

Leytonstone School Newsletter

Spring Term 2024



Dear Families,

We have come to end of another busy but productive term at Leytonstone School. And what a term it has been! As you will see from this newsletter there have been so many amazing things taking place.

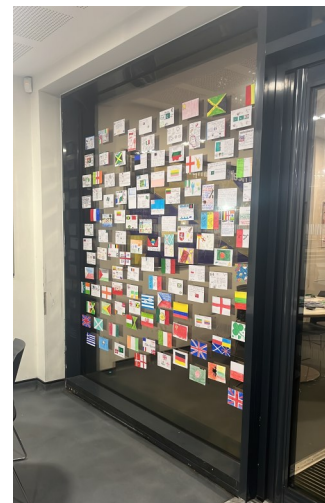
We wish you all a happy break and look forward to welcoming pupils back on Tuesday 16th April.

Culture Day continues to be a HUGE success!

On January 31st, we hosted our annual Culture Day. Where we celebrated the rich diversity of our school.

Prior to the day, pupils created postcards demonstrating their cultural identity. These have continued to stay up in our canteen as part of our continued celebration of our diversity.

On the day, pupils took part in a number of different assemblies that were run by our amazing Mr. Paddon. During the assemblies, pupils thought about how their culture makes them the person they are today. They were also shown a video showing the diversity of our school community. Pupils finally partook in a fashion walk at the end of assembly. It was a wonderful day!



Forthcoming Dates—2024

15th April —INSET day

25th April —Y8 Parents Evening

9th May— GCSE exams begin

10th May— Coffee Morning

23rd May—Y10 Parents Evening

27th—31st May— Half Term

7th-10th June— International Trip

20th-21st June —School Production

3rd July—Transition Day

18th July—Sports Day

24th July—End of Term

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Pupils amaze families and teachers at the science fair

We celebrated British Science Week in style this year with the most amazing Science Fair. At the Science Fair pupils involved were set a challenge to create a piece of technology. The creativity of the inventions made was outstanding. All those who attended spoke of the level of detail and time spent on creating such wonderful inventions. Well done to Martha Dean, Sam Barker and Samuel Mason-Carroll for winning the Science Fair.

Team Science continued to wow us with British Science Week through a series of brilliant practical lessons and a daily podcast which involved both staff and pupils. This was a particular highlight of every form's morning to listen to what the podcast had to say.

They also got to listen to some great assemblies put on by the Science Department about 'time' in Science. Pupils were so enthused in the assemblies, getting involved and answering questions.

We were really proud of all the pupils that took part in British Science Week and a huge shoutout to our wonderful Science Department for working so incredibly hard to put on such a brilliant week for our pupils.



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National Careers Week 2024—TED talks

We hosted an enriching series of 15 talks featuring professionals from various careers. Among them were experts in 3D animation, law, science, finance, and more. Notable speakers included a Financial Health Advisor for WHO, a Communication Director for events like the World Cup, Olympic Games, and Eurovision, and a member of the esteemed PFA & Royal Air Forces.

Throughout the week, 350 eager pupils attended these talks, each contributing to the vibrant discussions with their insightful questions. It was a week filled with learning, inspiration, and engaging dialogue, leaving everyone involved with newfound knowledge and perspectives.

Below are some quotes from our pupils about their feedback on the TED talks.



"Even though these jobs were not my dream job, I thought that when I am older, I wouldn't mind doing them for a living because the people doing the talks were very passionate about them, which made them seem fun."

Layla Awan 7W

"How did they start at entry-level positions in their jobs? Understanding how professionals began in entry-level positions reminds us that every step forward, no matter how small, contributes to our growth and success."

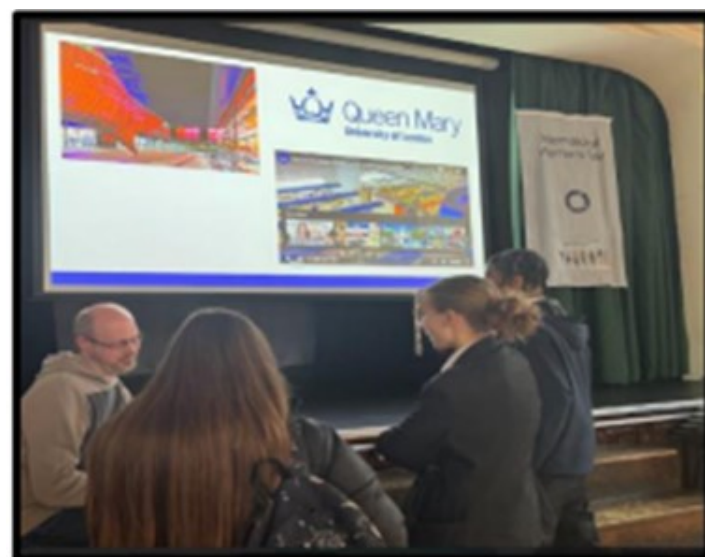
Poppy Cranmer 10R

"How many different roles there are. Discovering various roles within various professions expands our horizons and inspires us to explore diverse career paths and possibilities."

