



FOREST SCHOOL

OUTREACH & PARTNERSHIPS

Strengthening Forest through collaboration

Where People Grow
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INTRODUCTIONS

THE WARDEN

At Forest, one of the things we are proudest of is the impressive network of activities and projects which express our ethos and values in the form of many mutually beneficial partnerships with other schools and organisations in the local community. The starting point for all these partnerships is to create a means to share best practice, raise aspirations, and ensure that as many young people as possible can benefit from the sort of opportunities for personal development and academic achievement on offer at Forest.

For example, our long-serving link with the London Academy of Excellence is particularly exciting because as educationalists, we believe very strongly in the transformative impact that participation in such partnerships can have on young people's lives. Forest was one of LAE's founding partner schools and has worked closely to support them since 2013 to see LAE become one of the highest-performing academic state sixth forms in the United Kingdom. At the outset, Forest was instrumental in setting up their hugely successful university application systems; we have offered guidance on co-curricular provision and currently accommodate their CCF here at Forest; we share events, pupil symposiums, lectures, staff training; we host LAE events here at Forest and enjoy pupil partnership with LAE's Forest House, whilst also currently supporting with safeguarding, mental health first aid, policy compliance and governance.

Of course, good schools – and there are many across East London – try to broaden experiences, stimulate ideas and deepen understanding. The staff at Forest really enjoy the opportunities provided by working in partnership with other schools and organisations to broaden the experiences and skills of pupils both at Forest and other young people in the local community. So, we are pleased that our work with Royal Springboard is resulting in pupils coming to Forest who otherwise would not be able to access a Forest education, and Forest's strong commitment to the Arts is expressed in our ongoing link with The Hackney Empire's outreach programmes across East London. We deliberately don't have a fixed programme but are very much open to suggestions about ways in which we might be able to work together for the mutual benefit of local children.

Marcus Cliff-Hodges



PARTNERSHIPS LEAD

We have had two very busy and successful years as the pandemic has eased where we have been able to fully engage with our local community in person, both within and beyond Forest which is something to celebrate.

We have hosted careers and enterprise events and invited our partner schools to these, run mock interviews for Year 11 and Sixth Form pupils from our partner schools and provided GCSE Additional Maths support. We have also run Dance and Drama workshops and subject specific sessions at local primary schools ranging from Classics to Debating and Mandarin to Art, held collections for local foodbanks and wider schemes such as Wrap Up London and the Children's Book Project. Pupils have volunteered at local charities Haven House Children's Hospice and ELHAP (Every Life Has A Purpose) and been busy setting up their own longer-term contributions to the wider community such as after school clubs in Maths, Science and Spanish at a local primary school which we have fully supported.

Pupils have also run their own fundraising initiatives for their chosen charities whether it be through the return of our termly Live Lounge sessions and the annual and much-loved Fusion event, or one-off charity events such as bake sales and selling candy canes or wooden roses to raise money for charities close to their hearts.

This is just a very brief flavour of the types of activity that pupils and staff have immersed themselves in during the past two years and it is a credit to their efforts that we have received warm and positive feedback from our community partners be they local schools or charities.

Partnership working is a two-way process; our pupils expand their educational experience beyond the classroom as they engage with people from a variety of settings whilst being offered the chance to view the world from alternative perspectives. Our staff have the opportunity to experience different educational settings which can enrich their own professional practice. Meanwhile, our partners in the wider community, such as local schools, can offer extended academic enrichment to their pupils whilst other partners, such as local foodbanks for example, benefit from our regular commitment. Each year, we endeavour to build upon the partnerships we have grown thus far and always seek to develop and grow new partnerships.

Sureka Perera



OUR PARTNERSHIPS

LONDON ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE - LAE

Our partnership with LAE dates back to 2012 and much has happened in those intervening years. In September 2021, the spectre of Covid still loomed large and prevented the usual visit from LAE's Forest House (their six houses are named after the six sponsor schools) from taking place although we made the journey to LAE in June 2022.

We were delighted, however, to welcome the return of Forest House in September 2022 and our students made the reciprocal visit in June 2023. On both occasions, Forest and LAE students shared their experiences of sixth form life thus far and worked together in teams to make presentations to each other reflecting on themes such as leadership and diversity.

