

THE PLATANOS COLLEGE

achievement

MAGAZINE

Introducing Platanos College

On 1st September, the school name was officially changed to **Platanos College**. The Governing Body took the decision to change the name as part of our next phase of development as an academy.

Platanos (*Pla-tan-os*) is the Greek word for 'a grove of plane trees'.

The ideas associated with Platanos are about, trees, growth, development and transformation, the name **Platanos** seemed appropriate for a community of young people engaged in education. The school provides sound educational roots, and the pupils will flourish physically, academically and spiritually.

We thank parents/ carers, staff and wider stakeholders for their support.

Outstanding GCSE Results

This year 88% achieved 5 A*- C grades with 81% achieving 5 A*- C grades including English and Maths

"Our school was written off fourteen years ago. Since that time we have simply worked harder and harder. We have continued to believe in our pupils.

We believe that they can succeed.

Thanks to the teachers and the support staff who are working hard to teach and support our children, we are now a top performing school.

Some of our pupils are now achieving scholarships to private schools and Grammar Schools. They are also aiming to go to Russell Group Universities.

We will continue to improve. We cannot rest. We have more to do, and by the Grace of God we will continue to improve."

Mr. Alabi - Chair of Governors



"This is wonderful news" **Mr. Alabi - Chair of Governors**

Top Achievers 2012

We would like to congratulate all of our students for their excellent GCSE results. The following pupils achieved the highest grades (i.e. A/A* grades):

Elimi Abudukadir
Osman Nur
Mohamed Hesri
Busayo Apena
Elhan Abdi- Ali
Talan Karim
Vivian Adebayo
Sahida Ahmed
Adam Adam
Catarina Martinho

Abdulbasit Abdulqadir- Daud
Mohamed Mohamud
Djihane Abdiche
Habiba Adejoh
Andrew Freitas
Johnbie Muawuke-Mpinda
Badriya Abdirizaq
Jamal Abdullah
Dominic Acheampong
Chelsea Beckford

Graduation 2012



It was another successful Graduation for our Graduates of 2012. The Year 11 pupils attended the Graduation for the formal Awards Ceremony which was hosted by the school's Headteacher Ms Tapper with special guest speaker, Busayo Apena, Deputy Head Girl.

Pupils were recognised by their subject teachers for their achievements and special awards were presented to overall achievers to attend the London Olympics 2012.

The evening concluded with a three course meal at the Croydon Park Hotel.

Ramone Bradshaw Edwards was crowned Prom King and Kadean Campbell was crowned Prom Queen.

Well done and congratulations to the Graduates of 2012!



Key Stage 3 Awards Evening

This year's Key Stage 3 Awards Evening took place in July. The evening celebrated the outstanding achievements of our Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils. The Awards were presented by the head teacher and the Chair of Governors. Speaking about the event, Mr. Alabi (Chair of Governors) said, "After years of rebuilding the school it is good to celebrate the success of our pupils with their parents. Parents turned up in large numbers and clearly enjoyed the event. Well done to both staff and pupils. We can only get better."



National Reading Strategy Launched at Our School

The launch of a new National Reading Strategy at the School, took place earlier this year. The strategy, designed to inspire children to become voracious readers and boost literacy standards, was launched by Nick Gibb, the then Schools Minister from the Department for Education (DfE). Our pupils opened the event by delivering inspirational speeches about the importance of reading.



"Reading is important to me because it helps me develop and shape my future."

Raymond Huynh 9A



"We are fortunate to have a library with a wide range of genres to choose from. You learn through reading which can be useful for all life lessons."

Daniela Tanganhito 10A1



"Nothing gives me greater pleasure, than visiting a school like Stockwell Park High school, and listening to pupils talking with real passion about their own favourite books."

Nick Gibb

Platanos College Impresses Schools Commissioner

Platanos College welcomed the Schools Commissioner when she visited in September. Dr Sidwell met pupils, staff and the Head Teacher, watched lessons and toured the school as part of her extensive fact-finding programme of visits to schools.

Dr Sidwell admired the confidence and good manners of the pupils she met and commented on the smartness of their uniform and the atmosphere of quiet purposefulness around the school. She was particularly impressed with the teachers' planning and the pace of the learning in the lessons she saw and the enthusiastic response of pupils.

