

Kelmscott School

NEWSLETTER

December 2015

Season's Greetings



FGM Conference

On the 4th December, we held the first ever Anti FGM conference with neighbouring schools, the Mayor and other special guests in attendance.

Careers

Year 11 and 12 students attended our annual Professional Interview Day with glowing feedback from employers.

RE & Citizenship

A visit from Rabbi Mendy, and students discuss the environment & pollution.

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Visit From Ex-Student Usman Khan

On Monday 23rd November, co-founder of Algomi, ex Kelmscott student and entrepreneur Usman Khan came to our school to talk about computing and his experiences.

The talk was interesting and many of us had questions. He spoke about his progression from Kelmscott all the way to becoming co-founder of a multi million pound business.

Questions included very serious ones such as: *What programming language did you use? How much do you earn? If you created the product, why are you CTO and not CEO?* As well as the odd humorous one such as: *Can you give me a job?*

I really enjoyed the talk and look forward to more events like this.

Mr Elfallah



Year 6 Basketball Tournament

The third annual Year 6 Basketball tournament was held at Kelmscott school on Wednesday 25th November. There was much to admire with the talent that was showcased. 6 schools took part which included Thomas Gamuel, Edinburgh, Mission Grove, Coppermill, Sybourn and South Grove.

The runners up were the holders from 2014, Sybourn. The unbeaten school South Grove won the coveted trophy, which they will hopefully defend next year.

The event had 42 students taking part and were well supported by the staff from the various schools.

A big thank you to our referees for the tournament, without whom the tournament could not have run so efficiently: **Jack Copland, Sarah Alla and Alseldo Gjasta.**

Mr Wood
(Head of Year 7/ Transition Coordinator)





On the 4th December Kelmscott School held the first ever Anti FGM conference with Willowfield, Frederick Bremer, Walthamstow School for Girls and Buxton in attendance as well as The Mayor Saima Mahmud, professionals in safeguarding and education. The event opened with a speech by Labour MP Mark Rusling.

The event was held to showcase the work that the pupils had done under the guidance of Hibo Wardere, a survivor of FGM and community mediator for Waltham Forest Council who has been working with schools in the Waltham Forest borough.

Willowfield School pupils opened with a play, followed by Frederick Bremner's reworking of the song 'Where is the Love?' and our own Kelmscott pupils fashion show of the T shirts that they silk screen printed with images and slogans. Maya Sokolowska, a Year 11 Digital art pupil showed her film of pupil reactions of the practice of FGM and the work they had done with Hibo.

All pupils had worked extremely hard in preparing for this event which clearly showed their maturity and capacity to discuss this very harrowing topic. The event closed with a Q&A and a speech from Hibo which ended in a standing ovation from all who attended.

A huge thank you goes to all staff and schools who attended and to the pupils who worked so hard to make this event the success it was.



Photography Masterclass: Stow-away!

