



# WALDEGRAVE NEWS

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Lord Haskel, life peer and Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords, visited Year 11 students during their PDC lessons this week to talk about the work and role of the House of Lords. This was followed by a question and answer session on various aspects of the parliamentary process and life at Westminster generally.

The visit was arranged through the Lord Speaker's "Peers in Schools" programme, which has been running across the UK since 2007 and has so far involved around 30,000 young people. This continuing outreach programme sends members of the House of Lords into schools and colleges across the country to give talks in support of the citizenship curriculum. Waldegrave are also featured on the UK Parliament website <http://www.parliament.uk/>.



## PTA NEWS

**Quiz Night** made a fantastic profit of £2030. Thanks to everyone who supported the night by coming along, sending in raffle prizes and helping out. If you want to help decide how our money is spent, come along to the next PTA meeting!

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

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

News is still pending on the amount raised through the Waitrose green token scheme which ran throughout October.

## PARENTS - COME TO LUNCH!

The catering staff are proud of the high standard and variety of lunches served at school and want to give parents a chance to sample what is available. If parents would like to come and have a free lunch they should contact Mrs Matthews. Parents can visit on any day of the week and should aim to arrive at 12.25 pm. Places are limited - first come, first served! Please contact Mrs Matthews via the school office, letting her know which day you would like to come in. The three week menu cycle can be seen on the school website.

## MUSICIAN WANTED

Are you a musician? The Music Department is looking for a volunteer to support a GCSE Music class on Fridays from 1.30 - 2.40 pm. Musical knowledge and at least Grade 5 in one instrument required. We will arrange a CRB check. If you think you could help please contact Mrs Druker, Head of Music.

## LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK

Y8 Parents' Consultation Meeting and appointment sheet

## EVENTS

Weds 9 Nov Year 11 Maths Module 5 re-sits Fri 11 Nov Armistice Day

W/E 21.10.11	BEST ATTENDANCE		BEST PUNCTUALITY		MOST HOUSE POINTS	
Year 7	7SSP	99.6%	7CSS, 7MBF & 7CGE	0 lates	7SSP	100 points
Year 8	8HFS	98.7%	8POMP & 8ICS	0 lates	8ICS	128 points
Year 9	9DBS	99.1%	9JHP	0 lates	9HHE	101 points
Year 10	10DRF	99.5%	10NIE & 10ALP	0 lates	10SAS	81 points
Year 11	11RMF	98.4%	11AES	0 lates	11CJS	110 points

**Whole School Attendance 17-21.10.11 - 95.8%**

SPORTS EVENTS & FIXTURES			RESULTS		
Year	Sport	Date	Date	Sport	Result
Y7/8	Hockey v Teddington	08.11.11	02.11.11	Y10/11 Netball tournament	3RD
Y16	Hockey v Kingston Grammar School	10.11.11	03.11.11	Y9 Netball v Christ's	WON 12-2

## SPORTS NEWS



This week saw the culmination of the Senior Netball season. On Wednesday the Year 10 and 11 combined team took part in the RSSP tournament at LEH school, competing against six teams in a round robin. The team showed resilience and creditable team spirit, finishing 3rd in the tournament to the eventual winners Orleans Park and runners-up Teddington. It was fantastic to see the team perform so well against their old rivals Orleans Park, narrowly losing by one goal.

The PE department would like to thank the Year 10/11 students for their commitment and dedication to the team.

## NEWS

### Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award: Clash of dates

A training session for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award on **29 March** clashes with the Year 10 Iceland trip and French Exchange. This session will now be rescheduled to take place on **Tuesday 17 April**. In preparation for the practice expedition there is a planned training session on **27 March** which all students must attend.



### Year 7/8 Readathon

"It's great if you can read but the question is: do you read? If you do the world is yours. This is what Readathon is all about." Michael Rosen, Children's Laureate 2007-2009.

Thank you so much for supporting Readathon this year. So far we have raised over £1500 for children suffering from serious illnesses. Please can we encourage you to send in the last contributions of sponsor money by Monday 7 November. It should be given in as cash or a cheque made payable to Readathon and put together with the sponsor card in an envelope marked Readathon and posted via the school office post-box in reception. Thank you for your generosity.

### Year 7 National Art Gallery Creative Writing Competition

These aspiring writers won the competition for outstanding creative writing: Katie Byng-Hall 7CS, Lettie Scurlock 7SS, Hope Teasdale 7SF and Lydia Hems 7MB. Runners-up: Ava Shopland 7SS, Orisa Thandi 7SF, Miranda Barrett 7JB and Grace Parr 7GT. Well done to all the finalists. The English Department.

### Artsrichmond Young Writers' Festival 2011

Enter the Artsrichmond Young Writers' Festival 2011 for the chance to show what you can do with any form of writing; stories, descriptive writing, poems, playlets, sketches, lyrics for songs, diaries, whatever the imagination can devise. The overall winner will be appointed the borough's Youth Laureate for the year and receive £200. Details are available from Mrs Garcia in the Library or visit <http://www.artsrichmond.org.uk/>

### Romeo and Juliet

Congratulations to Nellie Formesyn 9HH and Megan Harley 8EH, following their success in the Step on Stage production of Romeo and Juliet at the Riverside Studios in Hammersmith. They will now be performing in the full length version of the play at Hampton Hill Playhouse, 90 High Street, Hampton Hill, TW12 1NY on 16 and 17 December at 7.30 pm. Nellie is playing the role of Lady Montague and Megan is playing the role of a Citizen and ensemble member. For tickets telephone the Box Office on 07973 900196. Adults £8, Concessions £6.

## LOCAL NEWS

**River Crane.** Please note that the River Crane has been polluted by raw sewage and visitors to the riverside and dogs are advised not to enter the water.

**Me too & Co** is a parent-led charity covering the borough of Richmond upon Thames and surrounding areas, which aims to help children and young people with additional needs and their families. Visit [www.metooandco.org.uk](http://www.metooandco.org.uk) or telephone 07946 646033.

**Capel Manor College Open Days November 2011** Full time, part time, evening and short courses, and apprenticeships in animal care, arboriculture, balloon artistry, countryside management, environmental conservation, floristry, garden design, horticulture and saddlery. Visit [www.capel.ac.uk](http://www.capel.ac.uk) or telephone 08456 122122 for details.

Barking & Dagenham College - Saturday 12 November 10 am-2 pm, Crystal Palace Park - Saturday 19 November 12-4 pm, Enfield - Saturday 12 November 10 am-1 pm, Gunnersbury Park - Saturday 12 November 10.30 am-2.30 pm

**Richmond Aid - Time to Shine celebrating the achievements of disabled people.** Nominate someone with a disability (all ages) who deserves recognition for their achievements that lives, works, volunteers or is in education in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. Awards will be presented on the International Day of Disabled People on Saturday 3 December at 3 pm at Orleans House Gallery. Visit [www.richmondaid.org.uk](http://www.richmondaid.org.uk) for more information or call Lucy on 020 8831 6077.

### Fireworks at Apps Court Farm Walton Saturday 5 November 2011.

Doors open 5pm. Tickets £6 each (under 5's free). For more information visit [www.apps court farm.com](http://www.apps court farm.com) or telephone 01932 244822.



RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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