

Shene News

For
Pupils & Parents

13th November 2009



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

If you are reading this, then maybe you can help us by encouraging other parents/carers and your child to read it too. I think it is a vehicle to celebrate much of the good things going on in the school. Last week, we hosted a very, very moving assembly about the Holocaust, with a live appearance by an Auschwitz survivor, Eva Schloss. Our students' response was outstanding and Eva ate lunch in the canteen with lots of children curious to ask about her experiences and her views on life.

A number of staff members, including myself, visited two of the Academies run by our sponsor. They are situated in Essex, and, unlike some Academies, the main one we visited has not been rebuilt, but very well refurbished and equipped with a huge range of facilities, which greatly impressed the two students who accompanied us. Parents will shortly be invited to consultation meetings with the sponsor when you can find out more about what is promised for us in September.

I would like to draw parents' and carers' attention to the BBC Education website where our progress towards academy status is being tracked by a journalist who is a local resident and writes, as you will read, very positively about the school. The website is <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/default.stm>; click on the link about the academy half way down. Happy reading!

Lesley Kirby
Headteacher

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL PARENTS

In a bid to do our bit for the environment, we intend to NOT send out paper copies of the newsletter unless parents specifically request it. As from January, it will be available on the website only. However, we are of course aware that some people don't have ICT access or would prefer to read a hard copy. If you would like to continue receiving the Shene News as a letter, please email the office, phone in or leave a note in your child's diary.

We also want to inform parents who may not have access to a computer at home that there is a government grant which you can bid for to help with the purchase of a PC. This grant is accessed, rather curiously, through the internet: <http://www.nextgenerationlearning.org.uk/HomeAccess> .

SPORTS NEWS

The proverbial game of two halves away to Grey Court resulted in the Year 10/11 football team reaching the Borough Final to face Teddington next wednesday at Hampton & Richmond FC. Shene started brightly and took the lead through Zac from good play from Ishmail and Ryan out wide. Grey Court equalised but a fantastic back post header from Tom and a volleyed finish from Ryan gave the visitors a comfortable 3-1 lead at half time. Shene proceeded to switch off and after a very disappointing 20 minutes found themselves 4-3 down with 10 minutes remaining. A scrappy goal from Patrick restored parity with 5 minutes left and Zac

won the game with a last minute strike.

This was a lapse that they can ill afford in the final.

It would be great to have some support as they are playing at a semi-professional ground in the final so all are invited. The game will kick off at 4 pm. Hopefully we'll see you there to cheer the lads on!



And then.../

BOROUGH FINAL MATCH TEDDINGTON VS SHENE - 11/11/09

Shene played by far the better football throughout a high quality final but were denied victory by a tenacious and strong Teddington team this evening. Caught out by a quality set piece and smart breakaway finish, Shene deservedly halved a 2 - 0 half time deficit with an outstanding team goal by Freddy not long after the break. They looked likely to draw level but were denied by a combination of good goalkeeping, last ditch

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defending and the woodwork to lose 2-1.

A fantastic setting and performance was greatly enhanced by the (very) vociferous Shene Staff in attendance. The boys were really touched by your support so thanks for coming! I'm sure you enjoyed it and were as proud of their skills, effort and the manner in which they represented the school as I was!

TEAM- Sinclair Rowe, Hemtanon, Lawton (Russell), Flood, Johnson, Laflin, Roby, Champion, Craig, Olufemi (Hurdle Allen), McCarthy Davis

CHARITY NEWS

Thank you to all those who helped to raise £72.26 for the Breast Cancer Campaign. We have received a certificate which is on display in the school and a grateful letter of thanks from the Charity.

YEAR 7 NEWS

All Year 7s have now been assigned their personal Year 8 Peer Supporter.



Please ask your child about this and find out how their Peer Supporter has assisted them throughout the week.

This is a new venture that we have put in place and your feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Ms. Roach - Year Leader of Year 7 & 8.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

The PTA are holding their AGM at 6.30 pm on 25th November in Hertford Building. Please do come along and be part of what is happening in the school.

GOD-DAUGHTER OF AMY WINEHOUSE VISITS SHENE SCHOOL

What better way to end the term than to be entertained by the talented 13 year old god-daughter of a 21st century icon? When 13 year old Dionne Bromfield performed for pupils from years 7 and 8, it was obvious that the singing talent spotted by her god-mother Amy Winehouse was very special - and blossoming. And the record company who have already contracted her have also seen what a powerful voice and personality this youngster has.

During this inspirational visit, Shene pupils were entertained to Dionne's take on old classics like 'Mama said there'd be days like these' and they talked to her about how she managed to fit her singing career around her education. She crammed five

days' learning into two - and very successfully, it seemed. Our pupils asked her about her most famous encounter (apart from her god-mother). Mariah Carey got top spot.

Shene School boasts several talented, aspiring young singers who were encouraged not only by Dionne's performance but by her willingness to talk about her own experiences in the competitive world of show business.



When given the opportunity, one of Shene's year 7 pupils sang with Dionne - a very grown up thing to do in front of his own class mates - and it was a performance of which we were all very proud.

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