

# School NEWS

Friday 18 November 2011



## Donations Needed Please TONIGHT

We are appealing for donations of food for the  
**PPF Quiz Night 7.00pm – 9.30pm on  
Friday 18 November**

We will be serving a buffet so donations of:

Salads green, coleslaw, pasta, potato

Savouries meat, sausage rolls,  
samosas, cheese

Nibbles crisps, nuts, olives

Bread, crackers etc



Would be very gratefully received- there is no need for them to be home-made! Please let Jo Wallman on 07711 181826 know what you are donating and bring it along on the day.

Thank you!

## Shhh...Its for charity!

On the Thursday 24 November the volunteers working to raise money for the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund are taking part in a sponsored silence! You may have already read about our cake sale and a car wash and the aim is to reach our fundraising target of £1,000 by December!

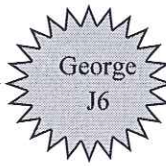
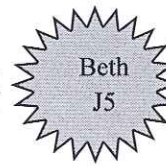
If you would like to help, contact Ms.Nolan.

Thank You!

P.S. Cheer us on for the sponsored silence!

*Monet, B7*

## College Stars of the Week



## Election of Parent Governors

There are eight candidates standing for election. Included in the school news is a short election statement from each candidate. The ballot papers are available at reception between 8am and 5pm. Voting can also take place during Family Conference on 24 November. The ballot closes on 24 November.

## DULWICH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AUTUMN CONCERT

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 7.45pm  
All Saints' Church, Lovelace Road, SE21 8JY

### Edward Elgar

Enigma Variations

### Alban Berg

Violin Concerto

with **Amanda Lake**

### Mendelssohn

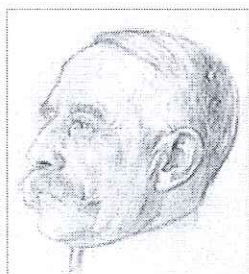
Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage

### Butterworth

Shropshire Lad Rhapsody

Guest Conductor **Leigh O'Hara**

Leader **Paula Tysall**



Elgar in 1919, by William Rothenstein



Tickets: [www.WeGotTickets.com](http://www.WeGotTickets.com)  
and at the door  
£8 / £5 including interval drink  
Children under 16 free

Ample free on-street parking  
Nearest stations: West Dulwich andulse Hill  
Buses: 3, 201, P13

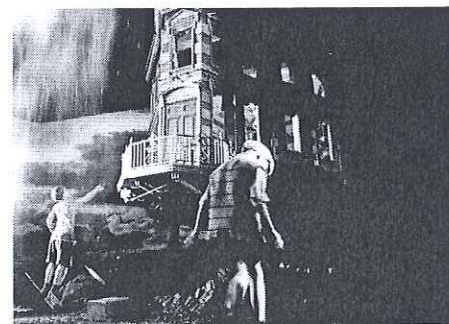


Interval collection

[www.dulwichsymphonyorchestra.org.uk](http://www.dulwichsymphonyorchestra.org.uk)  
Registered charity no. 1100867

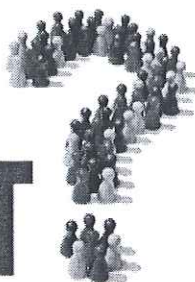
## An Inspector Calls

The English Department took 70 Year 11 students to The Richmond Theatre on Wednesday to see a live production of **An Inspector Calls**, a text that they are all studying for GCSE English Literature in Year 11. Students commented on how useful the visit had been in helping them to prepare for GCSE English Literature and how enjoyable the afternoon had been. Watch this space for more details next week.



The Parent Promoters Foundation proudly present

# QUIZ NIGHT



Friday 18 November

7.00-9.30pm

at The Elmgreen School

Make a team up with friends (max 6 people)  
or come and join with others on the night.

