



FAMILY MATTERS

The Holy Family Technology College

A Catholic Secondary School & Specialist Technology College

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Friday 6th February 2009

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had an unusual week this week, of course, with the snow closing the entire school on Monday and Tuesday. I am sorry we were only able to partially re-open the Wiseman site on Wednesday but this was with pupil safety in mind; the site was still very icy and potentially dangerous.

While students missed out on their formal education I know that many of them enjoyed being active in the snow and it was possible to make good use of a snowfall that only occurs rarely in London, at least. I apologise too about trips and visits that had to be cancelled and the inconvenience caused by this.

The snow closure meant we relied on our text messaging system. I understand that most parents/carers received text messages but in a few cases we had mobile phone numbers that had been changed but the school had not been informed. Please do ensure that if your contact details change you inform the school immediately so that we can update our records.

We also made use of our website to post notices about the school closure and I would encourage you to visit the website as there is lots of interest about the school there including an archive of all past newsletters. Indeed the current issue is always posted on the website on the Friday when it goes out with the students in hard copy.

Reminder: Headteacher's Surgery Tuesdays from 4.30 to 5.30pm on the Walthamstow House site

As ever please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Best wishes

Dr Andy Stone
Headteacher

Year 10 Student Of the Week

The Year 10 team have decided to reward good behaviour and good work and implement an award to 'Student Of The Week.' This is where teachers nominate students whom they feel are making good progress in terms of academic achievement, improved behaviour or for being a good citizen. The perks which come with this award include an early lunch pass for the week, vouchers, non-uniform day and eligibility for the end of term cash prize draw.

Students must continue the good standards if they are going to be put forward for the cash draw. Students nominated so far include Samara Casteallo 10.8, Shani Henry 10.6, Rachel Clouter 10.1, and Jordan Mullins 10.4. The students have commented that being 'Student of the Week' made them feel that their efforts were being recognized and acknowledged, making them feel good about themselves.

An extra incentive added by Mr. Mensah is 'Tutor Group of the Week'; well done to 10.3 who won this award and received a non uniform day.

Ms. R. Dixon

Headteacher: Dr. A. Stone, BA Hons, NPQH Deputy Headteachers: Ms. C. Hodges, BA Hons, NPQH Mr. D. O'Neill BEd, MA, NPQH

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Year 9 Girls Basketball Success

In recent weeks the team has played several matches.			
Kelmscott - won 28-2	Tom Hood - lost 42-44	Lammas - won 60-12	Chingford - won 36-12
Rushcroft - won 38-12			

Holy Family finished 2nd in the league table which resulted in a semi final match here against Walthamstow Girls last Thursday. The result ?.....**Holy Family- 39 Walthamstow girls – 13.**
The girls will now play in the final against Tom Hood at Chingford Foundation School.

Team-

Philomena Yawson	Cherelle Sandiford	Katherine George	Shianne Scott
Rojhane Burke	Nathalia Berthold	Constance Adu- For	Joy Wagbara
Jazmin Mortimer			

More Sporting Success!

The winning habit continues for our year 9 girls football team. Having secured the Orient Girls League in the Autumn Term they proceeded to win the Orient Girls Knockout Cup, beating Rushcroft in a penalty shoot out in the final (special praise must go to goal keeper Kirsty who saved all Rushcroft's attempts). They will now play in an inter borough competition next month.

At an invitation indoor athletics event at Lea Valley all our teams did exceptionally well with the year 9 girls winning the team event and the Year 8 boys winning the relay. Well done to everyone who competed.

WALTHAM FOREST GOLF COMPETITION

Pupils from our school have been invited to take part in the inaugural Waltham Forest Schools Golf Competition. It will take place on Monday 16th February at Chingford Golf course. Both boys and girls are welcome, but pupils must have an official Golf Handicap. If you are interested, or would like more information, speak to your P.E teacher.

Apprenticeship schemes from British Energy...what we offer

Our apprentices are appointed into Maintenance Departments with teams of Maintenance Technicians covering both the conventional and the reactor side of plant. The work is varied, interesting and challenging, and will give you plenty of opportunities to put into practice the skills you will learn, and to demonstrate the safety knowledge you will have acquired. Training is an on-going part of our working life within British Energy, and you will be encouraged to take responsibility for your own development and to get involved in some of the many activities and projects within the power stations.

You will undertake a comprehensive training programme covering Electrical, Mechanical or Instrumentation skills. Following successful completion of your first year all apprentices will be streamed into their 3 separate engineering disciplines and will focus on trade specific training and completion of academic qualifications. This period of training may involve extended durations where you will be away from home, during this time all transport, accommodation and meals will be provided for you.

