

## Save the Date!

### **Forty Years On: Reminiscing the Summer Production** **Friday 14 July 2023 7pm**

There are a great many remarkable things about Woodford and the people who have worked and studied here over now more than a century. Both tradition and innovation are highly valued and the school gains immeasurably from the loyalty, expertise and support of students and staff, sometimes years after they have moved on. Perhaps nowhere is this more evident than in the extraordinary catalogue of musical theatre enjoyed over a forty year period. Miss Hall and Miss Chapman, supported by a small army of former colleagues and students, have produced no fewer than 38 Summer Productions over that period. Only a global pandemic got in the way of this much loved July endeavour.

This week we've shared with students this impressive theatrical achievement but also that fact that looking forwards, for a range of reasons, we are looking to move in a new direction balancing many creative ambitions for our students in a densely packed summer term. Forty years on from the first Summer Production, we will mark this unique and outstanding contribution to the school and generations of its students with a significant celebratory event. I'm writing now, therefore, to ask you as parents to save the date for a much anticipated cabaret-style show celebrating many of the musicals from the past 40 years, with scenes, songs and dancing.

### **Friday 14 July at 7pm (School Hall): Forty Years On: Reminiscing the Summer Production**

Audition information will be circulated to students after half term as usual. Further to that, students who want to be part of the choruses have been asked to join Senior / Junior Choir. There will be significant involvement also from the school orchestra, string orchestra, jazz band and brass band. Lots of opportunity for students to sign up to be part of a big and truly celebratory evening.

See you there!

Ms Jo Pomeroy

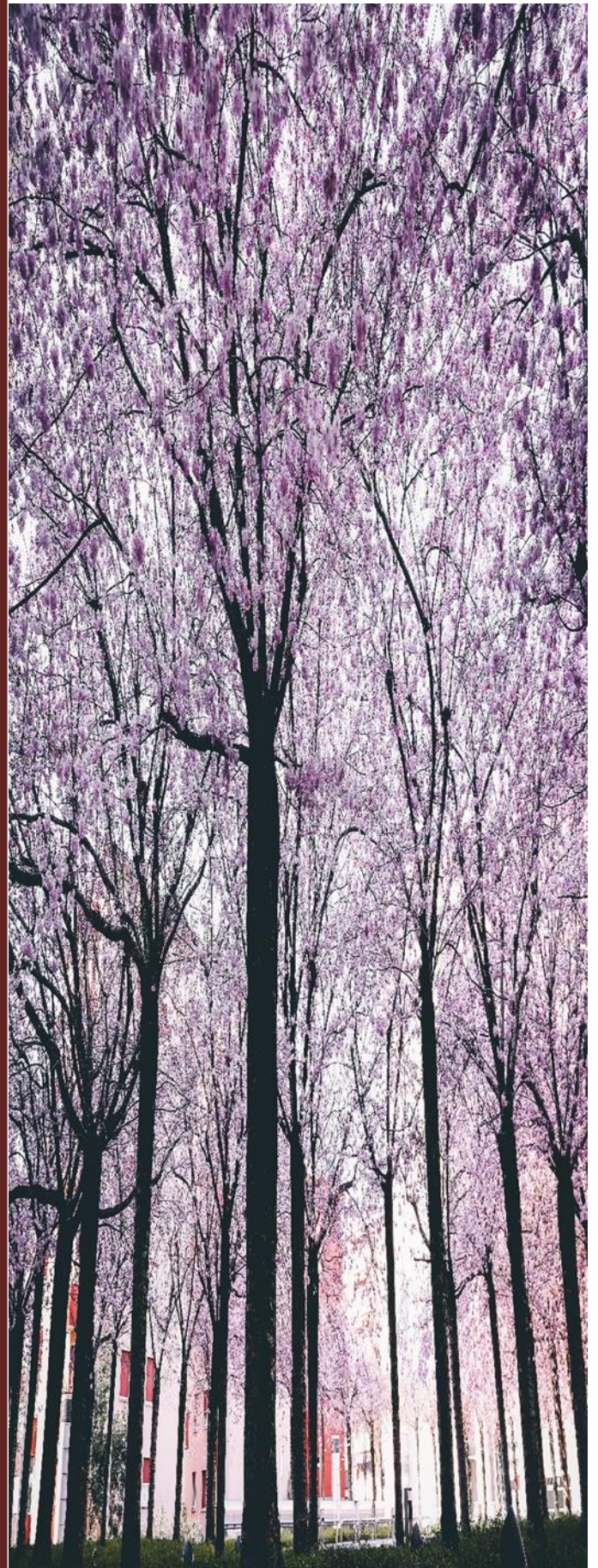
Headteacher

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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

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

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



# **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) – 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. Remember, all funds go to the PFA and are used for the students' benefit (see below).

