



# Woodford County High School for Girls

## Bulletin

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Dear Parents / Carers,

### **Reminder: NEU Industrial Action notified for next Thursday (2 March 2023)**

You will be aware that the NEU has published a schedule for strikes nationally if resolution is not reached in the interim. For this region the remaining notified strike days are

- Thursday 2 March (London, South East, South West)
- Wednesday 15 March 2023: England and Wales
- Thursday 16 March 2023: England and Wales

The NEU has instructed its members not to inform their school of an intention to strike or otherwise. A high percentage of WCHS teachers took industrial action in January. It is highly likely therefore that a school closure will be necessitated next Thursday. A final decision and operational information will follow but the issue is drawn to your attention today to aid families in their planning.

Ms Jo Pomeroy

Headteacher

# **GALA INTERNATIONAL EVENING 2023 TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 6-9PM**

Woodford County High School, in association with its Parents & Friends Association, is hosting a Gala International Evening of music, dance, drama, poetry and food from across the world.



All girls, their parents and families are welcome to attend.

Dress code: traditional (optional).

Ticket prices are £5 for individuals, or £12 for families of 3 or more.

The ticket will entitle you to entry and a free mocktail per ticket.

Please bring along additional money to buy food.

All proceeds will go to the PFA, which funds school projects that benefit all of the girls.

Tickets can be purchased via Parentpay.

Please read on for further details

Dear Parents,

**Gala International Evening (28<sup>th</sup> February 2023) – a fun evening of entertainment for the whole family.**

At Woodford County, the PFA are always looking to support the school with illustrating the diversity of talent, interest and aspirations within our school community. This has resulted in raising much needed funds to provide learning experiences and opportunities for all our girls.

In conjunction with the school, the PFA is hosting the **Gala International Evening**, which will be showcasing the talents of the girls. It will be a treat for those attending to watch some incredible performances, and a recognition of the hard work of the girls and supportive school staff.

Tickets for the event can be obtained via Parentpay. These are priced at £5 for individuals or £12 for a family of three or more. Please note that all funds go to the PFA and are used for the students' benefit (see below).

**WAYS TO SUPPORT THE FAMILY EVENT AND THE PFA RAISE MONEY FOR THE GIRLS**

We are looking to support the event by requesting something very close to many of our hearts, FOOD! To celebrate the amazing diversity at Woodford, we want to ask you for your generous donations that reflect every continent and all the girls! The evening will be an all family event where we will have food from all the continents to indulge and experience! Home-made or bought dishes, snacks, desserts - all contributions will be welcomed!

**This can only be successful if as a whole parent community - to contribute and donate**

**What Are We Fundraising For?**

The PFA raises funds that will be of benefit to all the girls, which would be difficult for the school to finance from its ordinary budget. Recent examples include instruments for the Music Department, tables and benches for the back terrace, the Centenary statues and new decorations of the school hall.

**Donate Food for the Event**

You may have a favourite dish you would like to cook and share! Or if you have a favourite food that you buy, that is also great (but no nuts please). To give you some ideas, please see examples below of some traditional foods that you could donate; it is not an exhaustive list, but we hope this will get your imagination (and taste buds) going!

**Europe** – Paella, pizza, fish and chips, lasagne, risotto, stew, pierogi, bread/potato dumplings, strudel, pretzels, cinnamon rolls, bread and butter pudding, waffles

**Asia** – satay, chilli crab, kimchi, noodle dishes, dim sum, sushi, biryani, curries, tandoori chicken, samosas, spring rolls, onion bhaji's, egg custard tarts, coconut cakes, Turkish delight, ras malai, Asian sweets (mithai), baklava

**Africa**- Jollof rice, piri piri chicken, tagine, beyenatu, mandazi, plantain, doro wat, malva pudding, vitumbua, injeta,

**North America** – buffalo chicken wings, hamburger, hot dogs, poutine, meatloaf, fajitas, tacos, burritos, pozole, tortillas, apple pie, key lime pie, beaver tails, churros, cheesecake

**South America**- ceviche, empanadas, arepas, reineta fish, churros, alfajores, tres leche cake, Brazilian brigadeiros

**Oceania** – Australian pie, Sapaui, tim tans, chiko rolls, anzac biscuits

If you would like to donate a dish, please email us at [SecretaryP@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:SecretaryP@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk) by **24<sup>th</sup> February** and we will be in touch with further details. Please remember that the school operates a **no nuts** policy. Thank you.

