford's Year 7 cricket team had their first win during the last game of the season!

The team batted first scoring a reasonable 43 runs in 14 overs. True brilliance came when they began to field making 6 wickets and only allowing the opposition to score 22 runs during the 14 overs and thereby winning by 19 runs.

Congratulations and well done to the year 7 cricket team: Harris, 7.6 (Captain); Ayan 7.10; Farabi 7.10; Tasbir 7.1; Tashif 7.4; Zain 7.8; Abdullah 7.10; Sri 7.7; Zain 7.2 (Vice Captain); Sakif 7.9; Arya 7.1 and Yuvraj 7.2.



## Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

A group of Year 9 students recently completed their DofE bronze expedition which consisted of a minimum 6 hours of hiking, camping overnight followed by a final 6 hours of hiking again. The expedition took place in Epping Forest in early July. The students did remarkably well considering the hot weather and that they had to carry their packs weighing at least 10 kilos for the whole expedition. The students also completed 6 months of volunteering in places such as local mosques and charity shops. Students have also each learnt a new skill and have taken part in physically demanding activities to earn their bronze award. Completing this award requires resilience, determination and commitment and they should be congratulated on their achievement.





## Art Workshop

Recently artist Shona Watt visited the school to lead an art workshop featuring the theme 'Rivers of the World'. Students researched the tea trade and then created beautiful collages that were tinted and scanned into Photoshop to create a collective design. This work will feature in the Thames festival in an exhibition and the students will be invited to visit as well as receiving a brochure of all the work made by the associated schools in Newham.

This is an initiative of the British Council and we will be connected to a school in Sudan who are also making art work about the river Nile. The artist commented on how engaged the students were and how impressed she was with the creativeness and quality of their artwork. She is hoping to showcase their pieces as a central part of the exhibition and on the cover of the festival brochure. Students commented that they felt more interested in art and design and that it was one of the best workshops they had attended.



## Healthy Highlights Day



On Tuesday 25th June 2019 Little Ilford School held their second Healthy Highlights Day in recognition of Healthy Eating week. Peter, Sue and the Juniper catering team put on a fantastic spread of healthy options snacks including a selection of tasty fresh fruit pots, which went down a treat with the students and staff alike.

There was also a special healthy lunchtime menu of vegetarian lasagne, jollof rice with chicken & veg, vegan spicy moroccan veggie ball wrap and a lemon courgette cake.

The new Hydration Station went down a storm. This was the first time many of our students had seen the water station and were fascinated by the real fruit pieces inside.

As always, the smoothie bike was extremely popular; students took turns pedalling to mix the smoothies and then were given the first glass as a reward for their efforts.

Well done to the Youth Travel and Health Ambassadors for supporting and supervising the ever popular "Guess the Fruit"

competition, which proved to be considerably harder this time round, and for ensuring everything ran smoothly throughout.



## LIS students reach the Enterprise finals

Our Year 10 Enterprise group represented the school in May at the London Enterprise Finals held at Citi Bank, Canary Wharf. It was a fantastic day with nine schools competing for five awards. The students had to set up a stall and sell their product to Citi Employees, be interviewed by a panel of judges and present to an audience of approximately 100 guests. It was a long day and night with many of our students fasting and not getting home until 8pm. They were brilliant and won the 'Best Presentation Award' and came second to a sixth form group for the 'Best Overall Company' award.



## Food Bank Appeal

As part of their work on their political theatre pieces based on poverty in Newham, the year 9 Drama class performed two 'flashmob' Invisible Theatre performances at both breaks in the dining hall in May, making the other students stop in their tracks to watch the drama unfold in front of them.

This was to highlight the fact that 42% of children in Newham are living in poverty, and to help launch a food bank appeal at the school. As always, Little Ilford staff and students were generous with their donations of food and other essentials.





## Youth Travel Ambassadors win £250 grant in Dragons' Den - Campaign Junction

On Tuesday 2nd April, The Little Ilford School Youth Travel Ambassadors participated in an Internal Campaign Junction event, where they delivered their chosen project idea to a panel of experts from London Borough of Newham and Transport for London. Ms Curtis-Harper and Mr Burke were also on the panel.

The YTA's successfully pitched their idea for a project to benefit the school and community which focuses on road safety. They strongly believe that the lack of road safety awareness amongst secondary school students is very concerning. Their aim was to highlight this and raise awareness by running an obstacle course at the Summer Fete.



The panel of judges were extremely impressed with the content and quality of the YTA's presentation, thus awarding them with £250 worth of funding to develop and deliver their campaign. The students designed a special Road Safety Obstacle Course which challenged participants to navigate around the course with and without their phones to test their concentration levels.

Results clearly indicated that individuals are considerably less focused when using their phones on the roads and that this is a serious issue that needs to be addressed.

Congratulations to YTA's: Ayesha 10.9, Laiqah 10.3, Dipeka 10.8, Sumayyah 10.3, Tayeba 10.6, Nadia 10.2, Hafsa 9.7, Hunny 8.2, Farah 8.2.

## Eythan takes work experience to another level

If you have a child in year 10 this year you will know that all students in Year 10 had to take part in two weeks work experience. Eythan was lucky enough to do his work experience at HeadStart and enjoyed it so much that he wrote a blog about it. Here are some extracts:

### About me:

Hi! I'm Eythan, one of HeadStart's work experience students. I come from Little Ilford School and I have done Team Social Action (TSA). This work experience helped me to grow significantly and also helped me understand what HeadStart does to help all the young people in Newham.

