



Message from the Headteacher

'Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ Jesus and has given us the work of reconciling others to Him'

2 Corinthians 5:18

As we marked the beginning of Lent, it has been humbling to watch the courage of Ukrainian people. Our thoughts remain with all who are under threat, and along with our Parent Prayer group, we will continue to keep them in our prayers. Teachers have allowed time in PSHE lessons for pupils to talk about what they are seeing and hearing unfold in Europe, and have specifically focused on sharing the facts and encouraging pupils to be comfortable about not having the answer for everything.

On a brighter note, after almost three years, the entire school was welcomed into the local community for Worship in the Community, to mark Ash Wednesday. I would like to thank St Barnabas, Holy Trinity, St Michael's, St Paul's and the Every Day churches, who planned a range of activities, and gave us such a warm welcome. A huge thank you for Chaplain Alex Shoderu who continues to present so many opportunities for children to take part in worship, whether they have a faith or not. All are welcome!

I was invited to the launch of *A Place to Call Home*, a collaborative art project at Southside Shopping Centre. Led by local artist Alexander Mourant, pupils in Year 7, with support from students in Year 13, joined 2000 young people, from 51

schools in Wandsworth to reconnect with their sense of being part of the local community, in response to the distance and isolation felt during the pandemic. I would like to thank Stella Allen and Sarah Mulvey in our fabulous Art department, for making this opportunity possible. The picture is of Stella Allan and me being interviewed on the project for the exhibition reel. More information on this community project is in this week's newsletter.



This afternoon, I met with a group of Year 11 pupils, who I invited to tea, to celebrate and reward them for the progress they are making in and beyond the classroom. It was an absolute pleasure to spend time with such a lively and positive group of young people over doughnuts and snacks.

Finally, I am delighted the Friends' Quiz Night is happening this evening. Tickets will be available on the door tonight, £7 per person, if you would like to support their fundraising efforts and have some fun.

God bless,
Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

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Last week certainly felt like a full week in the life of the school, particularly as we had different events to mark the beginning of Lent. The Worship in the Community was a particular highlight for me. It felt really special, in light of the current conflict, for local churches to open their doors to our pupils and students.

We will continue with our Reconciliation theme this week in our collective worship times, whilst continuing to pray for an end to the war in Ukraine.

With that in mind, I want to share with you this prayer, which we will be sharing with pupils and students collectively in the coming week. Mentors and Year Leaders will read the text and the pupils and students will answer with the lines in bold.

Let's pray:

God who hears and sees, we bring to you the people of Ukraine. May you comfort them and bring peace to their homes and to their hearts.

'We call to you in our distress, We trust you to answer us.'

We pray for our world's leaders. Guide them to react to all that is happening. May peace and hope triumph over fear and hate.

'We call to you in our distress, We trust you to answer us.'

In a few moments of quiet, I invite you to bring your own worries, sadness and hopes to God now.....

'We call to you in our distress, We trust you to answer us.'

God of peace and God of love

'We call to you in our distress, We trust you to answer us.'

Amen

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

A Place to call Home – Saint Cecilia’s take part in community art project



We are excited to tell you about a recent art installation project Year 7 have been involved with, culminating in a live Art exhibition in the Southside Centre. It's been a long time in the making!

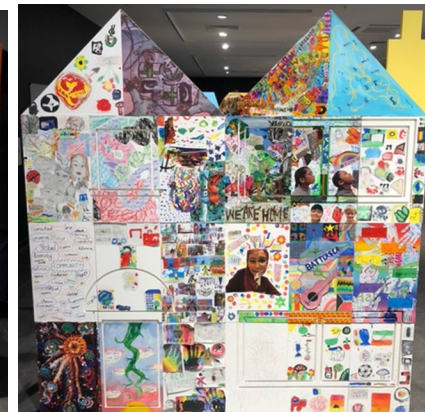
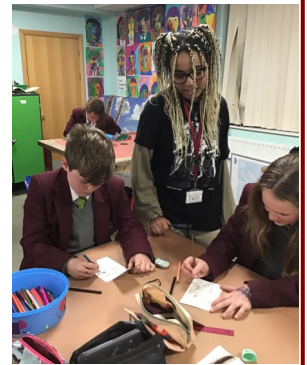
A Place to Call Home is an initiative led by Wandsworth Children's Services to promote collaboration and community in Wandsworth involving 51 schools in the borough. The aim of *A Place to Call Home* was to unify and foster links between independent and state schools and to nurture conversation and future collaboration for pupils, teachers and school leaders. The

