



Woodford County High School for Girls

Bulletin

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Dear Parents / Carers

NEU Industrial Action Wednesday 1 February 2023

You will be aware that the National Education Union (NEU) has published a schedule for a sequence of strikes nationally and regionally if resolution of the issues being raised for their members is not reached in the interim. The first published date is next Wednesday (1 February 2023). Once I am informed of the number of WCHS teachers joining the industrial action I am required to undertake a risk assessment with regard to the safety of school operation with reduced staffing. I will communicate with you further later this week but you are advised that a school closure at some level (full or partial) is highly likely next Wednesday. Please keep an eye on e-mails and the school website for advice on this matter.

For this region the other notified NEU 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)

Ms Jo Pomeroy

Headteacher

GALA INTERNATIONAL EVENING 2023

TUESDAY 28TH 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 (28th 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 by **20th 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 by **20th 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)

TRIAL USE OF SECOND FOOD POD

From tomorrow we shall be trialling opening our second outside food pod at break-time. This will be available every day to all Sixth Form students, plus the year groups which are not on the canteen break rota that day. This means that tomorrow Years 7 & 11 will be able to use it.

We shall review use at half term to determine whether to continue with these arrangements.



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/>

Lost Property

We already have a lot of items that were handed in at reception or put in the lost property box located in front of Staffroom 1.

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



P.E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Weds</u>	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>Fri</u>
<u>Before School</u> <u>7.50-8.20am</u>	All Years – Badminton <u>Sports Hall</u> KST	All Years – Volleyball Sports Hall VJA			Badminton for y12 & 13 ONLY STA <u>Sports hall</u>
<u>Lunchtime</u> <u>1.30-2pm</u>	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>
<u>Afterschool</u> <u>3.30-4.20pm</u>	All years – Games (dodgeball / kick- ball etc.) <u>Sports hall</u> KST		<u>Fixtures</u> 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 <u>Staff Badminton</u> <u>4.10pm</u>



Charity Badminton Tournament for years 7-11

SIGN UP USING MICROSOFT FORMS LINK:

<https://forms.office.com/e/9Vtam5fyCD>

All proceeds raised by the tournament will be donated to the Wings of Hope charity.



BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Raising Money for *Wings of Hope*

27th January 2023
Sports Hall 15:30 - 17:30

£3.00 ENTRY

BEAT THE COACH
Test your skills against the
coach and earn **£50** at
victory! [£2 Entry].

Categories:

- Junior [Years 7 to 9]
- Senior [Years 10 to 11]

Each category consists of singles
and doubles.

Winners of the tournament will be
awarded with prizes.

For more details contact:
aaishajiva@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk

Deadline for google form sign up is the 24th January 2023

The tournament will run with singles and doubles for both age groups running simultaneously with prizes to be won for the winners of each category. Alongside the tournament aspect of the event, there will be an additional section known as “**Beat The Coach**” where participants will play a game to 5 points with the chance of a **£50 gift voucher** of your choice if you can win.

Entry for singles, doubles or both categories will be **£3** and for only an extra **£2** you can enter the “Beat The Coach” contest.

If you have any questions please contact aaishajiva@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk

Music Extra-curricular Timetable: Spring 2023

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



Recital Evening

Auditions for the Recital evening held on Thursday 9th February will be tomorrow and Thursday.

Sign up sheets will be in the music department.



Year 11

Now that mock exams are over, it is time for year 11 students to continue their search for a suitable placement for when GCSEs are over. Some students have asked about dates – officially we have set aside 3rd-14th July, but if they find something that offers different dates, or two separate placements within a fortnight, or two at different times in the holiday, or maybe a placement located where you're staying on holiday – all that is acceptable. Importantly, they should not miss any school commitments and all their public exams must be finished before they start.

A reminder that placement forms can be collected from Mrs Coomber in the Student Support Office, and should be returned there once completed.

InvestIn Spring weekend programmes offer a chance to gain insight into your chosen industry (18 sectors represented). With a 10% discount using our school code, at £150 this might be something you can consider.