#### **Donate via Parent pay**

For those of you who may not have time to donate food, you can still contribute funds that will allow us to purchase food for the evening and will be put towards the projects listed above. Donations can be made via Parent pay, under the category International Evening. Thank you in advance for your donations.

#### **Raffle prizes**

We will be holding a raffle on the day and it would be great if we could get some raffle prizes (any unused/unwanted/unloved Christmas gifts!); or if you are a parent with a business, we would welcome any vouchers/donations, and we would advertise the businesses in all communications and literature that we produce in relation to the event.

**Please email us at [SecretaryP@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:SecretaryP@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk) by **24<sup>th</sup> February** and we will be in touch regarding the collection of any donations and to discuss advertising.**

We are really looking forward to hearing from you and your attendance, in what will be the event of the year!

Yours faithfully,

C. Jenkins,  
Deputy Headteacher (on behalf of the PFA Committee)

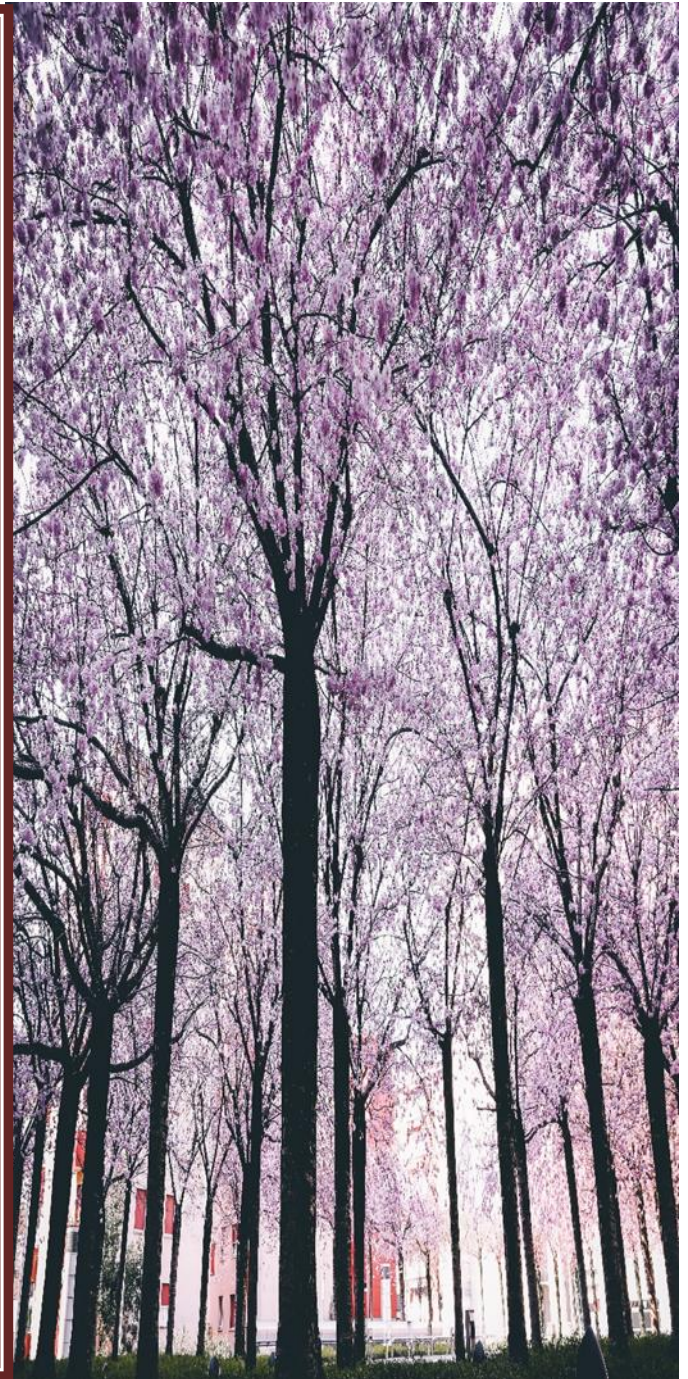


## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

*There are still a few places  
available for after school  
activities,  
Starting Monday  
27<sup>th</sup> February 2023.*

