

School NEWS



Friday 30 September 2011

Spiderwick Chronicles Author Visits The Elmgreen School

Over the last couple of years we've been privileged to welcome some really big name authors to our school. Last week was no exception when *The Spiderwick Chronicles* author Tony DiTerlizzi came to talk to us about his latest book.



DiTerlizzi entertained over 450 students from neighbouring primary schools as well as some of our own students from years 7 and 8. "He was really funny," said Ella, Year 8 "I think he should be a comedian as well as an author!"



Unusually, DiTerlizzi both writes and illustrates his books. "As a young boy I had a problem reading books without pictures" he says "but if there was a picture it gave me a clue what the book was about". Luckily DiTerlizzi's favourite teacher came up with a solution, and got him to read more by encouraging him to illustrate the books he read.



His latest book *The Search for WondLa* is 500 pages long and at least 100 of those are lavishly illustrated. 'It's about what the ten year old Tony wanted and the forty year old Tony can make' he says. "I wanted huge pieces of artwork and little bits of text. It's a big window into my imagination that just lets you right in".



At the end of the session, the audience went wild as DiTerlizzi offered to give away three limited editions of his books in return for the correct answers to three questions he posed. Unsurprisingly, a sea of hands waved in the air. "It was epic" said Poppy in Year 8.

If you would like to read any of DiTerlizzi's books please come to the library where we have a copy of *The Search for WondLa* as well as a complete set of *The Spiderwick Chronicles*.

Exam Invigilators

We are seeking to recruit a number of exam invigilators, for examinations that take place throughout the year.

These posts are paid at £8 an hour. Training will be given.

Applications forms are available from our vacancies section on our website www.the-elmgreen-school.org.uk and from the school office. If you would like further information about this position, please contact the Examinations Officer, James Carrington, (jcarrington@the-elmgreen-school.org.uk)

Anyone taking up this work will be required to complete an application for an enhanced disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau.

College Stars of the Week



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



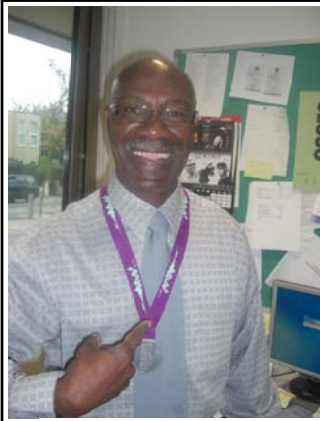
Date	Time	Event
1 October	9.30-11.00	Open Morning (Saturday) for entry September 2012
3 October	9.00-10.15	Open Morning for entry September 2012
5 October	9.00-10.15	Open Morning for entry September 2012

GCSE French visit to Paris

23 – 26 October 2011

Families of students attending October's GCSE French visit to Paris are invited to a meeting at 4:30pm on Thursday 6 October in room 121 with Mr Roberts. It is not compulsory to attend, but is advised should you wish to know more information or raise any questions. Please remember that final payments are due by Tuesday 18 October – feel free to pay in instalments up to this date.

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Congratulations to George Irish, our school Finance Officer who took part in the 'Run to the Beat' sponsored half marathon and raised £300 for the Greenwich and Bexley Hospice.

Football Highlights

TYRELL SCORED 5 AS THE ELMGREEN SCHOOL SMASHED RAINES FOUNDATION IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE INNER LONDON CUP.

Congratulations to : Alex, Antonio, Ashan, Daryle, Deon, Emmanuel, James, Johannes, Tyreece, Tyrell, Donte, Taylor, Bradley, Dion, Ayoub



Exciting New Link between The Elmgreen School and schools supported by Jinga D.E.A.F, Uganda



Ms Modzelan and members of the Hearing Support Department (HSD) were pleased to welcome two important visitors to school: the Patron of the Jinga D.E.A.F. organisation, Mr Sam Lutalo-Kiingi, and its Secretary, Mrs Joanna Heseltine. Jinga is an area of Uganda and D.E.A.F. stands for 'Deaf Education Access Fund' and the stated aim of this charity is 'to advance the education of children and young people who have a hearing impairment and live in the Jinja District, Uganda.'



Mr Lutalo-Kiingi, a leading expert in the field of Ugandan sign language who will return to work with deaf educators in Uganda on completion of his PhD, was keen to tour the school with a student guide and learn for himself how students with a hearing loss are educated in this country. Following a lively discussion with signing members of the HSD exploring how both organisations can foster mutually beneficial links, Ms Modzelan presented a cheque to the representatives of Jinja D.E.A.F for £455 - all of which had been raised by students of The Elmgreen School through charity fund-raising events at the end of the Summer Term.



We look forward to seeing how links between The Elmgreen School and schools with units for deaf students in Jinja will develop for the benefit of all in the future.