**WAYS TO SUPPORT THE CENTENARY 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, we contribute and donate**

**What Are We Fundraising For?**

The PFA raises funds that will be of benefit to all the girls, but which it 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 redecoration 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 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 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, curros, cheesecake

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

**Oceania** – Australian pie, Sapasui, tim tans, chiko rolls, anzac

**If you would like to donate a dish, please email us at [SecretaryP@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:SecretaryP@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk) by 20<sup>th</sup> February and we will be in touch with the further details. Please just remember that the school operates a no nuts policy.**

**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 of put towards the projects listed above. Donations can be made via Parent pay, under the category Gala Centenary. 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 would advertise the businesses in all communications and literature we produce in relation to the event.

**Please email us at [SecretaryP@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:SecretaryP@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk) by 20<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 attending what will be the event of the year!

Yours faithfully,

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



We'll be **live** on Instagram this Wednesday at 5.30 pm (GMT) with Nathan, a dental technician apprentice, Maya, an NHS sustainability apprentice and Oliver, an NHS degree management apprentice. We'll be quizzing them about what inspired them to apply, asking about their experience of the NHS so far, and exploring what skills they're learning.

Don't miss this exclusive opportunity! Reminders can be set now on Instagram

**Join the conversation**

### **How much do you know about NHS apprenticeships?**

Think the NHS is all doctors and nurses? Definitely not! In fact, the NHS has more than 350 careers to choose from.

Apprenticeships are a route into many NHS careers through a mix of on-the-job training, real-life work experience and classroom learning. You can also earn while you learn.

Whether apprentices work with patients or behind the scenes in something like estates and facilities or administration, there are apprenticeship opportunities at every level and they make a big difference to patient care.

**Discover NHS apprenticeships**

If you have questions about NHS apprenticeships, call us on 0345 60 60 655 or email [advice@healthcareers.nhs.uk](mailto:advice@healthcareers.nhs.uk).

**NHS Health Careers team**



# The Internship programme 2023–24 is NOW OPEN!

Keep scrolling down below for up to  
30 different internship opportunities  
with closing dates from 25th  
January to 28th February!

Dear WCHS students,

“The Jack Petchey Foundation Internship Programme funds **12-month paid internships in youth organisations across London and Essex**, and this year we are funding 30 new roles! These roles are perfect for young people at the beginning of their career looking to take their first steps into working in the voluntary sector.

From youth theatre to youth work, marketing to refugee support and much more, there is a wide variety of roles for young people to apply to! The Jack Petchey Internship Programme is designed to **give young people a flying start in the youth sector** and to help youth organisations increase the support they provide for young people in London and Essex. It aims to support dynamic young individuals on their first step towards being the sector’s future leaders.”

Take a look for more information about their [INTERNSHIPS](#) or [APPRENTICESHIPS](#). You may be eligible to apply\* or you may simply want to have a look at opportunities that may be available to you in a few years’ time.

Mrs Hawks

Woodford County High School Jack Petchey Co-ordinator

\* For apprenticeship there are minimum GCSE grade requirements and you need to be available to work – therefore once you finished school!

Internships: <https://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk/opportunities/internships/>

Apprenticeship: <https://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk/about-us/work-for-us/>



# smallpeice

Dear Students,

The Smallpeice Trust is an educational charity that encourages young people into engineering careers, and we're delighted to tell you about three residential courses we're running for **Year 9 students in 2023.**

### **Cyber Security**

Students will explore the risks of cyberspace and the latest security measures protecting us from hackers, to see if they have what it takes to be a cyber-security expert. Located at Royal Holloway University London, this course takes place from 3-5 April.

<https://www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk/course-page/1d3b0c64-b670-ed11-81ac-0022481b5db9>

### **Engineering Experience – England**

An insight into three different disciplines: cyber security, electrical and space engineering. Students will get creative and improve teamwork, communication and leadership skills.

Based at the University of Hertfordshire from 4-6 April.

<https://www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk/course-page/48d3f685-0d6c-ed11-81ac-0022481b5e44>

### **Girls into Engineering**

For girls aged 12 to 14 who are keen to change the world, this residential course is an amazing opportunity to unlock your female students' potential as future engineers. Taking place at Loughborough University from 14-16 August, students will learn from top academics & engineers!

<https://www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk/course-page/54f6bbbba-b870-ed11-81ac-0022481b5db9>

Our engineering courses enable 12 to 17-year-olds to fuel their passion for STEM, picture life beyond the classroom and meet industry leaders and top academics.

We are now accepting applications and places fill quickly, so please apply now to avoid disappointment. We hope to see you on our awesome engineering courses this year!

Kind regards,

Doug Nairn

Communications Manager, The Smallpeice Trust

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**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 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>



## Netball Victory

The year 9 netball team have dominated their last 2 netball matches. With 2 huge wins against Park School and Valentines, they are developing into such a strong team.