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FOREST - LAE JOINT DEBATES

During 2023, we hosted LAE for a joint debate with the motions debated being 'Pursuing an Arts/Humanities based education is of little value' and 'The trial by jury system, in its current form, needs to be reviewed'. For the return debate, seven Year 11 and Year 12 students from Forest visited LAE to join their students for an afternoon of keen and intelligent debating on prisons, punishment, and rehabilitation. Two of the Forest students who participated in the latter debate wrote this about the experience:

'On Wednesday 10th May members of the Forest Debating Team visited LAE for a friendly debate. We were greeted with a platter of delicious biscuits and tea before getting into mixed groups, so that we were able to socialise and get to know students from LAE.

To begin with we voted on our topic for debate and decided to discuss whether or not the primary function of prisons should be punishment or rehabilitation. We then worked in our groups to research and discuss the side of the argument we were given. Then the debate began. Initially the group arguing for rehabilitation was stronger because it was much easier to find statistics and examples that showed the success of rehabilitation in prisons, rather than punishment. However, in the end the debate flipped as the group arguing for punishment started to explore the terms of the question, successfully showing that even if rehabilitation is an important part of the prison system, punishment is still its primary function.

After the debate, most people in the room agreed that they actually believed in the importance of rehabilitation and were critical of the emphasis placed on punishment in prisons, so the fact that the punishment group won the debate was interesting. It really showed how open minded and creative this group was. The experience also taught us a lot about working collaboratively and engaging with new people.'

Aaranie and Molly, Year 12 Forest Students



HACKNEY EMPIRE

Forest School is the proud partner of Hackney Empire's 'Creative Futures' programme designed to reach thousands of disadvantaged young people. Having been unable to perform at the venue since 2019 because of the pandemic, we finally returned to Hackney Empire, not once but twice in 2023!

Firstly, in March for the 'Forest at the Empire' event which was a wonderful evening of music including the fifty strong Symphony Orchestra, our new Samba Band and amazing student DJs warming up the audience with a back-to-back set of eclectic electronic music! Ticket sales raised just over £1000 for Tomorrow's Warriors, a charity which aims to transform the lives of future generations by increasing opportunity, diversity, and excellence in and through jazz.

We graced the stage at Hackney Empire once again in June for the perennial favourite, 'Battle of the Bands', which was a hugely entertaining evening showcasing the impressive talents of our pupils (and staff) whilst raising just under £2000 for Great Ormond Street Hospital.



STEM

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

Covid 19 continued to cast a shadow over the first half of our Lent Term and although all Government restrictions were lifted in February 2022, we held a modest version of our usually very busy and full schedule of Science Week events.

We welcomed Mayville Primary School to Forest for a science show by Braintastic! Science in March. It was lovely to see them fill our Theatre as they hadn't been to Forest since our Science Week in 2020 just before the first lockdown.

The science show was presented by Alina Ivan and looked at how to make the most of your memory. Pupils had a chance to participate in the show and find out what happens when we learn and how memories are stored in the brain, plus why we can not trust everything we remember.

In 2023, Mayville Primary School returned to Forest during British Science Week and took part in an exciting science-based escape room exercise which stretched the pupils' (and their teachers') minds in hunting down the solutions from a vast array of clues.

DONATION OF BIOLOGY TEXTBOOKS

In May 2022, we were able to offer 150 GCSE textbooks to local schools. King Solomon High School was the lucky recipient, being the first to express an interest in the books.





JUNIOR SCIENCE COMPETITION

In February 2023, we held our first Junior Science Competition since 2019. We had 25 schools from the state and independent sectors attending with each bringing a team of four Year 6 pupils. Each team needed to complete a set of three exciting experiments, requiring various conclusions to be made and several specific questions to be answered.

The afternoon proved to be a wonderful opportunity to inspire the next generation of talented young scientists in a fun and exciting way! Whilst waiting for the competition results, the pupils were treated to a fun and illuminating science show from two of our very own Science teachers.

PATHOLOGY TALK

One of our Biology teachers gave an insightful Biology in Action lecture, 'Silent Witness – the truth behind the stigma'. The purpose of this talk was to highlight the wide variety of sub-specialties that make up the clinical discipline of Pathology whilst, at the same time, trying to instil enthusiasm and fascination for the subject.