Dr Sidwell's mission is to raise standards in all schools, to tackle under-performance and to champion the growth of academies. She praised examination results, progress and behaviour- especially the CHABOP system- at Platanos College, as well as the leadership qualities that she could see developing in pupils. Dr Sidwell expressed a special interest in the Grammar School Pathway and hopes that pupils at Platanos College will be studying the classics, especially Latin, in the future. She said that she had enjoyed her visit and that there was much that other schools can learn from Platanos College.

Jack Petchey Achievement Award



Each month staff and pupils are asked to nominate pupils whom they think have made an outstanding contribution in some area of school life. One pupil is then chosen from those nominated. The chosen pupils receive, amongst other things, a cheque for £200 which they have to use to benefit other pupils in the school.



Sarah Bello Year 7

Sarah has been nominated due to her enthusiastic embrace of all the new opportunities that have been presented to her within the PE department. Sarah is an active participant in dance club, the girls' football team and has fully committed to the Greenhouse Basketball programme. She is a pleasure to teach, always determined to achieve her best.



Nikita Brown Year 7

Nikita has shown all the qualities of how girls can 'lead the way' through Guiding. Nikita sets a positive example to her fellow peers as an active citizen by doing her best, helping and respecting others.



Ahmed Riare Year 8

Ahmed has been selected for this award for his consistent commitment to developing his skills in Judo. Ahmed is keen to work towards getting his fighting license to enable him to train with, and hopefully represent Lambeth in the London Youth Games in 2012.



Genielle Dearne Year 8

Genielle continues to work tirelessly as an Anne Frank Ambassador dedicating much of her own time working with her peers to develop and strengthen the programme. As an ambassador Genielle is an active member of her community working with Primary pupils teaching the importance of the Holocaust and challenging racism and discrimination.



Phillip Thomas Year 9

Phillip was nominated for his award for his excellent leadership skills and talent within the sport of Athletics. He is an Athletic Class Assistant, where he uses his knowledge and skills to help to motivate and develop the skills and understanding of others.



Lydia Amoabeng Year 9

Lydia received her award for her work with the Anne Frank Trust where she is a tour guide. Lydia has exhibited an array of skills presenting to her peers. The Trust were very impressed with her ability to engage and interact with her audience and Lydia has since been successful in her application to join the Ambassador Programme.

Student Spotlight

THE HIGH AND LOW POINTS OF YEAR 10

By Toni-Anne Thomas

TONI-ANNE THOMAS intends to pursue a career in Journalism. Her starting point is this edition of the Achievement Magazine. Below Toni-Anne has written about her experience as a pupil in Year 10. Toni-Anne is now in Year 11.



Going into year 10, I was optimistic about a new academic year. Moving from Key Stage 3 into Key Stage 4, I knew that the challenges and expectations of a senior pupil were much greater than in previous years. At first, it was quite overwhelming and a lot to take in as I was not used to some of the changes that had been made. Attending everyday assemblies was an example of these changes. However focus and concentration was ultimately the key for succeeding in Year 10, especially with exams approaching as early as January in Year 11. I was determined to do the best I possibly could.

POWER OF CONCENTRATION

Experiencing a real exam setting for the first time was like no other. Heart thumping at rapid speeds and sweaty palms was not even the half of it. Although I had revised everyday up until that point, I think all Year 10 pupils would agree with me when I say that everything that I had studied went straight out of my head as soon as I saw that exam paper. Eventually, when the teacher at the front of the room said the words "You may start", I turned over the first page and all worries were gone. This was because I had faith in myself, my abilities and the power of concentration.

Since that first exam, I have learned to trust in myself and God to know that if I have studied and worked hard in a subject I am about to be examined in, nothing can fail me.

I must say, Year 10 has taught me a lot, especially concerning taking my studies more seriously. I was disciplined in order to achieve the grades I really worked for. I have certainly learnt also that revising as early as possible is better than leaving it to the last few days before the exam.

Year 10 has been key to building our confidence as pupils going into Year 11 and even into the outside world. We have been given the great opportunity as young people to go into a work placement and experience how people operate in a work environment. I believe that this will definitely improve our communication skills and help us develop further as people. This will give us the guidance and the knowledge we need when we go into the world of work.

MATURITY

In conclusion, as we approach the closing stages of Year 10, I think collectively we have matured by taking our education more seriously as we begin to realise where we would like to see ourselves in the future.

House of Commons – Into University



A group of year 10 pupils attended the annual Euro Voice event held by the European Youth Parliament. The event held in the House of Commons provided a forum for young people to discuss a variety of current political issues.

