



WALDEGRAVE NEWS

10 February 2012

Fifth Cross Road, Twickenham, TW2 5LH

T: 020 8894 3244

www.waldegrave.richmond.sch.uk

info@waldegrave.org.uk



FROM THE HEADTEACHER Mrs P Nunn



What a wonderful way to end a half term with a fantastic performance of Alice in Wonderland. Well done to the cast and crew who have worked so amazingly hard on this project. A large number of staff were involved in ensuring the show ran smoothly; make-up, seating, back stage, special effects, costume, props, scenery, displays and ticket sales and front of house. Special thanks go to Ms Tomasso, Ms Snelling, Ms Moore and Ms Colclough for directing and producing a show of such high quality and to the caretaking team for their endless patience.

Photographs from the show can be purchased from Vibe Photography www.vibephotography.co.uk. A DVD can also be purchased from Wizard Video Productions, order forms available from school reception.

Follow this link <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-16855727> or look on BBC iPlayer for a short clip about Waldegrave School which was shown as part of a piece about single sex schools on Monday 6 February as part of the Daily Politics show on BBC2.

Uniform

The Waldegrave school skirt is designed to be worn at a modest length. Some students are following current fashions and wearing their skirts exceptionally short. Please check your daughter's skirt and ensure that it is long enough. Uniform checks will be held after the half term holiday and parents will be informed if a new skirt is needed.

LETTERS SENT HOME

- Year 7 Monitoring Sheets, Parents' Consultation Meeting and appointment sheet
- Year 8 Rushall Farm
- Easter Revision April 2012
- Ace of Clubs Trampolining Club

YEAR 7 ST OMER STUDY EXCURSION

Year 7 were issued letters about the French Study Excursion to St Omer last Friday. Reply slips, payment and passport forms should be returned to Mrs Bamford via the school post-box by **Friday 2 March**. Payment can also be made online via ParentPay.

EVENTS

Mon 20 Feb	School Council Summit
Thurs 23 Feb	KS4 Choices Evening 7 pm for Year 9 parents

W/E 03.02.12	BEST ATTENDANCE		BEST PUNCTUALITY		MOST HOUSE POINTS	
Year 7	7SSP	99.1%	7SSP	0 lates	7SFE	152 points
Year 8	8ICS	97.2%	8JFF, 8CCE, 8SBP & 8ICS	1 late	8HFS	79 points
Year 9	9HHE	97.3%	9JHP	1 late	9HHE	76 points
Year 10	10DRF & 10DNS	97.8%	10NDF	1 late	10DNS	114 points
Year 11	11JSE	99.5%	11JSE	0 lates	11RMF	74 points
Whole school attendance – 96.2%						

SPORTS EVENTS & FIXTURES

Year	Sport	Date	Date	Sport	Result
All	Middlesex Schools Cross Country	21.02.12	07.02.12	Y10/11 RSSP Basketball	2nd
Y7	RSSP Sportshall Athletics	22.02.12	09.02.12	U15 Outer Borough Cricket	2nd
KS3	County Badminton Final	22.02.12			

SPORTS NEWS

Year 7/8/9 RSSP Volleyball Tournament

On Thursday 2 February Waldegrave hosted the RSSP Year 7/8/9 Volleyball tournament. Waldegrave entered three teams with Hampton Academy bringing one team as well. The students are just starting to learn the skills and game play and each team played three games. As the tournament progressed the girls' confidence and technique improved considerably. The result for first place was decided by the score between Waldegrave A and Hampton Academy with Waldegrave narrowly losing. Therefore the result of the tournament was Hampton Academy 1st, Waldegrave A 2nd, Waldegrave B 3rd and Waldegrave C 4th. Congratulations to all the students involved and thank you to Bethan Gallifent, Laura Preston and Danielle Rycroft who acted as Sports Leaders for this event. Keep coming to training after school on Wednesdays with David from Richmond Volleyball club as all 3 teams have qualified for the Borough finals on 28 March.

U15 Outer Borough Cricket Finals

The U15 cricket team played in the Outer Borough Finals, winning two games and losing one. This placed them 2nd in their pool. All the students played very well. The team: Imogen Paterson, Gemma Chester, Elle Richards, Daisy Robbins, Rebecca Bradshaw, Hattie Evans, Sophia Tang, Vivian Leong, Shuhoofa Karimi.

INTERNET SAFETY

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP)

On Tuesday 7 February CEOP launched the 'Parents' Guide to the Internet' <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>. This is a TV-style programme available to view on this site. The programme takes an entertaining and light-hearted look at what it is like to bring up children in the online world – featuring practical tips and amusing clips from some surprising sources! Tune in to learn more about what your child is up to online and how you can support them.

Childnet

Childnet, the national charity specialising in internet safety training in schools, has launched 'A Parents' Guide to Technology' to help empower parents with the knowledge they need to support their children to use modern technologies safely and responsibly. The online resource introduces Smartphones, gaming devices and other internet-enabled technologies such as the iPod Touch and iPad, helping parents to understand how young people are using these devices as well as the potential risks they may face. For more information go to <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/a-parents-guide>

PRACTICE BBC NEWS SCHOOL REPORT



On Wednesday 8 February some Year 8 and 9 students took part in the Practice BBC News School Report. Bella Bottrill 9JD was our editor ably assisted by Nikita Majeবাদia 8IC as sub-editor. The team had the chance to experience what it feels like to work together towards a deadline: finding, gathering, writing, assembling and broadcasting the news. Our BBC news mentor Amy Finch had joined us the previous day to give us last minute tips on news that is in the public interest and how to write clear, concise and correct reports. Although there certainly was pressure on everyone to get their stories broadcast, we felt that the final news report was very professional.

LOCAL NEWS

Street Dance at Watermans, 40 High Street, Brentford, 13-15 February, 11 am – 12.45 pm

Fun course for students aged 8-12. Bring trainers, loose clothing and a drink with light snack. Tickets £30. To book ring the box office on 020 8232 1010 www.watermans.org.uk

Axis Youth Productions, The Wiz Auditions, 26 February 2012 Open to all 8-19 year olds. For more information on fees or rehearsals visit www.axisyouthproductions.co.uk or telephone 07748 644041. Come and join us for a drama workshop at our **Open Day** at Feltham Community College 19 February 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.

Langdon Down Museum, Langdon Down Centre, 2a Langdon Park, Teddington TW11 9PS

An exciting new Museum has opened in Teddington on Saturdays 9.30-1.30 pm, and Monday 2-5 pm. The Langdon Down Museum of Learning Disability tells the story of Normansfield (1868-1997) and includes objects from the Royal Earlswood Asylum. Included in this collection are ships (a model of Brunel's Great Eastern), paintings and other objects made by James Henry Pullen (1835-1916) a savant, known as the Genius of Earlswood Asylum. The museum is situated in the home of Dr John Langdon Down and his family, who brought a revolutionary and enlightened approach to the case of those with all forms of learning disability. Activities for children available, as well as an information and refreshments room. Admission free. www.langdondownmuseum.org.uk, www.facebook.com/LangdonDownMuseum.



RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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