

School NEWS



Friday 21 May 2010

Young Ambassadors Event at The Elmgreen School

Three Elmgreen students, Connie, Kristina and Frederick have become Silver Young Ambassadors. The three students were introduced to an audience of headteachers, senior members from different schools and a selection of Young Ambassadors through a Young Ambassador Event held at The Elmgreen School on the 28 April 2010. Amongst the guests was Olympian Michelle Robinson.

The role of a young ambassador involves increasing participation in schools and PE, promoting active and healthy lifestyles and spreading the word of the Olympic and Paralympic values of respect, friendship, personal excellence, courage, determination, inspiration and equity.



The Elephant Parade

On Tuesday 18 May a lucky group of Year 7 students got the opportunity to visit the Elephant Parade with the DT and Art departments. They caught the bus from school to Waterloo station and then walked along the Southbank, across the Thames and up to Trafalgar Square



before heading back to school. On their walk they were looking out for the bright, artistic and colourful elephants. In all they found 15. The parade is in London raising money for a charity called The Elephant Family which is trying to help endangered elephants by auctioning off the models for lots of money. Each student had the chance to take photos of the elephants as they encountered them. Students said: "I thought the elephants were really cool. I took lots of images of



them!" "We all had a really great time and hope to see them again soon". "I loved all of them but especially liked the James Bond themed elephant"

Written by Natasha and Bianca, Year 7

Subject Evening Tuesday 25 May 2010

Families are invited to visit subject teachers in the History, Geography, Citizenship and RE departments from 4pm-7pm.

The purpose of the evening will be to give families an overview of the curriculum and an opportunity to look at student books and work since September 2009.

Subject teachers will be located in their teaching rooms so it is important that students attend the evening with their families.

The evening is open to all students from all year groups. Families please be aware that there will be limited scope for 1 to 1 detailed meetings with teachers.

This is an ideal opportunity to come in to school to meet subject specialists and see first hand the working environment of our students.

We look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday.

The Art Department need your help!

We are collecting glass jars (preferably with lids) for a project next term and would be grateful for any that you have spare.



Dates for your diary....

Tuesday 25 May (4.00-7.00)

Subject Evening History, Geography, Citizenship and RE

Monday 31 May – Monday 7 June

School Holiday

Tuesday 8 June –

School starts for the new academic year

Thursday 10 June (6.00-7.30pm) -

Year 10 Families Key Stage 4 Information Evening

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The Jack Petchey Foundation Awards Presentation

On Monday 17 May 2010, Mr Silly and seven of our students attended the award presentation held at Lambeth Town Hall. At the ceremony the students received medallions from the Mayor of Lambeth Christopher Wellbelove.

The ceremony ran from 7pm till 9pm and students from across 13 Lambeth school were honoured for their community spirited acts over the past year. Our congratulations to all our award winners for all their efforts. We look forward to nominating more winners over the coming months.



Shazana
George
Latifah
Conor
Joshua
Rina
Michaela

The staff winner for this year was Mr Paul Silly for always having a smile on his face and providing so many enrichment opportunities to our students.

Attendance

Congratulations to B1 (Ms Knowles's Tutor Group) for achieving the highest attendance this week. Will it be your group in the last week of term 5?

Tutor Group	%
B1	95.7
B5	95.2
B3	94.6
B4	94.5
J3	93.8
W3	93.6
B2	93.6
B6	93.6
S5	92.9
J6	92.7
S4	92.3
W5	92
W4	91.8
J5	91.4
S2	91.1
J1	90.9
S1	90.7
W6	90.5
S6	90.4
J4	90.4
J2	89.5
W2	86.8
S3	86.7
W1	84.1

How is your college doing so far this term? What do you need to do to make sure your college meets our 95% target?

College	%
BESANT	94
SZABO	93.8
JAMES	93.1
WILBERFORCE	91.8

And how about overall percentages for the year?

College	Year
JAMES	94.2
SZABO	94.1
BESANT	93.9
WILBERFORCE	92.6



As always, staff members have been logging positive points on "Sleuth" to reward students for "getting it RIGHT"; as well as incidents which disrupt learning, which incur negative points.

How did your college do this week?

	College	Points
1 st	Szabo	1063
2 nd	Wilberforce	956
3 rd	Besant	732
4 th	James	660

How is your college doing so far this term?

	College	Points
1 st	Szabo	6043
2 nd	Wilberforce	5729
3 rd	Besant	5249
4 th	James	4696

Congratulations to Szabo College for winning this week and overall so far this term! What can you do to help your college? Look out for how your college is doing this time next week...