"The House of Commons is a wonderful building and I enjoyed the tour and opportunity to participate in a question time with a panel of political figures."
Farhana Begum 10A4

"It was an eye-opening experience, making me aware of current issues that I did not realise were important but actually has a major impact on youth."
Hamisha Salih 11A3

Children's University Graduation



The School recently celebrated the success of Class 2012, as 44 pupils graduated from Children's University. The pupils had been working towards their national certificates by attending a variety of different clubs such as Basketball, Fencing, Cooking, Debating Society, English Project, Scouts, Girl Guides and St Johns Cadets to name a few. Councillor Clive Bennett, the Mayor of Lambeth was there to present the certificates to the pupils. He said *"The children should be very proud that they were the first in Lambeth to have achieved such an honour."*
The Mayor of Lambeth



"I enjoyed meeting the Mayor of Lambeth. I am already looking forward to graduation next year and will be working hard to achieve Silver and hopefully Gold."
Charley Gazely 8C

Matters for Debating

The Debating Society meets once a week after school to have friendly discussions about current issues. They also hold termly debates with the debating society from Streatham and Clapham High School, a private school.

This year debate topics have included: *Are the Olympic Games worth the money that is being spent on it?* and *should P.E in school be mandatory?*

"Debating Society is a really good experience and I have enjoyed socialising with young people of similar age from a different schooling background. I have learnt a lot since our first debate, building my confidence and developing my formal speaking skills."
Toni L'Ouverture 8A



Music at Platanos College



Pupils of Platanos College played live at the Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, in the MX Festival Wind Band Concert 2012. The project is part of the Musitrax: Pathways to Performance, which is delivered by Lambeth Music Service at Platanos College. The event was a public concert for parents and relatives of 300 pupils who have been receiving instrumental tuition across the music curriculum. Pupils performed to an audience of about eight hundred people.

Music at Platanos College is delivered to Year 7 pupils on arrival at the school, and periodically across Years 8 and 9. There are lunch time clubs for pupils who are interested in forming their own school bands. Individual tuition for pupils taking music exams in classical piano, drums guitar and vocal tuition is also offered.

On the Path to Success

We are proud to announce that Abdulbasit successfully gained a place at the London School of Economics (LSE), Summer University Economics course.

Abdulbasit knows exactly what career path he would like to take and envisages excelling in the "City" in the years to come. He has already achieved A grades in his early entry Exams (English and Maths) as he "wants to stand out from the rest."

The LSE is one of the foremost social science universities in the world. Only 60 places were offered an intensive taught 3-week university level courses.

Abdulbasit is one to watch for the future.

"Gaining a place at the London School of Economics and political science was like a step closer for me achieving my ambitions and goals."

**Abdulbasit
Abdulqadir- Daud**



Bronze Arts Award

A group of 20 Year 9 pupils have been involved in an after school photography club meeting on Thursday evenings. This has been facilitated by Photofusion, a non-profit photography gallery and media resource centre and the art department. The photography club has been funded by the Walcott Foundation and led by professional photographers.



Pupils used top of the range digital SLR cameras and learned a range of photographic skills, starting with the basics and quickly progressed to using cameras on manual settings learning. They also learned how to use Photoshop to manipulate their own images. In March, the pupils went on a trip to Photofusion where they learned how to develop, process, and print their own photos in the darkroom, as well as working with professional studio lighting to take photos.

Every student on the course has achieved their Bronze Arts Award by creating a portfolio of work showing experimentation and creativity.



Crafting Success

Raide, Shyheim and Felipe, have become the first ever group of our pupils to successfully complete their Level 1 in Carpentry, within a year at Newstart Capentry. This is an excellent achievement as it usually takes two years to complete Level 1. They will now continue to Level 2 from

September 2012.



"Their attitude and behaviour has been exemplary. All three have worked extremely well throughout the year and have achieved excellent results. Their hard work has resulted in them achieving the NCFE Level 1 Award in Wood Craft."
Course Director

Business and Enterprise Seminar with Dennis Woods

One of the UK's most successful entrepreneurs delivered a Business and Enterprise seminar to our pupils. Dennis shared tips and advice on achieving success in business. He also shared stories from his recent charity expedition to the South Pole.



Saving Heads Above the Rest



We are delighted to announce that the School Bank, in partnership with NatWest, is now open at the school.

As a Business and Enterprise college, the School Bank will support our pupils to understand the basics of running a bank account and managing their money. Supported with ongoing guidance from NatWest, the School Bank will be run by pupils who have successfully applied for jobs.