### Why did you want to do work experience at HeadStart Newham?

Many people in my school chose the first work experience opportunity they found. I wanted to find an opportunity that would open my eyes to a career I might not have considered before. I didn't want to do a boring office job that would make me wish "Oh man, I just want to go back to school!" This is the reason why I chose HeadStart. I wanted a fun 'experience' that would stick with me (see what I did there)!

### What does HeadStart do that interests you?

HeadStart has a lot of activities in schools such as BounceBack, HeadStart Champions, Team Social Action and Mini-interventions. Whether you are out and about in schools and in the community or you are in the office preparing for sessions, there is always something which will develop skills you already have or help you learn new skills. Sometimes, I even did things that pushed me out of my comfort zone. For example, I ran an icebreaker activity at a primary school before a BounceBack session! This was scary at first but really boosted my confidence and resilience. Overall, it's a work experience that has been highly beneficial for me that I will not regret doing.

### What kind of activities did you participate in while working at HeadStart?

I was involved in writing this blog, coding with the HeadStart Research Team, graphic design and marketing, budget management, co-facilitating sessions in schools, observing other Youth Practitioners and helping the whole team in the office.

If you're good with children and love ICT, then I definitely recommend HeadStart! You can go to a primary school and work with kids or develop your computer skills. Whatever you do and love to do, there will always be something which will be helpful in the years to come.

To read more of Eythan's blog, [click here](#).





# Sports Day

Form group pride was high on Friday 28th June when excited students filled the stands for LIS Sports Day 2019. Students from all forms and the countries they were representing arrived focused and prepared to give their all in the roles of athlete and supporter. A rainbow of students dressed in an array of country colours took their places in their areas and prepared for a glorious win, their self-designed t-shirts worn with pride.

The day began slightly overcast and windy, but the conditions began to slowly improve approaching the first event of the day. Spirits were high as students mentally prepared for their events while listening to the excellent commentary from Mr Oloyede and Mr Sodeinde - both commentators were at the top of their game throughout the day and included plenty of banter alongside some singing and dancing.

The spectators from Year 7 and Year 8 were enthralled by the track and field events during the morning session which included some top performances from Yasir in 7.3 (Y7 Boys 100m) and Shodiqat also in 7.3 (Y7 Girls 100m) who both set new school records by storming to victory. There were further excellent performances from Hamza in 7.9 in the Y7 Boys High Jump, Nia in 7.2 in the Y7 Girls 300m and Michael in 7.10 in



the Y7 Boys 800m. After his win in the 800m Michael spoke to the press and went on to thank Mr Ravendran for the standard of pace setting, as the win would not have been possible without the consistency of Mr Ravendran's running. Standout performances from Year 8 included Aidan in 8.10 who took gold in the Y8 Boys 800m with a time of 2m 59.44s and Janaiba in 8.7 who stormed the Y8 Girls 300m in a record breaking time. The track and field performances from all athletes were a credit to the school and form tutors and kept the spectators glued to the action. The form group relays completed the morning's events and students departed the stadium having given their all and were eagerly awaiting the results.



As the staff took a quick lunch break, the sun came out as the Year 9 and 10 students arrived at the famous Cricklefield Stadium for the afternoon session. With students and staff not knowing the current positions after the morning endeavours, all competitors were optimistic that they could challenge for medals in their respective events. The track events got off to a blistering start enabled by another excellent performance from Mr Taylor as the starter, who ensured the schedule was followed to the minute, despite a couple of untimely misfires from the starter pistol. The afternoon rushed by with some outstanding performances from both year groups. The atmosphere was electric throughout the afternoon and allowed students to go home content with their performances.



Results will be analysed and presented at the End of Year Praise Assemblies - glory awaits the winning forms!





## Visitors from China



In early July students and teachers from two secondary schools in China visited Little Ilford School to experience life in an English secondary school. A number of LIS students were appointed as International Ambassadors to accompany the students around the school to lessons and during break and lunch times. Arjun in 9.3 accompanied Lu, who became his friend and they hope to keep in touch in the future. The Chinese students spoke good English and were outgoing and keen to practise their English skills. They participated well in lessons and were happy to join in with the after school activities such as table tennis and football.

## Our talented musicians go from strength to strength

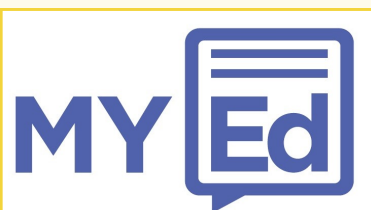


The LIS Summer Music Concert was a great success. Performances from the Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 bands all got a great reaction, especially the Year 10 band's rendition of 'Happy' which had the whole crowd singing and clapping along. Fariya from Year 10 performed an original song for which she had written and produced her own backing track. The latest incarnation of the staff band saw Mr Sodeinde and Miss Hart drafted in at the last moment as vocalists and the Guitar tutor, Mr Barquilla stopped playing his instrument and started snapping photographs of the band mid performance. The show finished in a spectacular manner with the inimitable

Miethursha from year 7 who gave a rousing performance of "I'm Still Standing", which got everyone on their feet and some members of the audience even joined her on stage for the end of the song.



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