



## VERTICAL TUTORING

All students have now been informed by personal letter of their new Learning Community and Tutor.

One of our Activities, 'Dragons Den', during our Enrichment week was spent in these new groups. News about the Learning Communities has been well received by students who are keen to get to know their new class mates from other years. Please remember that lessons will start at 8.30am

prompt in September with vertical tutoring time being after period 2 and before break.

A reminder that academic mentoring will take place each Tuesday from 2.30pm until 3.00pm for one year group at a time on a rota basis. In the first week back this will for our new Y7s and all other students will leave at 2.30pm. Further details were out in a letter in June which can be seen on the school web-site:

[www.winchmore.enfield.sch.uk](http://www.winchmore.enfield.sch.uk)

LEARNING COMMUNITY	COLOUR	HEAD OF LEARNING
Mercury	Silver	Mrs Di Pino
Nobel	Green	Mr Passey
Olivier	Purple	Ms Goldthorpe
Olympic	Gold	Mr Rotimi
Stirling	Blue	Mrs Marshall
Turner	Orange	Mrs Tidmarsh

## GIFTED AND TALENTED PUZZLE CHALLENGE DAY

The Maths Faculty held a puzzle challenge day for Year 7 - 10 Gifted and Talented students. These sessions were aimed to improve students' critical thinking and problem solving skills, and also give them the opportunity to work together as a group.

There were different puzzles to solve throughout the session which lasted 90 minutes and because of it's huge success, a follow up session will be held early next year for Year 8 - 11 (the same group who participated this year), to ensure further progress is being made.

If any parent is interested in buying these stimulating and challenging puzzles, they can contact Ms Meyer from the Maths Faculty.



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## YEAR 9 HISTORY VISIT TO WORLD WAR ONE BATTLEFIELD

On the 5 June, a group of Year 9 students visited the World War One Battlefields near Calais. We boarded the ferry and when we got off in France we went to the French Cemetery Notre Dame de Lorette. It was interesting to see how different religions have different grave shapes and symbols.

Then we visited the German graves at the Maison Blanche cemetery at Neuville Saint Vaast and we were surprised that there were 4 people buried under one gravestone.

The British cemetery at La Targette was colourful as all the graves were surrounded by flowers that were dedicated to the fallen soldiers.

We then went to Vimy Ridge.

Vimy Ridge Monument was very tall, so you could see most of the village from it. We took a group photo, walked around the monument, and then went back on the coach for our last visit.



We think that everyone enjoyed the trenches and tunnels at Vimy Ridge because it was a good experience to see the conditions the soldiers lived and fought in.

We walked around the trenches where sand bag shaped cement was shaped like a sand bag to make it look more realistic and we saw how much the soldiers had to duck and have back aches because the trenches were low.

Finally, we explored a tunnel and saw how small, dark and cold it was underground. We were told about the trenches and tunnels by a Canadian guide. There was a gift shop where we could buy medals and post cards.

Overall, it was a great experience and an educational day. It was worth getting up at 4.00am!

*By Gabriela Bojilova 9G and Hatice Cokgezici 9R*

## YEAR 7 & 9 SCIENCE TRIP TO CAPEL MANOR

Thirty eight Year 7 and 8 Gifted and Talented pupils in Science were selected to go to Capel Manor College in June.

Pupils toured the beautiful variety of gardens and visited the farm animals and observed pond life. During the morning activity, pupils were taught about ecological relationships, food webs, medicinal uses of plants and biodiversity. In the afternoon

pupils had the opportunity to explore the grounds and even got lost in the maze!! Shikili from 7A said "I had a great time and I really liked the farm". The speakers at Capel Manor commented on the excellent behaviour and knowledge shown by Winchmore students and hoped that we would continue to go on more visits in the future.

Well done Year 7 & 8!

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS da ROCHA .....

Dear Students,

It has been a wonderful, learning experience to have had the pleasure of teaching some of you for the past ten years. The different cultures combined in one community is what makes the experience priceless.

I wish you all the best in life and God's abundant blessings.

