

School NEWS

Friday 11 June 2010



Start of New Academic Year 8 June 2010

We have had an incredibly successful week at the school as each year group moved up a year and into new teaching groups. Every student has quickly adapted to their new timetable and classes. Teachers are enjoying launching new work with their classes and sharing in the enthusiasm of the students to make a really positive start.

At the end of term assembly on 28 May 2010, Mr Wilkinson, the Acting Headteacher, was really proud to reflect on the achievements of the last year and look forward to the challenges ahead. Students have done incredibly well since September 2009 to increase their attendance and punctuality above the national average, increase their achievement in line with and above national expectations, reduce fixed term exclusions for behaviour and increase positive behaviour points.



The progress of the students this year has ensured a smooth start to their new year groups, classes and courses. Year 8 are building on the work done in combined Humanities so that they can now learn History, Geography, RE and Citizenship separately. Year 9 have adapted well to their new sets in English, Maths and Science so that they can achieve their personal targets for the end of Key Stage 3 next year. Year 10 have started their option courses and are making the most of the opportunities that triple lessons on a single day can offer them to really focus and progress.

We are looking forward to another very successful term and welcoming our new Year 7s in September.



Parents and Carers' Council

Next meeting Thursday 17 June 7.00-8.30pm

The Parents and Carers' Council next Thursday will be our fourth meeting and is open to all our parents and carers.

If you've not been able to make it before why not come along this time? You'll be very welcome and don't need any experience to attend. At previous meetings parents and carers have made a wide range of suggestions on Independent Learning Projects, lunchtime queues, the Family Conferences and Subject Evenings and many other school-wide topics.



You'll find more details about what was discussed on the school's website under the tab headed "Families"

If you'd like to make a suggestion or comment you can do so easily online by posting an email on the contact form at the base of the Parent and Carers' Council webpage. If you prefer you can also contact Mr Paul Castle, Assistant Headteacher, via the school office or the Link Governor, Kate Scrase on 07976 356268.

Better still, why not come along? Thursday 17 June 7.00-8.30pm.

Year 10 French Classes

The languages department will be running additional French classes **every Monday** after school from **3:15 – 4:15** for all students who are studying French in Year 11 and would like to keep up with the subject. The classes will start on **Monday 21 June**. Attendance is not compulsory, but highly recommended. Please contact Mr Roberts for further information.



How did J3 spend their holidays?

Many students from J3 tutor group spent their half term break in the UK, but some of us went abroad.

Here is what some of the students in J3 had to say:

Evie: *"We went to Sweden and visited the largest rollercoaster in Europe with the 70 degrees drop. We had a picnic, and I really enjoyed trampolining."*

Kayne: *"I spent my half term break with my father in Amsterdam. I also played a lot of sports including my favourite one- football."*

J3's tutor group also went abroad.

Ms Shevelkova: *"My daughter and I went to Portugal this half term. We stayed with a very old friend of mine. The weather was stunning and we went to the beach quite a few times. Although the water was very cold, I couldn't resist making my dream come true - swimming in the Atlantic Ocean!"*

Students that stayed in the UK were very busy with different types of activities:

Daniel: *"I chilled out with my friends, enjoyed sunny weather and went to Chessington World of Adventures!"*

Shemar: *"I went to the West Field shopping centre with my family and friends. I really enjoyed my time there"*

Karim: *"I went to see my father during this holiday. Being at my father's place most of the time, I was playing with my brother Neil and my dog Baily."*

Sofia: *"I went to Brockwell Lido where I spent a day with my friends"*

All the tutees from J3 tutor group are well rested and looking forward to a successful Term 6 full of challenges. We are also very happy to be the winning group in a Race competition across the school and hopefully will enjoy our prize – a Pizza Party soon!

By Evie and Daniel

School Library News

Last week at the Hay Festival - an annual celebration of books that takes place in Hay-on-Wye in Wales - Michelle Magorian's classic second world war novel *Goodnight Mister Tom* was voted favourite Puffin of all time by authors including Jacqueline Wilson, Jenny Valentine and Cathy Cassidy. It is Puffin's 70th anniversary this year, and to mark the occasion they have now launched a nationwide hunt in bookshops, libraries and online to find out what the UK's favourite Puffin book is. To make things easier, there is a short list of seven, with one title chosen from each decade: Eve Garnett's *The Family From One End Street* (1940's); EB White's *Charlotte's Web* (1950's); Clive King's *Stig of the Dump* (1960's); Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (1970's); Jeremy Strong's *The Hundred-Mile-an-Hour Dog* (1990's) and Eoin Colfer's *Artemis Fowl* (2000's). Some of them are pretty old, but they are all such good stories, they have stood the test of time. You may not have read some of the older ones, but maybe your teachers, parents, or grandparents have? To vote, and find out more about the books, visit www.happybirthdaypuffin.co.uk/vote

The winner will be announced at the end of June.

