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In this edition our PE, Science and Study Plus Departments and how we have been working in partnership with the East London Business Alliance.

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Students get a taste of working in the city full story on our back page.

Welcome to the winter edition of Inline Magazine; these are exciting times at Little Ilford. The proposal to build a new school on our existing site is becoming a reality. We are beginning to adapt the plans that we had in place for the cancelled 'Building Schools for the Future' programme to suit the new 'Priority Build Scheme'. Works are scheduled to start in December 2014 and the new school is due to open in December 2016. There will be challenges to face. For example, the reduction in playground space during the building process will mean that we have to look at changing our school day from next September, staggering our lunch and morning breaks. However we are confident of our ability to manage this transition and will keep you informed of what is happening as we progress. In the meantime, there is much to celebrate from our exam results, despite the national changes to grade boundaries in English, Maths, Science, History and Geography.

Our Maths results held firm with 76% of students achieving an A*-C pass. The Science results continue to rise with 70% of students achieving double science at A*-C. A quarter of our students achieved the English Baccalaureate this year, up from 9% the year before. The headline figure of five A*-C passes including English and Maths remained above the national average at 60%. Furthermore our Year 11s did brilliantly in the exams at the end of Year 10, achieving on average 72% in Maths and 67% in Science. This bodes extremely well for next summers GCSE results.

We continue to be proud of our exciting programme for Gifted and Talented students. Last Friday I had the pleasure of joining two groups of students at the HSBC global headquarters in Canary Wharf (pictured above). Where they were competing against each other in an enterprise event judged by Stephen Hammond, the Minister for Transport. The bank's staff and politicians present were at pains to tell me how impressed they were with Little Ilford students. Although only one of our teams could be the winner, the HSBC staff told me they would be keen to recruit from our students in the future.

As the festive period approaches, please keep in mind that it is a very good idea to continue to encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes per day. Recent research has provided evidence for something that we all knew: performance in all academic subjects, including Maths, is improved simply by reading regularly. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family all the best over the Christmas break and for 2014. *Ian Wilson, Headteacher*



Year 7 smash it! Football match report LIS 5 – 3 Stratford Academy

Following a slow start to the season, the Year 7 Football Team recorded their first ever win, triumphing deservedly against Stratford Academy at Wanstead Flats. Goals came from top goal scorer and team captain Zain (2), as well as Aswin (2) and Ryan. The Man of the Match award undoubtedly went to Abaan who performed outstandingly, despite being played out of position at left back. His commitment in the tackle and work rate were superb. While there are still improvements to be made, the boys showed what they are capable of going forward and can hopefully build on this victory in their future matches.

By Mr Parnell - PE Department team pictured to the right.



Athletic Team shows spirit

The Little Ilford Year 7 Athletics Team was unlucky at the recent Newham Borough Sportshall Athletics Competition held at Cumberland School on Monday 21st October, despite a strong and enthusiastic squad assembled by Ms Thomas. The team had been training regularly in the build-up to the event and showed excellent character and spirit. Seventh place finishes (out of ten) from both the boys and girls teams highlighted how tough the competition was in the Borough. There were some excellent performances from our athletes in and the boys even managed to beat the league leaders, St Bonaventure's in the 4x2 - lap relay. I was blown away with everyone's effort and thought the team competed with pride and determination against tough opposition. The pupils in the team also expressed their interest to bounce back at the next event in November. "We will certainly know what to expect next time and we will be working harder as a team to climb back up that league table" was the comment from

one of the team. Event organisers had commented on the impeccable attire of the Little Ilford Team who competed wearing their all new PE outfits of red and black tops, shorts and socks. We wish them the best of luck for the next competition.

Pictured left are: Back Row: Femi, Hamna, Mahima, Oznur, Mahad, Ellie, Fifi, Front Row: Amari, Safwan, Alfie, Junior, Dennisonn, Sammy-Junior. Teachers are: Mr Taylor and Mr Parnell.

By Mr Taylor - PE Department





The Year 8 Rugby Team recently competed in an East London Schools Festival at Britton's Academy. Little Ilford School was drawn against some very tough opposition and despite the team playing some really good passing rugby, their hard work was undone by some pacey opposition wingers. Unfortunately, the team failed to qualify for the semi-finals; however the boys are improving with every game they play. With their continued hard work and dedication, it is only a matter of time before they start putting teams in their place!

By Mr Parnell - PE Department

Active girls show how it's done!

The Active Girls Active Open Day took place on 18th October 2013 at Newham Leisure Centre. This annual event, is aimed at increasing sport participation rates among teenage girls, which will hopefully encourage them to attend the leisure centre during the evenings and weekends. The day's events included alternative activities to those on the traditional curriculum to help motivate, raise self-esteem and encourage a positive attitude to sport. Students were offered street dance, trampolining, Zumba and a new fitness sensation where the girls did an energetic workout using individual trampets. On previous occasions students have also been treated to activities such as Caribbean dance, boxing, step, cheerleading and Yoga. A selection of Year 9 girls took part in the activity day, which was a great success. Several of the girls have since expressed an interest to attend the leisure centre on a regular basis. Anyone who wants to find out more about the sessions available for 11-15 year olds at the centre should see Ms Thomas to collect an information brochure.

By Ms Thomas - PE Department



Science students share their dissection experiences.

Kidney dissection

Two main things which stood out about the kidney dissection were the visible parts and the smell. The smell was something beyond disgusting and whilst learning about the kidney we also learnt about diffusion, and the rate of diffusion through the smell.

Other than the smell, the kidney dissection was very interesting. It was fascinating to see a vital organ which is inside us; it was also amazing how the whole process happens inside our body cleverly, without us ever having to think about it. I was able to understand this process in more detail through this dissection. Overall the whole experience was a mixture between terrible smell and educational fun.

