



WALDEGRAVE NEWS

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Waldegrave joined more than eight hundred schools from around the UK to turn their classrooms into newsrooms last Thursday as they made the news for real. Our news teams covered: the Heathfield library closure; the effects of the tsunami in Japan; Waldegrave's amazing contribution to Comic Relief; conserving energy on Earth Day, as well as interviewing the Sky Sports Reporter Guy Havord about the countdown to the Olympics. Tegan from 8JD said, 'It was a fantastic experience that we'll never forget. I can't wait for BBC School Report 2012'. There is a link on Fronter so students can see their broadcast.

Year 9 students may start to wear their new Key Stage 4 sweatshirts in June and July of Year 9. The sweatshirts are available from Len Smiths (Twickenham) or from Schoolwear for Less (our online supplier - link via school website). As your daughter grows, the kilt, sadly, remains its original size. Please check that the length of your daughter's kilt is still appropriate for a business environment.

After Easter we hope for some warmer weather and students might wish to shed their black tights in preference for black or white socks (trainer socks, see-through tights or bare legs are not part of our uniform). Key Stage 3 students may also choose to wear a white polo top as an alternative to the cotton blouse. Please note the last date for ordering Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies is Monday 4 April.

Full details on how to apply for places at Esher College for 2012 will be available on their website from April www.esher.ac.uk

This is our final newsletter of the term. Next week school ends at 12.45 on Friday 8 April. I wish you a happy Easter break. The Summer Term starts on Tuesday 26 April at the normal time.

PTA NEWS

We've had some very generous offers of 'promises' to raise money at the Ball. If anyone else wants to contribute by offering a service e.g. a haircut, reflexology session, DIY, a weekend at their holiday home or an hour's lesson in something, please contact Jo on jobergs@btinternet.com. Raffle prizes are also welcome. Tickets are still on sale, see website for order form.

Please also remember the Waitrose 'Community Matters' scheme which gives away £1000 each month. Application forms should be submitted to the Twickenham store with the suggested wording: *I think..... (Waldegrave School) deserves support from Community Matters because.... (options: it needs funding for a new sensory garden / it is setting up a new sensory garden for special needs pupils)*. Nominated cause contact details: Name: **Philippa Nunn**, Tel no: **0208 894 3244**, Email: info@waldegrave.org.uk

This Saturday, 2 April, the PTA is holding a Dig Day to generally tidy up the school grounds. Meet in the car park from 9 am onwards and if you have gloves and general gardening tools please bring them along. Both parents and students welcome. Jill Mackay is the gardener and will advise what is required. You only need to spare one or two hours but it makes such a difference.

The **next PTA meeting** will be held on Tuesday 26 April starting at the earlier time of 7.30 pm in school. All welcome.

REMINDER - SIMS LEARNING GATEWAY

If you would like to have access to the Parents' Learning Gateway then please email slg@waldegrave.org.uk including your daughter's name and form and we will send you your Login and password. We will try to reply to your email as soon as possible, but please be patient as we may have a high volume of requests. We would really like you to benefit from the Gateway and urge you to obtain your login and password and check it out for yourself. We hope you find it informative, and it helps you to feel more involved with your daughter's progress and achievements at Waldegrave.

Chinese Classes

Students and parents interested in joining the Thursday after school Chinese classes next term please see Ms Lyon or email her via info@waldegrave.org.uk by the end of Monday 4 April. Classes cost £70.

EVENTS

Mon 4 Apr	Year 10 Maths C Booster Day
Tues 5 Apr	Year 11 GCSE Art examination
Weds 6 Apr	Year 11 GCSE Art examination
Fri 8 Apr	Term ends 12.45 pm
Fri 8 Apr	Ski Trip departs 4.30 pm

SCIENCE SUMMER SCHOOL 1-5 AUGUST

There are still some places left for the 'Forensic Science' Summer School from 1-5 August 2011 which has been offered to Year 10 students taking Triple Science and some Year 9 students. Any other Year 9 or 10 students who are interested should see Ms McGovern, Mrs Michell or Mrs Bamford. Please see the [Science College](#) page of the school website for details.

