

Headteacher's Message - Adele Christofi

We have had another busy week at Laurel Park with lots of learning and activities. I'd like to say well done to our year 11 football team who played against Winchmore. They didn't win but their motivation, resilience and attitude has been a great example to others.

Friday of this week was very busy, all year 11 students waited with anticipated breath to hear the outcomes of the Year 11 Prefect applications. Mr Hubbard and I had an incredibly hard job selecting the final 20... we had 51 applications! We had to meet several times to secure the final list. These were announced in assembly this morning where they were also handed their gold ties and their prefect badges. It was an absolute honour to be a part of this process alongside them. We did have some students who were disappointed, however this marks the journey of real life as they move into applying for jobs and having to go through a formal process. We will be selecting two head prefects from the group; this will take place in January once we have observed them in their duties next half term.

The main highlight of the week was the celebration for Black History Month. Ms Smith and Mr Akubuko did a wonderful job of coordinating a range of activities with the theme being 'Saluting Our Sisters' which focused on celebrating black women. As part of this we had a range of guest speakers, spoken word poetry, singing, and so much more! We had a fantastic exhibition in the sports hall which showcased traditional clothing, foods and snacks, musical instruments, artwork and artefacts, jewellery and hair products celebrating afro hair. The sports hall was completely transformed to a vibrant, colourful and thoroughly enjoyable experience. The highlight for many was the food tasting part of the afternoon where we had a very special guest come in to cook for the whole school! This was not our main lunchtime but an additional food tasting experience as part of the Black History Celebrations. Our special guest was Mrs Akubuko...Mr Akubuko's mother along with his Aunty who came to feed the school! They were busy in the kitchen making Puff Puff and chicken, helped out by Ms Ezzeldin - it was all hands-on deck. Students had the chance to taste a range of patties, salt fish and a range of chicken dishes. All students and staff got a taste box and they were served by Mr Hubbard, Ms Nikiforou and Mr Minors. Big Thanks to Mrs Akubuko for giving up her time to give our students a great experience. The students were buzzing at the end of the afternoon, and this was a great way to end our first half term as Laurel Park. Many thanks to Ms Smith and Mr Akubuko for coordinating the event; to Mr Lai and Ms Ezzeldin for their support in the overall event and to all other colleagues who contributed and supported students in getting to where they needed to be.

It really is moments like this that highlight the special place we have here and the wonderful team of staff that we have who go above and beyond for our young people.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful two week halfterm.

Ms Christofi
Headteacher



Half Term Dates

A reminder that we have a **two week half term** starting on Monday 23rd October until Friday 3rd November.

School starts for the 2nd half of the Autumn Term on Monday 6th November at 8.20am.

After half term it will be week 2

Important Updates

The Bay Leaf Restaurant

Students - We want to know your thoughts on the Menu in The Bay Leaf Restaurant - what you like, what you do not like and if you do not use the Restaurant why this is. Please complete this survey over half-term to let us know.

[Click here for the survey](#)

Primary Girls Football Night

This week we hosted the Primary School girls teams to our amazing football pitch for Primary Football Night. Again we welcomed Year 5&6 girls teams from Oakthorpe, St. Michael at Bowes, Hazelwood, St Monica's, Wolfson Hillel, Bowes and Our Lady of Lourdes Primary Schools.

Well done to all teams involved, some fantastic skill and talent amongst our Year 6 girls. Also a big thank you to the Year 7 catering team who served refreshments and cookies to the visiting parents and teachers.

New qualifications are thriving at Laurel Park

September 2023 has seen the introduction of new qualifications at KS4 including courses such as Business and Enterprise, Health and Social Care, and Beauty.

The Beauty qualification provides an introduction into the role of Beauty Therapy Techniques and the importance of health and safety in delivering an effective service. It gives learners an opportunity to practise the skills required to be an effective beautician.

Ms Christofi popped into one of their lessons this week and was delighted to see a practical taking place with the students practising on each other.