Mrs. da Rocha  
French/Spanish Teacher



# ROCK CHALLENGE

Rock Challenge is an annual event involving students from all

over the country. Students compete against other schools in a dance competition for a place in the final. Rock Challenge celebrates our youth culture and shows how young people can be the best and achieve a natural high without the use of tobacco, alcohol or other drugs, by living proactive lives and respecting and protecting their bodies. It communicates health and social education messages to teenagers in a positive and supportive environment. The 'Challenge' for the students is to create and be involved in their own production from conceptualisation through to the final live performance.

This is the third consecutive year Winchmore School has been involved in Rock Challenge starting from 25 students in the first year to a huge 70 students that participated in the heats on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2009. It was a very successful evening the students won the drug awareness award as well as an award for Set design and Costume. The performers received a standing ovation from the judges and one judge commented on how much he enjoyed the piece 'I loved the whole ensemble and passion of the performance from all the dancers' and he also stated 'the choreography and fusion of dance styles was excellent'.

## OUR THEME FOR 2009

Our theme was based on 'The Toy Box'. A little girl

wakes from her sleep hearing strange sounds. She gets up to investigate and finds her toys come alive at night. She is taken on a journey and learns about each one from the sadness of the broken doll to the clumsy comical actions of the clowns.

Cross-curricular links with other departments included the Drama department who held drama workshops, the Design and Technology department created a toy box and revolving bed for the set. Design and Textiles also assisted in the creation of the costumes. Students also participated as the technical team adopting the roles of stage crew on the day of the performance and assisting in roles of lighting designer and videographer.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT



Winchmore opens the event to all years and we currently have students representing each year group from year 7 to year 13. In order to be a part of Rock Challenge the students have to successfully pass an audition process as there are minimum places available.

**Auditions for 'Dance Rock Challenge 2010' will take place in September.**

A big congratulations to all students involved, it was an amazing day and such a fantastic achievement.

# CONGRATULATIONS

Loren Whyte (Year 9) has been offered a 1 year contract with Luton Town Football Club. Well done Loren!



## ENFIELD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE 2009

Students from Winchmore School recently attended the Enfield Science and Technology Enterprise Challenge 2009 prize giving ceremony.

Both teams had worked extremely hard over a six month period to complete their projects.

The 'Emulsions - Making Face Cream Project' entered by JEYDA KARABEY 7U, ALICE SOULARD 7U, MELISSA DIAZ 7U, MELIZ KIRIK 7U, FREDDIE GELLING 7B, INALIS PATEL 7M, JAKE ORROS, Ms Thiruudaian and Ms Rashid **WON** the Year 7-8 Category AND



was also judged the **overall Secondary Schools Winner** of The Enfield Science and Technology Enterprise Challenge 2009 out of a total of nineteen entries from the borough!

The Low Calorie Ice Cream Project entered by KADEEM BARBER 9U, COLLETTE FAWCETT 9B, MARIAM RIZK 9A, DIMA RIZK 9A, AQUIL ISMAIL 9U, Ms Bheekoo and Ms DeSouza was Highly Commended in the Year 9-10 Category.

£850 in Prize Money was awarded to the School for Science resources!

**WELL DONE**

## STAFFING NEWS

Congratulations to Mrs Hughes and family on the recent birth of her daughter. Mrs Hughes will be returning to school at the end of this term. Double congratulations also go to Mr and Mrs Gocmen on the birth of their twins.

A warm welcome back to Ms Goldthorpe, Mrs Gibson and Mrs Das who have all returned from maternity leave. Mrs Pendakis will also be returning in September. Congratulations to Mr Rotimi on his recent appointment as our Sixth Head of Learning (Olympic).

At the end of this term we are saying farewell to a number of members of staff.

Mrs Clarke and Mrs Taylor are retiring after long and successful careers at Winchmore. Mrs Clarke has taught Business for 25 years and Mrs Taylor has been a teacher of Maths for 24 years. Mrs Taylor has also been our achievements co-ordinator leading 'The Jack Petchey Awards'. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Clarke and Mrs Taylor for all their hard work and commitment and in wishing them every happiness for the future. We will be sorry to say goodbye to Mrs da Rocha who is leaving Winchmore after 10 years in the MFL Faculty. Mr Oliver is leaving the Technology Faculty to take up a teaching post in Hong Kong and Mr

Anastasi is leaving for a well deserved promotion to the post of Head of Art. Mr Hirjee, who has been Head of Business, is leaving to travel and Ms Anderson is leaving teaching to pursue other options. Mr O'Reilly is leaving the Learning Support Faculty to take up a post closer to home in South London and finally Mr Ellerington is leaving Winchmore to study for a Masters Degree.