Tickets only £7 per person (price includes buffet meal)  
available from Jo Wallman by phone 07711181826

or email: [jorussell@wallmanhat.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:jorussell@wallmanhat.freeserve.co.uk)

**SORRY NO UNDER 18's**

## Library News

Students who visit the library regularly will know about the genre stickers we use on the spines of our novels. We have stickers for Mystery, Dark Romance, Fantasy, Horror, Young Adult Reads, Classics and Fantasy, all so that you can select books from your favourite genre with ease. New in this week are our Black and Asian Writing stickers, and to mark the occasion we have a great display of some of the library's best Black and Asian books. We're keen to develop this section and to do so we need your help, so do help us fill in the gaps by letting us know which authors we should be stocking.

Below is a tiny selection of what we have to offer. Do come up and browse the rest.

*Web of lies* by Beverley Naidoo

Femi is in trouble. He's become involved with a gang of older boys at school and things are starting to spiral out of control...

*The garbage king* by Elizabeth Laird

In Ethiopia Dani lives in a grand house full of servants whilst Mamo has no home at all. Now both boys are on the run, and before long fate brings them together.

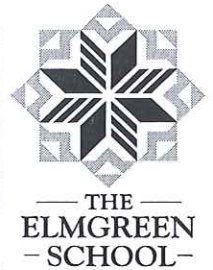
*Roll of thunder hear me cry* by Mildred D. Taylor

Cassie can't understand why she has to get off the pavement to walk in the road when Miss Lillian comes along, nor why she should be served last in the store when she is first in the queue. But Cassie is learning that life is unfair if you are black and living in 1930's Mississippi.

*Rani and Sukh* by Bali Rai

A powerful novel that sweeps from modern day Britain to 1960's Punjab.

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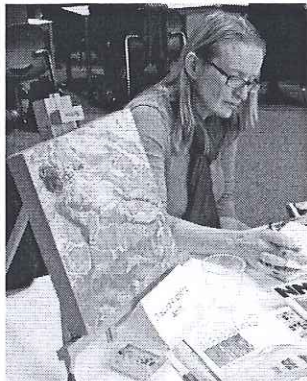
## PPF SKILLS BUREAU

Tuesday 7 February 2012

*Did you know where you would end up working when you were at school? No? You weren't the only one.*

Many students have little idea about the huge range of careers they could follow. As parents and carers we can help by suggesting new directions and guiding students on how to reach their goals.

The PPF is hosting the Skills Bureau at school on Tuesday 7 February 2012. Parents and carers from all walks of life with a huge range of skills and experience will be talking to small groups of year 9 students (age 13/14) about their work and the sort of skills needed to succeed.



**Could you spare a couple of hours to help out?**

**We need people from all areas. You'll be sharing your unique knowledge with lots of students - not just your own child.**

We are aiming to have 10 parents representing 10 different work sectors at each session. The sessions will run at the following times: (1) 8.30-10.10am, (2) 10.15-12.15pm, (3) 1.15-3.15pm. Of course you're welcome to attend more than one session if you can spare the time!



For more information please call Kate Scrase, PPF Project Manager on 0208 678 9181 or email [Kscrase@the-elmgreen-school.org.uk](mailto:Kscrase@the-elmgreen-school.org.uk)

## Our Visit to Blandford School, Dorset

On Tuesday 15 November, 15 students and two staff from The Elmgreen School travelled down to Blandford in Dorset to stay with students and staff from The Blandford School. It was a bit nerve wracking for staff and students alike to meet new people and to stay with them. Luckily all our hosts were fantastic and made us feel right at home and part of their families. The next day we travelled with our hosts to The Blandford School to take part in their Year 8 activity day all about "What does it mean to be British?". Our students watched fantastic presentations, took part in lessons, made new friends and generally were treated like celebrities everywhere they went.

After break students got a chance to show off their talents, alongside Blandford students, at a special Year 8 assembly. Our students were a huge success with Laura hosting and Felan, Gaia, Evie (twice), Grace, Collette, Sharifa, Zidane, Montanha, Brandon and Lorcan performing. The Blandford students were really excited and supportive of all our performers and following the show mobbed our students asking for autographs and facebook details!