All successful candidates will receive training from staff at the Brixton NatWest branch. All pupils will have the opportunity to open an account and will be able to pay in money at the School Bank during published hours.

Pupils RISE to the Challenge



Since the beginning of the last academic year a group of Year 9 pupils have been attending an after-school workshop aimed at giving them a comprehensive insight into running their own social enterprise business.

There were three competing teams in total, who have been putting their gained knowledge into practice over the year by selling products and services to their peers. A net total of £400.64 was raised by the teams. The winning team, Team ROAR (Reach Up And Rise), raised a net total of £164.20.

Funds raised by the enterprise challenges will go towards educational resources for our partner school in India.

Team ROAR went on to face teams from other schools in a national competition, and won the RISE Enterprise Award, in a Dragon's Den style challenge, hosted by HSBC in Canary Wharf.

The founding member of RISE was so impressed with the team's tag-line "Reach out and Rise" and the acronym ROAR, that she asked them if she could utilise it for her charity.

Congratulations Team ROAR!



Queen's Diamond Jubilee



Melissa Branco was the only pupil from a school invited to the Queen's Jubilee Lunch at Westminster Hall. The event was attended by the Queen and close royals (including Prince Charles and Camilla, Prince Harry, and Prince William and Katherine, Duke and Duchess of Cambridge).

Melissa also appeared on BBC London News, where she talked about her experience in a mature manner.

"I will never forget this experience. The Queen is my role model because I now have a greater understanding of what service and dedication means."

Melissa Branco

Queen's River Pageant

Our Girl Guides were given front row seats at the Queen's River Pageant, whilst raising money for St Thomas' Hospital.



"I enjoyed the whole day, the atmosphere was electric and it was a real celebration."

Moesha Grenyion, 10C1

From Beijing to London Olympic Concert

The Olympic Concert involving the Beijing Symphony Orchestra and our pupils in the Lambeth Music Service took place on the opening day of the Olympics at the School.



"It was an amazing occasion! I had been looking forward to this event for weeks. Playing alongside such world class musicians has been inspiring and makes me want to work harder and I hope I will get many more opportunities like this."

Sarah Bello, Year 7

Parade Day 2012

"Parade Day symbolises and embodies the values that we are committed to developing in our young people at our School. The same values, we hope, will stay with them throughout their lives as responsible citizens and active members of the community.

SERVICE

Our aim is to inspire young people to achieve success in life with a spirit of service to our local community, by making a contribution to our British way of life and constitution. We try to exemplify the qualities required of a good citizen in a truly inclusive, diverse society.

In terms of leadership, we want to secure the best possible quality of leadership at all levels. It is on the energy and commitment of our young leaders that everything else depends. Activities such as Parade Day are designed to widen pupils' experience, develop their confidence and extend their skills.

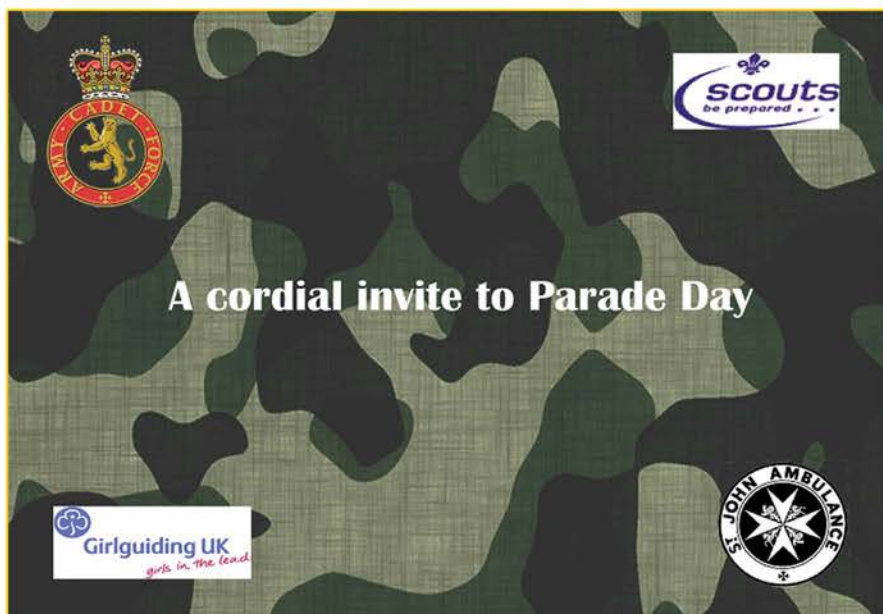
FORTUNATE

A very special thank you to all the representatives of the Worshipful Company of Fuellers, especially, Master Stuart Goldsmith, Mr Michael Husband, Sir Anthony Reardon-Smith and Shravan Joshi who was instrumental in ensuring that we worked with the Fuellers. We are fortunate in having a close association with the Worshipful Company of Fuellers, who support our uniformed groups and who share our vision of developing generations of young people with a strong ethic of teamwork, discipline, responsibility, leadership and service.