School Shoes

Please ensure that you are wearing sensible plain black leather shoes which fasten (with a buckle / velcro / laces / etc) or cover the majority of your foot if they are "slip-ons".



All shoes in the images shown are appropriate.



Please remember that this means no plimsolls, trainers, pumps or ballerina shoes (these are slip on and don't support your feet for walking around school all day).



College Stars of the Week

Jessica, B5

Monique, W4

Delano, S6

Prefects launched at The Elmgreen School

On Friday 28 May 24 prefects received their badges in front of the whole school.

The prefects were nominated by the college leadership team and then had to go through a rigorous application process which included a panel interview with senior team and governors. Prefects commence their duties on Monday 14 June and these will include checking of uniforms, managing the lunch queues, and supporting lunch time activities.

We wish them all a great deal of success in their new roles as they begin to develop their leadership skills and help to ensure that TES is a fun, safe and happy place for all to play and learn.



Prefect List

Skye S1, Connie S2, Francesco S3, Clinton S5, Kristina S6, Molli S6, Frederick J1, Kayne J3, Olivia J3, Reanne J4, Mohamed J6, Rebecca J6, Duke W5, Channelle W1, Connor W2, Daniel W6, Hera W3, Eric W4, Abaz B1, Brandon B2, Janayae B3, Darryel B4, Meyko B6, Amy B6.

Parents and Carers' Council Progress Report (part 2) May 2010

You said....	We did....
Families wanted support with structure of ILPs so that students could plan their time better in completing ILP tasks.	School set up a structure and guide sheet for ILPs which was available to all families via the website. School set up dedicated ILP sessions after school to provide additional support/ICT facilities for students
Families wanted more information on the structure of the key stage 4 curriculum	Assistant headteacher NGA invited to speak to families and take questions on the key stage 4 provision.
Families wanted all term dates on website as soon as agreed by Lambeth council	Dates and holiday information loaded onto website for families to assess.
Families wanted the school to drive home the message that all students should take up school lunches as some students were not eating at lunchtimes.	This very important message has been the topic of college assemblies. Changes made to layout of dining hall to reduce queuing times.
Families wanted a summer school to run out of TES this summer	School currently trying to secure providers for a one week summer school in July 2010
Families wanted more general information about education – key stages, levels, targets, how to support homework etc	PPF to hold a PPF Forum- "Introduction to education in the 21 st Century" on Sept 15 th 2010 (timed so new year 7 parents/carers can be involved)
Parents would like to advise on parental engagement with SEN issues	A group of parents met with the Acting Headteacher and have been engaged with the current review of SEN provision.

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Attendance

Congratulations to S4 (Mr Scallan's Tutor Group) for achieving the highest attendance this week. Will it be your group next week?

Tutor	Week's
S4	93.2
J3	92.9
J1	92
W3	91.7
J6	90.9
W4	90.9
J4	89.1
J2	88.9
S2	88.6
S3	88.2
B4	88.2
J5	87.9
B2	87.9
S6	87.7
B1	86.5
B5	86.5
S5	85.7
W6	85.7
S1	85.6
B3	85.6
W2	84.1
W5	82.5
B6	79.6
W1	78

It's a new term! Have you been in school everyday and learning?

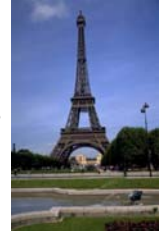
College	Term 6 %
JAMES	90.2
SZABO	88.3
BESANT	85.7
WILBERFORCE	85.6

And how about overall percentages for the year – only 6 weeks left to ensure we meet our target of 95%?

College	Year %
JAMES	94.1
SZABO	94
BESANT	93.9
WILBERFORCE	92.6

Year 7 French Visit

Letters confirming a place on this visit have been distributed to the first 90 students to return their slips before half term. All other students are on a reserve list. Please use the parent pay system to make payments for this visit. Those students travelling on the group passport organised by Mr Roberts must also return an additional form. Please contact Mr Roberts for further information.



sleuth

ONLINE
THE BEHAVIOUR TRACKING SYSTEM

Sleuth scores have been reset to "0" for the new term – so think hard, what can you do to make sure your college is winning in the weekly competition? Remember, Sleuth works by rewarding you for "getting it RIGHT" with a positive entry. Sleuth also notes incidents which disrupt learning and these incur negative points.

How has your college done in the first week of this term?

	College	Points
1 st	Besant	959
2 nd	Wilberforce	807
3 rd	James	627
4 th	Szabo	599

Congratulations to **Besant College** for their excellent start to the term! Look out for how your college is doing this time next week.

Chess Club

Every Wednesday lunch time in the Library



We are collecting.....



All parents and carers! - Come to the Parents' Council on Thursday 17 June - 7.00pm -9.00pm.
No experience needed. Share your ideas with us.