Amazing art work from Year 10 student

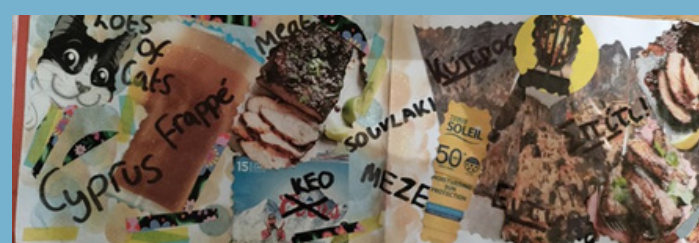
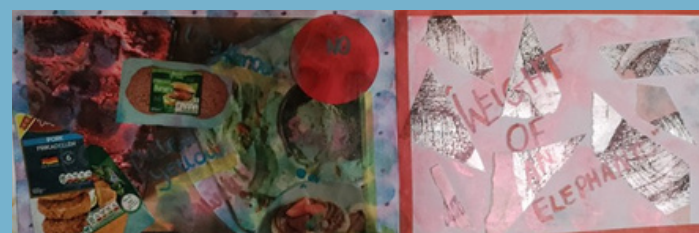
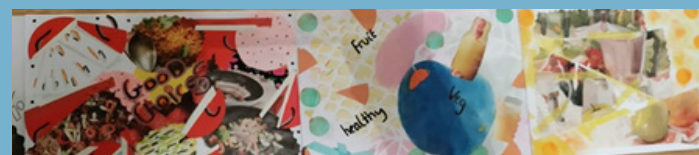
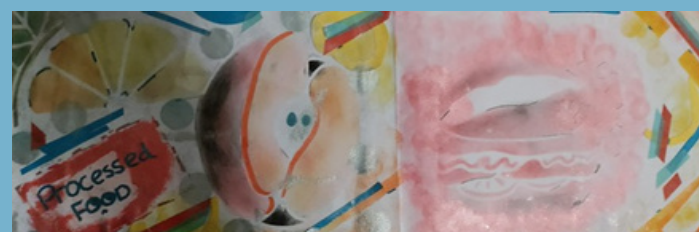
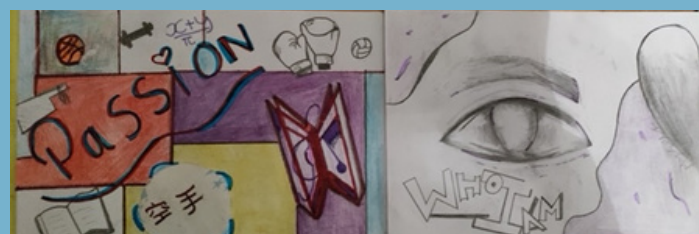


We are delighted to share an example of art work from Maria in Year 10. Maria writes...

'This project was based on our own relationships with food and how it connects with us. In the project I represented my cultural heritage, Cyprus. I also represent some key qualities of who I am.'

Well done Maria for the excellent work and for sharing it with Ms Christofi.

If you have some work that you are particularly proud of and you would like to share with Ms Christofi and to feature in the newsletter, email it to office@laurelparkschool.co.uk



Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to the following Year 7 and 8 students who won the Headteacher's Award this week:



Year 7 Winners

Yasir wins for **Ambition** as he always pushes himself to do the best he can, from doing challenges in lessons to being helpful in class and everything in-between! It is a pleasure to have him in the form class and he is an asset to the school.

Ezgi wins for **Integrity** because she always gives 100% in everything she does. She is also very respectful and kind to everyone around her. She is a valuable member of Laurel Park School and we are lucky to have her.

Khairiya wins for **Integrity** as she has a very sensible and mature attitude shown in both form and in her lessons.

Gabriel wins for **Integrity** as he is always willing to support his form class and volunteers to help out. His attitude to school so far has been exemplary.