W/E 25.03.10	BEST ATTENDANCE		BEST PUNCTUALITY		MOST HOUSE POINTS	
Year 7	7JF	99.6%	7HF, 7CC, 7JF, 7IC	0 lates	7HWE	130 points
Year 8	8JD	98.6%	8AH	0 lates	8HMP	133 points
Year 9	9DR	96.8%	9DN & 9AL	0 lates	9ALP	224 points
Year 11	11PI	97.3%	11GT, 11PI, 11CS	2 lates	11KDF	208 points

SPORTS NEWS

Year 9 Rugby League Tournament. Congratulations to the girls for their performance yesterday. They narrowly missed out on a place in the finals after demonstrating some excellent team play, only losing one game to the eventual winners Christ's. They finished in a creditable 3rd place.

Chase Bridge International Tournament. A special mention to the Leaders who worked tirelessly as team helpers, scorers and line judges at the tournament which consisted of eleven teams from local schools, as well as teams from Wales, Leicester and Italy. Tournament co-ordinator Skippy said of them "every time I asked a Waldegrave leader to do something there were no questions asked. They did it no matter how small or boring the job was. Many thanks"

Borough Trampolining Festival. The Borough Trampolining Festival took place at Lady Eleanor Holles School last week and we entered two Key Stage 3 teams and one Key Stage 4 team. All students had to complete two difficult routines and some included a somersault. All students performed very well and we had some excellent results. The Key Stage 3 teams finished 2nd and 4th and the Key Stage 4 team finished 4th. Well done to all girls who competed



County Netball Finals. Huge congratulations to all the girls named below who contributed to the success of the U14 Netball squad. We were the only non-private school to qualify for the finals and all girls put in a great performance. Jessica Parker 9AL, Erica Watchorn 9RA, Megan Morris 9AL, Ciara Bains 9NI, Francesca Cadogan 9ND, Nicole Anton 9NI, Julia Reed 8YH, Lucy Fairchild 8YH, Rebecca Bradshaw 8JD, Imogen Paterson 8DM. Zoe Bozzard Hill 9NI, Caoimhe Blair 9ND and Maariya Maalik 9ND.

MADOGO WALDEGRAVE PARTNERSHIP VISIT



Can anyone help? We have two Kenyan teachers who are very keen on football and would love to see an English Premiership match. They will be here from 25 April to 6 May. Do you have any contacts/tickets that you may be able to offer them? If you have any suggestions please contact Ms Croll via info@waldegrave.org.uk.

NEWS



Year 9 visit to Kew Gardens

On Thursday and Friday last week Year 9 students spent a day at Kew Gardens in the sunshine researching and learning about plants and their adaptations. Students visited the Palm House, the Temperate House, the treetop walkway and the Princess of Wales conservatory where they completed challenges and collected key information to help them in their current biology topic 'Kew Gardens'. Students had a fantastic day and have returned to school with lots of new knowledge to support their learning in Science.

Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Regional Final

After entertaining an audience with her fantastic speech on 'Family', Zubieda Widaa in 10NR won the coveted first prize in the Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Regional Final. Competing against nineteen other students from the Merton and Richmond Boroughs, Zubieda demonstrated her flair for public speaking and could now make the National Final. Well done!

LOCAL NEWS

Opportunity for Keen Artists from Years 7, 8 and 9 at the Pavilion Café, Kneller Gardens Thursday 14 April 2-5 pm
10-12 places available for students at a free art session held by Richmond Environment Trust and Richmond Youth Partnership to produce vegetable portraits using acrylics on boards for the upcoming Grow Day to be held in the park on 10 July. Email Andrea to express an interest and confirm a place andrewahosfeld@hotmail.com. Also see www.richmondyouth.org.uk for further information.



RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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