The talk explored the purpose of the post-mortem examination and the role it plays in helping tell the story of an individual. A number of cases covering everything from natural issues to problems caused by alcohol and recreational drugs were also explored. Our students were joined by a student from Woodford County High School.



MATHS OFF PISTE LECTURE

In November 2023, we saw the return of the Maths Off Piste Lecture which last took place in 2019. We welcomed Neil Sheldon, a chartered statistician, former Vice President of the Royal Statistical Society and current Chair of the Teaching Statistics Trust, to the Deaton Theatre to give a lecture entitled 'Lies, Damned Lies and Statistics' which lifted the lid on the real purpose of statistics and how to avoid being misled by them.

Our A Level Maths and Further Maths students were joined by Maths students and teachers from Wanstead High School, Heathcote School and Science College, Woodford County High School, and the London Academy of Excellence.





HUMANITIES AND LITERACY

CLASSICS OUTREACH AT GEORGE MITCHELL SCHOOL

During 2021-22, our Head of Classics delivered a weekly Classics lesson to pupils at George Mitchell School covering topics such as the Trojan War to Epic poetry to a Greek language taster which went down brilliantly with their Year 7 and 8 pupils. She also spent World Book Day there, to be on hand for other year groups to talk about Classics literature.

"Thank you so much for teach(ing) our students classics. The experience for all of us has been a real treat, the children have had a wonderful time developing their critical thinking skills and nurturing a love for ancient civilisations. A brilliant partnership where, being a state school, classics provision is a real treat."

TIMETABLED CLASSICS OUTREACH SESSIONS TO LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

As part of a wider carousel of subjects in 2021-22, we offered timetabled Classics outreach sessions to six local primary schools one afternoon a week for a half term at each school which was very well received.

JOINT FOREST-LAE HISTORICAL SYMPOSIUM

We hosted the second joint Forest-LAE Historical Symposium in November 2023, the inaugural one having been held in 2019. We welcomed LAE's Lead Teacher for History and five A Level History students from LAE who were joined by five Forest A Level History students and our Head of History at Forest.

Each student presented a short paper on their chosen field of historical study which ranged from the significance of the Battle of Little Bighorn to Cold War tensions in Africa to how far late 20th century Hollywood challenged the cultural, social and political status quo; all of which were meticulously researched and eloquently argued.



CAREERS

SANDY GUNN AEROSPACE CAREERS PROGRAMME

We were delighted to welcome the team from the Sandy Gunn Aerospace Careers Programme to Forest in October to give a presentation on pathways to careers in the aerospace engineering industry and related fields. In addition to our own budding engineers at Forest, we were able to open this up to our partner schools and we had a large number of students coming from local schools.

The Aerospace Careers Programme (ACP) is named after Sandy Gunn (Alistair Donald Mackintosh "Sandy" Gunn) who was the last pilot of the unarmed and unarmoured Photo Reconnaissance Spitfire AA810. He was shot down in 1942 whilst searching for the Nazi battleship Tirpitz. Sandy was sent to the new POW camp, Stalag Luft III, where he helped dig Tunnel Harry and escaped through it with 75 other POWs in 1944 but was recaptured and killed by the Gestapo as featured in the film *The Great Escape*.



In addition to hearing a presentation from industry experts, students were also able to get up close to a full-size Merlin engine and other exciting props from the aerospace industry and ask questions of the team. The students found it particularly poignant to learn that one of our Sixth Form students who donned an RAF uniform of the time, was roughly the same age as some of the airmen who would have worn the same uniform during combat in the Second World War.

Our thanks go to all the students who attended and the Sandy Gunn ACP team - Michael Smith, Tony Hoskins and Megan Bowden. Further information about the programme can be found at <https://aerospacecareersprogramme.co.uk/>



HE AND CAREERS FAIR

January 2022 saw the welcome return of the Higher Education and Careers Fair which had not taken place in person since 2020.

67 exhibitors ranging from universities to employers to gap year specialists were ready to answer questions from our pupils in Years 10-13 and those from our partner schools.

Over 250 pupils attended the Fair and, hopefully, left with a greater knowledge of the possible options open to them and how to prepare for their next steps.