We wish all of our departing staff every success in their future.

We have worked hard to ensure that we have recruited high quality staff to fill all these vacancies for September.

## YEAR 7 VISIT TO HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



Class 7A wrote books for 1R at Highfield School. Shikili, Fatma, Hannah, Soraya and Farhiya wrote the following:

Class 7A went to Highfield Primary School a few weeks ago to chat to class 1R about what kind of books interested them. This information then helped us to create our own story books for them. Most children enjoyed superhero, princess or fairy books. We typed up our stories, drew our own pictures and sewed the books together with the help of Miss Panayi, Ms Sari and Mrs O'Malley from

textiles, so that they looked like real books.

On July 2<sup>nd</sup> we went back to see 1R and sat outside in the sunshine to read our books to them. They really enjoyed listening and we enjoyed reading!



Ms Webb says - I am very proud of the work 7A did on these books. Many of them did a lot of extra work on them at home; the stories are great fun to read and the books look beautiful!

## SUMMER CONCERT

The Expressive Arts Faculty held their annual Summer Concert on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009. This involved students performing across the arts including dance, drama and music. There was a wide variety of performances including Shakespearian drama, a Michael Jackson tribute dance and live music from our 6<sup>th</sup> form band. The Concert was a resounding success with a diverse range of performances and enjoyed by one and all.



## AFRICAN ART EXHIBITION



The African Art Exhibition was the culmination of a year's outreach work with Winchmore Art staff and our partnership primary schools in

the area. The theme 'Africa' formed our focus due to our student leadership links with a Mpopoma High School in Zimbabwe (through the British Council 'Dreams and Teams' programme). Each Winchmore Art teacher was linked to either Raglan, Raynham, Oakthorpe, Highfield or Firs Farm School.

Over several months they worked closely with the Art coordinator and the pupils to create exciting work in a variety of media. The exhibition was a celebration of the pupils' creativity and the success of the 'outreach' work. Many visitors commented on the quality and range of the pupils' 2D and 3D products. The pupils themselves were enthused by seeing their work displayed in an exhibition seen by their peers in other schools.



## NATIONAL STUDENTS EXHIBITION



Four of our sixth form students were selected to exhibit their work at the Royal Society of British Artists' National Student Art Exhibition at the Mall Galleries in London. Dervish Ali

(Year 13) Andreas Christodoulou, Pedro Demetriou and Matthew Down (all from Year 12), were invited along with their parents to celebrate their work based on the Face to Face project and the



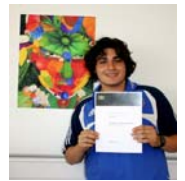
Dervish Ali



Pedro Demetriou

Remembrance Brief. Their work was on display with some of the best up and coming young British Artists' from the country. This was a fantastic

opportunity to showcase their work and an amazing achievement to add to their CV and Portfolio for interview. We are very proud of our students, they were a credit to the school and their loved ones.



Andreas Christodoulou



Matthew Down

## ENRICHMENT WEEK—VISITORS FROM ZIMBABWE



Each year, the Winchmore timetable is suspended for four days so that all students can engage in a variety of workshops/activities designed to enrich their learning. The theme for this year's Enrichment Week was *Creativity and Enterprise*.

The activities were designed:

- To provide an opportunity for students to develop relationships with others in their new VT group; including their new tutor
- To develop creative thinking skills
- To develop enterprise skills
- To develop communication skills
- To provide opportunities for students to develop team building skills.

A highlight of the week was the visit of a world renowned poet, Albert Nyathi, and two students from Zimbabwe. For two days he worked with a

group of Y8-10 students on poetry, drama and music. Eighteen months ago, Winchmore established a partnership with Mpopoma High School in Bulawayo as part of the British Council's *Dreams and Teams* programme. Since then the School has used African Art as a focus for learning at Key Stage 3 and in the work carried out with local primary schools.



A series of Dragons' Den workshops were set up on Friday for the new Vertical Tutor Groups at Winchmore School. They provided an ideal opportunity for students to get to know others in their new tutor group and develop a whole range of skills that will help them in their learning and as they prepare for employment.