Year 8 Winners

Niki wins for **Integrity** for being positive and cheerful everyday. He is always well mannered and polite, displayed all the school values.

Emily wins for **Determination** for always doing the right thing. She has been doing some amazing running in the 'Couch to 5K Enrichment' showing total determination.

Tsion wins for **Integrity** for always trying to do the right thing and supporting other students not just in her year group but across the school.

Mariana wins for **Integrity** as she can always be relied on to greet people with a cheery "hello". She is always ready to help others and consistently has an excellent attitude towards school.

**You Are
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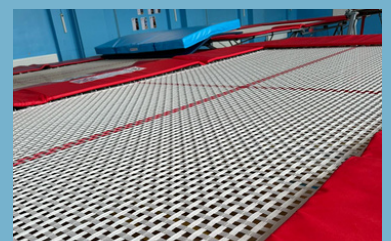
Super!

**WELL
DONE**

Bounce Trampolining Club receives delivery of 2 new trampolines

Thanks to funding from London Sport, Laurel Park School now has 5 competition sized trampolines to use within PE lessons and at our clubs. In the words of Carrie-Ann, our trampolining coach "**Your school now has better trampolining facilities than the private schools I coach at**"

The new Bounce Club has started really well this half term with both Laurel Park students and local primary school students enjoying trampolining every week. Well done to **Keiran** who has been coaching every week and to **Mary** who is volunteering her time to support, and will be taking on a coaching role soon.



Year 11 Prefects receive their **gold ties**

Today we appointed 20 Year 11 students to our first prefect team at Laurel Park. This was following a strict application process and being asked to give a speech in front of the Year 7 and 8s a couple of weeks ago. It was an exceptionally difficult and competitive process to chose these 20 students as the standard was extremely high.

All prefects have been given a golden prefect tie and a badge to show their role to all. They will be expected to hold up the highest standard at Laurel Park and be role models for our younger students.

Congratulations to the first cohort of Laurel Park Prefects!

Irina, Niki, David, Raine, Vahid, Ekin, Hassan, Shyon, Leena, Aaliyah, Ezekiel, Chidum, Idriss, Kayra, Ferhat, Chloe, Zoe, Perla, Berfin and Alan



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LAUREL PARK SCHOOL

Laurus Nobilis Awards Invitations

This week we gave out the invitations for the inaugural Laurus Nobilis Awards taking place on Wednesday 15th November at 6.30pm.

The Awards evening will celebrate with young people across all year groups (including Year 11 leavers) being presented with prizes at a very special awards ceremony. Students and their families are invited to join us in celebrating their achievements.

The format of the evening will consist of speeches and awards being presented. The awards consist of the following:

- English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, PE, Drama, Computing, Media, RE, Art, Technology, MfL and Music.
- The CS Lewis Award for Integrity, The Jesse Owens Award for Determination, The Aristotle Award for Excellence and the Malala Award for Ambition.

We look forward to celebrating at this prestigious event and will share winners shortly.

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DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

Black History Month Saluting our Sisters #wematter



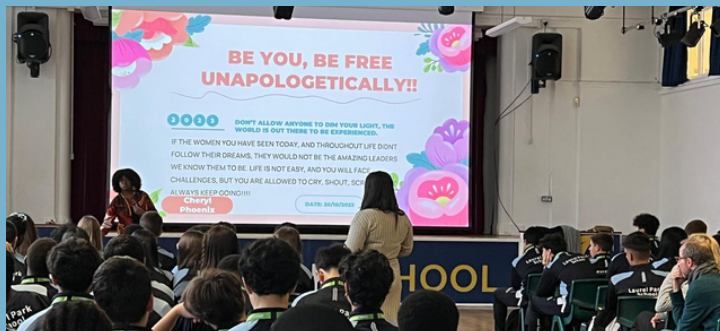
Black History Month 2023 is a momentous occasion to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people to British society.