LECTURES

SHAKESPEARE LECTURE

We were delighted to welcome, remotely, Professor Emma Smith of Hertford College, Oxford, a renowned Shakespeare scholar, who gave two talks to pupils on *Hamlet* and *Measure for Measure* and *King Lear* and *Othello*, the recordings of which we were pleased to share with our partner schools. These proved to be very popular, and we will look to host further talks on a Shakespearean theme/topic in future where possible.

LOOKOUT LECTURE

We hold fortnightly lectures with various speakers of note on topics such as finance to which our Sixth Form students attend. With the permission of the speakers, we are able to share the recordings with our partner Sixth Forms.

The Lookout Lecture we shared was 'Flex Appeal - Closing the Gender Pay Gap' and the speaker was Anna Whitehouse, founder of Mother Pukka.

Photo credit: <https://www.hertford.ox.ac.uk/> Professor Emma Smith - Hertford College | University of Oxford

FINANCE LECTURE

In November 2023, we welcomed Akshat Kumar, an Old Forester, and now a Financial Adviser to give a lecture to our sixth form students and their parents/carers on managing their finances through university, apprenticeships and beyond. We were also joined by several of our partner school pupils and their parents.



ARTS

ART WORKSHOPS

Our Art teachers ran several art workshops for Years 5 and 6 at Snaresbrook, Aldersbrook and Riverley Primary Schools during 2022 and 2023 where they studied line and tone and print making.

A LEVEL LIFE DRAWING CLASSES

Our 'A' Level Art students were joined by students from Woodford Country High School, King Solomon High School, Davenant Foundation School and Holy Family Catholic School for a series of life drawing classes after school from January to March 2023. We hope to offer this opportunity again next year.

DONATION OF POSTER PAINTS

We donated two collections of 15 new or slightly used ready mix paints to two local primary schools



DRAMA WORKSHOPS

Throughout 2021-22 we offered an impressive array of Drama workshops throughout the year. One of our Drama teachers gave 24 one-off workshops to local primary schools with a topic for each term. During Autumn, children were introduced to a range of dramatic storytelling techniques through the exploration of traditional African folktales. After Christmas, pupils explored bullying and the importance of kindness. In the summer, they explored Roald Dahl's *The Twits*.

"Please pass on our thanks to the drama teacher for a wonderful workshop on Monday afternoon. The greedy gorilla's boiling end had some in tears! They were fully immersed! Wonderful! Many thanks to the team at Forest for the outreach work that you are providing, it's much appreciated!"

Chingford CoE Primary School

TIMETABLED DRAMA AND MUSIC OUTREACH SESSIONS TO LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

In addition to the one-off workshops, we delivered timetabled outreach drama sessions based on *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and music (singing) sessions one afternoon a week rotated around six local primary schools on a half termly basis.

"Amazing workshop! All children super-engaged and great participation!"

Teacher, Chingford CofE Primary School

MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOPS

Our Musical Theatre teacher ran a series of workshops at Chingford CofE Primary School with their Year 5 pupils. Based on the Disney film *Encanto*, the workshop covered many aspects of musical theatre – acting, voice warm-ups, singing and staging. The pupils and teachers at Chingford had nothing but praise for the hugely enjoyable sessions.

"Really fun and energetic! Very fun, inspiring and exciting! I learnt interesting new skills."

Pupil, Chingford CofE Primary School

DANCE WORKSHOPS

We offered Dance workshops to our partner schools with our resident Street Dance expert wowing the pupils (and teachers) at Aldersbrook and Henry Maynard Primary Schools in early December 2021.

Owing to their popularity, we rolled out the Street Dance classes to other local primary schools in 2021-22. More dance sessions were run for Years 4-6 at Henry Maynard, Snaresbrook and Aldersbrook Primary schools and also for Years 3-6 at Coppermill Primary School. Everyone was keen to get involved, even students who their teachers remarked were not the most confident and tended to struggle in other disciplines. The pupils and teachers truly enjoyed themselves.

In 2022-23, we offered dance sessions to Aldersbrook and Henry Maynard Primary Schools and also Oakdale Junior School and Riverley Primary School. Snaresbrook Primary School channelled what they had learned during their dance sessions to choreograph their end of year show which they performed to parents at Redbridge Drama Centre in July 2023. We were pleased to lend our professional dance expertise to make the show a wonderful experience for the school, for pupils, teachers, and parents alike.



