



WALDEGRAVE NEWS

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We have had a wonderful two weeks hosting our two visitors from Madogo School in Kenya. They have had a busy time and have had the opportunity to share some ideas about teaching and learning and to see how different and similar the system is here compared to Kenya. They have also taken in many sights locally and in London. We look forward to many more visits from our friends in Kenya and to hearing from Ms Byrne and Ms Shiels who will visit Madogo School this summer.

Congratulations to the Year 11 students who gained the Mayor's Award for commitment to the school and local community. It is impressive to see so many students giving their time generously to community projects when they are so busy preparing for exams.

It was great to see so many students voting (538 – 54%) in a mock referendum for the Alternative Voting system on Thursday which gave the result No – 252 votes (47%) Yes – 204 votes (38%), spoilt ballots (82) 15% (please see overleaf for details).

I am pleased to report the exciting news that the Parents' Association are currently planning a project to refurbish the tennis courts behind the gym block. The project will provide a new surface, a slightly larger area to provide "run-off" space and new fencing. We hope that the project will start as soon as planning permission has been granted, I am most grateful to the amazing support of the PTA on this project ably led by Brian Mullan (project manager) & Fran Perrow (Chair of PTA).

Year 11 should be congratulated for the way that they have prepared for their exams, they have worked extremely hard and with a great deal of commitment, we wish them well in their final preparations. After next week Year 11 move to a special timetable designed to prepare them for their exams in June.

Our Record of Achievement Ceremony for Year 11 is on Thursday 12 May in the Hall. Year 11 parents to be seated by 8.45 am. Students in Years 7-10 should arrive at 11 am to register at 11.15 am.

PTA NEWS

One week to go to PTA May Ball 14 May 2011.


We have a few tickets left, price £45. The order form is on the website on the [PTA page](#). Everyone is welcome to place bids in our auction or buy raffle tickets, whether you are attending or not.

Auction prizes include: A weeks holiday in 4 star Holiday Cottage in West Wales for up to 8 people, suggested bids around £750 (reserve £400); an original Salvador Dali woodblock engraving, The Archangel, dated 1960, £500-£1000; a Tassimo Coffee Machine, £100; Garden Angels Plant Consultation and half day Gardening, £150; 1 month membership to Fitness First, Teddington with starter pack, £50; Hampton & Richmond Football Club Season Ticket, £100; Jacqueline Linden Waldegrave School Designer Cushion, £40; Rugby fan's dream package including Lawrence Dallaglio signed autobiography, Martin Johnson's autograph, Jason Robinson's autograph and a signed November 2010 England-Australia International match programme by Lewis Moody, Ben Youngs and winning try scorer Chris Ashton, £75; Top to Toe package including 2 x personal training sessions and a reflexology session from Kel Tamboly, £80; Piano Lesson from Flavia Hawksley-Walker 1 hour for an adult or 2 x half hour lessons for children, £50; Women's Irish Rugby Shirt donated by Miss Shiels, £45.

In addition, we have a fabulous selection of raffle prizes, from £100 meal vouchers to family days out to Kew Gardens, a summer hamper and river trip. Tickets are £1 each and money should be sent to school by Wednesday 11 May, including your name, child's name and tutor group. Tickets will be purchased on your behalf and drawn together with the others sold on the night. Queries to Jane Cox: jcox65@hotmail.co.uk.

EVENTS		SCIENCE SUMMER SCHOOL
All week	Year 6 interviews	1-5 AUGUST 2011
Mon 9 May	Y10 Maths Mock exams in lessons / Y9 End of KS3 exams	There are still some places left for Year 8/9 students on the 'Forensic Science' Summer School
Mon 9 May	Y9 MFL speaking and listening in lessons	Students should see Ms McGovern, Mrs Bamford or Mrs Michell if they are interested. Further details are also available on the Science College page of the school website, under Staff & Partnerships
Tues 10 May	Record of Achievement ceremony run-through	
Weds 11 May	Y11 Dress-Up Day and BBQ	
Weds 11 May	Y11 Maths Functional Skills L2 (am)	
Thurs 12 May	Y11 Record of Achievement ceremony in Hall	
Thurs 12 May	Y9 ICT Functional Skills L2 (pm)	

SPORTS EVENTS & FIXTURES					
Year	Sport	Date	Year	Sport	Date
Juniors	Rounders v Richmond Park Academy	10.05.11	All	Middlesex Athletics Trials	13.05.11
Seniors	Rounders v Richmond Park Academy	12.05.11			

MOCK REFERENDUM RESULTS	
	<p>The results of the Waldegrave AV Referendum were: No - 252 votes (47%) Yes - 204 votes (38%) Spoilt ballots - 82 (15%)</p> <p>Turnout: 538 students voted (54%) Year 7 120 (60%) Year 8 114 (57%) Year 9 107 (53%) Year 10 145 (73%) Year 11 52 (26%)</p> <p>Thanks to the Year 10 prefects for their help during the day.</p>

FRENCH EXCHANGE TO FONTAINEBLEAU	
	<p>On Monday, the French Exchange group returned from Fontainebleau where they had spent six days with their French 'correspondants' and their families. The programme included two days in Paris with the students visiting the Assemblée Nationale (French parliament), the Musée Rodin and, of course, la Tour Eiffel! They also enjoyed a boat trip on a bateau mouche when they were able to take in more of the beautiful and historical sites of Paris. On Saturday, there was a visit to the château in Fontainebleau followed by a treasure hunt in town.</p> <p>Students gained a great deal from their experiences in France and were excellent ambassadors for the school. We now look forward to the return visit of the French party on 11 June.</p>

LOCAL NEWS
<p>Royal Military School of Music concerts in the Park 2011, Kneller Hall, Twickenham 15, 22, 29 June and 6, 13, 20, 27 July. Tickets £10, Concessions £8. Visit www.army.mod.uk/music for further information or telephone 020 8744 8633.</p> <p>Auditions for Romeo and Juliet Are you aged between 11 and 18 and want to get involved with a youth theatre company? We are holding auditions for Romeo and Juliet which we are performing for the Shakespeare Schools Festival. Auditions will be on 8 May at the Hampton Hill Playhouse. If you are interested in auditioning or would like further information visit www.steponstageacademy.co.uk or contact Emma-Louise on 07973 900196 or email info@steponstageacademy.co.uk</p> <p>Step on Stage are also running a summer school during the summer holidays. Junior School (aged 5-11 years) £160 for 6 days tuition Senior School (11-18 years) £175 for 6 days tuition. Contact 020 8408 0633 for details.</p>