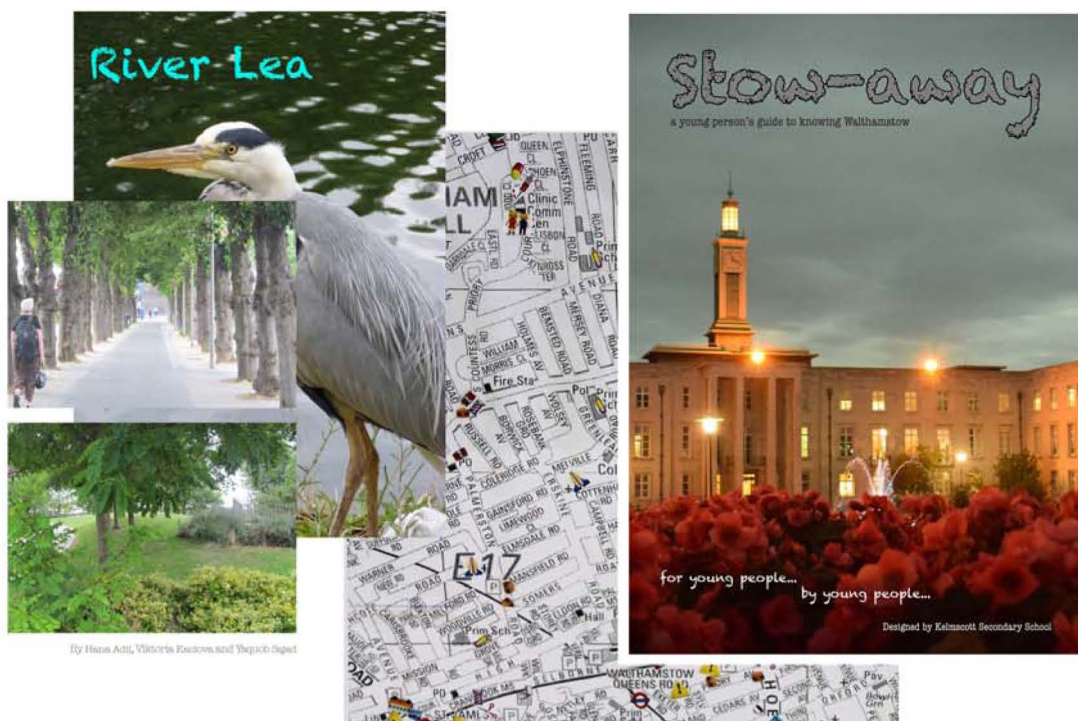
During the school summer holidays a total of 28 students, from Years 8-12, were involved in a photography and numeracy Masterclass. The brief was to design a guide about Walthamstow for young people.

Students started the project by walking from Walthamstow Central to various locations in the borough - going to places they might usually pass and never knew existed. All the photographs in the guide were taken by the students to showcase their many talents. All students had a role to play in producing the guide and developed their computer skills using Adobe Photoshop and InDesign.

They extended their numeracy skills with distances, map co-ordinates and orientation skills. Students produced their own map of the local area and personalised key focusing on local amenities and places of interest for young people.

"One person alone didn't do this – We all played our part, we were a team spanning three year groups. This was a great experience as we talked and made friends with people we don't usually work with and we got to know each other better. This is something we could never have done if it wasn't for the opportunity from our teachers. So thank you very much!"

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The Rabbi by Valentin Madzharov 9C

The visit from Rabbi Mendy was so exciting for me and all of my class because we learnt a lot of new and interesting things.

We learnt about Bat mitzvahs and Bar mitzvahs in particular. This is when boys and girls are seen to become adults. The girls become adults when they are 12 years old and the boys become adults when they are 13 years old. This difference in age and ideas about maturity created a great discussion in our class. What we also did was to look at some bigger questions such as when does someone really become an adult? We learnt many other interesting and incredible things about Judaism as well.

It was really nice to meet Rabbi Mendy and have a great talk about religion and have a discussion on when you become an adult. Some people wouldn't exactly expect him to be the way he was - The way he was dressed, some people might expect him to have a bigger beard and more religious things on him for example.

It was a pleasure for me and my class to have talked with someone from Judaism itself, I think it will affect the way we see things in the future.



London born and bred Rabbi Mendy was ordained in the central Chabad Yeshiva in New York where he was then engaged in community building and outreach work. This work extended to Windhoek, Namibia followed by Dubrovnik, Croatia and the three French Caribbean Islands.

Theatre Trips!



Year 8 trip to see baddies at the Unicorn Children's Theatre as part of their preparation for the new unit in English. All the pupils behaved superbly and a good time was had by all. Thanks goes to Ms Mehmet for organizing this and the staff who supported the day.



The Annual Christmas Pantomime Trip to Hackney Empire to see Jack and the Beanstalk was a huge success with pupils from Years 7, 8, 9, and 10 all singing, dancing, shouting and cheering... *"Oh no they didn't... Oh yes they did!"* Ice cream was enjoyed by all, particularly Mr Wood and Ms Dempsey!



Community News

Wednesday 2nd December 2015 saw the latest edition of the Numeracy Counts Hit 4 Six Schools Cricket initiative. The event took place at the Leyton County Cricket Ground.

