

# School NEWS



Friday 16 December 2011

## Choice Charity Group



Students from Mr Roberts's Choice group have raised over £1,000 through organising a series of successful and exciting events during the penultimate week of term. These events have included a cake sale, table tennis tournaments, a Fifa 12 contest on the Playstation 3, and a non-uniform day. On Wednesday the Year 11 students, dressed smartly, worked as car park attendants in the morning, and in the restaurant serving staff and students during break and lunch.



Two significant highlights involved staff and student sporting contests. On Thursday Mr Castle and Jacob Mullings Davies had a basketball shooting competition, which Mr Castle won by seven shots, and on Friday Mr Silly, who is still recovering from an injury, and Frederik Afrifa had a sprint contest on the 7 aside football pitch, which Frederick won with a time of 7.88 seconds. All members of the school community have been hugely supportive of the events, and enjoyed what has been a busy, but productive, week. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who took part, donated money and supported.



## Christmas Music Concert



The Elmgreen School Christmas Concert last week saw some outstanding performances from Concert Band, Big Band, Choir and the String and



Guitar groups. The BTEC Music students also demonstrated their excellent ensemble skills along with some fantastic solo performances by Bassey, Colette, Amani and Henry. A massive well done to all the students who took part for their hard-work and commitment.



## HAHS Spotlight

The Sociology Department will be running a lunchtime debating society in January. This is perfect for building students' public speaking and reasoning skills as well as helping them to engage with current affairs and society's big issues.

The first hot topic of the year is: What rights and responsibilities do parents have? Should everybody have the right to have children?

Visit Humanities or see Miss Maher for further details.

## Dates for your Diary



**Tuesday 3 January 2012**  
Students Return to School

**Monday 9 January**  
Staff Professional Development Day  
(School closed to students)

**Friday 20 January**  
8.15am-9.15am  
Tea, Toast and Tour

**Saturday 21 January**  
10.00am-12.30pm  
ICT for Parents

**Saturday 28 January**  
10.00am-12.30pm  
ICT for Parents

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## ICT FOR PARENTS



The Elmgreen School will be hosting some FREE sessions for all parents/carers to help with ICT skills

**Saturday 21st January 2012**

**10.00am—12.30pm**

**Keeping your child safe online**

**Saturday 28th January 2012**

**10.00am—12.30pm**

**Using websites and My Maths to help your child learn effectively**

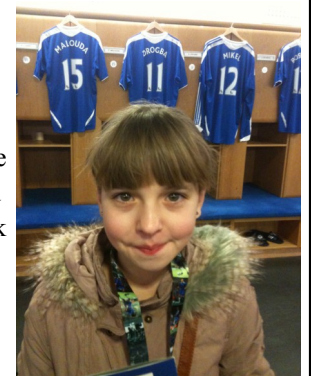
Both sessions will take place at

The Elmgreen School, and will be run by qualified instructors from Lambeth Family Learning. A member of school staff will also be on hand.

If you would like to sign up to these sessions please contact Ms Nolan, Assistant Headteacher,  
0208 766 5020

## Year 11 Visit to Chelsea Football Club

On Friday 9 December, 30 Year 11 Business Studies students went on a visit to Chelsea FC to learn about the business of football. During the visit the students toured the stadium, the players changing rooms, the press conference room, the teams' substitutes benches and sat in the stands. The tour guide explained how the club made money from sponsorship, television deals and tickets. Many students were surprised to learn that hire a VIP box could cost over £1 million per season. They also learned the costs involved in running the club including the incredibly high players wages. Many students enjoyed taking pictures of their favourite player's kit in the dressing room, and trying to see how accurate a kick they had with the machine in the museum.



## Student Council Meeting with Headteacher

I have been really proud of how the students and staff have responded to our 'Keep Elmgreen Tidy' campaign over the last two weeks. We have talked in school this week about how a school that 2 years ago had 540 students in it now has 900 and we have found it useful to think about how to help students move about the building particularly at break and lunch.

