



Kelmscott School

NEWSLETTER

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Kelmscott was part of the Waltham Forest Cultivate Festival, with volunteers helping our Big Dig!

Fundraising

We helped celebrate Red Nose Day and raised a lot of money for Comic Relief!

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Year 12

KS5 promoting continues with a coffee morning held especially for prospective 6th form students.

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The BIG Dig #BigDig2015

Spring sprung early on Saturday 21st March as 16 staff and students arrived in the Science Garden ready to prepare it for the growing season. This event was part of Waltham Forest Council's Urban Food Growing Festival.



To help achieve this vision we planted potatoes in special bags, cleared the raised beds of weeds, thanks to the efforts of Clive from the Higham Hill Allotment. The greenhouse was emptied, cleaned and everything put back tidily. Fruit trees were planted and staked as well as some birch trees in an empty space along the school perimeter. Strawberry plants dug up and potted for sale and the rest of the plants replanted ready for this season's crop.

The Growing Club planted pea seeds a few weeks ago and they have all germinated and looked very healthy. These were planted in the raised beds so hopefully, weather permitting, we will get a good crop of peas.

"Transforming our corner of the capital into the garden of London is a bold vision" Cllr. Loakes

The clearing of the greenhouse revealed a bag of old pipes and bamboo which the Club members will be adding to the bug hotel.

The whole site was swept and litter cleared and everyone ended the morning with drinks and biscuits funded by the Cultivate Week.

A very big thank you to Ms Ereira, Mr Stannard, Mr McCormack, Mr White, Ms Dowsett, and Ms Hysenas who came and gave their time so freely also to Alaa Boughanmi, Adolphine Brefo, Jesse Brefo, Rhiannon Watkins, Ilsa Farid and Malaika Ahmed who all worked very hard.



Cooking Bus

The Department of Education is encouraging students to eat healthily and uses the Cooking Bus to explain to students how to prepare healthy food. Ms. Ereira persuaded them to bring the bus to Kelmscott and it spent 4 days on our site.

Numerous students had sessions in the bus and teachers and students from other schools came and visited. To launch Waltham Forest Council's Urban Food Growing Festival a ceremony was held in the bus preceded by potato planting organised by Organiclea, who provided compost from the Edmonton composting plant.

Alaa Boughanmi, Ilisa Farid, Anas Amor Boughanmi and Alexandra Jacob helped to plant them and took part in publicity shots using the Kelmscott Science Garden as the backdrop. We now look forward to growing healthy food in the garden and picking fresh fruit from the trees in the orchard.



Nicole Pisani recently left Nopi, a restaurant run by famous chef Yotam Ottolenghi's, to run the kitchen at a school in Hackney. As part of her new campaign to get healthier school meals going, she is touring London in the 'Cooking Bus'. Pisani also met with kitchen staff and showed them some of her best budget recipes.

"I'm thrilled to be able to run a special session with fellow school cooks to show how we can make really healthy meals very tasty and do this on a tight budget"

Grow Wild

The Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew won some lottery funding and have used it to encourage the planting of wild flowers.

We have been sent packs which not only include wildflower seeds but also a miniature bug hotel and a 2 for 1 pass to visit Kew Gardens.

These have been distributed to the students to encourage them to grow wild flowers at home.

International Women's Day

#makeithappen

On Sunday 8th March England and many parts of the world celebrated International Women's Day.

This event has been taking place now for just over 100 years and was first introduced by the suffragettes. This year the theme was "Make it happen". We asked staff and students to think about what they could make happen this year for women's rights as well as something personal to help themselves. To celebrate the day, we put a display on for students to remember and celebrate a large number of women in power, previously in power, or have achieved something outstanding.



All staff were asked to come in purple for the day and a beautiful shade of purple was spread across the school. The day ended with healthy debates after a presentation was shown to form classes.

A nice day to celebrate within the school and also to promote equal opportunities.





Fundraising - Comic Relief

On Friday 13th March, we held various fundraising ideas to support Comic Relief. Mahinn Malik 10L, Maknoor Chaudhry 10L, Halima Ahmed 10L and Sunnelah Hussain 10L organised a lot of activities throughout the day!