Heart dissection

The heart dissection was the best, because the different specific sections were visible and we were able to see it clearly. There was a lot of blood produced in this dissection as well. On the whole the dissection was very useful and it also helped me understand the process more as well as helping me learn the different parts and what they do. The dissection put it all into context for me.

This was the first time I dissected a heart and I think that the overall experience was useful for us in many ways. It gave us an experience, and it also allowed us to see what we were learning about. Furthermore the dissection allowed us enjoy learning.

Through this whole practical I realised how clever our body is.

In my opinion, the dissections have been the best part of the year so far. The dissection practical which we did in science was dissecting the heart. This was my favourite practical since we could clearly see the parts of the heart and we got to stick pins into the heart to label it. This year, as we are studying Further Additional Science we have more hands-on learning experiences, so we are very happy. Doing these practical's helps us to remember parts of the heart very well and this is very useful when it comes to exams.

By Amna -Year 11



Study Plus students showcase their creative writing

In Study Plus students work to improve their writing, often starting from very low levels. Many students speak little or no English and make phenomenal progress. Here are a few examples of their writing.

The Man With The Yellow Face...

I stared at the picture it was grotesque. I was shivering from head to toe. The man had a yellow face with something terribly wrong with his skin, it seemed to be crumpled around his neck and chin. He looked like someone I know. I gazed at the photo for long period of time. For once I thought I am going to throw the picture away but... I dashed out of the photo booth and there he was: The Man with the Yellow Face. I peered at him from head to toe. My eyes were glued to him. He looked as if he was smiling, his lips were repulsive. BOOOOOM!!! There was a gargantuan bang and the man disappeared. For ten seconds I was frozen with fear. I was waiting and waiting. It was terrifying.

I felt the wind, cold against my face but there was no train. Eventually after twenty minutes the train arrived. It was a long train and looked threatening. I didn't want to really get in the train but I had to. I nervously stepped onto the step of the home of the devil (which is how it felt); then the train started to move. The lights were flashing on and off and I was sitting in a corner feeling petrified!!! Everyone noticed me, the train was crowded. Near where I was sitting there was a red light flashing on and off on my eye. The train journey was creepy. I thought this was the devil's eye, blinking at me. I became more terrified.

The man with the yellow face

As I stared at the picture, I felt petrified of one of the ugliest men I have ever seen. I had a shiver up my leg and down my body and jumped back in pure fright. It was haunting! I had a terrifying feeling in my gut, I ran out of the photo-box. There he was standing before me with his ugly, frightening and scary face. "Boom" he disappeared and my aunt ran over and said "are you okay?" I never replied and just stared at the place he was standing.

Twenty minutes later our train finally arrived. After a long train journey it felt nice to smell the air and feel the wonderful breeze. I suddenly realised we had got off at the wrong stop and we jumped on the next train home.

I sat on the seat furthest from the window as I usually do. My life flashed before my eyes! The train fell on its side, my aunt wouldn't wake. I just stared in shock and waited for someone to come and help. I cried in pain. Would anyone ever come to help?

When I woke up

As my large wide eyes started open, I wondered why I was not in my warm cosy bed. Slowly I looked up at the humungous moon shining bright in the pitch black sky. Then suddenly I could hear little tiny animals scattering around me. I quickly got up and looked around. All I could see were the trees with their fallen dead leaves all over the dirty floor.

Suddenly I felt a heavy breeze on the back of my neck like someone or something was breathing on me. I slowly turned around to see what it was. However, before I could even get a good look something hit me on the head and knocked me out.

When I woke up on the floor outside of an old abandoned house, I could smell a disgusting smell like rotten fish. After lying on the floor for a bit I got up and went inside being very careful where I stepped. As I went inside I could smell and see mould all over the walls. I walked in to what seemed to be a kitchen; there were no doors or windows but suddenly bang! A door slammed behind me and I could not get out.

My only option was to go upstairs so I did. Every step creaked like a high pitched scream. When I got to the top, I could hear something coming from the attic. It was like a little girl humming. I was scared but I was curious to see what it may be so I opened the door and walked up the pitch black stairs. When I reached the top, I followed the sound until it stopped.



Year 10 students take part in HSBC 'A day in the life' also pictured on the front page.



Stephen Hammond MP and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport worked with our students as "Mr Boot", owner of a fictional football club London FC with volunteers from HSBC working alongside our students to support them in their decision-making.

On 11th October, 14 students at Little Ilford School in Newham learned first-hand what it is like to be a city executive as they were thrown into a real life business scenario. 'London FC' is up for sale and there are two interested buyers, Mr Alexander and Mr Singh. The students were split into two advisory bodies, one for each buyer, and worked together to advise their client whether or not bidding for the football club was a good idea. Each member of the team took on a role, including presenter, negotiator and administrator. At the end of the day, the teams of students presented their offers for the football club to a board of HSBC executives. HSBC employees worked with the students throughout the day and gave them feedback at the end of the session. Based on this feedback, HSBC will be working with the school to look at ways that the students can be supported on a longer term basis. *Erica Chamberlain, Programme Manager (Skills), ELBA said:* "Giving students at Little Ilford the opportunity to learn about the world of business through a real life scenario is a fantastic way to raise their aspirations. By setting the students the 'A day in the life' challenge, we hope that they have realised that they already have many of the skills needed for a career in the city and will hopefully be more confident about making university or job applications." Lorraine Thomas, Senior Manager, Education and Community

Investment at HSBC said: "ELBA's Business Action Groups are very popular with our employees, who help the young people develop their skills and raise aspirations in many different ways." **Article by ELBA**

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