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Programme	Date
Young Doctor Weekend	26th February 2023
Young Lawyer Weekend	26th February 2023
Young Architect Weekend	26th February 2023
Young Filmmaker Weekend	26th February 2023
Young Forensic Scientist Weekend	26th February 2023
Young Investment Banker Weekend	5th March 2023
Young Political Leader Weekend	5th March 2023
Young Fashion Designer Weekend	5th March 2023
Young Engineer Weekend	5th March 2023
Young International Development Expert Weekend	12th March 2023
Young Artist Weekend	12th March 2023
Young Video Game Designer Weekend	12th March 2023
Young Psychologist Weekend	12th March 2023
Young Dentist Weekend	12th March 2023
Young Entrepreneur Weekend	19th March 2023
Young Software Engineer Weekend	19th March 2023
Young Vet Weekend	19th March 2023
Young Journalist Weekend	19th March 2023

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Programme	Date
Future Engineer Weekend	22nd January 2023
Future Software Engineer Weekend	29th January 2023
Future Lawyer Weekend	29th January 2023
Future Doctor Weekend	19th March 2023
Future Investment Banker Weekend	19th March 2023

REGISTER VIA OUR WEBSITE NOW

£2.50
Per session

BOXFIT

AT HAINAULT YOUTH CENTRE

Female only

For 11-18 year olds

Also open to relatives
(mother / guardian) wanting
to attend with their
teenage child

Tuesday 6pm-7pm

Book your session here:
<https://vrcl.uk/boxfit>



DAVID SHEPHERD WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

WILDLIFE ARTIST OF THE YEAR 2023



Wildlife Artist of the Year 2023

Entries now open!

We're delighted to announce that entries are now open for David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF) [Wildlife Artist of the Year 2023](#) and that after three years away, we will be returning to an **in-person exhibition in September!**

Continuing the incredible legacy left behind by our founder, David Shepherd CBE, this internationally renowned competition celebrates the beauty and diversity of our natural world, whilst raising awareness for what could be lost if we do not take action to save it.

Every entry and artwork sold will help us in our fight to turn the tide on extinction and thanks to your generous support, an incredible £85,000 was raised during last year's competition and exhibition.

We are therefore asking our devoted community of wildlife artists to once again pick up their brushes, pencils and chisels to help us make this year bigger and better than ever before!

Please help to spread the word about this global competition by sharing our posts on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). You can also forward this email on to your friends and contacts in the art community. Thank you!

Enter now!

Entries are now open and **close at midnight on the 29th March 2023** (UK time).

DSWF Wildlife Artist of the Year 2023 is open to both professional and amateur artists alike, using any technique, medium or style (excluding photography and digitally produced artwork).

Participants must have reached 19 years old by the closing date for entries (29th March 2023), with the exception of our Youth Exclusive Award which is open to young artists aged 15 and over.

All artworks entered into the competition must be available for sale and by taking part, artists agree that, if shortlisted by our expert judging panel, they will show their piece in the finalists' exhibition at the **Mall Galleries** in London, between the 11-16th September 2023.