Another of our dance teachers also worked with Reception classes at Chingford CofE and Snaresbrook, Primary Schools. The dance sessions were energetic and fun, and all the pupils were very well behaved and fully participated in the dance routines, with *Frozen's* 'Let it Go' being a particular favourite!

In 2021-22, we also ran dance sessions with young carers in Waltham Forest, an often overlooked group of young people.

In 2023, we began running weekly Street Dance sessions at the London Academy of Excellence which have proved to be very popular and we hope to run these next year as well.

"Wednesday is now my favourite day!"

"I wish we had this every week!"

Pupils at Henry Maynard, Snaresbrook and Aldersbrook Primary Schools

SPORT

CRICKET OUTREACH

In 2022, our Head of Cricket ran weekly cricket sessions for pupils from local primary schools to help improve their game in a friendly and welcoming environment.

DONATION OF SPORTS EQUIPMENT

In 2023, we donated gym mats, tennis equipment and sets of quick cricket to local primary schools.

Our collections and donations sometimes have an international focus and in 2022, we donated 50 netballs to the [Netball Development Trust](#) which is a UK-based charity delivering netball at grassroots level to children in low-income countries.



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

PRET À PARLER EVENING

Year 12 French language students enjoyed an interesting Pret à Parler evening with their counterparts from Bancroft's School, Chigwell School and Woodbridge High School at a French restaurant in Wanstead. In addition to enjoying French food, the students were able to practise their French in an authentic setting whilst networking with other teachers and fellow students of French from local schools.



DONATION OF FRENCH TEXTBOOKS

In 2022 and 2023, we donated over 500 French, German, and Spanish textbooks to local secondary schools.



TIMETABLED MANDARIN AND FRENCH OUTREACH SESSIONS TO LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

We delivered timetabled Mandarin sessions one afternoon a week to several local primary schools on a half termly basis throughout 2021-23. The sessions were extremely popular, and we will be continuing them next year. We also delivered French outreach sessions during the Summer term in 2023.

"We'd just like to THANK YOU for the invitation to the German play. Our students (and we) thoroughly enjoyed it. It has been an invaluable experience for everyone involved."

Woodbridge High School

GERMAN PLAY - ONATTI THEATRE COMPANY

In May 2022, we welcomed pupils and teachers from Woodbridge High School to Forest for a performance of a German play 'Horoskop' by the Onatti Theatre Company. This was the first time the theatre company had performed at Forest since the pandemic began and their welcome return provided a wonderful opportunity for both our students and those from Woodbridge studying German to hear it spoken by native speakers and to follow a story about the perils of blindly following one's daily horoscope!

In March 2023, we welcomed both Woodbridge High School and Woodford County High School to a performance of another German play 'Im Alten Saloon' also performed by the Onatti Theatre Company in German in our Deaton Theatre which was set in 1856 in a dusty town in the Wild West. Once again, the play used words that the students would not have readily recognised alongside language that they would have been familiar with already to help them follow the play. Vocabulary sheets were also provided to aid understanding.



COMMUNITY ACTION

FOODBANK FRIDAYS

During 2022 and 2023, we continued with our regular foodbank donations to Redbridge Foodbank. Our Sixth Form Charity Ambassadors put together an excellent set of resources to help Senior School pupils explore the issue of Christmas poverty and the role of foodbanks in the community in their tutor groups. One of the discussion points was how their Christmas compared to one family's Christmas from a foodbank after they had watched a video '[Christmas Dinner from a Foodbank](#)'.

"Your ongoing support is very much appreciated."

Project Manager, Redbridge Foodbank

The aim of the session was to give pupils the chance to learn about the very different circumstances and reasons behind people being referred to foodbanks and the role of foodbanks in the wider community particularly in the run-up to Christmas. In 2023, we also had a group of Sixth Form students help with sorting the donations ready for delivery to Redbridge Foodbank.

These donations make such a difference and help the vital work of Redbridge Foodbank. Given the growing cost of living crisis, these donations matter more than ever and we will be continuing with our Foodbank Friday collections next year.



YEARS 7 AND 8 UKRAINE NON-UNIFORM DAY AND COMMUNITEA

Three Year 7 boys were keen to take action to support the children and young people in Ukraine by fundraising and leading assemblies in Chapel.

