



FAMILY MATTERS

The Holy Family Technology College

A Catholic Secondary School & Specialist Technology College

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Friday 6th November 2009

Dear Parents/Carers,

Whole School Mass of Remembrance

On Wednesday this week we held our annual whole school Mass at the Waltham Forest Assembly Rooms. The Mass was celebrated by the Bishop of Brentwood and concelebrated by a number of other local clergy. It was a really good occasion and it is very important that we have the opportunity to worship together as an entire school community at least once each year. My thanks to all involved and, particularly, to the RE, Music and Drama Departments for their contributions to the liturgy and, of course, to the students who participated so well in the Mass.

Interview Preparation Day

Yr 11 students took part in a successful day of interview preparation with all students having a mock interview carried out by representatives of a wide range of employers. Thanks go to Mr Farren and the Education Business Partnership for their work in putting the day together and to all those employers and governors who gave up their time. The feedback from our students was very encouraging and they dressed very smartly and really rose to the occasion – well done to Yr 11.

Friends of Holy Family

On Tuesday 10th November at 7.30pm in the Headteacher's Office on the Walthamstow Site we have the next meeting of the Friends of Holy Family, our Parent-Teacher Association. All parents are very welcome to attend this meeting and we would be delighted to see any new faces. The Friends are preparing for our second Biggest Ever Table Top Sale which will take place on Saturday 28th November from 10am to 2pm.

Yr 11 Exams

Good luck to our Yr 11 students who will be sitting their GCSE English exams next week. Many students attended additional classes over the half-term holiday in preparation for these exams so well done to them and thanks to staff from the English Dept who gave up their time during the holiday period to support the students.

Sixth Form Parents' Evening

Yr 12 and Yr 13 Parents' Evening is on Thursday 12th November from 3.45pm on the Walthamstow Site. Please make every effort to attend this evening to keep updated about the progress of your sixth form son/daughter and to help support them in their studies.

Parents' Surgery is on Tuesdays at 4.00pm on the Walthamstow site.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Dr Andy Stone
Headteacher

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Biology Trip

For the ecology section of our A2 biology course, we visited Epping Forest to investigate population size. We used a frame quadrat for sampling in relatively uniform terrestrial habitats such as grassland. This is done by counting and recording the organisms for a small fraction of the area as defined by the quadrat.



We attempted to estimate the population size of woodlice, by catching them with spoons-it's unhygienic to use your hands, they don't look nice and you could kill them- each group marked them with paint, and put them back where we found them. Later that day, we returned to catch more woodlice in the fairly compartmentalised population. We recorded the number of woodlice that were marked and then released them again. This allowed us to use simple calculations to estimate the population size of woodlice in that habitat.



The second day was colder but more interesting as we investigated the classification, naming and adaptation of different species in a pond. It was surprising to see small species close up and find out how oxygen concentration, food availability and predation affect how they are adapted to living in their environment,(detritus layer, vegetation area or the surface).

The trip afforded us a glimpse into the practical aspects of ecology and gave us a better understanding of methodological limitations as a result of the restricted precision of some equipment. Thank you to Ms Dorostkar for assisting us with the investigations and all the A level Biology teachers for organising the trip.

Opeyemi Makinde 13.4

African Drumming and Dance

To end our celebration of Black History Month on the Friday before half term Year 7 and 8 joined together in the school hall to watch an African drumming and dance performance by some of their peers. The rhythmic beat of the drums and the energetic choreographed dance created a lively spirit in the hall. The performance was incredibly well rehearsed and received a standing ovation from the excited audience. Ms Perera and all the students involved worked extremely hard. Well done to all!



Emily Obuobi, Fiona Konadu and Anna Lisa Greenaway wearing traditional dress.

Walton-on-the-Naze

Here is a photo of some Year 10 students who were out on a Geography field trip to Walton-on-the-Naze on the Essex coast last week.

Everyone did extremely well to complete the beach work in what turned out to be quite horrendous weather conditions in the end and all were a credit to the school. Teamwork was needed to work efficiently, as we were in a race against time to beat the incoming flood tide, but all students rose to the challenge and the staff involved on both days cannot speak highly enough of them.

Well done to all!
From the Geography Department



10.3 Assembly

On Tuesday, 13th October 10.3 put on an assembly to raise awareness for the growing rate of teenage pregnancies in the UK. The assembly was a big success and 10.3 feel as if we have pulled together as a class. We would like to thank the members of the play for contributing time and effort, Latesha, Thomas, Kameron, Beth, Patryce, Chantelle, Mia and Sherkala.

Mrs Heath: I thought they handled the topic in a very sensitive way and portrayed it seriously whilst at the same time bringing an element of humour into it. Well done everyone!

TELCO

Following a dynamic TELCO meeting at school, Winette St Luce and Daniel Mc Conville represented Holy Family at a local meeting in the town hall. They had the opportunity to speak to our local politician, Cllr Robbins who committed to work with TELCO on the Living Wage, CitySafe and Strangers into Citizens (for more details on these campaigns check: www.telcocitizens.webeden.co.uk).



Year 7 Science Project

The winners from Ms Feltham Year 7 Science class show their windmills to Dr Stone.

In the beginning we had to plan where, when and how we were going to do it, I thought to make it electrical but my art and craft wasn't good. So that's where Callum and Ben came in. We went to the ICT suite and came up with the body structure of the wind turbine. I put in the electrical components and stuck it together. The circuit works by one 6V battery with two connection blocks to link the battery and the motors together. The circuit works has a switch. – Alan Crichlow, Callum Dalladay and Ben McGill.

Making a windmill was fun but it was also a big challenge. It has not been easy but I made it. I did not expect to win and it was a big surprise to me. - Ewa Truszkowska

A reminder that students taking home languages for example Spanish, Italian, Russian, Polish, Chinese, Greek, Urdu, need to collect an application form from Ms Heath and return it before the end of the autumn term.

Friends Quiz Night

Thank you all so much for everyone who came and supported our Quiz on Saturday 17th October, we do hope all who attended, enjoyed it. Big congratulations to the table from St. Mary's RC primary, who proved to be winners on the night. It was a worthwhile evening for the Friends both as a fundraiser and socially. We hope to see more of you next time.

The Friends of the Holy Family Technology College



Biggest Ever Event



Indoor Boot Sale (Table Top Sale)

to be held on the Walthamstow Site,
1 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow
(next to Thorpe Coombe Hospital)

on

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

**Refreshments available.
Home made Cakes on Sale too!**

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

**Please call School Office
on 020 8520 0482**

or email the Friends on t.friends@holyfamily.walthamschools.org.uk

CCS Youth Club

In partnership with

Youth support services (LB Waltham Forest)

Contact 07947 621 498 (Karen)

Hair n' Beautu

Football

Quiz

We invite STUDENTS from ALL year groups to our OPENING EVENING

Refreshments

Open Evening

When: Tuesday 10th Nov '09

Where: Walthamstow Site

Main Hall

Time: 4.30-7.30pm

Nintendo Wii

Smoothie making

DANCE N' DRAMA

PARENTS come and meet our TEAM and take part in our FUN activities

AN EVENING NOT TO BE MISSED!

Come and join us!