



WALDEGRAVE NEWS

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Thank you to all students and staff who have supported Africa week. There have been some fantastic events happening; including African cookery and food tasting, drumming workshops and hair braiding. Ms Ways presented a wonderful assembly on influential and inspirational African women. Students at Waldegrave and at our partner school in Kenya have attempted to walk the equivalent of the distance from Madogo School to Waldegrave. Students in Year 11 came to school on Friday dressed in African themed costumes. Special thanks go to Mrs Croll, Ms Béchirian and Mrs Davies for the organisation of the week and to all students and staff who supported the event.

Thank you to parents and students that responded to the Academy Consultation, Governors will be meeting in the second half of term to discuss and investigate this further and a decision will be made in the spring term.

The students have made an excellent start to the term. Special congratulations to our new students for an excellent first half term. We wish you a restful and safe half term holiday.

PTA NEWS

Thanks to everyone who supported Quiz Night by coming along, helping out and supplying raffle prizes. Congratulations to team Aguilera who won for the 3rd year running! Money raised will be announced next week. We hope everyone had a good time.

Waitrose green tokens

Only ten days left to get the green tokens into the Waldegrave fundraising box at Waitrose, Twickenham. Each token that's dropped in before the end of October brings us an extra donation. Thanks to everyone who's been in for a quick shop and deposited some tokens!

Next PTA meeting Tuesday 8 November, 7.30 pm in school - all welcome to discuss new projects and fundraising.

Next 'Dig Day' Saturday 12 November, 9 am in school - focus on bamboo quad and the pond.

You can contact the PTA Chair, Fran Perrow, on fperrow@blueyonder.co.uk 07779 788018.

BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD 2011-2012

Over 160 Year 10 students applied to do the Bronze Duke Of Edinburgh Award through the school. Groups had to be selected from a hat due to the school only being able to train 105 students. Students who have been successful will receive an information pack, with registration forms. Please can these be returned by Friday 4 November.

The students who were unsuccessful, can complete their Award with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Centre at Ham and Petersham Youth Club. The Bronze programme starts on 14 November but it is through a process of application only. Email doe@richmond.gov.uk to find out more information.

LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK

Year 9 information regarding progress grade sheets and SIMs Learning Gateway

Year 11 information re mock examinations November 2011 and timetable

EVENTS

Mon 31 Oct	8CC's charity cake sale in Room 15 at lunchtime in aid of NSPCC
Tues 1 Nov	10AL charity cake sale breacktime, Digby Court in aid of Clic Sargent
Tues 1 Nov	Rotary Club Young Chef competition / BBC Off By Heart Competition
Weds 2 Nov	8CC, 8IC, 8JF, 8SB visit to Hampton Court / Art Mock Exam / 10RA cake sale in aid of FSID
Thurs 3 Nov	ex Y11 Coursework Collection 3.00 – 5.30 pm / Y8 HPV vaccinations
Fri 4 Nov	8EH, 8HF, 8HW, 8PM visit to Hampton Court / Franklin House cake sale in in aid of the British Heart Foundation

W/E 14.10.11	BEST ATTENDANCE		BEST PUNCTUALITY		MOST HOUSE POINTS	
Year 7	7RFS	97.8%	7JBF, 7MBF & 7RFS	0 lates	7SSP	163 points
Year 8	8ICS	97.2%	8EHF, 8PMP & 8ICS	0 lates	8ICS	134 points
Year 9	9SDE	98.2%	9CHF, 9JHP, 9DBS, 9HMP	0 lates	9HHE	55 points
Year 10	10NIE	98.7%	10NIE, 10DNS & 10SAS	1 late	10DNS	83 points
Year 11	11CJS	97.5%	11KPD	0 lates	11AES	91 points

Students in tutor groups with the best attendance and/or punctuality in each year group will be rewarded with house points weekly from now on.

