



Leytonstone
SCHOOL

Family Newsletter

Key stage 3

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Half Term 4

Forthcoming Events For Half Term 5

- **20th April:** First day back from Easter break
- **26th April:** PTSA meeting
- **28th April:** Year 7 Parent/Carer evening - Please book your appointments through the Edulink app in the parents evening section.
- **12th May:** Year 8 Parent/Carer evening - Please book your appointments through the Edulink app in the parents evening section.

Dear Families,

Welcome to the launch of the first Leytonstone Family Newsletter!

The newsletter will include key information that we hope will help you to support your child with their learning. We will include important dates for upcoming events and support that is tailored to your child's age. We will also be using the newsletter to report on all of the wonderful things that are happening at Leytonstone School. Following the pandemic, school life has now returned to normal and we are delighted to announce that this year has seen an amazing comeback in school events and extra curricular activities which you will find celebrated below in the news section.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter.

Important notices

- Please make sure students are wearing the correct uniform when they return to school for the summer term. Students should not be wearing hoodies, hats or trainers.
- If your child is absent from school please report it using the Edulink app under the absent tab or email the school using this address. attendance@leytonstone.waltham.sch.uk
- Leytonstone School has a wonderfully active Parent Teachers Student Association group who help to plan fundraisers for the school and we are looking for more members. The PTSA have been particularly successful this year in organising the staff vs students football match and the Easter raffle. If you would like to join the Parent Teachers Student Association please contact kkenward@leytonstoneschool.org.

How to support your child with their home learning

- *Join your child's google classroom page so you can help to monitor tasks that are being set*
- *Take your child's phone away for short periods of time while they are completing their cover to cover home learning*
- *Reward your child and congratulate them after completing each task*

We welcome any comments, enquiries and suggestions from our families please send your thoughts to our Family Engagement Partner, Halyna Mentas, at family@leytonstoneschool.org

For up-to-date information and more photos and details about our events please subscribe to our Twitter account @LeytonstoneSch.

News

Musical excellence - Leytonstone School is proud to have been nominated as a Music Marks school for our commitment to a broad and balanced music curriculum and the value that we place on music!

Getting political - A massive thank you to our local MP [John Cryer](#) for a fantastic visit to our school. The students had some great questions for him and a few are definitely looking to go into a career in politics.

Year 7 Sparx Maths Competitions - In the penultimate week, 7S are currently winning the Sparx Maths competition. Follow our Twitter page to keep up to date with winners.

World Book Day - Along with the much loved opportunity to dress up as a book character, World Book Day included a variety of exciting activities this year. These included quizzes, a competition for students to decorate their form room doors and a secret tea party was held for a selection of lucky golden ticket winners.



Looking to the future - On Thursday the 10th of March we hosted a careers fair for all year groups where students had the opportunity to learn from employers about the world of work and ask questions about specific skills that are valued in the workplace.

Celebrity sighting - On Thursday 24th February, we welcomed two special guests: Alessandro Babalola (actor) and Annie Jones (Executive Assistant at Soho Theatre). Both are ex- Leytonstone School students (head students!) who spoke to students about their journey at Leytonstone, their choices post-secondary school and their current careers. Alessandro Babalola is a well known actor for his appearance in Wrath of Man, Unforgotten and Top Boy.

French guided tour -The MFL department took a group of year 9 students on a French guided tour to The Courtauld Gallery (Somerset House) followed by a visit to the European section of the National Gallery.

British science week went off with a bang! - The Science team released a daily podcast. Our Leytonstone Scientists carried out a range of practicals, including making ice cream and making slime. They also designed futuristic products to help us live on Mars, during Dragon's Den. They took part in a growth task, called 'eggcellent' parenting, which entailed looking after a papier mache egg for a week. We ended the week with a Science Fair, whereby students took part in an art and photography competition, to reflect this year's theme, growth. To end it all, we had a wonderful performance about IK Brunel, by David Hall.



Fundraising for Ukraine - Congratulations Finlay Davies 8R! Finally has raised over £2000 for Doctors Without Borders. The charity coordinates

medical and humanitarian response to the Ukrainian crisis. This came from his own initiative after watching the news.



Spelling Bee - Year 7 enjoyed a tight and exciting Spelling Bee contest. 7T emerged as the 2022 champions, very closely followed by 7M. The grueling individual contest was won by Youcef 7T. In joint second place are Miriam and Shivani both in 7F. Congratulations to all participants!

Diversity Champions - The new Diversity Champions group launched last week. This group will help the school to celebrate and represent the many cultures in our community. To join this group please use this google classroom code. "D3ABT3U"