A huge well done to all the year 9 players involved in those fixtures.

#TeamWoodford #WCHSPEUK



# 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			

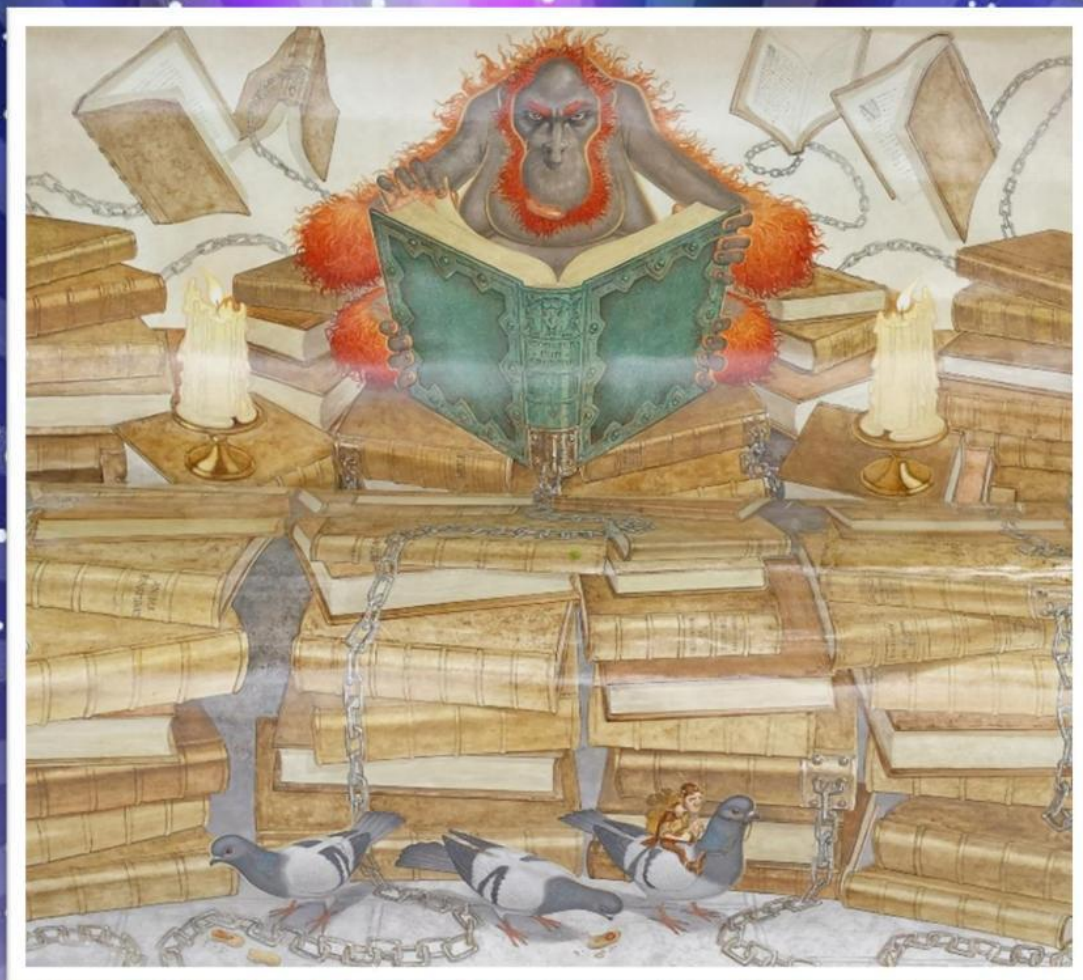
## Important message regarding the Albert Hall Visit



This is a last call for any members of junior and senior choir who wish to attend the Albert Hall visit on 13<sup>th</sup> March. Parents **must email the school** at [mercerm@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:mercerm@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk) allowing for permission for your daughter to be on this otherwise they **WILL NOT** be able to attend.

# 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)**

**Closing Date: Friday 17 March 2023**

Poems 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.