PRIZES

£10,000* OVERALL WINNER
£2,000* RUNNER UP

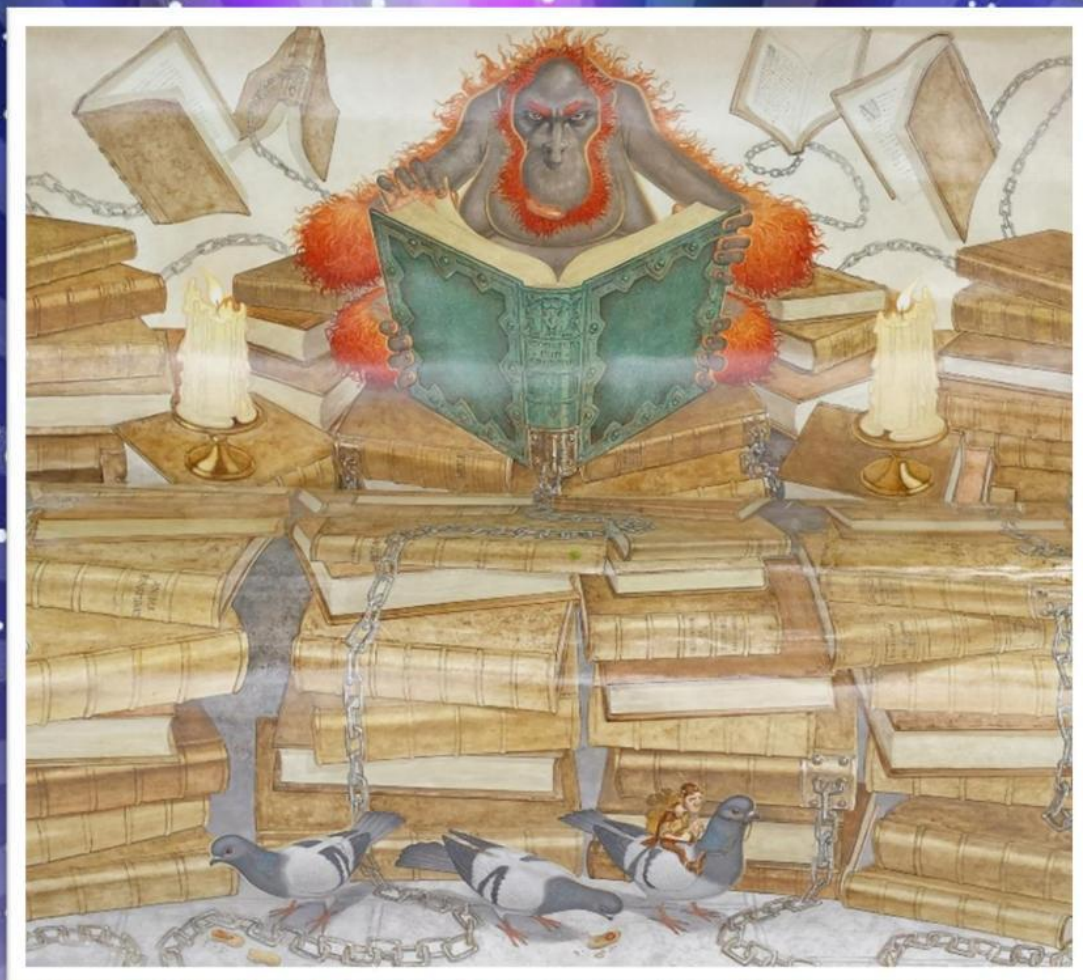
£500 Category Winner
£500 Youth Exclusive Award
£500 First Time Entrants Award
£500 Elizabeth Hosking Prize
for Watercolour