The main things we have agreed with the students are about gradually coming back into the building at the end of break or lunch instead of all at once to ease the flow through the market square. In the restaurant we have divided the space into two and fill up each section, giving the students choice where and who to sit with in a way that allows us to manage each section. All food is now eaten in the restaurant and this has helped keep things tidy. Both ideas have been a great success.

I was delighted to meet with student representatives in my office this week to discuss the routines and what we might want to do in January. All the students were very positive about their recent experience. They gave us some good suggestions and we will action them in the new term. These ideas include opening two doors to return to school and having two separate lines to ease the flow, to give staff an 'Out of Lesson Pass' to enable one student at a time to go on an errand if necessary and so keep the corridors clear at lesson time, and to open up another goal at lunchtime and issue one Elmgreen Football per group.

I was impressed by their sensible suggestions and support of the school. Thanks to the whole community for making The Elmgreen Way work so well, I think we have had a perfect run up to Christmas.

Mr Wilkinson, Headteacher



**The Elmgreen School**

invites

Parents and Carers of students in Years 7 to 11 to join us for

## Tea, Toast and a Tour

Friday 20 January 2012  
8.15am — 9.15am

If you would like to visit lessons and see The Elmgreen Way  
in practice

Please email [admin@the-elmgreen-school.org.uk](mailto:admin@the-elmgreen-school.org.uk)

## Library Christmas Quiz

Our Christmas Quiz this year was better attended than ever before. Nine teams competed in quiz rounds that included questions on current affairs, Christmas knowledge, celebrity news, brilliant books and music. Well done to the winning team Snowflake, and thanks to everyone who took part.



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## A Deaf performance of Dickens' A Christmas Carol

On Wednesday we launched our Charles Dickens' Bicentenary celebrations with a special Deaf performance of Dickens' A Christmas Carol devised by and starring actor David Ellington. David played to a packed audience of pupils and their hearing friends from Jubilee School as well as students from our own Hearing Support Department. "It's very important that the Primary school and Secondary school students meet up and enjoy deaf culture together" said Mr Bullen, "and we were really fortunate to get a nationally recognised deaf actor to come down and show us a fantastic example of the Deaf Performing Arts". The event was a great success, finishing with a mass signing session of Christmas songs including Santa Claus is Coming to Town; and I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas. "This was a fantastic opportunity for the students to see that British Sign Language is a language in its own right, and how beautifully expressive it can be" said Gillian Stringer, Deaf instructor for Lambeth. "It's really important that deaf children see deaf adult role models such as David so that they can see speech needn't be a barrier to performance and success".



## Year 8 and Year 9 Progress

December 2011

Congratulations to the many students who have worked really well this term. Below is a list of our current Year 8 and 9 students who have made excellent progress in their lessons.

### Year 8

Nathanael	S8
Hana	B2
Khaleal	J6
Blake	S1
Sebastian	J6
Freddie	W9
Steven	W8
Salem	J4
Crecy	J9
Alliyah	J3
Thomas	B9
Tyreece	S7
William	S4
Kinga	J7
Osama	W10
Rody	B2
Betty	J1
Jude	B4
Renika	J7
Zohra	B10
Benedek	J10
Felan	W3
Cameron	W4
Colette	J7
Bradley	W2

### Year 9

Kester	J5
Gaia	S5
Miles	B4
Zeme	J10
Anjuma	W10
Amy	W7
Laura	W8
Ethan	W7
Tullia	J7
Jose	J8
Ashad	W9
Bonnie	S5
Evie	J3
Grace	J4
Michael	W10
Bianca	W2
Alexandra	B10
Nathalia	J2
Chaya	S8
Phoebe	W4
Irina	S4

## Simon Education Saturday School

Open at The Elmgreen School

11.00am to 1.00pm

Subjects: English, Mathematics and Science

Support also provided in French & Spanish on request

Ages: 5 to 16 years

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Reminder

## School Photographs

If your child had a photograph taken within the past few weeks, please don't forget to submit your order forms to the school office



## And finally...

Happy Christmas to all our students and Families from the staff at The Elmgreen School.