I would also like to extend sincere thanks to our Chair of Governors, Akin Alabi.

Thank you all for showing your support by attending this special event at our school."

Mr. Whyte, Head of Drama and Music



Parade Day 2012



A PUPILS' VIEW OF PARADE DAY

"Parade Day was packed with activities. Despite the rain, we made a brisk start. The Brass Band played 'God Save the Queen'. The many parents, pupils and staff stood to attention and many said after the event that it was good for the school community to come together under our Queen.

Our honoured guests were from the Worshipful Company of Fuellers and included Master Goldsmith, Sir Antony Reardon-Smith and the head of the Charity, Michael Husband.

Mr. Whyte was the lead of the event and he was commanding. Ms. Juliet Fletcher sang 'We Are Climbing Jacobs' Ladder' and the audience took part in the chorus.

After the St. John's Ambulance Cadets marched, there was a presentation followed by the Girl Guides.

Three members of the West Indian Ex-Servicemen's Federation also paraded and Mr. Whyte reminded the audience how important they were in keeping our country safe during the Second World War. The audience were moved.

After another gospel song, 'Down by the Riverside' by Ms. Fletcher, Mr. Klassen performed an athletic South African dance. Mr. Klassen also explained the importance of these dances for war and other ceremonies.

The Cadets marched with pride. They were very good. They were led by Mr. Bell. Their awards were presented by Master Goldsmith.

Master Goldsmith spoke about the history of the Fuellers and the recent association with our school.

This Parade Day was our second. I am looking forward to the next one. It will be even better." **Year 8 Pupil**



Cadets Meet HRH Prince Edward

Our Cadets met HRH Prince Edward at an event organised by The Fuellers in Mansion House. They also met with the Lord Mayor of London.

The Cadets were invited to provide a Carpet Guard and greet dignitaries attending the event.

HRH Prince Edward took time to speak with the cadets and commented on their "excellent" deportment.



Members of the Fuellers said it was a "wonderful day".

"At first, I was very nervous when I was talking to Prince Edward. He was very calm and polite and took time to talk to us as individual pupils. I felt honoured to meet Prince Edward. We were mentioned and congratulated in the speech made by the Lord Mayor of London at the lunch, which was attended by our Headteacher, Ms. Tapper,"
Tashani, Year 11



Anne Frank Ambassador Programme



A number of our guides were successful in their application to become Anne Frank Ambassadors. They have undergone training workshops with specialists from the Anne Frank Trust which took place at the Anne Frank + You Exhibition at Hackney Empire and Arsenal Emirates Stadium.

The Ambassadors are currently developing an educational workshop for a Year 6 audience on labels and perceptions. It is hoped that this will be delivered to our feeder Primary Schools in the new academic year.

"I have learnt many new skills working with the Trust and am looking forward to going into primary schools to educate young people about the consequences of one's actions and the impact which they can have on others."
Suleera Abdulaahi 9C

"I am really enjoying working with the Trust; I am developing my understanding of history and how the past shapes the society which we live today."
Morgan Beaton 9C



Herbert Levy

Herbert Levy kindly attended the closing ceremony of the Anne Frank Exhibition and gave a powerful presentation of his life to year 7 pupils.

Mr Levy spoke about his experience as a German Jew growing up in an increasingly anti-Semitic environment. Mr Levy recalled his experience of Kristallnacht, also referred to as the Night of Broken Glass, which was the planned series of attacks against Jews throughout parts of Nazi Germany and Austria on 9-10 November 1938.



As conditions worsened, his family's efforts to escape became more frantic. Eventually he was put on a train, a child alone, and sent to Holland, before boarding a ship for Harwich and then onto London.

Mr Levy worked with the English National Opera at Sadler's Wells for several years and has broadcast often on the World Service. As well as writing plays for children, he has directed several production including *Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Married with two children, Mr Levy is now a volunteer guide with the Anne Frank Travelling Exhibition.