Artwork by Carla Grace

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)**

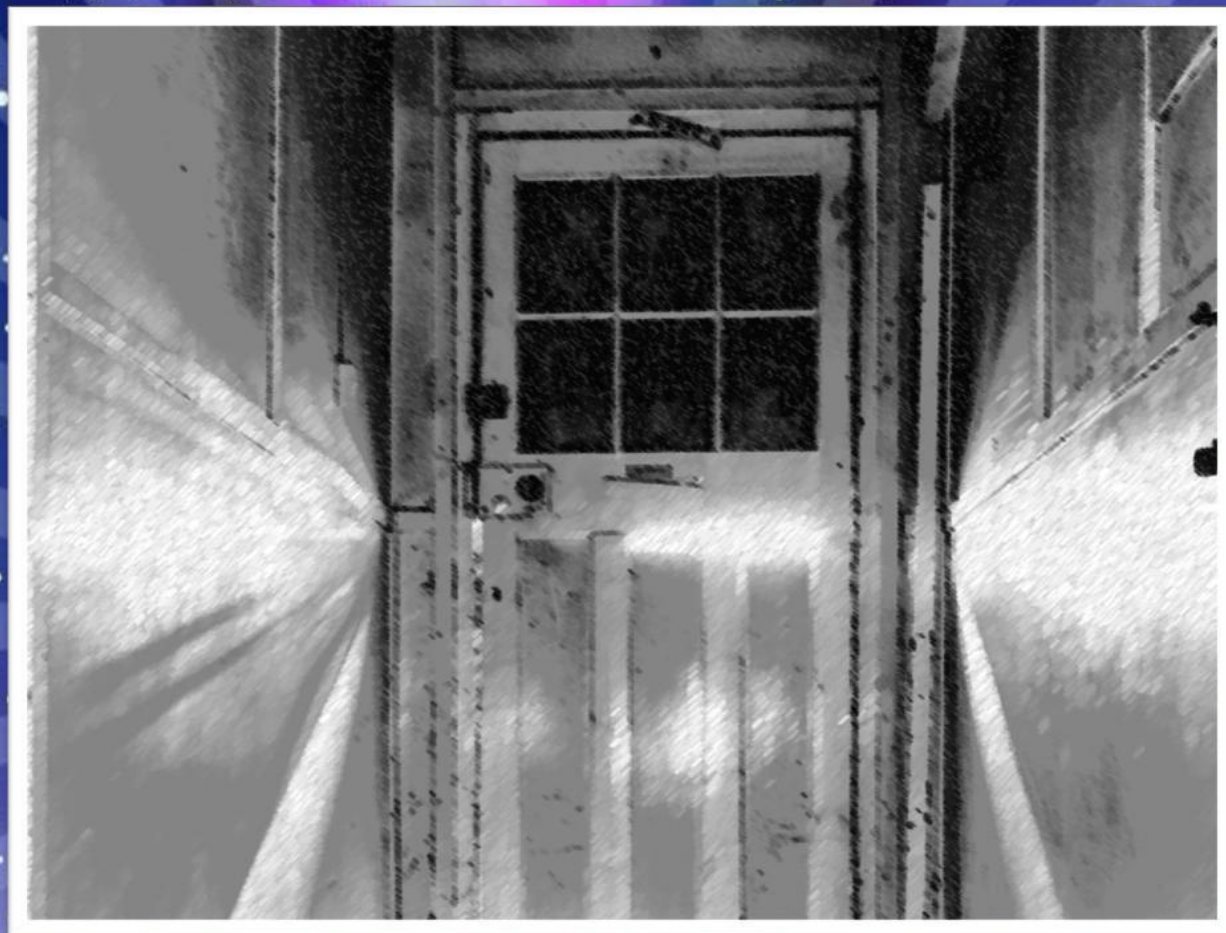
Closing Date: Friday 17 March 2023

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:

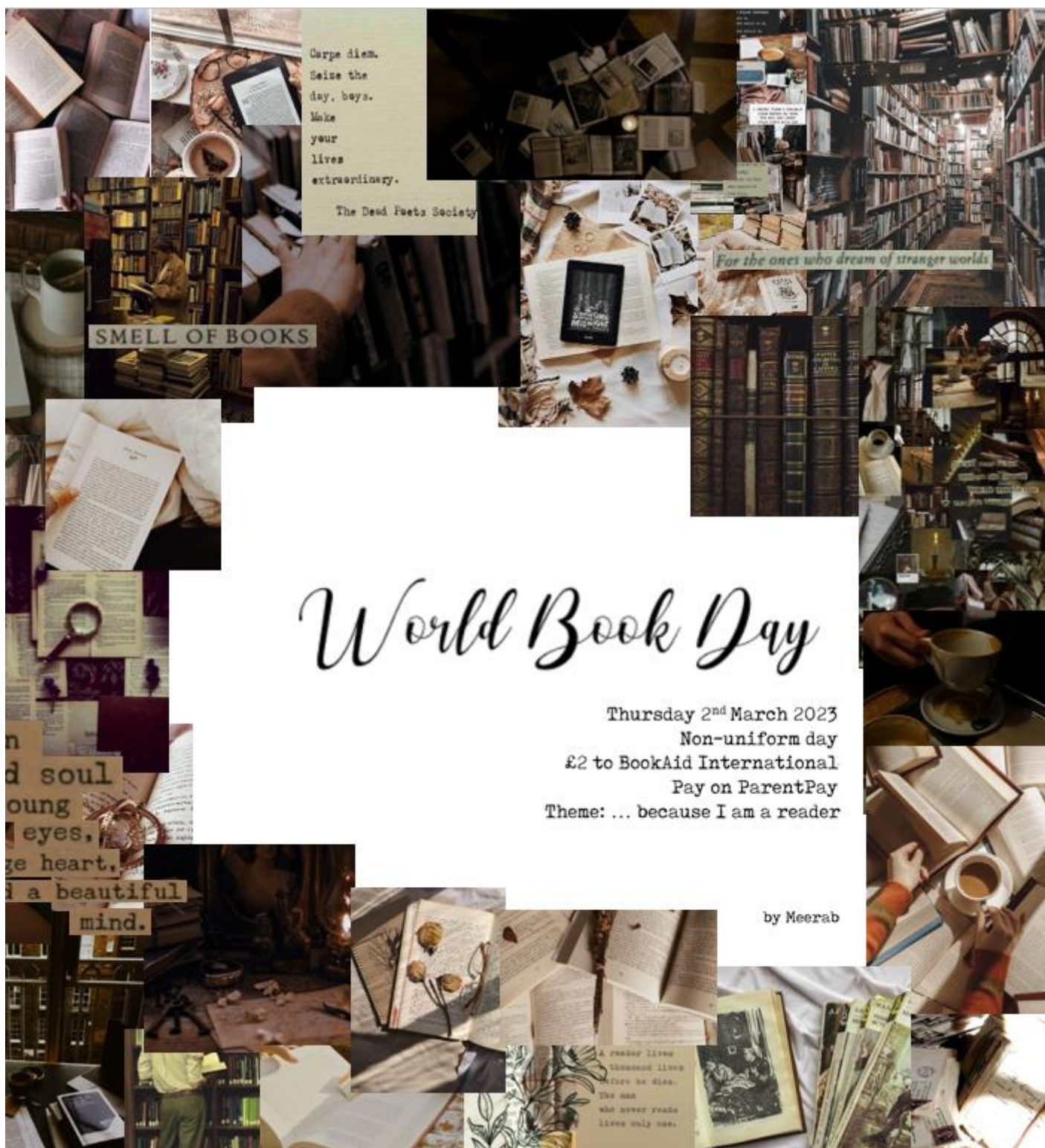
Lightning slashed the sky, revealing a wooden doorway hidden behind a pile of rubble
maximum length of story 1500 words)

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.



World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March 2023
Non-uniform day
£2 to BookAid International
Pay on ParentPay
Theme: ... because I am a reader

by Meerab



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

Flu Vaccination Clinics

Has your child missed their
Flu Vaccination at school?



We are running catch up clinics in your
area for the following age groups:

Flu Vaccinations: Reception - Year 9

If you would like an appointment to attend,
please email us at: appointments@v-uk.co.uk
or call 0203 343 2400

Children and young people attending a Redbridge school will automatically be contacted through their schools with a link to consent when they are due for vaccinations for in-school offer. If your child has missed the school session and you would like to attend a clinic, please either email us at appointments@v-uk.co.uk or call on 0203 343 2400

- **Flu Vaccinations:** Reception – Year 9
- **HPV:** Year 8
- **DTP & MeningitisACWY:** Year 9

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 17 th January	3:30pm – 5.30pm	Rebridge Central Library
Thursday 2 nd February	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Fullwell Cross Library
Tuesday 14 th February	10:00am – 2:00pm	Loxford Children's Centre
Thursday 16 th February	10:00am – 2:00pm	Fullwell Cross Library
Tuesday 28 th February	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Loxford Children's Centre
Thursday 16 th March	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Fullwell Cross Library
Tuesday 28 th March	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Loxford Children's Centre

Fullwell Cross Library 140 High Street Barkingside IG6 2EA	Redbridge Central Library Clements Road Ilford IG1 1EA
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REDBRIDGE EDUCATION AWARDS

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**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 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.

Thank you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

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



KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

24 January—Year 12 Parents' Evening
 Week of 6 February—Highams House Charity Week
 6 February—Year 9 Parents Evening
 9 February—Music Recital Evening
 10 February—Year 9 Options form completed
 28 February—International Evening
 2 March—World Book Day (Non-Uniform Day)
 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



REMINDER

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