Black History Month is an opportunity to reflect on the contributions and experiences of Black people within our societies and across history. It has been incredibly powerful to see diversity celebrated so enthusiastically across the school. Inclusion has always been important to our community, and the level of engagement from all staff and students in the variety of activities on offer, is just another reminder of the importance of celebrating diversity so that everyone, wherever they come from and whoever they are, has a place where they belong.

Black History Month at Laurel Park School has included:

Reading activities, guest speakers, food tasting, spoken word performed by students, documentaries, traditional clothing, specific foods, poetry, musical instruments, artefacts, a display of student art work and films on the history of traditional afro-Caribbean dance.

Thank you to Ms Smith, Ms Gray, Ms Bampanatsa, Mr Akubuko's family and all other staff members that have contributed to our Black History Month celebrations.



Laurel Park School are delighted to announce we are part of the Stronger Starts Programme. Between now and January 2024 you can vote for LPS with a blue token each time you shop at a local Tesco.

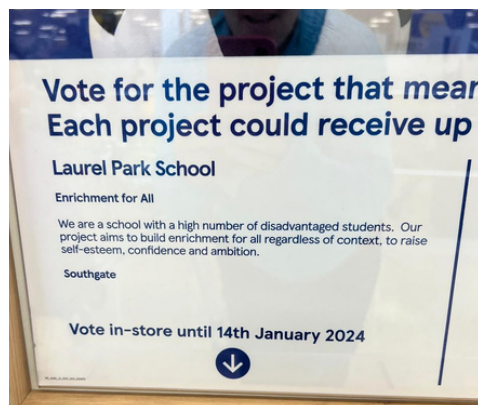
Our project aims to build enrichment for all, regardless of context, to raise self-esteem, confidence and ambition.

The project with the highest number of votes will receive £1,500.

Voting for Laurel Park School can take place at any of the following Tescos:

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Mill Hill NW7 3DA	Edgware Hale Lane HA8 8NP	Hendon NW9 5AA	Barnet High St EN5 5SJ	Barnet Greenhill EN5 1ES
Whetstone N20 0BU	Crickelwood NW2 3DR	New Southgate N11 3LX	Hendon Vivien Ave NW4 3YA	Edgware Glengall HA8 8TE

If you are shopping with self-service, you will have to specifically ask for a token.



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Vaccines help to protect your child from many serious and potentially deadly diseases. It helps to protect other people in your family and community by helping to stop diseases spreading to people who cannot have the vaccination. They prevent millions of deaths worldwide every year.

Always get your vaccine and health information from trusted sources, such as the NHS or World Health Organisation (WHO).

The School Aged Immunisation Service administer vaccinations in schools and hold catch-up clinics for children who have missed any immunisations.

For Pre-School Boosters Please contact GP.

Flu Year group changes each year depending on NHS requirements.

HPV and MMR Year 8 (these are normally done at school).

MEN ACWY, Diphtheria, Polio, Tetanus Year 9 (these are normally done at school).

Important

If your child has started college or university, make sure they have already had:

- **Men ACWY vaccine** Protects against serious infection like meningitis (the GP can give this vaccination)
- **2 doses of MMR vaccine** There are outbreaks of mumps and measles at universities (your GP can provide this vaccination)
- **HPV vaccine** Helps protect against genital warts and cancers caused by the human papilloma virus (HPV) such as cervical cancer.

Before the Enfield Immunisation Team visit your child's school for the different vaccination(s), you will receive a consent form via email to complete.

If your child is of school age, and you would like further information on the vaccinations and/or you need your child to attend the catch-up clinic, please contact **The School Aged Immunisation Service** on 020 8702 3499 or email beh-tr.enfieldimmunisationteam@nhs.net.

Until April 2024, there is an NHS Polio Campaign running. This is aiming to catch children up with all of their missed vaccines. If your child is in school and is missing MMR or Pre-School Booster doses, please contact our Polio phone line on 020 8702 6187.

For more information, please visit our website www.saisenfield.co.uk.