initiative started back in October last year, when art teachers and creative leaders from participating schools met with artist Alexander Mourant, who creatively directed the project, to plan and collaborate the artwork. Schools held workshops within their own schools, with some collaborating and holding workshops in each other's schools to share the creative journey together.

In November and December, our Year 7 pupils worked on a variety of themes based on five main areas – communication, belonging, commitment, diversity and support. Pupils, led by me, Sarah Mulvey and enthusiastic Art A Level students **Alexia** and **Oliver**, created portraits of themselves and sensory drawing to create visual 'sound maps' based on colour and movement using a variety of materials. The artwork was mounted onto A3 sized panels which, when assembled together, will create a set of houses as the main part of the exhibition. In December, I linked with Sacred Heart Primary School in Battersea to lead an Art Workshop with a Year 5 class to create similar artwork for the panels.

The experience has been an extremely positive one for participating Year 7 pupils and Sixth Form Art students. Huge thanks to Allana Keiza and Sarah Mulvey, Sixth Form Art students **Alexia** and **Oliver** and the wonderfully creative participating Year 7 pupils. The exhibition in Southside will be available to visit from 4th - 25th March from 9:30am-5pm in Unit 61 (between Paperchase and Deichmann). Do talk about this with your child and please pop along to Southside to look at the exhibition. We will be taking the Year 7 pupils who took part on a special trip around the exhibition on 21st March.

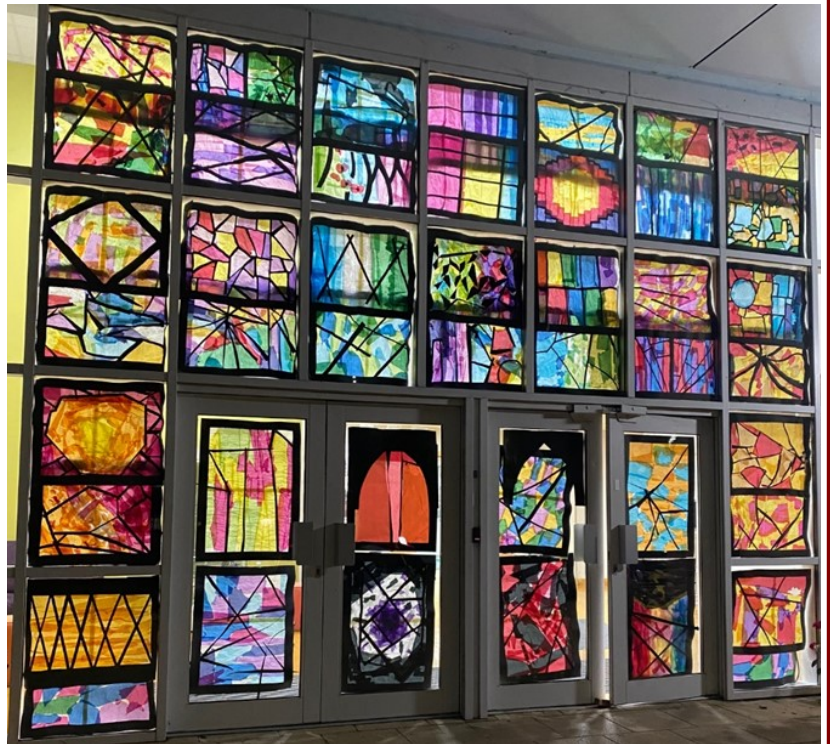
Pictures are from the *A Place to Call Home* workshop we held in December at Saint Cecilia's which was led by **Alexia** and **Oliver**.