The School dedicated the proceeds from the Non-School Uniform Day in March 2022 to the DEC and Unicef, one of the Senior School's chosen charities for the year and also working on the ground in Ukraine. A total in excess of £1500 was raised.

The School also welcomed a pupil from Ukraine into the Sixth Form and we hope to welcome more pupils going forward.



During the course of a busy year, we can sometimes overlook members of our own community who work tirelessly, often behind the scenes, but are instrumental in making sure that everything around the school runs seamlessly.

Our Year 7 and 8 Community Action pupils were determined that all those staff who contribute to the School community in this way were not forgotten and organised an afternoon tea party, 'CommuniTEA', for the Forest community's cleaners and Estates Team as a sign of their appreciation for all that they do around the School.

The pupils planned the menu, made invites, collected messages of gratitude and sorted the logistics before the event. On the day, the pupils were busy preparing sandwiches and laying out sweet treats whilst also pouring tea, coffee and juice and chatting to everyone. The staff were thrilled with the tea party and the thoughtful gesture.

STUDENT-LED AFTER SCHOOL SPANISH, MATHS AND SCIENCE CLUBS

In 2022, two of our Year 12 students were keen to set up an after school Spanish club to share their skills and passion for the language with a local primary school. We made arrangements with Wanstead Church School, one of our closely located local primary schools, and from March 2022 the students taught a very keen group of young learners in Years 3-6 after school which they continued in Year 13.

Once their mock exams began in January 2023, the after-school club was taken on by two new Year 12 students who looked at colours and animals amongst other things in Spanish. Five more Year 12 students set up Maths and Science after school clubs at Wanstead Church School which have been exploring symmetry in Maths to slime making in Science!

We hope to continue with the afterschool clubs with the new cohort of Year 12s in 2023-24 so that more local primary schools can benefit from subjects as diverse as language learning, Maths, English and creative writing. Running a project such as this is mutually beneficial for the local schools, in terms of academic enrichment, and for students running them, giving them opportunities to meet new people, take the initiative and sharpen their organisational skills, for example, all of which can be brilliant things to relay as part of their UCAS personal statements, interviews for apprenticeships, gap year activities and the world of work – whatever their destination beyond the Sixth Form.

"I just wanted to say a huge thank you from us to the students who kindly gave their time to teach our pupils, they enjoyed their lessons immensely!"

Wanstead Church School



2021-22 KIT OUT THE NATION, CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL, PERIOD POVERTY CAMPAIGN

Our Year 7 and 8 Community Action pupils engaged in a variety of activities during the year and ventured beyond the school site for the first time in a long time.

The pupils created posters and sorted donations of sports kit for the 'Kit out the Nation' campaign run by the BBC last Autumn. The aim of the campaign was to provide usable sportswear and equipment to children who did not have access to these and were prevented from taking part in sports as a result.

They also created posters, collected contributions and sorted out Christmas presents for the 'Giving Tree' initiative via the charity KidsOut. This aimed to provide Christmas presents to children in shelters escaping domestic abuse who otherwise might not get a present.

The pupils created care packages for the homeless and decorated them with positive messages.

The Years 7 and 8 Community Action pupils also helped to coordinate a collection aimed at raising awareness of the growing problem of period poverty.

Over three days, the School community generously donated period products which were distributed to three local charities which the Community Action pupils nominated: The Magpie Project in east London themagpieproject.org, 3Food4U a foodbank in Waltham Abbey 3food4u.org and the Leytonstone branch of foodbank Eat or Heat eatorheat.org.

During the year, the pupils made regular visits to St-Peter-in the Forest Church where they helped tidy up graves by removing weeds and cutting back ivy and brambles. They were especially proud to have spent two weeks in the run-up to Remembrance Day making the graves of WW2 veterans more presentable.



2022-23 CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL, THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND BRANCHES SHELTER

In 2023, Year 7 and 8 Community Action pupils once again turned their attention towards the school community - as the old adage goes 'charity begins at home'. The pupils wrote anonymous thank you notes to other pupils, mentioning all the kind, thoughtful, and wonderful things that the person had done and topped it with a Freddo bar - what a lovely way to make someone's day!