Numeracy Counts or NU is the brainchild of Nisha Bham, Maths teacher at Lammas School and Sports College. NU uses innovative ways to inspire children and young people towards maths and numeracy skills. Hit 4 Six cricket's unique scoring system means that cricket lovers can develop numeracy skills and non-traditional cricket people can be drawn in through an interest in numbers. The NU brand forms a key part of our WILLIAM WATERS MEMORIAL TRUST funded Step Up Sport education project.

Hit 4 Six Cricket sees six players, play for six hours in a game that lasts approximately 25 minutes. Taking part were Kelmscott School, Lammas boys and Lammas Girls, Lantern of Knowledge School and eventual winners Norlington Boys School. Special thanks to the SP Community Champions and ex Kelmscott students Azi, Halime, Jermaine and Karishma who ensured the event was a great experience for all. Medals & awards were presented by Joyce Guthrie, Borough Lead for Sport and Leisure who herself showed some batting class when demonstrating to the gathered how to hit the boundaries.

For more information on Numeracy Counts and on the wider community engagement programmes delivered by the multi-award winning Salaam Peace Community Engagement Programme please visit www.salaampeace.org

Higher Attainers News



We are planning a trip for Year 8 to Queen Mary's University in February, and to Cambridge University for Year 10 in March. Pupils have previously benefitted from a various master classes at Queen Mary's and a number of our pupils have gone on to study at this top local University.

This is the first time we are going to Cambridge, and will be visiting Gonville and Caius college, which is the Waltham Forest link college. Selected pupils will receive letters in the New Year.

We are also planning to participate in the Forest School Careers and Higher Education fair, which is for Year 10 pupils giving them an opportunity to meet representatives from top Universities and high-profile employers such as Sony and Barclays.

Congratulations to ex student Hamid Majeed who gained a magnificent 5 A levels at George Monoux College and won a place at top University, The London School of Economics.

We also wish our very best to Adeel Jamil, now in Year 13 at Leyton 6th form, who has been given an interview for Oxford to study Psychology.

Ms Marsh-Feiley, Lead Teacher Higher Attainers



Literacy News

December is a busy month as most students have completed their reading tests. Please remember to add your new reading age and book range into your journals on page 28.

Thank you to all the students who have signed up to join Kelmscott book clubs. We have eight groups, which is very exciting. Ms Mcleod will be sending you a book, bookmark and details of when the first meeting will take place (probably the start of February).

The library's theme for December is fantasy. We showed the film Maleficent on Wednesday 9th December.

On Tuesday 1st December staff and students took part in flash mob poetry events around school during break and lunch.

***Did you hear a poem? What did you think? Would you like to take part in similar events?
Let your tutor or Miss Longman know!***



Superiors

Kelmscott Book Club

Fatima Madougou 8s	Bismah Yusuf 8s
Jessica Tunks 8s	Amani Khan 8s
Yaren Kaya 8s	Bozkurt Arslan 8s
Shay Imico 8s	Dhaivi Perera 8s

The Vanguard

Kelmscott Book Club

Usher Ayub 9c
Aqiff Khairuddin 9c
Matthew Johnson 9c
Nafees Javaid 9s
Jude Holding 9s
Faizan Ahmed 9s
Jack Copland
Alex Hosken 9m

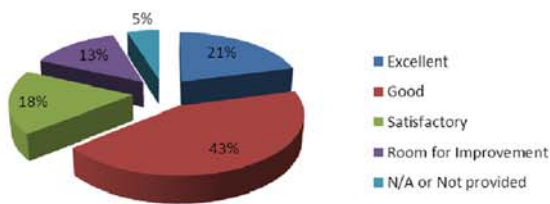
Professional Interview Day

On Thursday 19th November 2015, Kelmscott welcomed guests from a wide variety of businesses, local government, educational institutions and community groups to interview our Year 11 and Year 12 pupils. In addition, selected Year 10 pupils were also invited to take part.

