





Issue No. 433 14th March 2023



School closed to students on Weds 15 & Thurs 16 March 2023

due to the National Education Union (NEU) strike action

WCHS Remote Schooling resumed

Dear Parent / Carer

Uniform consultation: socks and tights

Back in December we were very grateful to the 118 parents who responded to our survey regarding uniform supply. Parents provided views regarding the potential provision of a second uniform supplier and of second hand uniform which will guide us as we work to make progress in these areas. Although the survey wasn't primarily about items of uniform itself we did give parents the opportunity to comment on this matter to inform future planning. The clearest message communicated was that some are finding it difficult to procure appropriate white socks, and particularly white tights. We undertook to seek some student input on their preference for the current (and traditional) white socks / tights or for a change to navy versions of the same articles.

I'm writing to you now to report that we consulted Years 7-10 on this issue earlier in the term (these being the students who will be wearing said items from September). Participation in the online survey was high and student opinion was strongly in support of retaining the current white socks and tights. Students do still, it seems, value this distinctive uniform item and in particular the way it distinguishes WCHS students from others in navy uniforms. It seems some find it reassuring. On the basis of this feedback from students we have decided to maintain uniform requirements as they are.

The comments of some parents about access to good quality white socks and tights in a full range of sizes have been relayed to Lucilla's, our uniform suppliers. Of course parents are free to purchase these items elsewhere.

While maintaining a school uniform correctly worn can from time to time present challenges both to schools and to families, I take this opportunity to thank WCHS parents for their support of our uniform here.

Yours sincerely

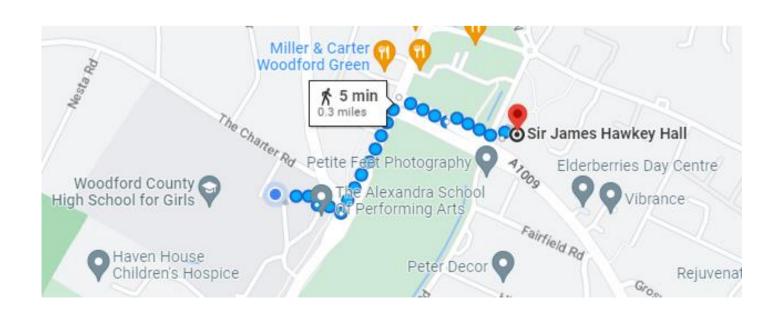
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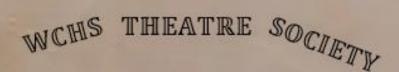
Headteacher



The school has received numerous complaints from residents around the school blocking their drive ways, parking on double yellow lines and blocking the road. We have also had a complaint from the Rydal Doctors Surgery — our neighbour on the High Road,— about parents dropping off their child in their car park or in the driveway to the Surgery. If you do drive your child to school please respect our neighbours and drop of your child at Hawkey Hall car park (IG8 0BG), see map below. It is a short distance from the school with ample parking available. If you are unable to do so, then please show consideration to our neighbours. Students can easily be dropped a short distance from the school and walk the remainder of the journey.

Thank you





To Kill A Mockingbird

Tuesday 28th March @ 7pm

Gielgud Theatre

Shaftesbury Ave, London WiD 6AR

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILALBE

UPCOMING EVENTS ... Tickets on sale soon ~72517

Newsies 26th April. Troubadour Theatre, Wembley Park @ 7.30pm

Wicked 16th May. Apollo Victoria Theatre @ 7.30pm

Heathers 27th June. The Other Palace @ 7.30pm (15+ age rating)

Six 12th July. Vaudeville Theatre @ 8pm

The WCHS Theatre Society is a PFA initiative. All lower school students must be accompanied by an adult – this is not a school trip and it is not supervised.

ALL TICKETS £27.50

TO BOOK TICKETS + MORE INFORMATION - EMAIL MS HORN IN THE LIBRARY

LIBRARY@WOODFORD.REDBRIDGE.SCH.UK





There is a Charity Trivia Night happening on Friday 17th March at school from 6-9pm for Haven House Children's Hospice.

Haven House is a charity for terminally ill children so we hope you could help in raising money for them.

The night will consist of 5 different rounds with different topics such as sport, TV shows and pop culture. Throughout the night there will be mini games to participate in as well as a raffle.

Tickets are £11 for under 18s and £15 for over 18.

Ticket prices include food and drink so we would love it if you could come. You could alternatively buy a ticket for £6.50 without food.

Feel free to bring along any friends and family to the event, and we would be grateful if you could spread the word!

The link to purchase tickets is attached to the email, make sure to buy before ticketing closes on Wednesday 15th March.

