



# WALDEGRAVE NEWS

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This week's newsletter has been given to our wonderful PTA for them to explain the amazing things they do to support the school. I am extremely grateful to this committed band of parents who really do make a difference to your daughter's lives at school.

On a separate note the Governors have been exploring further whether Waldegrave should apply to become an Academy. They will be meeting later this term to discuss this further. If you have any views on this matter please do send them to myself or to your parent governor representatives via the Clerk to the Governors at the school.

## INDUSTRIAL ACTION

**Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of the letter sent to parents on Thursday regarding industrial action on Thursday 30 June.**

## PTA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supports the PTA by coming to our monthly meetings, our events and offering their time and expertise. Everyone's contribution counts and directly benefits the girls. If you're interested in doing something or you have an idea, or a couple of hours free, please contact us or come to our meetings - we'd love to meet you.

The PTA is a charity. We have no overheads and every single penny we make is spent on school. We work closely with staff to fund the projects and to buy the equipment Waldegrave needs. We are delighted that the Headteacher, Philippa Nunn and Assistant Headteacher, Graham Farrar, come to every monthly meeting so we can work together to do our best for the school. Here is a round-up of some of our current projects.

### PTA May Ball

This big event at the Richmond Hill Hotel made a record-breaking profit this year of £7,348! We have done a lot of thank-yous already, but THANK YOU AGAIN to everyone who made this such a success. We also hope you had a good time!



### New Waldegrave Squad Kit

The PTA has just invested in brand new kit for the netball and hockey squads who represent the school in competitions. We hope this gives the girls a great boost and helps them look even more professional than their private school rivals!

### New Sports Courts

Redevelopment of the three tennis/netball courts should start this summer, subject to planning permission. We have worked very hard with the school for the past two years to secure funding for this major work which will cost around £100,000. Two of the courts have been out of action and we have all been worried about how school can operate a full sporting timetable in the autumn with just one netball court. We are now on track to have three new, safe courts for the girls later this year.

### From Zumba to laptops...

The PTA has funded a huge variety of projects in the last 12 months, ensuring every student benefits. The list includes: Zumba dance classes, language workshops, Book Week, ukuleles for a school band, computer software and laptops, art and technical equipment and artefacts for Religious Studies! We're also pleased that the girls and staff make such good use of Digby Court, the last big PTA project which transformed a boring bit of concrete into a landscaped area complete with outdoor stage, seating and picnic tables.

### Making money shopping online

Twenty members of school and PTA have made a brilliant total of £163 just by doing their regular shopping via the website [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk). There is no cost to those of us shopping, but the companies make a small donation to the school. It is very easy to sign up - full instructions are on the Parents' Association pages of the school website - and all the major supermarkets and shops are there from Amazon to B&Q. We could make much more FREE MONEY if more people sign up.

### Waldegrave's answer to Euromillions

Join the 50:50 Club, the PTA's monthly lottery. We can guarantee the odds of winning are much better than the National Lottery, although the prize money is more modest! Entry forms are on the website, with tickets from just £1 a month.

And join us at our PTA events:

**Next PTA meeting** Tuesday 28 June, 8 pm in school. Everyone welcome.

**Wine Tasting** - Friday 1 July, 7 pm in school - limited places available.

**Dig Day** - Saturday 2 July, 9 am-12 noon - weeding, pruning and tidying the school grounds. All welcome.

**Quiz Night** - October 2011 - date to be confirmed.

## PARENT GOVERNOR BALLOT

### Parent Governor Ballot

The school has received two nominations to fill one parent governor vacancy. Ballot papers have been issued to students today, and should be returned to school in a sealed envelope to arrive no later than 3 pm on Friday 1 July 2011. Each parent is entitled to vote. Where the school records show that a parent is not living at the same address as the student, a ballot paper has been sent by post. Instructions on how to vote are printed on the ballot paper; however in the event of any query please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs D Matthews, via the school office.

## EVENTS

Sat 25 June	Y11 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Day Walk
All week	<b>NATIONAL SCHOOLS SPORTS WEEK</b>
Mon 27 June	Y11 GCSE German Reading exam / Y10 College Taster Day at Richmond upon Thames College (pm)
Tues 28 June	Y10 GCSE Science modules / 7CC, 7JF, 7IC, 7AS to St Omer
Weds 29 June	Y10 (10C and 10D) Geography Field Trip to Juniper Hall
Fri 1 July	Y10 (10A and 10B) Geography Field Trip to Juniper Hall
Fri 1 July	Y9 Sports Leaders to RSPS Primary Kwik Cricket tournament at NPL, Teddington
Fri 1-Sun 3 July	Y11 Duke of Edinburgh Practice Weekend

W/E 10.06.11	BEST ATTENDANCE	BEST PUNCTUALITY	MOST HOUSE POINTS
Year 7	7IC	97.4%	7PG, 7HF, 7CC, 7AS
Year 8	8DM & 8HM	99.1%	8JD, 8AH, 8DM
Year 9	9ND	98.5%	9RA
Year 10	10NR	100%	10JS, 10CJ, 10CD
			0 lates
			7JFF
			139 points
			0 lates
			8CHF
			305 points
			0 lates
			9NIE
			94 points
			0 lates
			10NRF
			121 points

## SPORTS EVENTS & FIXTURES

Year	Sport	Date	Year	Sport	Date
Jun/Sen	Rounders v Teddington	27.06.11	Y7	Rounders Festival at Waldegrave	28.06.11
Senior	Rounders v Hampton Academy	30.06.11			

## SPORTS NEWS

### Richmond Borough Athletics Championships

On Tuesday 21 June almost fifty girls competed in the Richmond Borough Athletics Championships at Kingsmeadow Stadium. The dry weather stayed with us all day as girls competed in a wide range of Athletic events. Notable individual and team performances came from Jessica Down 7AS - Year 7 100m, Year 7 Relay team - 1st, Anna Nicholas 7PM - Year 7 800m, Isabel Rees 7IC - Year 7 Shot, Ella Clapham 7IC - Year 7 Javelin, Charley Parr 7HW - Year 7 High Jump, Elle Richards 8DM - 2nd Year 8 Javelin, Isobel Chant 8HH - 2nd Year 8 800m, Nicole Anton 9NI - 1st Year 9 200m, Year 9 Relay team - 1st, Eme Jacob 9SA - 2nd Year 9 100m, Caoimhe Blair 9ND - 2nd Year 9 Hurdles, Francesca Cadogan 9ND - 2nd Year 9 Shot, Holly Clapham 9DR - 2nd Year 9 Javelin, Jenny Bailey 9ND - Year 9 Long Jump, Sophie Stephens 10KP - 1st Year 10 Shot, Anna Hayes 10RM - Year 10 Long Jump. In the overall competitions we won the Year 9 girls' competition, with 3rd places in Year 8 and 10/11. Congratulations to all the girls who participated.



### Topslink Festival

Congratulations once again to the fantastic Year 10 Sports Leaders (above) who organised, ran and hosted the Year 2 Primary School Topslink Festival on Monday. The winners were Mexico (Trafalgar), Germany (Stanley) 2nd and South Africa (St James's) 3rd.

### Sports Team photographs

Our successful sports teams have had their photographs taken by Vibe Photography this week. Photos will be available to purchase from [www.vibephotography.co.uk](http://www.vibephotography.co.uk).

Vibe Photography will also be attending the PE Celebration afternoon on Wednesday 13 July between 3-4 pm where students will be able to purchase photographs for £5 each.



RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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