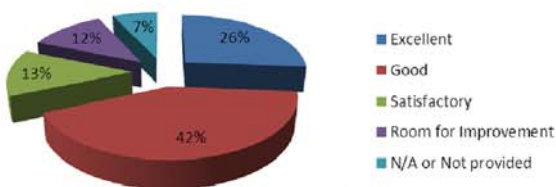
The aim of this day was to give students the experience of being interviewed by a professional employer, giving them confidence when it comes to applying to and being interviewed for college courses or jobs.

Each interviewer was asked to complete feedback sheets at the event and their answers are detailed below:

Quality of application form



Quality of CV if provided



"The interview went very well as I had given correct information which was very relevant to my topic. The interview was interesting as I had researched before the interview so I was confident. Also I had an interview before so I knew what to say. The interviewer was from Young Leader's Programme"

Student feedback



"Well organised event. Students from Kelmscott were smart, polite and interesting to meet"

Employer feedback



Winter Fair 2015

On Saturday 21st November Kelmscott held our second Winter Fair, on a day that began with a snow shower!



Despite the cold we welcomed lots of visitors and a wide variety of sellers. As well as a wide selection of gifts including retro and vintage clothing and goods, hand-made jewellery, aloe vera products, hand decorated cups and mugs, usb drives and emergency power chargers, hand-made festive decorations and cards, table cloths, gift bags, incense and books. Visitors also had the opportunity to get their faces painted by Ms Dempsey or be decorated with henna.

For those visitors who needed some relaxation we even had an acupuncture specialist on hand to ease away the stresses of the day. For those looking for excitement or feeling lucky visitors could try some games; Play your cards right, pick-a-straw and card match games, kindly lent to us by Mr Lowe, or buy tickets for the tombola or raffle.

Guests enjoyed Ms Shepherd's delicious home-made soup, tangy tomato or warming carrot and coriander; all served with fresh crusty bread. Ms Shepherd also served the refreshments on the day.

[A number of school staff and pupils raised funds for their own departments or projects in school.](#)



For Art/Photography, Ms Stone and a number of pupil helpers sold decadent chocolate coated apples and visitors were able to dip marshmallows or banana pieces in the sumptuous chocolate fountain. All proceeds from this event are going towards a 2016 Art/Spanish trip to Barcelona.

Some Year 11 pupils ran stalls as part of their VCert Business & Enterprise project, to manage and run a small business in preparation for their real task of running a small business/enterprise in 2016 as part of their assessment and business plans. They sold a variety of products: decorated biscuits, decorated candles and cakes, as well as lucky dips. Mr Lowe remained with the groups throughout the day to support and encourage them and monitor their sales techniques.



Monies raised from admission tickets, raffle, tombola, nearly new clothes, books and soup will be used by the Eco Committee on school eco projects. Committee members will decide how they wish to spend the money raised. The total raised is **£434.35!**

We would like to say thank you to the following organisations for donating raffle prizes to this event:



- **For 2 Festive-All tickets**



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- **For donating tickets to the West Africa: Word, Symbol, Song exhibition**



Theatre Hammersmith

- **For donating 2 tickets to Cinderella**

- **Mr Nutt for donating a free 1 hour acupuncture session**

Thank you to staff, pupils and Governors who helped out with the event, both the preparation and the actual day:

Staff - Ms Parvez, Ms Hosein, Ms Marshall, Ms Hamilton, Ms Shepherd, Mr Wood and Mr Lowe.
School Governor – Mrs Tunks,
Family and friends – Mrs McCarthy, Miss S. Hamilton

Eco Committee and Recycling Ambassadors for all their hard work and commitment to the aims of the committee and recycling programme and for giving up their time to help at this event:

Year 7s : Daniel Chinila, Andrei Nuta

Year 9s: Alaa Boughanmi, Rhiannon Watkins Ilsa Farid, Adolphine Brefo, Alexandra Iacob, Shamila Razzak, Malaika Ahmed, Hameeda Mirzaman, Iman Mohammed, Valentin Madzharov, Asen Ivanov

Year 10s: Anas Amor-Boughanmi

Thank you to all those who donated gifts to the raffle and tombola and to everyone for their support.

Ms Ereira

Spoken Word - RE & Citizenship

Today were here to talk about our planet earth
and how beautiful it used to be
but now we've lost half the trees.

the trees give us food and life
but now being destroyed with blades, flames and knives.