Each morning break and over 4 lunchbreaks they sold red noses, managed the Name the Teddy and Guess the number of sweets in a jar competitions. In total 360 noses were sold during the fundraising.

Gazi Pancar 11M was the official photographer for the event.

We had a non uniform day and Year 10 students collected the money from tutor rooms. Pupils and staff wore an item, or outfit of red and donated a minimum of £1 each.

Altogether we raised an amazing amount of £1271.57!

The joint winners of the sweets were Talia Eringin and Nicholas Graham Allen, each one guessing either side of the actual number.

Xu Dong Wang won the teddy – Mrs Parvez selected Angel as the name of the bear.

Thanks to Miss Ereira, Miss Mehmet and Miss Charalambous for giving up their time to support the sale of noses, cakes and competition entries, Miss Shepherd for the promotion and displays for the event, Miss Banton and Miss Torabally for their support with the cooking of the cakes, mousses and hot chocolate. Also thanks to Mrs Parvez and Mr Smith for their support with this event.

Thank you to staff and pupils for their generous support of this event!



Find out more at www.comicrelief.com



Photography Around London

By Chris Chefane, 10M

On the 21st March, the Year 10 GCSE Photography group went around London to take photographs showing London in unusual and interesting ways.

Firstly, they took some photos of Spitalfield Market in order to explore street photography, followed by taking pictures of people doing everyday things. If this is executed properly, it can have some amazing results! The group have got photos of people shopping, talking, buying a coffee and other things in between.



Next, the group travelled down Brick Lane, which is an area popular with graffiti artists and there were many great opportunities for amazing pictures there. We tried to capture the street art and other things in unusual ways and a lot of the pictures turned out great since the colours were so vibrant and the area was so busy at the time. Brick Lane was full of opportunities for street photography. Our snaps came out quite interesting due to the contrast of the colours and everyday people.



We continued our travels around London to see some famous buildings, such as the Monument (we travelled to the top and took some great joiners!) the Gherkin, Tower Bridge and many others. These places were great for joiners (also known as panoramas) and landscape photos showing the industrial beauty of London.

Overall it was a great day, and our group got to learn a lot about using things we see all the time and creating art out of them with nothing but our imagination and a camera!



COMPETITION

Write a book

AND GET IT

PUBLISHED!

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

Write a minimum of 500 words to a maximum of 3,000 words.

The book can be on any subject, but must be your own original work (NOT copied). Also, you must design a front cover for your book with your name on it.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN:

A panel of judges will read your books and create a shortlist.

There will be a winner from each year group whose book will be printed. From these an overall winner will be selected to have their work **PUBLISHED ONLINE!**



Hand-in date TUESDAY 5th of MAY
to Ms Longman in the D&T department



Outdoors In The City

46 girls from Years 8-10 spent a beautiful sunny day at a venue called Outdoors In The City in East London. The aim was to build self - confidence and team work to help them aspire to greater achievements in and out of school.



The day consisted of a range of low rope and high rope activities which developed logical thinking, communication, perseverance and reliance on others to work together. The high rope activities pushed the boundaries mentally and physically with the toughest challenge called the leap of faith. This involved climbing a 40 foot pole and then leaping off to catch a trapeze bar dangling in mid air!

All the girls were enthusiastic and amazing and were a credit to themselves and the school.

Globe Theatre Trip

Pictured here are Azi Bham, Charli Kelly, Ella Gibson - Weekes and Jermaine Welsh, young who are participants of the Multi-Award winning Salaam Peace Community Engagement Programme on the STEP UP Project.

The Fab 4 were treated to an afternoon at the Fantastic Globe Theatre to watch a performance of Othello.

"It was absolutely brilliant! I really enjoyed Othello because it's a Shakespeare play that I've really wanted to see. Thanks to Sab and the funders Deutsche Bank for giving me the opportunity to see it." Charli Kelly

Deutsche Bank is currently funding the Step Up Project which uses Education and Sport to develop skills including presentation skills and Numeracy. Recently the project participants were able to spend time with Paralympic Gold Medal winner Tim Prendergast who shared his challenges and successes to inspire achievements in life as well as the sports arena.