Rory Fletcher-Woolley 8L

Creative & Digital Exhibition Trip

Our students had the opportunity to explore the Creative & Digital Exhibition held at Woolwich Works last Thursday, as part of National Career Week. This hands-on experience was invaluable in nurturing their creativity and expanding their knowledge. This outing gave our students a unique chance to immerse themselves in the dynamic world of creativity and digital innovation.



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Model United Nations—Y10 & Y11

The Model UN club has been super busy this term. It all started with our first in-house event when our new club members took part in their first committee session just before the Christmas break, attempting to improve juvenile justice across the world.

Our Year 10 members then attended their Model UN conference hosted by the American School in London last February 2024. The theme this year across most committees was very much about AI and the use sustainable technologies.

Finally, our Year 11 members attended a three-day long conference hosted by the London School of Economics between the 15th-17th March 2024. Committee topics ranged from resolving a cholera crisis to securing self-determination in Western Sahara.



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World Book Day Celebrations.

This year we celebrated World Book Day and International Women's Day in the same week. We merged the two celebrations together by looking at women authors. We were lucky enough to have Kathryn Evans (author) come and visit our school to speak to pupils about her experiences of being an author and how she got into it. Further to this, pupils decorated their form doors with their favourite books and some members of staff dressed up as their favourite character. Ms. Scott as Lady Macbeth was a particular highlight, stalking the halls of the English corridor.

Out Damned spot.. Out I say.



Citizens Assembly—Waltham Forest

Pupils across Y7 and Y8 were invited to take part in the Citizens Assembly which was run by Waltham Forest Council to get young people's views on the police and crime in the local area. Leytonstone School was extremely lucky to be involved in this work and for our pupils to put their views forward about current affairs in their local area.

Camden Abu Dis Friendship Association (CADFA) visit

The History Department have continued their friendship with CADFA, which are a charity that work to promote human right awareness in Palestine. This fits closely with the curriculum in History in Y9, where pupils learn about the 1948 war. This visit was a huge success with pupils of Leytonstone meeting with pupils who came from Gaza to discuss key topics such as hope as well as enjoy Palestinian dance and food.

Pupil Parliament—Leytonstone Cares

Sub Committees of our Pupil Parliament have been meeting this half term about charity work they can do with the local community. The fundraising Committee have taken on the 'Leytonstone Cares' initiative which is about our school caring for our local community. The Pupil Parliament members made contact with two charities they believed in. These were the Epping Forest Heritage Trust and Spitalfields Crypt Trust. We were very lucky to have a representative of the Epping Forest Heritage Trust come to our school to speak about the conservation work they are doing in Epping. They have also offered us a trip next term for Pupil Parliament to go on. Watch this space—our Pupil Parliament members are making some great connections for our wonderful school.

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PTSA Teacher VS Parent Quiz

Our wonderful PTSA hosted a Mexican themed quiz night to raise more funding for the school. The evening was brilliant as always! For the first time, the teacher team did not win. Thank you again to Mr. Dhanda for being a great quiz master.

With a heavy heart we say goodbye at the end of this academic year to our PTSA Chair Claire Adlem. Who has raised so much money for our school and has helped to revive the main hall with new curtains and new stage flooring.



Teacher team upset at their loss.

Raising money for Gaza.

Thank you to Ms. Doukani and pupils who put on another amazing bake sale this term in order to raise money for Gaza. They raised a grand total of **£751**, which will be divided between **Save the Children** and **ActionAid**.

Save the Children: The money will go to help families in Gaza with food parcels, warm clothes and mental health support.

ActionAid: Hygiene kits and sanitary products for women and girls

Year 11 Quiz Night

Another Quiz night was held at school, which was planned and hosted by our very own Ms. Westbrook. This was to raise money for their prom which will be taking place next term. Well done to all who took part! I heard the teachers lost again (fix!). Here are the winners!



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KS3 Science Reward Trip:

A group of year 7,8 and 9 students went to the Science Museum as a reward for their great attitude in science. The trip

was enjoyed by all students, who behaved wonderfully during both journeys and while at the Museum. It was also

amazing to hear some of the science conversations on the way back to school, especially those of Nadeem Mufti, who

seemed to be in awe of physics, and a group of year 9 students who loved the idea of playing bagpipes in space.