SPORTS EVENTS & FIXTURES			RESULTS		
Year	Sport	Date	Date	Sport	Result
Y9/10/11	Netball v Richmond Park - AWAY	01.11.11	19.10.11	Y10/11 Netball v Orleans Park	LOST 21-23
Y9/10/11	Netball v Christ's School – HOME	03.11.11	19.10.11	Y9 Netball v Orleans Park	WON 17-13
Y10/11	Netball tournament	02.11.11			

SPORTS NEWS

London U16 Girls' Hockey Tournament

The Richmond SSP team including Harriet Dorrington-Ward, Ellie Ctori, Francesca Cadogan, Lucy Mackay, Sarah Thompson and Isabella Kean from Waldegrave came second in the London U16 Girls' Hockey tournament on Wednesday 12 October and have qualified for the semi-final against Kingston Grammar School on Thursday 10 November. The students performed superbly and were a credit to the school and the Richmond team.



Congratulations to Lily Prescott 8HW who competed last weekend at the National Scout Rifle Championships at Bisley which has in the region of 800 competitors. She came home with three gold medals which were; Junior (U14) Team Air Rifle, Junior (U14) Team Air Pistol and Junior (U14) Connaught Trophy. She also got the individual silver medal for the Junior (U14) biathlon. (This is a timed event which involves running between targets and shooting air rifle in standing, kneeling and prone positions).



U13 World Cup Tag Rugby Girls' Tournament

On Tuesday 18 October we took part in the Middlesex U13 World Cup Tag Tournament at Northolt RFU. Waldegrave Wolves played 5 won 3, drew 1 and lost 1 and just missed out on the semis finishing 3rd in their pool. Waldegrave Warriors, all Year 7 students, played and won 5 matches scoring 18 tries in their pool, then faced Heathland in the semis, demonstrating great running skills to win 5-3 so got through to face Stoke Newington's Year 8 team in the final. They played as they had done throughout the whole tournament, as a team; supporting each other in the tackles and running off the ball and ended up convincing winners with a score of 7-4. Congratulations to all the girls who took part, see you at training after half term.



Volleyball Cluster A tournament

A clean sweep by Waldegrave at the Volleyball Cluster A tournament held at Hampton Boys' School this week! Congratulations to the girls who have all qualified for the finals in December.

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Jack Petchey Foundation Awards

Our award winning students from 2010-2011 and their parents attended the Jack Petchey Foundation Achievement Awards presentation evening for the London Boroughs of Richmond and Kingston on Monday this week at Richmond Theatre.

The students have been nominated for the Achievement Award for making an outstanding contribution to the life of the school or for overcoming a personal challenge, and were presented with their medallions by the Deputy Mayor of Richmond, Councillor Meena Bond.

Strawberry Hill House Gardening Event

Two Year 9 students attended last Thursday's Capital growth networking meeting at Strawberry Hill House with Sally Stratton, who runs the Waldegrave Gardening Club. The event, the first of its kind, was well attended and the girls' input was much appreciated by everyone. All those who attended the workshop were able to save the seed from the heritage tomatoes that the Waldegrave Gardening Club grew from seed for Garden Organic in the vegetable quad. Hopefully many Richmond schools will have these special tomatoes in their vegetable gardens next year.



Building Bridges?

Bridge Club will be starting after half term on Thursdays from 2.45 to 3.45 pm. Teachers from the British Bridge Association will be on hand to help students and all are welcome to attend, whether beginners or more experienced. Anyone interested please come to K7 at Break on Monday 31 October to express your interest.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

Please think about the following and discuss them as a family. **Have you got a working smoke alarm?** Do you test it regularly? **Check your electrical appliances** – if you notice any strange noises or smells coming from electrical appliances call a repair person and never overload plug sockets. Switch off non essential items when not using them, this includes hair straighteners and mobile phone chargers. **Do you and your family have an escape plan?** Do you practice it with all your family so everyone would know what to do? **If there is a fire you should get out, stay out and call the fire brigade.** Call 999 and do not attempt to tackle the fire yourself. Do not collect any personal possessions. Do not go back in for anything. Further advice can be found at www.london-fire.gov.uk.



RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Waldegrave School for Girls is a member of the RFU Education Partnership