- \* Self defence*
- \* Dance*
- \* Boxing*
- \* Easter Art*
- \* Mandarin*

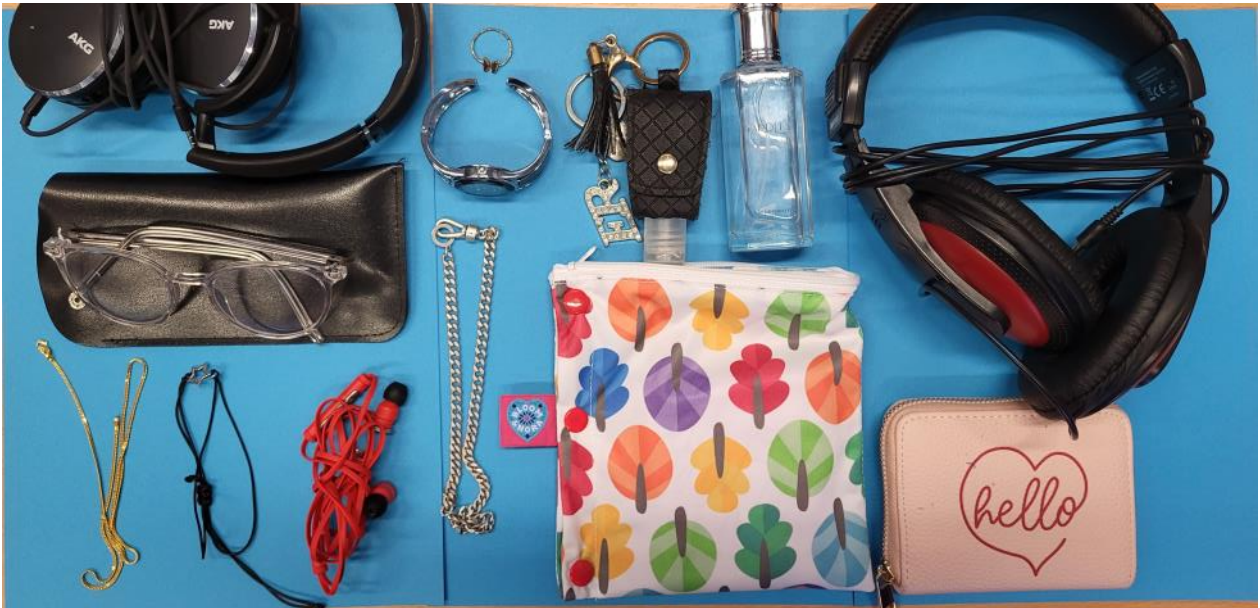
*Please book on ParentPay by  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, to  
secure your daughters place.*





# Lost Property

Please have a look at the photos below and if you recognise anything, please ask your child to come and collect it from Reception. Thank you



**THEY CAN'T SAVE  
YOUR CHILD'S LIFE  
IF THEY'VE BEEN  
LEFT AT HOME**

**IF YOUR DAUGHTER HAS AN  
ALLERGY THAT REQUIRES USE OF  
AN EPIPEN, PLEASE ENSURE THEY  
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL  
EVERYDAY**





## Year 8 and Year 9 Vaccines

Year 9's will be receiving their DTP/ Meningitis Vaccines on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Year 8 will be receiving their 2<sup>nd</sup> dose HPV Vaccine on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. If year any year 8 students did not receive the first dose they can have it on that day. Consent forms and information have been sent to all parent's/ carer's.

**Consent forms MUST be completed even if parent's are NOT consenting.**

Any questions or concerns please contact Miss Bird in the Medical Room or Vaccination UK



### REMINDER

Please do not forget to update the school on any new or existing medical conditions, or regular prescribed medication that your child takes at home or at school.

If you have any questions or need to update any information we currently hold, please email Mrs Kaye or Miss Bird at [medical@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:medical@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk)



# P.E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Weds</u>	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>Fri</u>
<b><u>Before School</u></b> <b><u>7.50-8.20am</u></b>	All Years – Badminton <u>Sports Hall</u> KST	All Years – Volleyball Sports Hall VJA			Badminton for y12 & 13 ONLY STA <u>Sports hall</u>
<b><u>Lunchtime</u></b> <b><u>1.30-2pm</u></b>	Badminton <u>Sports Hall</u> VJA  Football for 10 & 11 only STA & TL <u>courts</u>  Cheerleading STA & KRU <u>studio</u>	Yr7 & 8 Netball Team Training VJA <u>sports hall</u>	Running Club – led by Rachael Yr13 student <u>field</u>	All Years – Athletics Sports Hall KRI <u>Sports hall</u>  Football for y7, 8 & 9, STA & TL <u>courts</u>  Alternative sporting games – All years KRU <u>Sports hall</u>	Y9 & 10 & 11 Netball team training KRU & KRI & STA <u>Sports hall</u>
<b><u>Afterschool</u></b> <b><u>3.30-4.20pm</u></b>	All years – Games (dodgeball / kick- ball etc.) <u>Sports hall</u> KST		<b><u>Fixtures</u></b>  Gymnastics – All Years <u>Sports Hall</u> KRU	Yr11 Tuition STA	Prisons - led by Lilla Yr11 student 3.45 – 4.10pm Supervised by Ms Gribble Years 9, 10 & 11  <b><u>Staff Badminton</u></b> <b><u>4.10pm</u></b>

