

Shene News

For
Pupils & Parents

5th June 2009



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Friday saw our usual high quality, fun-filled, action-packed Sports Day, organised by our wonderful PE department with help from other colleagues such as Mr Hudson who MC'd very ably. Music kept the event going, as always, and, to my surprise, students I spoke to were in favour of the old Motown and Northern Soul songs, reserving their scorn for the likes of Mariah Carey. I am afraid to say that British Bulldogs (my House) came 4th: sometimes tenacity just isn't enough.

Next week we begin the process of consulting with local Primary school parent governors and Heads about what they would like to see in Shene Academy. Parents will be aware that the Local Authority decided, just before half term, not to go with Edutrust, or EACT as they are now called, and to begin again the search for a sponsor for academy status in 2010. There is a strong possibility of a partnership also with a local University.

Last week, I met with our National Challenge Advisor who told me Shene was no longer on their 'radar' because we were deemed to have made so much improvement, although the impending academy means we will not lose entirely the funding and support we have been accessing. Some of this has gone to help us provide extra lessons, such as the revision sessions for Year 11. We have put in a bid for more support for this year's Year 10 and hopefully this will be successful. The Headteacher of Whitton also paid us a visit and wrote to say how much he loved the atmosphere and feel of the school.

Finally, can I remind parents and carers to impress upon your child(ren) the importance of behaving as well as they can while on public transport, however difficult or frustrating this may be. While I am only too aware of the problems at

Hammersmith, a member of the public got pushed last week as she mounted the bus, resulting in a delay for all the passengers. The transport police officer who spoke to me acknowledged the problems of so many children needing a bus and will be putting this in writing; in addition, the Director of Education has just written to Boris Johnson to ask for a meeting as soon as possible.

Ms L Kirby - Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES!

The PTA are working hard with the school to build home school partnerships and would warmly welcome all parents and carers to attend our next meeting which will be held on Wednesday 10th June at 6.30 pm in H32. Please do come along and join in.

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!

Please note there will be an INSET day on Friday 3rd July. The 6th INSET Day has been put in place for all schools in Richmond-upon-Thames to address the new curriculum demands.

YEAR 7 NEWS

Keep up-to-date with your child's progress

The opportunity has now come for you to meet the Subject teachers of your child.

Shene School will be holding a Parents' Evening for Year 7 Parents on:

Date: 23rd June 09

Time: 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Venue: Park Hall

An appointment sheet will be given to each child. To avoid disappointment please arrange an appointment a.s.a.p. Please look out for the Appointment sheets.

Mrs Roach
Year 7 Leader

CHARITY NEWS

We have received a letter of thanks from the Beatbully Fundraising Officer. Our school raised a fantastic £122.15 which will be spent assisting young people affected by bullying. Well done to everyone who contributed but a special thank you to Mrs. Warren who organised the whole event.

NEW EVENT

Youth Evenings at Shene – Tuesdays between 4.00 – 7.00 pm.

Please be aware that a new initiative is being trialled at Shene with the **Richmond upon Thames Integrated Youth Support Service**. The plan is to provide a range of activities every Tuesday evening from now (today) until the end of term. The activities include:

Boxing

Football

Make-up

Dance

Basketball

Table tennis

Badminton

Use of the fitness suite

All the young people (11 – 18 year olds) have to do is turn up at the Sports Hall at 4pm on Tuesdays. It's all free.

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