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Little Ilford News & Events Summer 2014 - Issue 14

In this edition: International Women's Fortnight, what's happening in Maths, Years 9 & 10 and a lot more!

**Learning Together
Achieving Together
Succeeding Together**



LIS celebrates inspirational women

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At the time of writing I have achieved my first year as Headteacher. The overriding feeling that I have is one of gladness that I applied for the post. The students and staff here are wonderful and it is a privilege to lead them. They have high aspirations for themselves and for each other. I was so proud when I saw the video that Year 9 students produced for the Deep Learning Week which is now on YouTube (www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-GHh4VF-gQ). I think that when you watch it you get the sense of 'family' that we have here.

This academic year has also brought us many successes from the drama production 'Of Mice and Men', the Debate Mate competition that we hosted where our teams won 5 out of their 6 debates, the Black History Event, International Women's Fortnight (pictured) and many sporting trips of all kinds. This is truly a school where students are given opportunities to flourish.

We have been having many meetings about the new school building in the last few months. Construction should begin in March 2015. Although the scheme is a reduced version of the Building Schools for the Future project that was halted a few years back, I am confident that we will be given facilities to match our ambitions. I am particularly excited about the new Autistic Spectrum Disorder unit that will be built in the school as my sister-in-law is autistic and I think it is a really positive, and inclusive, step forward for our school.

As those of you who attended the FLIS consultation meeting will know, we are changing the timetable and the school day for 2014-15. There are two main reasons for this. The first is the new school building which will be built on the existing playground. This means that we will be very short of outside space and will need to stagger break and lunchtimes to keep the children safe. The second reason is the new government performance measures which will test the students' progress and attainment in their best 8 subjects, many of which are prescribed academic courses.

From September the school day will start at 8.20, rather than 8.30. We will end at the usual time of 3pm. However, as we are moving to a two week timetable, every other Friday will end at 2.10pm. There will be six lessons of 50 minutes, rather than five lessons of an hour. This will allow us to provide more subject choice for the students, which many of you have told me is a problem with the current curriculum. I am currently appointing a new Head of Music so that the subject can be brought back onto the timetable.

I hope you have a lovely summer and before we break up please continue to encourage your children to read every day and track their progress through their diaries. Thank you for all your support with uniform, punctuality and attendance this year.

Ian Wilson, Headteacher

Little Ilford Big Bang Theory!



Four students represented the Little Ilford Engineering Club at the Big Bang Fair 2014 held at the NEC Birmingham. We entered the club in to a competition winning one of six places at the fair in order to showcase their projects. Zubyr (13), Rozlind (13), Shaiyini (14) and Shakif (14) travelled to Birmingham with me to display their skills.

"It was a once in a lifetime opportunity for us to compete against students from across the country. We showcased 3 projects that we have completed at Engineering Club which we attend every Saturday" commented Zubyr who was team leader. There are 30 students that attend the club every Saturday and the 3 projects chosen were CREST accredited, Dream House, Plant Mobile (plant grower that can move round and L shaped balcony) and Pop up card and books.

Shaiyini was following in her sister's footsteps in joining the Engineering Club, "Every moment in the Big Bang Fair gave us something new to learn and share with other club members." Another member of the team Rozlind said "We had the privilege to meet HRH Prince Andrew, which we will always cherish." She had the opportunity to explain to HRH Prince Andrew about the Dream House Silver CREST Award project that she has been working on. The students had to create architectural plans and build a model of their dream house including furniture. They only have a budget of £20.00 and have to use recycled material. This project had to be completed in 30 hours and the students achieve a Silver CREST Award.

"The Big Bang Fair has been an amazing experience, I was a little nervous at the start of the judging but found it easy to talk about my passion.....engineering!" commented Shakif. The students had to present to the judges, companies and the public alike. They impressed the judges and won the Special Club Ethos Award of £250. The students are looking to raise a further £800 in order to replace their club house which is a garden shed at the back of the school car park.

I am extremely proud and impressed with the way these young people have flourished. They were articulate and clear in explaining the project that they have been working on. HRH Prince Andrew had met some of the club members in 2011 when he visited the school and was very impressed by their commitment and dedication. We are now preparing for our Greenpower racing season and looking for funding to build a new race car, if anyone is interested in helping us out please contact the school! *By Miss Noor Mahomed*



For more information about engineering visit www.youngeng.org/home.asp or see Ms Noor Mahomed.



Thanks to those who gave their support to our Sport Relief Events and a special thank you to those who came out to support with the Mile Run. Due to the fantastic efforts of the students, mostly from Year 7, together we raised £244.78; £85 of that was raised by Alena in Year 9.

PE Department



Jack Petchey Prize Money Pays Off

A new computer programme called Rosetta Stone English has now been installed on two PCs in the library to encourage any students who are new to English or who are still learning to use it in the morning or after school. Two students, Shannon and Matthew, used their Jack Petchey prize money to bring in the new software which is being used in other schools around the borough. Little Ilford are currently trialing the software and if it proves useful will look to give more access to it around school.