Support for Learning—British Science Week

We enjoyed using Paper Mache to create our volcanoes ready for British Science Week. The anticipation of adding baking powder and vinegar and imaginations went wild, the results were stunning, the slow moving lava was just like Kilauea – we will continue looking at volcanoes as we look at ‘the year without a summer’ and how that influenced Mary Shelley writing her famous Gothic Novel (*Frankenstein*).

The finale of our British Science week did not disappoint. All week the year 7 students cared for their eggs in vinegar, they observed the carbon dioxide produced and watched at the egg ‘grow’. After careful washing, a wonderful bouncy egg was produced. Henry G can explain the science behind the experiment, Max and Danai will happily tell you how to carry out this awesome experiment in your own home.

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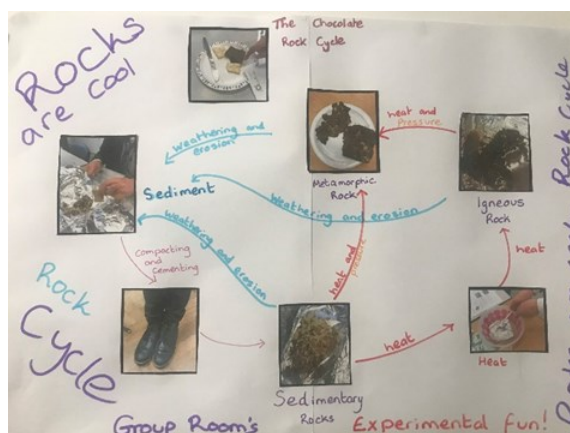
Key stage 3 Art Club

In our after school Art club, pupils created some mono paintings which look amazing. Well done all those involved.



More from our Support for Learning Department

This term we have been finding out about the world we live in. KS3 students used chocolate to recreate the rock cycle and investigate the processes they had been learning about in their Geography lessons. We also had fun trying to identify rock types and looking at a wide variety of fossils as well as trying to complete the quick quiz on geology. Well done Asad for scoring the highest!



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All Things Sports

Since January there have been lots of successes by our teams in their many competitions. The Basketball season finished on a high with 3 teams qualifying for the finals. The Year 7 Boys played Buxton and won convincingly 39-16. The Year 7 Girls played Lammas and also won well, 12-2 with Saliha Naz winning the MVP award. The Year 9 Girls were beaten narrowly 16-12 by Heathcote but played very well and will be aiming to go one better next year.

The Netball team, trained and led by Miss Cheney, have started their season with lots of enthusiasm, passion and effort. They have taken on all the skills they have learnt in their lessons and put it to great effect on the court. We look forward to seeing how they progress in the league games and upcoming Borough Netball Rally.

The Football season is drawing to a close and the most successful teams have been the Year 7 and 8 boys teams. At the time of writing the Year 8 boys had made it to the Div2 semi finals against Frederick Bremer, so best wishes to Mr Conway and his team for that game.

Next term we look forward to the Cricket and Athletics seasons where we will be expecting more fantastic achievements and increasing participation from our wonderful sportsmen and women. Thank you to all the staff for leading the teams so well.

Finally, we sadly have to say Goodbye and Good Luck to Mr Sains who is leaving at Easter. Mr Sains led the PE Department for more than 15 years and has positively impacted an incredible amount of our students in that time both in sport and in the classroom. He will be sorely missed but wish him all the best at his new school.



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Art News

It has been another incredibly busy term for our Art Department. Here is showcasing some of the wonderful work that has been created by our Art pupils.

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY



Our three year 10 GCSE Art groups visited the National Portrait gallery in London this term. This was in preparation for their up coming portrait unit.

They had lots of mini tasks to complete to help them explore the wonderful collection; from Tudor paintings to contemporary sculptures. They behaved impeccably and had a lovely time!



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GCSE Art & Design

Response to 'Light and Dark' unit



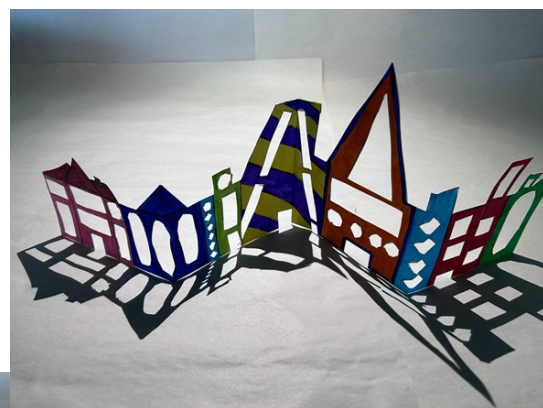
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Year 7

Tonal stitched self portrait, inspired by the work of London based Italian artist Maurizio Anzeri.



Year 8

Shadow House Project

Ks3 Art & Design

(Year 7, Year 8 & Year 9)

Year 9

Surrealist water-colour paintings
Protest Project

Year 8

Clay House Project