Parents and Carers' Council Progress Report

May 2010

You said....	We did....
Parents wanted a forum set up where they could share the effects of school policies on families.	We established a parents and carers' council and have held a meeting every half term since January
Parents wanted an opportunity to meet subject specialists as during family conferences meetings are held with tutors and not subject teachers.	We set up 4 subject evenings over the academic year to give parents and carers the opportunity to meet teachers and see student work books.
Some parents wanted a reduction in the number of ILPs and also variety within the tasks set for ILPs	The school has moved to a more collaborative method of setting ILPs with some departments producing joint ILPs.
Parents wanted to get feedback on student performance on ILP projects	The school sent out a letter informing parents and carers of students with 5 or more ILP concerns. Departments to send out postcards as an indicator of high standard ILPs.
Parents wanted to be able to download School News from the website.	Families now able to download School News from the website.
Parents and carers wanted the school to use text messages to flag up important events to families.	School has used text messages over past 6 months to inform families of subject evenings, parent council meetings, reports and other events.
Families wanted to see more student workbooks being brought home.	Teachers reminded at briefing that books should be going home for families to review.
Families wanted more activities for students to do at lunch time in order to build peer relations with other students.	Games club has been set up in the market square to encourage students to sit down and engage with each other. Timetable of enrichment activities published in School News so families can support students to take advantage of these opportunities

Year 7 Languages visit to France

There has been a huge response from families and we will send out confirmation letters next week to all students who have a place on this visit as well as more details about the day and information on how to pay. Please remember that the deadline for replies is Monday.

Contact Mr Roberts for further information.

College Stars of the Week



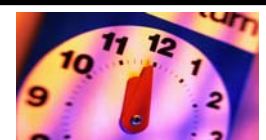
Designer of the week



Year 9 Football Friendly Match

Elmgreen 4 – 1 Park Campus

Many congratulations to the Year 9 football team who put on a magnificent display against a Park Campus team comprising Year 9 and Year 10 students. Man of the match was hatrick scorer Ackeem. Well done Elmgreen!



Just 5 days left!

Library News

This week we have several new books on our shelves, some of which were requested by you. These include more in the *Totally Lucy* series; the first in a set of Manga novels by Meg Cabot (of *Princess Diaries* fame) called *Avalon High*; and the complete series of *The Beautiful Dead* books by Eden Maguire, inspired by the author's love of Emily Bronte's *Wuthering Heights*.

We also have some excellent non-fiction which will be helpful for future Independent Learning Projects. The *Headline Issues* series is packed with information and pictures to give you a really good overview of a variety of topics. Titles include '*Feeding the World*'; '*Tackling Poverty*'; '*Earth's Growing Population*'; '*Stopping Pollution*' and '*Getting Rid of Waste*'.

Finally, don't forget The Elmgreen School Carnegie Book Club taking place every Thursday lunchtime in Room 111. The list this year is brilliant – we challenge anyone not to find at least one nominated book that appeals to them.

Year 10 Families' Key Stage 4 Information Evening

- Learning at Key Stage 4
- GCSE/BTEC Subject Information
- Key Dates and Deadlines
- What is Controlled Assessment
- Work Experience
- Target Minimum grades

We look forward to welcoming all the families of Year 10 (current Year 9) for this important information sharing event. All students must attend. **Please note that due to seating capacity, it would be helpful if only one parent or carer attended.** Contact Mr Gardner if two parents would like to attend.

Please return confirmation slips as soon as possible.

Agony Aunt!

For one week only, a student will produce an advice column for the newsletter.

Do you have personal or school problems that you want to solve? Well your answer is here...



The Elmgreen School now has its very own Agony Aunt, ready to solve your unsolved problems. She says: "Your problems are mine to solve, because as a fellow student I understand what you are going through."

To put your problem in the newsletter:

1. Make sure your problem is appropriate for the newsletter.
2. Write it down.
3. You do not have to put your name on it and...
4. Put it in the red box that says "Agony Aunt" in student reception at the front office.

Your problems will be anonymous. If you want to make up an identity (e.g. Shawtie in Year 7), this will help as you will know if she is replying to you.

Come on my peeps, get those problems in the box, because the Agony Aunt says...

"Your problems are mine to solve!"

Signed *Agony Aunt xxx*

Sorry, the Agony Aunt will only respond to published letters.

Speed Chess!

The latest innovation from The Elmgreen School's Premiership Chess League is Speed Chess (even more exciting than speed dating!) Due to time constrictions, each game is limited to 20 minutes! At the end of this time the value of the pieces taken is totalled, and the victorious winner is presented with the trophy! Last week's winner was the jubilant James.