Science Examinations

Science exams are only **five** weeks away for year 10 and 11 students! After school science revision sessions will shortly be advertised, but all Key Stage 4 students should already be setting aside time after school and at weekends to revise. Students interested in revision guides should see Mr Scallan. The exam dates are below:

Year Group	Exam	Date & Duration
Year 10	Biology: Influences on Life (Core Science GCSE)	Tuesday 8th November 2011 (afternoon, 1 hour)
Year 11	Chemistry: C2 Structured Paper (Additional Science GCSE)	Tuesday 8th November 2011 (afternoon, 30 minutes)
Year 11	Chemistry: C2 Multiple Choice Paper (Additional Science GCSE)	Monday 14th November 2011 (afternoon, 30 minutes)
Year 11	Chemistry C1a & C1b retakes (Core Science GCSE)	Tuesday 15th November 2011 (morning, 2 x 20 minutes)

Sixth Form Taster Lessons

On Thursday, Year 11 attended three taster lessons of their choice to help them experience what the Sixth Form will be like at The Elmgreen School and also to help them decide on their course choices. Students also had the opportunity to fully experience the Sixth Form by following the smart dress code and staff and students alike commented on how mature and well dressed Year 11 looked and acted. The following are some quotes which sum up how successful the experience was:



"I realised what I might want to do and what I didn't want to do" – Charlie, B3

"Even better if the lessons had been longer" – Taylar, J2

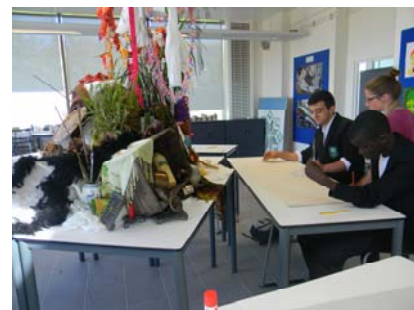
"Longer lessons or maybe 2 days or a week of tasters" – Corey, B2

"We got a taste of how the lessons would be in Sixth Form and how different it is from year 11" – Ikran, J5

"Even Better If we were given free food in the Sixth Form!" – Denzel, W10

"What went well – the students' attitudes, engagement, enthusiasm, focus and maturity in single lessons" – Mrs Coll – Subject Leader for Art, who led sessions on A level Art & Design

"It encouraged students to think and prepare for the Sixth Form. Their attitude was very good" – Mr Oforu – Science Subject Specialist, who led sessions on A Level Physics and BTEC Applied Science





Enrichment 2011/2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday (7.40 - 8.25)	Thursday	Friday
Before School (7.40 - 8.25)				
Breakfast Club - Dining Hall - All Open Access LRC - Library - All	Breakfast Club - Dining Hall - All Open Access LRC - Library - All	Breakfast Club - Dining Hall - All Open Access LRC - Library - All	Breakfast Club - Dining Hall - All Open Access LRC - Library - All	Breakfast Club - Dining Hall - All Open Access LRC - Library - All
LunchTime (12.40 - 1.25)				
Open Access LRC - Library - All Lunchtime Club - rm138 - All Drama Club - Drama Studio - Yr 7, 8 & 9	Open Access LRC - Library - All Lunchtime Club - rm138 - All Volleyball - Sports Hall - Yr 7 & 8 Girls	Open Access LRC - Library - All Lunchtime Club - rm138 - All Table Tennis - Dance Studio - All Badminton - Sports Hall - All Chess Club - Library - All	Open Access LRC - Library - All Lunchtime Club - rm138 - All Football - Sports Hall - Girls	Open Access LRC - Library - All Lunchtime Club - rm138 - All Connexions Careers Drop In - rm12 - All
After School (3.30 - 4.30)				
Open Access LRC - Library - All Music ICT - rm153 - All Volleyball - Sports Hall - Boys Volleyball - Sports Hall - Girls Football - 7aside - Girls Humanities Focus Club - LRC - All ICT support sessions - rm124 - All	Open Access LRC - Library - All Big Band - rm 152 - All Street Dance - Dance Studio - All Football - 7aside - Yr 7 Boys Handball - Sports Hall - All	Open Access LRC - Library - All Architecture - DT - Yr9 HAHS Guitar Group - rm152 - All Ceramics Club - rm206 - Yr 7,8 & 9 Football 1 - 7aside - Yr 8 Boys Boxing - Dance Studio - All Basketball - Sports Hall - All Film Club - rm006 - All BSL Sign Language Class - rm030 - All ICT support sessions - rm124 - All	Open Access LRC - Library - All Product Design - DT - Yr10 & 11 Design Museum Comp - DT - Yr10 & 11 Textiles - DT - All Concert Band - rm152 - All Gospel Choir - rm153 - All Netball - MUGA - Girls Football - 7aside - Yr 9 & 10 Boys ILP Support - LRC - All ICT support sessions - rm124 - All	Open Access LRC - Library - All Football - 7aside - Yr 11 Boys