Stella Allan
Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design

The wonders of Window Wanderland

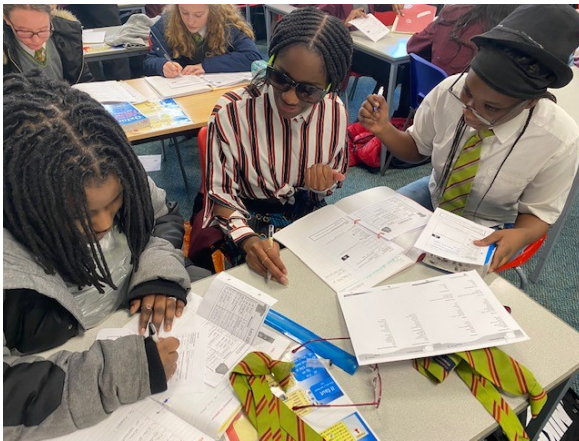
Our final lit up Window Wanderland installation - what a beautiful work of art! Our design was inspired by the stained glass windows in Gaudi's Sagrada Familia in Barcelona. After a tough two years, this was a great way for the community to come together and transform the local streets into a magical outdoor gallery for all to see.



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Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design

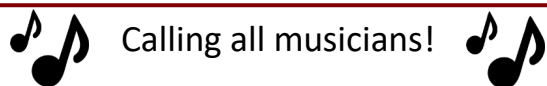
French Fashionistas

As Year 8s were learning about clothes in their French classes this week, we held a mini-fashion show. Pupils had to design an outfit using different items of clothing or from plastic bags. They then worked together to describe each other's outfit and express their opinions about them. The activity provided an excellent way to cement French vocabulary.



Sylvia Basilious
Curriculum Team Leader for MFL

Wandsworth Young Musician of the Year



The Wandsworth Young Musician of the Year competition for 2022 is now open. This is a wonderful chance for pupils and students to perform and have fun showing off musical pieces they have been working on. We've previously had several students who have reached the final.

Round 1 is open to all instrumentalists and vocalists and will take place through video submission performances. **Round 1 application forms must be submitted by the 20th April with video submissions received by the 1st May 2022.**

The competition is divided into three categories:

Junior Solo Category

Senior Solo Category

Ensemble Category

Five entrants from each category in Round 1 will be chosen to perform in the Final by our adjudicator.

The final will be a live concert held in July.

For full details, scan the QR code in the image right.

John Wells
Curriculum Team Leader for Music

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Apply by: 20th April
Submit video by: 1st May
Live Final: July 2022

For more information and to apply, go to:
wandsworthmusic.co.uk/wymoty

Watch Round 1 performances on our Wandsworth Music YouTube Channel

Pancakes on the Playground



On Tuesday 1st March there were high levels of competition and excitement in the playground as we held the annual pancake race between Sixth Form mentor groups to mark the start of Lent. Despite the rain, the Sixth Formers enjoyed some healthy competition in a relay which started with the mentors running. Each member of the team had to toss the pancake four times whilst racing to a line and back, before passing on the frying pan to the next team member. The victorious team were Lisa Morris' group, although this is hotly disputed by Alison Sharpe-Cousins and John Wells!

Paul Bishop
Assistant Headteacher, Director of Sixth Form

Athletic Analysis

On 25th February, the PE Department took 45 of our most gifted Year 9 sportsmen and women to the Surrey University Human Performance Institute for a day of elite level fitness testing and performance analysis.

The pupils took part with vigour and enthusiasm and were a credit to the school. The pupils left feeling inspired and looking forward to embarking on the GCSE PE course next year.