Deputy-Headteacher of Blandford School Andrew Mead was full of praise for The Elmgreen students and said that he would love to bring Blandford students to see our school too. Many thanks to Ms Nolan and all the students for all their hard work and efforts.



THE BLANDFORD SCHOOL  
A Specialist Technology College



## Parent Governor Elections November 2011

### Candidates

#### Adrian Butler



I'm a university lecturer in Environmental Engineering at Imperial College with a daughter in Year 9. I am therefore interested in maths and science and their application to the great challenges our children are facing growing up in a changing world.

Over the past two years, as a Parent Governor, I've been involved in the work of the Achievement Committee and in developing links between Elmgreen and Imperial College.

If re-elected, I will continue to promote science and maths teaching and will assist the school in enabling our students to fulfil their potential at Elmgreen and in preparing them for higher education.

#### Joseph Crosbie



I wish to become a governor to continue to realise the ambition that each student is valued and guided to success and learns to value themselves, others and their community. I want this for my children and yours.

Having been a governor before, I will bring the real and immediate concerns of parents into the day to day and the planning of our children's school.

I have worked for children's charities including directorships with The Children's Society, Great Ormond Street Hospital and Childhood First. The last three years I have volunteered here, helping our children understand the role of charity.

## Monim Karim



My daughter is in Year 7 at The Elmgreen School. I would like to get involved to help bring fresh ideas on how the school can improve and develop its already high standards. The school is a new and exciting place for both teachers and students.

I find it is interesting to know what is going on in the school on a regular basis. I feel my input as a parent governor would be of help. It is important for a child to feel safe and have their opinions heard.

## Deborah Lewis



I have twin boys who attend The Elmgreen School. I would like to be a parent governor because I have the knowledge and experience to do the role proficiently.

I am a qualified counsellor having worked with both adults and adolescents for over 10 years. My experience as a mother and counsellor has helped me to gain an understanding of the needs of our young people, and therefore relate to them with care and understandings.

As a parent governor I will listen to both the concerns of students and parents.

## Emma Marks



I am mother to 15 and 20 year old boys. I work as an Extended Schools Coordinator based in a secondary school, helping families find support and activities in and around 14 Battersea schools. Previously I held a senior post for the charity Parentlineplus.

The insights gained from parenting a child through GCSE's, 'A' levels and university applications have proved invaluable as a governor at Elmgreen, as has my day to day experience of working in a school. I have a professional understanding of the struggles that many parents experience and am committed to a safe and fulfilling learning environment for all of our children.

## Kate Scrase



My sons attend Elmgreen.

**EMPLOYMENT:** I'm a Special Needs Practitioner (Primary).

**EXPERIENCE:** As a governor since 2006, and Project Manager of the PPF, I've contributed to the school's successful development and therefore understand the challenges ahead.

**ENTHUSIASM:** I'm hugely proud of the achievements of students and staff and will keep raising the school's profile locally.

**ENERGY:** I currently chair the Parents' Council and help organise many events for students and families to make it easier to support children's learning. I draw upon parents' expertise and skills to open horizons and increase opportunities for *all* students.

## Helen Ward



My two sons are at Elmgreen, in years 7 and 9, and I have been an active parent governor for the past two years, and was recently elected vice chair of the Governing Body. Earlier this year I argued against a proposal that Elmgreen should consider become an Academy, and remain passionate about delivering comprehensive, high quality education for local children.

I am Professor of Public Health at Imperial College, and have facilitated links including a successful visit to Imperial for students interested in science and medicine.

## Frankie Waugh



As a parent of a Year 11 student, I have seen the school grow and change - for the better. I have become more active in school life through the Parents Council and my support at school events - especially advising new families about getting the most from Elmgreen.

I am interested in knowing even more about school life and representing the views of families - I will always speak my mind in helping the school get the best for all students.