Our Year 7 and 8 Community Action pupils also turned their attention to Branches, a shelter in Walthamstow providing resettlement support for single homeless people. The shelter had many odd jobs which needed doing to improve the daily lives of its residents, in particular the reorganisation of their library. Forest pupils helped to create a workable space for residents to find and access books and media more easily, as well as getting to know some of the residents while they were visiting.



YEARS 11, 12 AND 13

In 2022, the Year 11 students on the Community Action programme continued to work alongside community workers at St Peter-in-the-Forest Church helping to create and launch two pilot projects. One group cleared and prepared several areas of the Church grounds in readiness for when groups from local primary schools would start to attend.

The second group worked alongside the St Peter's Community Officer to design, plan and begin to deliver a 'Memories Café' for older people in the local community, bringing together the generations for support, conversation and activity. They were also trained in food hygiene and became experts in the barista coffee machine! They had their first trial run with specially invited guests who enjoyed their hospitality and an Easter quiz.

The Chaplain led a series of lessons around conflict resolution and a non-violent approach. Guests for the sessions included speakers from Israel and Palestine through education charity 'Solutions not Sides'. Pupils also visited the Centre for Peace and Reconciliation at St. Ethelburga's in the City.

Pupils in Years 11, 12 and 13 were also involved in launching a recycling scheme with the help of our Community Action Co-Ordinator and Bywaters. After the Year 11s and Y13s went on study leave for their GCSEs and A Levels respectively, the Year 12s led on this initiative, attending a session at Bywaters and mentoring Year 8s with the recycling tasks.

In 2023, we partnered up with Haven House Children's Hospice and Every Life Has A Purpose (ELHAP) to offer our Year 12 students the opportunity to participate in community action work at these local charities.

We have worked with Haven House before but on other projects - this time our students have volunteered there as part of their activities lessons one afternoon a week. Although the students did not have direct contact with the children at the Hospice, they worked on a number of tasks which were important to the day-to-day running of the Hospice and even helped to map trees across four acres of land!



WRAP UP LONDON WINTER COAT COLLECTION

The School also collected coats for the Wrap Up London annual collection of winter coats for charity in 2021 and 2022.

In 2022, sixth form students helped to oversee the collection of winter coats across three mornings in November and over 20 black sacks of coats were donated by our generous School community which were taken to the collection point by our brilliant porter, Sam, who also makes our foodbank deliveries.



MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLECTIONS

In 2022, the Middle School held three collections a Reverse Advent Calendar for Redbridge Foodbank, a Book Drive for the London Children's Book Project and a Toiletries Collection for Branches Shelter a day centre and night shelter in Walthamstow. In 2023, the Sixth Form joined the Middle School in holding a Reverse Advent Calendar for Redbridge Foodbank.



PAINTING FOR ELHAP

ELHAP is a charity based in Woodford Bridge which offers adventure play opportunities for disabled and disadvantaged children, young people, and adults. We had seven Year 12 students begin sanding down and painting a garage wall and transforming the plain area into a welcoming and colourful space during their activities lessons. To provide more interaction for the users of space elsewhere at ELHAP, we were pleased to donate chalk paint which had been cost prohibitive for ELHAP to obtain.



SALE OF WOODEN ROSES

The Sixth Form Community Action team organised a charity sale selling wooden roses in the run-up to Valentine's Day and raised £151.75 for Standing Together, a charity which brings agencies together to tackle domestic abuse.

DONATION OF SCARVES

We found good homes for scarves which were no longer required by the School and were delivered to the Leytonstone branch of The Salvation Army and Redbridge Foodbank in Ilford.

INTERFAITH WEEK

As part of Interfaith Week (15th-19th November 2022), we hosted an author discussion entitled 'Faith, Creativity and Viewpoint Diversity' using the play *God on Trial* as a springboard for a lively conversation about faith. The authors were Frank Cottrell Boyce (who wrote *God on Trial* and many other books and movies), Patrice Lawrence (award-winning Young Adult fiction author), Emma Shevah (Middle Grade writer) and Chitra Soundar (picture book and Middle Grade writer) and Forest School's Chaplain.

We were pleased to be able to share the recording of this discussion with our partner schools together with a fascinating and informative Wakelet curated by our Librarian which aimed to serve as a useful starting point to stimulate further interest, research, discussion and debate.