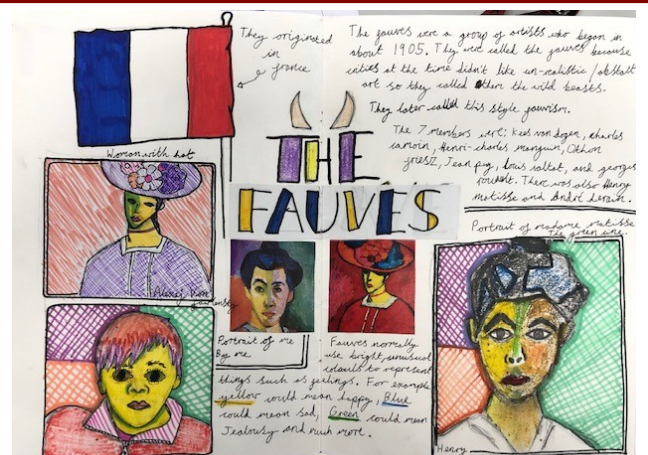


Alex Bishop
Assistant Headteacher (Interim)



Artist of the Week

Here is a wonderful artist research page about the 'Fauves' by Zach in Year 7 as part of our Self Portrait project. He is my Artist of the Week.



Victoria England
Teacher of Art and Design

Year 7 Netball News

On Monday 28th February, the Year 7 A and B team were invited to take part in the Wandsworth district U12 netball tournament in which the winners of the tournament would go through to represent Wandsworth at the London Youth Games.

The A and B team started off in separate pools for the tournament. The B's had a tough division as they only played against A teams from other schools. They won two games and lost two games against Ashcroft A's and Graveney School A's. They improved hugely as the tournament went on. Well done to **Ellen** for her calm play in attack, as well as **Eliza** for fantastic shooting.

The A's division included, Thames Christian College, Southfields Academy and Burntwood School. They won all three of their games which meant they qualified for the semi-final. The semi-final match was against Ashcroft, which again the girls managed to hold onto and came out with a fantastic win, scoring 4 goals to 1.

This meant the A's made it through into the final against the other semi-finalist winner, Graveney School. The girls started with a very strong first half, but unfortunately fell one goal behind. During the second half I think the nerves kicked in and, unfortunately the girls, started to make some small errors resulting in a number of free passes to Graveney School, giving them the opportunity to score more goals. The final score was 5-1 to Graveney School.

A fantastic effort from both teams.

Player of tournament A - **Lucy**

Player of tournament B - **Eliza**



A team - Lucy, Naomi, Abigail, Evie, Gabrielle, Coco, Yvette, Martine and Tehya



B team - Olivia, Eliza, Siena, Aaliyah, Nadia, Mary-Joy, Neema, Ellen and Sophia

Imogen Hamel
Teacher of PE

Spring Concert - 24th March

After a two-year wait, I am pleased to announce that we will be holding our **Spring Concert** at school on Thursday 24th March at 7pm. It should be a great evening and I do hope many of you will be able to attend to support our talented students. Tickets will soon be available on ParentPay and will be priced £6 for adults and £2 for children. Please note that tickets will not be available on the door so you must book in advance.

The pictures below show our talented jazz band rehearsing in preparation for the concert.



John Wells
Curriculum Team Leader for Music

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

We have been sent flyers of further pop-up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics taking place next weekend on Saturday 12th March at Ernest Bevin College. Click [here](#) to see the flyer. The flyer contains a 'clickable link' for booking an appointment.

Parents can book an appointment online or call the team on 020 8614 5306

Lucy Bush
Deputy Headteacher

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Friday 4th March:** Quiz and social night hosted by The Friends 7:30—9:30pm @ Saint Cecilia's
- **Monday 7th March:** Year 8 trip to The Lookout, Hyde Park
- **Tuesday 8th March:** Years 12 and 13 Trip to *Hamilton* at The Victoria Theatre at The Victoria Palace Theatre
- **Thursday 10th March:** Year 12 Parents' Evening (virtual) 5-8pm
- **Thursday 10th March:** Years 8 and 9 Debate Club trip to Putney High School
- **Thursday 10th March:** Year 12 and 13 Trip to *La Casa de Bernada Alba*
- **Monday 14th March:** Year 7—13 trip to *Phantom of the Opera* at Her Majesty's Theatre
- **Tuesday 15th March:** Year 9 trip to the Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford
- **Thursday 17th March:** Maths Inspiration at the Phoenix Theatre
- **Thursday 17th March:** Year 8 Parents' Evening (virtual) 5-8pm
- **Thursday 24th March:** Spring Concert @ 7pm