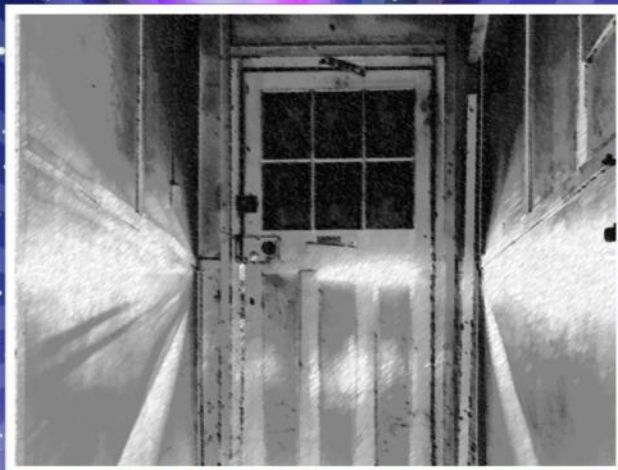


# Music Extra-curricular Timetable: Spring 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunchtime</b>	<b>Junior Choir</b> (SF1) 13:30- 14:10  <b>Brass Ensemble</b> MTH (SF2) 13:45-2:15  <b>Kalimba Club</b> (Jubilee rooms) 13:45-14:20	<b>Junior Band</b> IBO (SF1) 13:30- 14:10  <b>Musical Theatre club</b> (TBC) 13:40-14:15	<b>Jazz Band</b> KHN (SF1) 13:40-14:15  <b>String orchestra</b> IBO (SF2) 13:40-14:15  <b>Carnatic Ensemble</b> (Jubilee Room 1) 13:40-2:15	<b>Senior Choir</b> KHA (SF1) 13:40- 14:15  <b>Theory</b> <b>GCSE/A-level support</b> IBO (SF2) 13:40-14:15  <b>Guitar Ensemble</b> (SG7) 13:30-14:15	<b>Orchestra</b> IBO (SF1) 13:40-14:15
<b>After school</b>		<b>Chamber groups</b> IBO (SF1/2) 15:45-16:30			

# Redbridge Children's Book Award 2023

## Short Story Competition



Write a short story, using the phrase:

**Lightning slashed the sky, revealing a wooden doorway hidden behind a pile of rubble**  
maximum length of story 1500 words)

The competition has two age categories **Junior (Years 6 and 7)** and **Teen (Years 8 upwards)**

**Closing Date: Friday 17 March 2023**

Stories should be in **WORD** and handed in to your school librarian or teacher who will select the **best five** to submit to the competition.

Please include your name, age, year group, address and school.



[Visionrcl.org.uk/sjs](http://Visionrcl.org.uk/sjs)



# Redbridge Children's Book Award 2023

## Poetry Competition



Write a poem (maximum 40 lines) on the following theme:

**I Wish I Could...**

The competition has two age categories **Junior (Years 6 and 7)** and **Teen (Years 8 upwards)**