# 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)

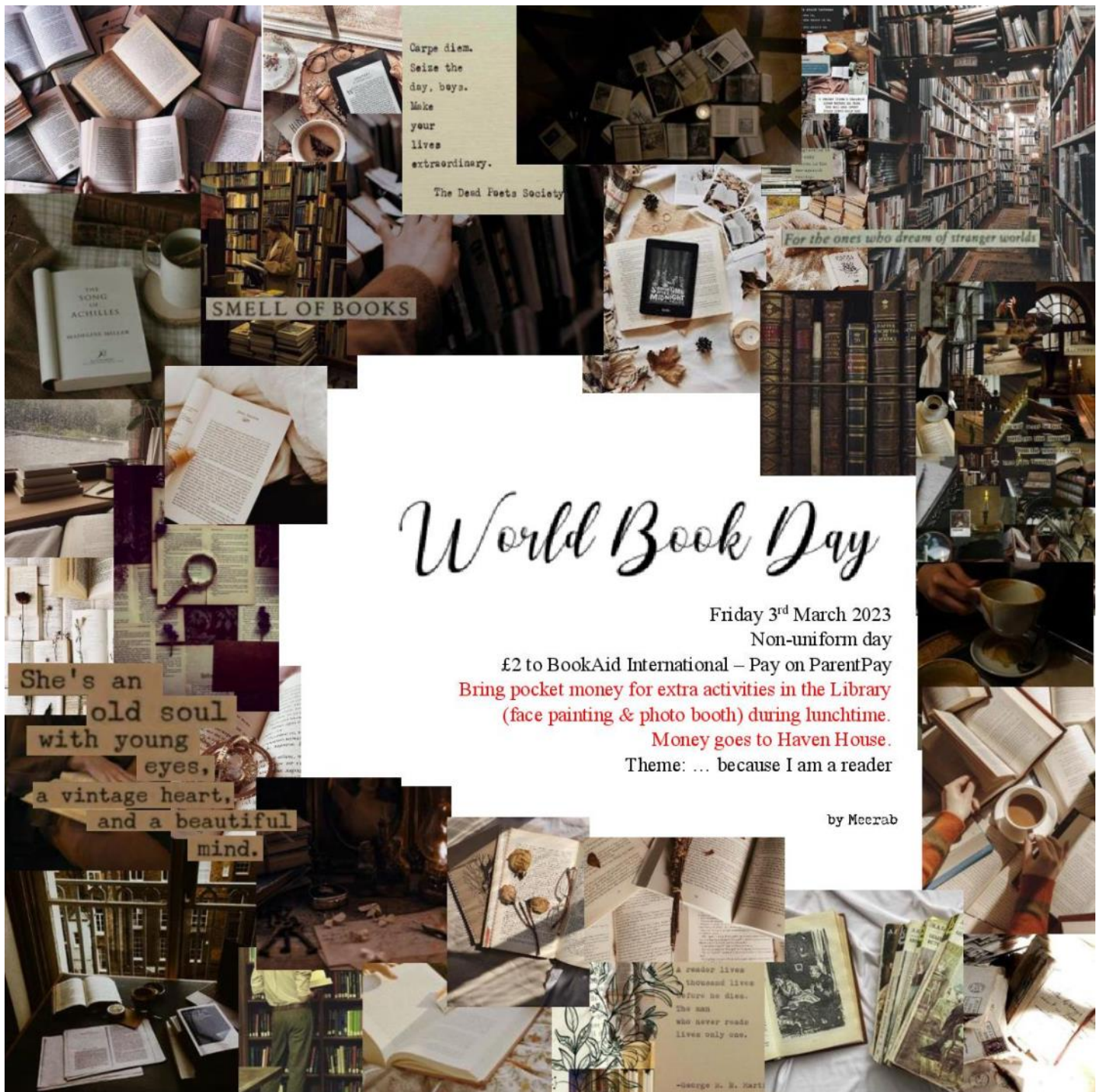
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PLEASE NOTE - NEW DATE



# 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



# REDBRIDGE EDUCATION AWARDS

supported by Lead Sponsor **Parker Smith Inclusion**

**Celebrating individuals  
who are shaping  
extraordinary futures**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

As we settle into the new school year, I am thrilled to announce on behalf of Redbridge Council, the launch of the first ever Redbridge Education Awards! The awards are an amazing opportunity for you to say **thank you** to a teacher or member of staff who you think deserves to be recognised and celebrated for all that they do for young people in Redbridge.

With 14 award categories to choose from, there is something for everyone. If you can think of an individual or team who has made a positive impact on your child's learning, development, or extracurricular activities, now is the time to give them something back!

If the person or team you nominate are shortlisted, they will be invited to a spectacular awards ceremony to be held in Wanstead next April 2023 – it will be a night to remember!

Making a nomination couldn't be easier, simply head to [www.redbridge.gov.uk/redbridge-education-awards](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/redbridge-education-awards) or scan the QR code at the top of the page. Please also encourage your child to make their own nomination!

If you have any questions or need assistance making a nomination, please speak to a member of staff, or contact [educationawards@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:educationawards@redbridge.gov.uk).

Thank you.

## 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

**Week of 6 February—Highams House Charity Week**

**9 February—Music Recital Evening**

**10 February—Year 9 Options form completed**

**28 February—International Evening**

**3 March—World Book Day (Non-Uniform Day)**

**6 March—Year 9 DTP / Meningitis Vaccine**

**7 March—Inset Day**

**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**

**14 July—Summer Production**



### REMINDER

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