Live From LBC Radio

Anne Frank Ambassadors, Melissa Branco and Gisela Fernandes appeared on the James Max Radio Show to mark the anniversary of VE Day. The Ambassadors discussed the importance of learning about world history and the impact that it has on the actions of citizens today.



"It was an exciting opportunity, broadcasting live on a national radio station. It is important as an Anne Frank Ambassador that we encourage young people to learn from the mistakes of past history and become active citizens."
Patrick Ballesteros Year 9

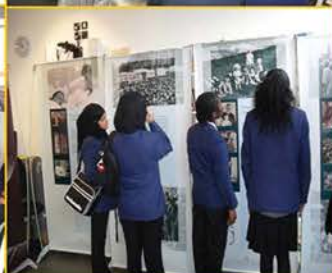
"I enjoyed the experience of being interviewed for a live broadcast on LBC radio. The topic of discussion is very relevant, as people must learn the importance of history and the effect it has on society today."
Gisela Fernandes Year 8



Learning From the Past: Anne Frank Exhibition

The Exhibition provides the foundation for the creative workshop programme and explores the story of Anne Frank, the Holocaust, genocide, civil rights and conflict as a context for young people to discuss contemporary issues such as:

- + Understanding Human Rights
- + Promoting Diversity and Community Cohesion
- + Exploring Democracy
- + Challenging anti-social behaviour
- + Understanding the negative impact of religious extremism



Diversity

*Diversity, Do you know what it is?
Black, Whites, Yellows and Pinks?
No, these are colours
Africans, Asians, Europeans, Americans?
No, that's Nationalities
Big, tall, medium and small?
No, these are sizes
Young, middle aged and old?
No, that's ages and life stages
Catholic, Christian, Muslim and Buddhist?
No, that's Religion
Diversity is when you look at a person
and you see in their eyes who they are and not what they are.*
Gisela Fernandes 8A

"The exhibition gave me further insight into the impact of racism and discrimination. The events of the past are still very real today and we must treat one another with respect."
Shaniela Lindsay 7H

"As the next generation it is important that young people are taught about events such as the Holocaust, Civil Rights and Genocide. Young people must learn the mistakes of the past and make the correct decisions in the future."
Toni L'Ouverture 8A

Racism

*Just because I'm Black I should sit at the back?
Just because I'm White I should have the right?
No one's better we're all the same
Just because I am from Poland, I shouldn't call a cab?
Just because I'm from Jamaica They say I'm bad?
Just because I'm Irish doesn't mean I'm thick.
Just because I'm English, don't take the mick.
No one's better we're all the same
Just because I'm French doesn't mean I like cheese.
Just because I'm Asian doesn't mean I look Chinese.
No one's better we're all the same.
Just because I've got long hair why shouldn't my life be fair?
Just because I'm Jewish doesn't mean I'm rich.
Racism to me is what I shouldn't see,
We're all the same so please don't play that game.*

Britney Anderson 8C

Holocaust Memorial Service

The Girl Guides and Anne Frank Ambassadors attended the annual Holocaust Memorial Service at Lambeth Town Hall. It provided an opportunity to reflect and remember those who had lost their lives in genocides across the world.

"It was a very moving event, hearing testimonies from survivors of Genocide from Rwanda. It made me feel very thankful of the opportunities I have as a young person. The memorial service also provided a reminder of history and why it is so important that as active citizens we treat our peers with respect and kindness."

Moesha Grenyion10C1



Region Day



We hosted the Girl Guides Region Day, which was attended by over 300 members from Girlguiding Laser, including Chief Guide Gill Slocombe and Chief Commissioner Pip McKerrow. The event provided a variety of specialist training workshops which were attended by our own Senior Section. It was a very successful day, with a general consensus among members that the way forward is going 'into schools and making guiding cool'.

"It was nice being a part of the District Day; I really enjoyed meeting so many members of Guiding, they have so much knowledge and experience." **Etna Adao**

Girl Guides Beside the Seaside



The Girl Guides enjoyed a day at Brighton Beach during the school holidays.

"I enjoyed going to the seaside and paddling in the water with my patrol. I like being a Girl Guide as it helps me experience new things like visiting a beach or going camping."