Mr Bradford will be attending as well so don't be shy to attend the night! Don't forget that all proceeds go to Haven House!

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trivia-night-tickets-522658895827

Thank you

WCHS Haven House Enterprise Team

Year 8 Vaccine

Year 8 will be receiving their 2nd dose HPV Vaccine on Tuesday 21st 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 parents/ carers.

Consent forms MUST be completed even if parents 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

EPIPEN

If your daughter has an allergy that requires use of an Epipen, please ensure they bring them to school every day.







REDBRIDGE SCHOOL-AGED IMMUNISATIONS CLINICS

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

HPV: Year 8

DTP & MeningitisACWY: Year 9

MMR: Rec – Year 13

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 28th February	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Loxford Children's Centre
Thursday 16th March	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Fullwell Cross Library
Tuesday 28 th March	3:30pm - 5:30pm	Loxford Children's Centre
Thursday 6 th April	12:00pm - 3:00pm	Fullwell Cross Library
Tuesday 25 th April	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Loxford Children's Centre
Thursday 11 th May	3:30pm - 5:30pm	Fullwell Cross Library
Tuesday 23 rd May	3:30pm - 5:30pm	Loxford Children's Centre
Thursday 8 th June	3:30pm - 5:30pm	Fullwell Cross Library
Tuesday 20 th June	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Loxford Children's Centre
Thursday 6 th July	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Fullwell Cross Library
Tuesday 18 th July	3:30pm - 5:30pm	Loxford Children's Centre

Fullwell Cross Library 140 High Street Barkingside IG6 2EA Loxford Children's Centre 138-140 Ilford Lane IG1 2LG

CAREERS

Women at the Bar: Issues in pursuing a career in law

Are you interested in pursuing a career in Law? You may find this webinar of interest. Five female barristers from different backgrounds talk about their personal experience at the Bar. Click on the link to join in and listen

https://youtu.be/EFP51jqqZTI

Year 11 Work Experience

There is still a large number of students in year 11 who have yet to find a work experience placement. Use time over the next few weeks to dedicate to some serious searching to source a placement before school finishes for the spring term. Once again, if any parent can help support a student please get in touch at smithm@woodford.redbridge.sch.uk



Woodford County Eco Info

As a school community we all have the responsibility to create a sustainable future for our beautiful planet.



- ② An imported mixed bouquet produces 10x greater carbon emissions than a British-grown mixed bouquet
- (2) Cut flowers can be contaminated by toxic pesticide residues
- (2) **\$ingle-use plastic** and floral foam used in flower designs cannot be composted or recycled
- (a) Make some paper flowers or buy wooden flowers
- lf you are going to buy flowers try to buy locally grown seasonal flowers or look for the following labels grown by certified farms:











NON UNIFORM DAY

Wednesday 29th March

Help raise funds for the Disasters Emergency Committee* earthquake appeal

£2 — Pay on parent pay — NOW OPEN

Disasters Emergency Committee* work with 15 leading aid charities to co-ordinate donations and aid efforts. They are humanitarian aid experts and they specialise in disaster response. They work with other Charites such as Oxfam, Save the Children, Tear fund and Islamic relief - to name a few. All 15 can be seen on the banner at the bottom.



































Parent Views of Mental Health

Does your child go to school in Redbridge?

We are seeking parent views on accessing mental health support through schools for you and your family

Please scan the QR code with your phone to fill out our five-minute survey and help us develop the best support for families in



After school clubs brochure



Dear parents, please keep an eye out for the new brochure, coming out at the end of this week.

Activities will payable via parentpay, on a first come first served basis, and early booking is advisable.

Payment by childcare voucher is accepted, please contact Ms Dawson directly.

Thank you

Ms Dawson after School clubs co-ordinator.

NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS BROCHURE



Calligraphy, A Taste of India, Henna, Fashion design and more!

APRIL-MAY 2023

Lost Property

Please have a look at the photos below and if you recognise anything or think your child has lost items in school, please ask your child to come and collect them from the main school office for items on photo 1 and for photos 2 & 3 please check the lost property box by Staffroom 1. Please note, items not collected by the end of Spring term will be taken to a charity shop.