For information on all Salaam Peace initiatives please visit www.salaampeace.org



QUICKFIRE Q & A

With Ms Stinchcombe

This week I met with our RE expert, Ms Stinchcombe, to find out a bit more about her and her interests.

By Abby Paget 10C



1. How long have you been teaching at Kelmscott?

A year and a half.

2. What do you find interesting about R.E?

I like exploring the idea of belief and it interests me how everyone thinks they're right - Even when there is evidence of the opposite.

3. Is there anything you'll like to add to the R.E curriculum?

Humanism and new movements.

4. What do you like to do in your spare time?

I read a lot, I practice yoga and I cook a lot!

5. What are your favourite films?

Oh wow there are so many! Harold and Maud, and The Big Lebowski.

6. Favourite books?

Death and The Penguin, which is a comedy. The Life of Pi, and I'll have to say Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close.

7. Favourite music?

I listen to a lot of Arcade Fire, but it's hard because my tastes are eclectic. The Libertines and PJ Harvey are good.

8. Is there anything about Kelmscott School you would improve?

It would be nice to have my own classroom to help me with my disorganisation!



“Humanism is a philosophical and ethical stance that emphasizes the value and agency of human beings, individually and collectively, and generally prefers critical thinking and evidence (rationalism, empiricism) over established doctrine or faith (fideism)”

Citizenship Work - Year 12

This half term Year 12 have been asked to do research and present interesting information on a subject of their choice. The aim is to develop their speaking, listening and research skills.

Topics have included:

- The importance of sleep
- Sports injuries
- Memorable facts
- The life of Stephen Hawkins
- Planets in our solar system
- The Diary of Anne Frank
- The bombing of Japan with nuclear weapons

THE SECRET ANNEX

✧ The diary of Anne Frank is undoubtedly the most famous one in the world. In what is now known as the Anne Frank House, hiding in the Secret Annex Anne wrote about her fears, annoyances and dreams for the future. A visit to this house on Prinsengracht 263 in Amsterdam brings history back to life and puts a face on the Holocaust.



<http://www.annefrank.org/en/Subsites/Home/Enter-the-3D-house/#/house/start/>

Daniela Sesztak's work was particularly impressive. She was able to take us on a 3D tour of the Frank House, where Anne and her family hid from the Nazis in Amsterdam, as part of her presentation. Her research, presentation and IT skills were impressive.

6th Form Coffee Morning

On Wednesday 18th March a coffee morning was held to promote the Post 16 provision.

Mr Lines delivered a presentation to an audience of 20 prospective pupils. The current sixth form pupils helped to promote the day by showing the prospective pupils around the school and highlighting the good points. Miss Holder provided excellent refreshments and organisation of the day.

We hope that many of the pupils who attended will apply!





Notice Board

Higher Attainers

Newcastle University

We are pleased to host Newcastle University on Monday the 23rd March. They will be doing activity sessions for pupils in Years 8, 9 and 10 and we hope this will give them insights into higher education and their future.

Sir George Monoux 6th Form College

A group of Year 9s has been selected to visit our link 6th form college on Wednesday 25th March. They will be lucky enough to experience A level taster lessons and talk to students at the college. Hopefully this will inform their choices both for GCSE and A levels in the future.

Oxford University

Some of our top Year 10 pupils have been selected to participate in the Oxford University trip that we run annually. This will give them the chance to think about aiming high in the future, and inform them about what they need to do to get into a top University.

Oxford University Afro Caribbean Society Workshop

Some students in Years 9, 10 and 11 have been invited to participate in this activity. It will be a great opportunity to boost their confidence and get advice for planning their careers.

Many congratulations to Zaeem Najeeb, Alam Hussain and Amna Muhammed who have been selected to participate in the St. George's Medical Summer School this year. Also good luck to Shakeel Mohammed who's in reserve.

On Saturday 24th January Mr Wood and Ms Ereira took some of the Eco Committee members to the cinema to see Paddington in recognition of successful outcomes of campaigns and initiatives.

Pupils were provided with drinks and sweets and all had a great time.



Easter Arrangements

School finishes at 1pm on Thursday 2nd April 2015.

School begins at normal time on Monday 20th April 2015.

I wish you and your families a happy and restful break.

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