Julie Joram 7A

I really liked Brighton Pier and playing lots of games in the arcades with other girls in my Patrol. Girl Guides is really fun, we do lots of different activities and trips and I have made lots of new friends. **Julie Dao 7A**

PGL Trip

A small group of Year 8 and 9 Girl Guides attended a residential weekend at the PGL Windmill Hill Site in East Sussex. The Girls had the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities from Jacobs Ladder, Trapeze and Zip Wire to Raft Building and BMX riding. They spent the evenings around the campfire or walking down the catwalk in their own Fashion Show.



"It was my second time and it was really fun. It was so nice going away with my friends, I never got bored once. My favourite activity was Jacobs Ladder.

Miriam Karamoko 9W

PGL was amazing; my favourite activity was the Giant Swing.

Milena Tekle 8C



"PGL was such a fun adventure, with lots of exciting and challenging activities. Girl guiding means having the opportunity try lots of different activities in a fun and friendly environment. I enjoy our weekly meetings and it was great to go away together as a group."

Russheena Rowe 9C



Barcelona

Earlier this year, a group of Year 9 pupils went on a trip to Barcelona. The trip was organised to give the pupils an opportunity to learn about Barcelona and to practice their Spanish. The pupils enjoyed a variety of activities including beach volleyball, shopping and visiting Barcelona's most famous landmarks, such as; the Olympic Stadium, La Sangrada Familia and Camp Nou, Home of FC Barcelona.



"I enjoyed using all the Spanish I've learned in lessons to speak to people in Barcelona"



"What would have made the trip better? If we'd stayed for longer!"



"It was educational, exciting and fun"



Pupils Meet Sporting Legends

Our pupils were invited to attend a multi sports festival at the Laureus World Sports Academy. Fifty-four of our most hardworking pupils were selected by the P.E department to participate in the event and were presented with a great opportunity to meet sporting Legends.



Daley Thomas a former Great Britain decathlete who won the decathlon gold medal at the Olympic Games in 1980 and 1984, and broke the world record for the event four times.



Boris Becker six-time Grand Slam singles champion, an Olympic gold medallist, and the youngest-ever winner of the men's singles title at Wimbledon at the age of 17.



Edwin Moses a former American track athlete, who won gold medals in the 400 m hurdles at the 1976 and 1984 Olympics.



Marcel Desailly a retired Ghanaian born French footballer and star of the France National Football squad, with whom he won the 1998 World Cup and Euro 2000.

National St. Johns Ambulance Competition

A selection of pupils from KS3 and 4 took part in the St Johns Ambulance National School First Aid Competition.

Our pupils applied themselves diligently throughout the day tackling each competition element with maturity and composure as though they were fully qualified paramedics. We are proud to announce that the School achieved an honourable third place within the St Johns Ambulance National School First Aid Competition.

They were true ambassadors of the school. The St Johns' Ambulance officials were highly impressed by our pupils' team work, application of knowledge and enthusiasm, so much so, that we received a special invitation to assist in the competition finals at the National History Museum later in the year.

We would like to congratulate:

Bernice Tetteh-Owusu 8A, Winnie To 8A, Special-Rose Brisefert 8F, Shana-Kay Harwood 9D, Mabinty Sesay 9D, Fabio Romero-Avila 9A, Fifi Olawale 9A, Nazoo Mangal 10A2, Daniel Tanganhito 10A1, Eunice Lopes-Marques 10A2

Pupils VS Staff



In the second year running, the pupils have defeated the teachers at the end of year football match. The pupils made an amazing comeback from a two goal deficit to win 4 - 3!

Lambeth's Gifted and Talented Athletic Competition

A selection of our talented year 9 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to take part in an athletic event, held in search for the best athletes in Lambeth. The pupils did exceptionally well within this competition, achieving 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze medals.

Denise Lewis, former Olympic Heptathlon Gold medallist, was the guest of honour who presented athletes with their medals. She willingly offered her wealth of experience as she advised the athletes how to improve their performance as they competed in their individual events.

Roberto Rodrigues out threw his competitors in shot put, to win by 4 meters. Another outstanding pupil, Shakear Bell, displayed his undoubted natural talent, as he sprinted to victory in the 100 meters. It was a very exceptional and honourable day for the School.

Well Done to:

Sabrin Abdulkadir 5th place Shot Putt

Shakear Bell Gold medallist 100m, Dotun Dosunmu Bronze medallist Long Jump, Eniola Edusi 4th place 100m, Shannon Gray 6th Place Long Jump, Rusheena 4th Place 400m, Roberto Rodrigues Gold medallist Shot Putt, Phillip Thomas Silver medallist 400m



Fitness First

The Fitness Club has been immensely popular. There has been a consistent mix of both familiar KS4 faces and new enthusiastic pupils each week. The club has presented pupils with the opportunity to work on individual fitness goals by learning new techniques and applying these to different training principles. Importantly, the environment has helped to foster pupils' social skills as they have been asked to work in groups and on some occasions coach others.