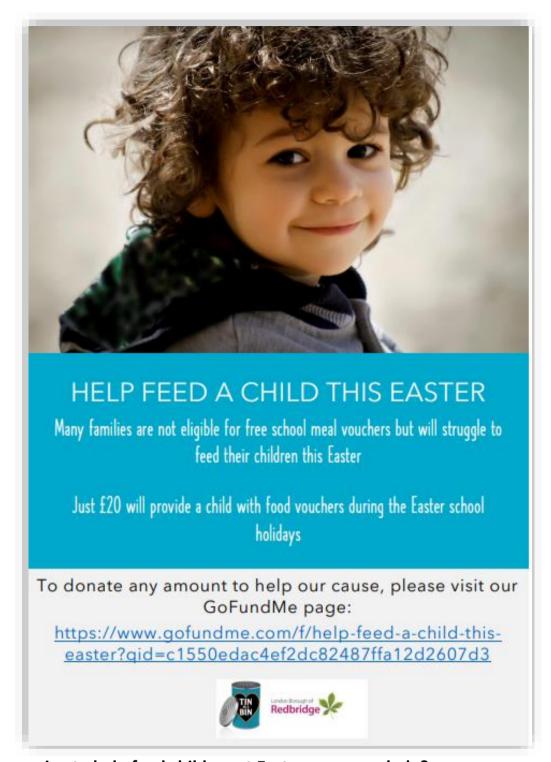


Barracudas Activity Day Camps, the UK's favourite school holiday provider for children aged 4½ to 14 years, will be open at our school this Easter.

80+ exciting activities including archery, arts and crafts, motorsports, sports, teambuilding and much more!

Ofsted registered, confidence building camps with high staff to child ratios, plus parents of the school receive an **extra £10** off per child per week if they quote code **HSCP23** at the time of booking.





LBR New campaign to help feed children at Easter – can you help?

- 1) The London Borough of Redbridge (LBR) have launched a fundraising campaign with local charity, Tin in a Bin, to be able to provide food vouchers for families struggling with the cost of living during the Easter holidays. This will be for children who are not eligible for free school meals but need some extra help. Those who are eligible for FSM will receive vouchers as this is funded through the Household Support Fund. They are hoping to raise enough funds to support 200 children across the borough.
- 2) If you are willing to make a financial donation to this important local initiative you will find the details of the campaign on the <u>Redbridge Council website</u> and the link to make donations is <u>here</u>.

WOODFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Woodford Symphony Orchestra is presenting their Spring Concert of Nordic Drama at Woodford County High School on Saturday 18th March 2023 at 7:30pm.

Woodford Symphony Orchestra draws its members from North and East London, SW Essex and SE Herts. Formed in 1963, WSO has presented public concerts on a regular basis ever since. Our conductor and musical director is Oliver Till. There are three major concerts a year. In addition, the WSO arranges ensemble concerts and string workshops. WSO is a friendly local amateur orchestra, rehearsing on Thursday evenings during term time. We are interested in hearing from Brass and String players who may wish to join. Woodwind and Percussion players are also welcome to join our list for deputising. Email members@wsorchestra.org.uk

Rehearsals are Thursdays 7:30-9:30pm at Roding Valley High School.

For more information check their website wsorchestra.org.uk of phone 0208 924 9370.



Oliver Till

WOODFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Conductor OLIVER TILL Leader ROSEMARY FITCHETT Soloist STEPHANIE TANG



Stephanie Tang

SPRING CONCERT 2023 NORDIC DRAMA



JEAN SIBELIUS Valse Triste, Op. 44

FRANZ BERWALD

Symphony No. 3 - 'Singulière' Movt. 1

Woodford County High School for Girls High Road, Woodford, Woodford Green IG8 9LA

Saturday 18th March 2023 7:30pm

Tickets In advance or on the door: £10, Concessions: £8, Under 16s Free

wsorchestra.org.uk 020 8924 9370



Edvard Grieg

Franz Berwald



Charity No. 803669

P.E. EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

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









Music Extra-curricular Timetable: Spring 2023

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



Although I'm not their mother
I care for them each day.
I cuddle, sing and read to them
And watch them as they play.

I see each new accomplishment,
Growing and learning over the years.
They proudly show their work to me,
I give the loudest cheers!

No, I'm not their mother,
But my role is just as strong.
I nurture them and keep them safe,
Though maybe not for long.

I know someday the time will come,
When we will have to part.
But I know each child I cared for
Is forever in my heart.

If you would like to find out more about fostering for Redbridge, please email fostering@redbridge.gov.uk or call 020 8708 6068.

Alternatively, join the next information session. Visit www.redbridge.gov.uk/fostering to book a place.

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

Week of 13 March—Newton House Charity Week

17 March—Charity Trivia Night

21 March—HPV 2nd Dose—Year 8

22 March—Year 8 Parents' Evening

23 March—Spring Concert

29 March—Non-Uniform Day (Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal)

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

14 July—40 Years On
Reminiscing the Summer Production



REMINDER

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