Upon completion of your four year apprenticeship, you will be awarded a modern apprenticeship as well as an NVQ or an SVQ level 3 and a National Certificate qualification, which may lead to the option to continue to Higher National certificate (HNC) level.

To gain one of our apprenticeships you must have a good standard of general education and an aptitude for practical subjects. You should also have or expect to achieve a minimum of five GCSEs, or equivalent including Grade C or above in Mathematics, English and Science subjects.

For more information, visit this link: <http://clk.atdmt.com/3B1/go/128547737/direct/01/>

Animal Care in Egypt



It started last year when I visited Luxor, Egypt on a week's holiday. In this beautiful place I was horrified to see horses and donkeys in a terrible state on the streets. The hotel receptionist told me about Animal Care in Egypt (ACE). The locals called it 'the horse hospital'. She said that tourists could visit and she arranged a taxi for me that afternoon. Inside the compound were horses, donkeys, dogs, cats and even tortoises; all creatures great and small in various stages of recovery and all being nurtured and loved. I felt as though I had entered animal paradise. Kim and Julie from ACE had spent two years trying to get an education programme off the ground and now every day 80 different children come for

lessons in animal care. They listen to a teacher, watch a short DVD, sing a song about donkeys (guess who helped write that?) and then walk around the centre to see the animals. ACE has now grown to be a fully functioning animal hospital with an 'outpatients' department and room for 25-30 'inpatients'. Three Egyptian vets and many local stable staff are employed and there is a programme of visiting vets who come from England to work. It is free and no animal is refused. There are also volunteers who help look after the animals keeping stables and bedding areas clean, and walking the horses and donkeys to stretch their legs and aid recovery.



If you would like to know more about ACE please visit the website www.ace-egypt.org.uk. If you have any fundraising ideas please contact me at the school.

*Thank you
Miss Julie Clarke*

Year 8 Sporting Success



On Wednesday 28th January eight Year 8 students participated in a 7 a side football tournament in Redbridge. The boys were confident on arrival to the tournament and showed their confidence by easing their way through the group stages despite some close score lines. Holy Family grew in stature throughout the tournament conceding only one goal.

With a solid defence the boys' attacking capabilities started to spark into life after the second game with 1-0, 2-0 and 2-1 wins respectively. Some superb shot stops by goalkeeper Thomas Elmes saw the impressive goal difference take the boys to the semi final against Wanstead. With the game a draw at the end of normal time it was dreaded penalties. Holy Family kept their composure by slotting home all 5 penalties successfully. Thomas Elmes' useful Bruce Grobbelaar like leg wobbles, just

doing enough to distract the opposition.

The Final beckoned for Holy Family up against Canon Palmer, winners from the opposing group. Holy Family yet again dominated the game with Captain Lewis sealing the win with a great finish from an awkward angle to make the game 2-0 overall.

Well done- Thomas, Aaron, Luke, Jermaine, Cliff, Liam and Lewis who were a credit to the school with respect, attitude and fantastic sportsmanship.

Congratulations to the boys, we hope for the same success to come throughout the sporting year.

COME TO THE WALTHAMSTOW SITE LIBRARY AFTER SCHOOL EVERY
MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY 3.30-4.30



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Ms. A. Tata

'BIG APPLE' QUIZ



In an effort to raise finance for our upcoming visit to New York and Washington we intend to hold a quiz night. The money raised will help fund additional opportunities and activities that may arise whilst in the USA. We would therefore greatly appreciate your company for an evening of fun and fellowship. The quiz night will be a wonderful opportunity to socialise with staff, pupils and their families. The evening will take place on **Saturday 7th February 2009** commencing at **7:30pm at Walthamstow site hall**. A bread and cheese platter will be provided but please bring your own drinks and any additional snacks.

An adult ticket is:	£ 5:00
Student/child ticket	£ 3:00
Family Ticket	£13:00 (2 adults and 2 children)

Tickets can be ordered in advance from the Wiseman office or purchased on the door. We would however be grateful to know numbers so please let us know if you plan to attend.

Thank you in anticipation for your support.

Miss O'Neill and Mr Lee

The Friends of the Holy Family Technology College

Walthamstow Site

Biggest Ever Indoor Boot Sale

Saturday 28th March 2009 from 10:00am until 2:00pm.

Refreshments available / home made cakes

Cost of hiring a table is £ 10.00 (£ 5.00 if for a charity).

Please call School Office on 020 8520 0482 to reserve a table for the event