*(More details and images will be in the next Newsletter)*

## OPENING MINDS

In Opening Minds, Year 7 have been studying a module on Fair Trade. The whole year group met on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March to celebrate their learning. Students were able to understand what Fair Trade products are, to explore how Fair Trade can help developing countries and develop an empathy for peers in those countries. Four forms presented their findings on a Fair Trade product they

had researched. Also all the classes received a goody bag, packed with delicious and yummy Fair Trade products to share in class.



## LIBRARY REVIEW 2008-2009

### Quick Snips

- **Booked Up** is a programme which has given every child in Yr 7 a book to keep.
- **Boys into Books** focuses on helping boys acquire the 'reading habit'. We have lots of exciting titles on our shelves.
- **The Reading Game** was a fun way of introducing our Yr 7's to our library.
- **Our Scholastic Book Fair** in November attracted a lot of customers - our students do love a good read!
- **Fireside Stories** - once again staff and students loved being entertained by the visiting performance storyteller in a dramatic setting.



**Charity Work** - Our **Children in Need** event raised £300.00 and we continue to recycle used ink cartridges for **Tommy's Baby Charity**. Well done everyone!

### Two popular author visits

In March, **World Book Day** was celebrated in style - each student in Years 7-10 received a £1.00 Book token and we had the very popular author, **Derek Landy** of Skulduggery Pleasant fame, in school. His talk delighted our year 7's.

In June, **Dan Freedman**, well known author and sports reporter gave an inspirational talk to our Year 9's on 'How to Get a Career in the World of Sport', and read from his latest book 'Golden Goal'.

Additionally, our football teams (from all years) enjoyed being treated as **VIP's** - own entrance, reserved seats and special invitations!! Thanks go to Mrs Winter, our Economic Well-being Co-ordinator, for organising this taste of life as a VIP for them.



### Two great Book Awards

**The Enfield Children's Book Award** - Winchmore School has participated in the first year of this exciting new Award. We have been delighted to be part of the process. Our students championed a book at a special Short Listing Day at Enfield Libraries where they took part in workshops with children from other schools and **worked with the well-known local illustrator -Jane Ray**.

We attended the Enfield Libraries Award Finale where we met several authors and VIP's and heard the winning book announced - *My Sister Jodie* by Jacqueline Wilson. This is a wonderful shadowing group for our younger students.

**The Carnegie Medal** - Our shadowing group really enjoyed the experience - producing their book reviews on-line, participating in the nationwide debates, reading 7 books in 7 weeks, voting for their favourite book of the seven finalists. This year's group visited the British Library and enjoyed the exhibition Henry V111 Man and Monarch.



### Exciting New Reading Programme - Renaissance Reading in Opening Minds

Well done to those Year 7 students who have taken part in this new reading scheme delivered in their Opening Minds Sessions and our school library. Our students have climbed a reading mountain of **over 9 million words**, developed their reading skills and won many prizes as they did it! Well done year 7.

**Shikili Thompson 7A overall winner - read 17 books!**



**Relocation Relocation.....we are moving within school and look forward to seeing you in September. Find us in our new space on the first floor, at the end of the front of building corridor (formerly science rooms 34 & 35).**

**Watch out for news of our Grand Opening Event - Winchmore style!**



## ***DATES FOR YOUR—2009/10 DIARY***

<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	3 September	INSET DAY
	4 September	INSET DAY
	7 September	Years 7 and 10 in school
	8 September	Years 8, 9, 11 in school
	23 October	INSET DAY
	26–30 October	HALF TERM
	18 December	LAST DAY OF TERM
<b>SPRING TERM</b>	4 January	Term begins
	18 January	INSET DAY
	15–19 February	HALF TERM
	1 April	LAST DAY OF TERM
<b>EASTER</b>	2–16 April	SCHOOL CLOSED
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	19 April	Term begins
	3 May	MAY DAY -SCHOOL CLOSED
	31 May–4 June	HALF TERM
	22 July	LAST DAY OF TERM

### **REMINDER:**

All students will need to purchase a new school tie (boys) and a Learning Community badge (girls).

£2.50 Tie

£1.00 Learning Community badge

These will be available to purchase on the first day back in September. Please ensure your child brings the correct money into school so they can purchase a tie or badge.