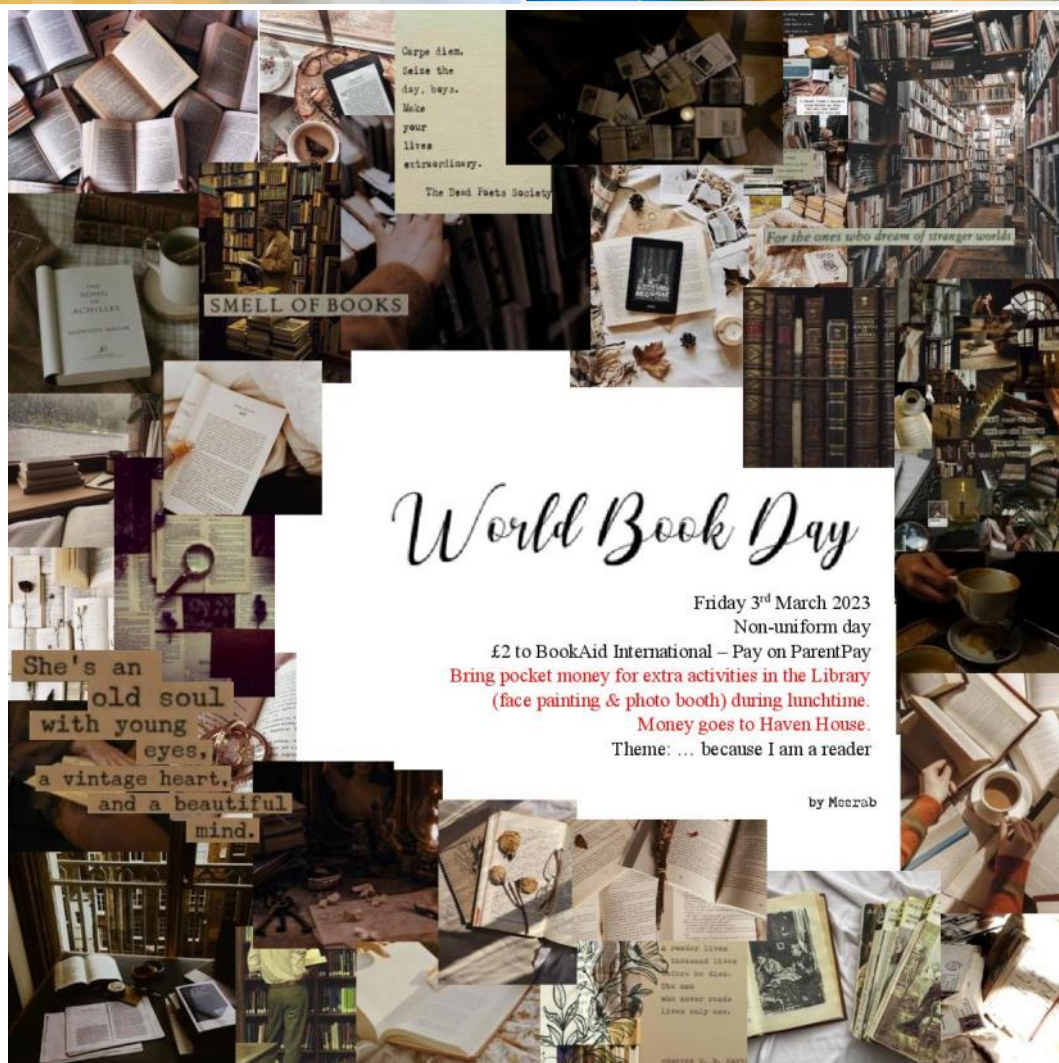
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## World Book Day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Non-uniform day

£2 to BookAid International – Pay on ParentPay

Bring pocket money for extra activities in the Library  
(face painting & photo booth) during lunchtime.

Money goes to Haven House.

Theme: ... because I am a reader

by Meerab



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>SPRING 2023</b>		
Term	Thursday 5 January 2023	Friday 10 February 2023
<b>Half-term</b>	Monday 13 February 2023	Friday 17 February 2023
Term	Monday 20 February 2023	Friday 31 March 2023
<b>Non-Contact Day</b>	Tuesday 7 March 2023	

<b>SUMMER 2023</b>		
Term	Monday 17 April 2023	Friday 26 May 2023
<b>Half-term</b>	Monday 29 May 2023	Friday 2 June 2023
Term	Monday 5 June 2023	Friday 21 July 2023
<b>Non-Contact Day</b>	Wednesday 28 June 2023	



### KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

28 February—International Evening  
 3 March—World Book Day (Non-Uniform Day)  
 6 March—Year 9 DTP / Meningitis Vaccine  
 Week of 13 March—Newton House Charity Week  
 16 March—Year 8 Parents' Evening  
 21 March—HPV 2nd Dose—Year 8  
 23 March—Spring Concert  
 27 April—Year 10 Parent's Evening  
 28 April—Non-Uniform Day (Haven House)  
 11 May—Year 5 Virtual Open Evening  
 27 Jun—Year 11 Prom  
 5 July—Summer Showcase  
 14 July—Summer Production



### REMINDER

Please remind your daughter to bring in her lanyard, locker key and fob to school every day.