As the year has progressed there has been a slight shift in the focus of the club as pupils have used training time to make invaluable GCSE/BTEC theoretical and practical links. These links have served to underpin both practical and theoretical lessons and moreover have helped to form the basis for pupil's revision.

The club has also helped to improve pupils GCSE practical grades as this week pupils took part in GCSE exam invigilation. The assessment highlighted the pupils' progress as pupils successfully demonstrated a range of exercises and a clear theoretical understanding of exercise prescription.



School Hosts Fitzroy Lodge A.B.C. Boxing Show

The Fitzroy Lodge Amateur Boxing Club hosted an open Boxing show earlier this year. This was the first ever amateur Boxing show to be held at the School.

The event was an important milestone in the continued building of the relationship between the club and the school. The show came about as a result of the work of Mr Mark Reigate Fitzroy Lodge's Head Coach, who has been running boxing sessions within school time. The boxing show provided an opportunity for pupils who train with Mark to work alongside the experienced Lodge staff and to also gain vital hands-on experience of helping organise and run a sizeable and exciting event.



All pupils were encouraged to get involved with different aspects of the event. In acknowledgement of their hard work, volunteers were awarded by Fitzroy Lodge with boxing medals.



"...it was great to see our sports hall transformed into a boxing arena. It was really exciting and a privilege to be part of it. Having roles such as being officially in charge of ringing the bell at the end of each round made it a phenomenal experience for me. I think it is an honourable thing for the school to support our local community".
Kirk Reid

Special thanks to: Shakear Bell, Aaron Barnes, Abdoulaziz Lelo-Ndambi, Deleon Traylen, Andre Flemming, Hamisha Salih, Bruno De Santos, Lauren Rafferty, Delaenam Olympio, Kirk Reid, Eritier Makengo

Knockout Graphic Design Poster Wins Competition

Congratulations to Jerry Florez who won the graphic design poster competition. The winning poster was exclusively used to advertise the Fitzroy Lodge Boxing Show.



Sports Day 2012

The 2011/2012 Sports day was held on-site for a second year running due to the immense success of last year. Once again the pupils and staff alike embraced the challenge in-line with the Olympic spirit we evoked throughout the year in anticipation for the London Olympics.

Pupils enthusiastically participated in multiple events such as: tug-o-war, dodgeball, fencing, basketball and volleyball as well as the more traditional sports like long jump and javelin; regardless of the inclement weather.

The final standings undoubtedly reflect the how closely contested the day was:

1st Amazon: 215 2nd Nile: 198 3rd Tagus: 196 4th Indus: 150

The two highlights of the day must however certainly be the staff tug-o-war held in the sports hall and the whole school Olympic legacy; as staff and pupils stood side by side replicating the five Olympic rings on the MUGA as Mr. Rodrigues captured the moment from an aerial view.



Greenhouse Basketball Awards Ceremony



The school was proud to host the Greenhouse Basketball Awards Ceremony earlier on this year.

Congratulations to:

Ola Ayodele and Renee Pemberton-Wright *Most Improved Player*

Maurice Gilbert and Patrea Powell– Ferghuarson *Player of the year*

Temidayo Aleshe and Sarah Bello *Rookie of the Year*

Durant Powell– Farquharson and Domika Williams *Defensive Player of the Year*

Keavan McKenzie and Sarafina Toure *Offensive Player of the Year*

Francois Poati-Tchicaya and Chelsea Beckford *Best Attitude*

David Cavaca and Mawa Bogate *Best Attendance*

The awards ceremony also celebrated the achievements of pupils from local secondary and primary schools Bacon's College, Pimlico Academy, The Norwood School, Lilian Baylis Technology School, Harris Academy South Norwood, Haberdashers' Knights Academy, Harris Academy Peckham.

Jules selected for Jordan Camp

Jules Christian, proved himself to be amongst the cream of the crop yesterday, after being selected to play in the Jordan Brand Classic International Game, in Charlotte, USA.

His selection comes after a stand-out three days at the Jordan Brand Classic International Tour training camp in East London. Jules, along Classic International showcase; a warm-up game to the famous Jordan Brand Classic which features the top high school basketball talent in the US.