We created mass devastation
done all with no hesitation
now we and the future shall pay the price.
and how we destroyed the polar bears' homes
we melted the ice.

causing all the pollution
with only little solution
and we regret what we've done
and how the streams and rivers used to run.

global warming, thickening the atmosphere
sorry for all the soil we had top tear
farmers crops being destroyed
now looking for jobs being unemployed.

reuse, recycle, reduce

use less energy
don't use so many cars they pollute
trust us we can stop all this

SORRY!

By Ali & Ronaldo

What if you drove the world to extinction?
What if you were responsible for thin acceleration?
What if you were told it was solely your generation?
What do you think NOW?

Imagine there was no vegetation,
Imagine there was only global starvation,
You're too busy thinking about world domination,
But, we should be thinking of the world as a nation.

Why do you prioritise money over trees?
Why is preserving your home ranked below a degree?
Why don't you consider the life after you?
Why? Why don't you have a clue...

By Talia, Jasmine, Brandon, and Casey

Clean air
Today we've got plenty to spare
It's going to become something rare
It's going to be a thing of the past.
Whatever's left won't last
You won't ever see a tree,
It's because of you and me.

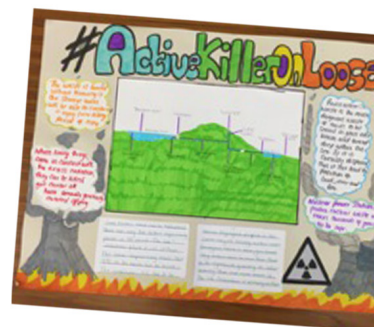
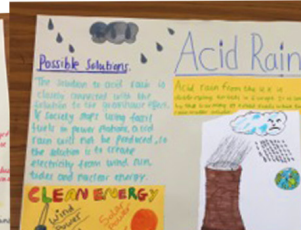
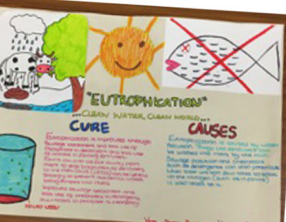
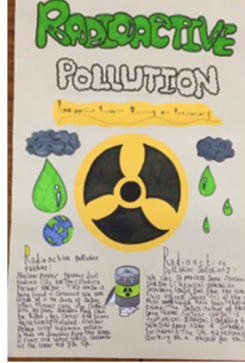
The rivers are all dry,
Ocean levels have risen sky-high
In Bangladesh, men's homes are swept right under their feet.
In Africa, people be burnt in the scorching heat.

All you see is money, and dollar signs
In the near future, were going to have to draw a line.
Or else, we'll keep mining for gas, coal and oil.
We'll leave this world in a state of turmoil.
You won't be able to RIP because of the soil,
It will make your corpses rot and boil.

We can see through all these money-making schemes,
You're only getting sold a load of false dreams.
These are the consequences of our actions.
It all turned out to be a fatal attraction.

I don't have enough words to express my sorrow,
Today is just a glimpse of tomorrow.

By Hassan, Halima, Almass, Haleemah





NOTICE BOARD

Youth Engagement Team

On Tuesday 20th October, Marine Lance Corporal Hayley and Marine Lance Corporal Marsh from the Royal Marines came in to work with selected Year 11 pupils. 25 Year 11 boys interested in fitness and sport were selected to participate in a number of teambuilding and physical activities

"Absolutely excellent!! Enjoyed the day, got the most out of our exercise."

"Challenging but very fun. Would do it again."

"Fun, tiring-challenging-good stuff!"

Special thanks to Marine Lance Corporal Hayley and Marine Lance Corporal Marsh and we are looking forward to Tuesday 19th January when they will be returning to work with our Year 10 students



End of Term Arrangements

Term ends on
Friday 18th December.
On this day pupils will leave
school at approximately 1:00pm.

Spring term begins as normal at 8.35am
on Monday 4th January 2016.

*I wish you and your families a
happy and restful holiday.*

Lynnette Parvez
Headteacher



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