Celebrating Diversity

We organised a Diversity week at Little Ilford in order to raise awareness of homophobic bullying and the terrible damage it has on all children. We also wanted to make all our pupils aware of the Stonewall campaign which is not only stopping bullying against Lesbian, Gay and Bi sexual people but also to raise awareness of the thousands of Lesbian, Gay and Bi sexual role models that we have throughout history, in modern society, across all professions and in our community. We wanted to celebrate the wide range of families that are part of our community.

We had assemblies for all years and pupils have signed up to be Diversity Champions. We have had a really popular T Shirt campaign with pupils wearing the 'Some people are gay. Get over it' Slogan.

We ended the week with a celebration event after school in the library attended by lots of pupils and staff. It was packed, standing room only. We heard from a speaker called Steve who had come from Stonewall but actually works for the Civil Service. He was funny, articulate and confident in his message.

It is a real challenge to know that you are Gay, Lesbian or Bi sexual but the most important thing to remember is to be true to yourself. You only have one life. The worst thing is to lie about who you are; it is destructive to you and to those around you.

Things will get better. You can have the life you want. You can have a life, a good job a partner and children if you want. Being Gay makes no difference.

Steve also stayed for a question and answer session, answering lots of great questions from our pupils and staff. It was a wonderful event with a brilliant atmosphere.

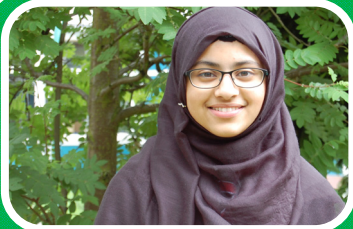
We are expanding our work through the wearing of Diversity wristbands by the pupils to signal that they will not put up with any form of bullying. Teachers already wear lanyards round their necks to show pupils that they support Diversity and will not tolerate bullying.

Next year we are planning a Diversity conference and festival for parents, governors, pupils, teachers and members of our wider community.

If you wish to get in touch or want further information, please contact Kate Chadwick at Little Ilford School



Meet the Media Team



Hello everyone! My name is Aliyah Adam and I am now an official member of the LIS Media Team. This means that I will be able to keep in touch with key events around the school so that I can participate effectively as a member of the community. It also means that I can spend more time doing the things I love i.e. photography, journalism and expressing my creativity. I also hope to encounter new challenges and learn new things every day to broaden my knowledge so that I can keep you, the citizens of Little Ilford School, updated with the latest news.

Hiya! My name is Binita and I am part of the media team. I am a very sporty, creative and loud a person who loves food. What I like doing the most is listening to music as it allows me to express my feelings through it. I grab up any opportunity I get in life as you can as you only live once and everyone should live life to the fullest. I have joined the media team so I am able to open up to a new horizon of skills.



Hi, my name is Nada. I am crazy about books and I love making things and definitely love going out and being crazy with my clothes. However there's much more about me than meets the eye; I make mistakes and I try to fix them, and I stand up for what I believe in. I joined the Media Team because I adore creativity and the media team allows me to express it.

Hello, My name is Faizal. I am very enthusiastic, straight-forward and open-minded and put all my energy in to things I am focussed on. I've joined the Media team because I believe in taking all the opportunities that come my way, as well as ensuring that I am successful in fulfilling my role in everything that I've chosen to do.



Hello, my name's Tahera and I am now part of the LIS Media Team! I have to say media has always been a strong passion of mine, and it seems to me it always will be. I'd have to say the phrase "Creativity is a drug I cannot live without" is probably the best way to describe me. Being unique and doing something creative with something otherwise bland, has always driven me forward to do new things and experience things I wouldn't normally do; whether its learning to do an ollie on a skateboard; Rocking a new pair of glasses or drawing a difficult portrait, I almost always try and do what makes me happy and what makes me feel unique. In a way that is why media is a passion of mine, as it explores and expresses events and views in many different aspects and can almost immediately change others perspec-

Maths Mastery



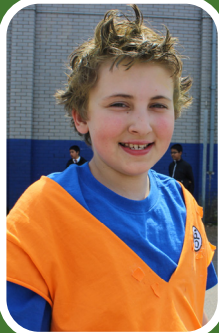
Little Ilford School has recently adopted the Mastery approach to teaching mathematics for Year 7. The approach provides pupils with a deep understanding of the subject through a concrete, pictorial and abstract approach so they fully understand what they are learning. The programme will be rolled out into Year 8 next year. As a pioneer school of the Mathematics Mastery Secondary programme, Little Ilford School's Maths staff have been trained to implement the approach and work as part of a community of teachers collaborating together to ensure that the teaching pupils receive is based upon shared best practice.

Maths Mastery Vision: Enjoyment, achievement and mastery of mathematics for every child in every school.

Maths Mastery Mission: All children from all backgrounds can succeed in mathematics. We are collaborating with teachers in primary and secondary schools across England through online and face-to-face professional development. Members of our professional learning community are transforming maths lessons, sharing teaching resources, a curriculum framework and the key principles of Mathematics Mastery.

We celebrated World Book Day!

Students and staff dressed up as their favourite characters, can you guess who they are?





Summer
Fete
Saturday 5th July
2014
1-4pm
FREE Entry!

- Food & Refreshments
- Live Music
- A Wide Range of Stalls
- Workshops

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