In 2023, Interfaith Week brought lots of opportunities across the whole School to learn about and experience different faiths, but also to come together and understand that the most important thing is focusing on what we have in common rather than our differences regardless of background. We welcomed 'Solutions Not Sides' who spoke to Sixth Form students, and we hosted our link schools on site and listened to guest speakers whilst trying out food from different faiths and cultures.

This is a nationally marked week designed to strengthen good interfaith relations and increase awareness and understanding of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, celebrating and building on the contribution they make within our communities. Pupils across the whole School were involved in recognising and celebrating the diversity of faiths and beliefs, both religious and non-religious, that make up our school community.

Guest speakers for the week included authors Sita Brahmachari and Imbali Iserles, Director of Labour Women's Network Claire Reynolds, Community Programmes Co-ordinator at the Faith and Belief Forum Matthew Gold, member of the Youth Advisory Board Ali Shah and representatives from the Quakers.



Pupil Faith and Belief Advocates as well as pupils of the new Faith and Belief Forum took the lead in organising lunchtime activities and chapel times. A bake sale was held during the week and raised just over £140 for Christian Aid, Islamic Relief UK, World Jewish Relief and the Karuna Trust.



FAITH AND BELIEF FORUM LINKING SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Representatives from each of our 14 Houses in Year 8 took part in the Faith and Belief Forum Linking Schools Programme participating in activities and workshops throughout the academic year with their peers at Eden School for Girls and Norlington School. They explored the themes of identity, diversity and community and the challenges of community cohesion and learnt core skills for dialogue to equip them both now and in the future. In their final workshop of the year, they designed their dream cities and laid out their Manifestos for Change - creating a world where all people know they belong and can have their voice heard.

"I've become more open minded and developed my listening skills to the point where I feel that more people can be included in the conversations that we have. This is down to training and having dedicated time to think about it and practise it!"

One pupil reflecting on his role this year

2021-2022



MINIMUM OF 52 HOURS
OVER 12 MONTHS PER STUDENT
31 GOLD



MINIMUM OF 24 HOURS
OVER 6 MONTHS PER STUDENT
49 SILVER



MINIMUM OF 12 HOURS
PER STUDENT
140 BRONZE

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

AWARDS SCHEME

The Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) scheme continues to be an important part of our all-round educational provision at Forest School and pupils taking part in the scheme are required to complete activities in the four sections of volunteering, physical, skills and expedition in each of the award levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold with a residential component to complete at Gold level.

Participating in the DofE programme opens up pupils' experiences in volunteering and being of service in the community, something which they may not have considered previously, and this experience can enable them to look beyond themselves in other areas of their lives.



2021-2022



2022-2023



SOCIAL VALUE

WE ARE IMMENSELY PROUD OF THE DEDICATION,
EFFORT AND ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR PARTICIPANTS

2022 **£9,970** 2023 **£12,942**

2022-2023



MINIMUM OF 52 HOURS
OVER 12 MONTHS PER STUDENT
36 GOLD



MINIMUM OF 24 HOURS
OVER 6 MONTHS PER STUDENT
43 SILVER



MINIMUM OF 12 HOURS
PER STUDENT
125 BRONZE

LOCAL EDUCATION

MOCK INTERVIEWS

We were pleased to accommodate requests from Heathcote School and Science College and George Mitchell School, two local secondary schools, for mock interviews.

Four Heathcote students were put through their paces by our teachers over Teams in preparation for Oxbridge interviews in Medicine, Computer Science and Maths.

George Mitchell School is a 11-16 secondary school and we were pleased to welcome eight Year 11 pupils, accompanied by their Head of Year and Careers Officer, to Forest following their applications to leading state and independent schools for their A Level studies.

The Head of Middle School and the Head of Sixth Form interviewed the pupils on a one to one basis and provided them with valuable feedback. Our Sixth Form leaders were on hand to answer any questions and be a welcoming face to help the visiting students settle in prior to their mock interviews.



“On behalf of myself and the students at George Mitchell School, we would like to thank you all so much for the amazing mock interview session that happened at Forest School yesterday.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience as did I. The students got so much from the opportunity, and they are ‘buzzing’ today and have asked me to pass on their thanks to Forest School.

George Mitchell School

MEDICS DAYS AND MULTIPLE MINI MOCK INTERVIEWS (MMIs)

We hosted not one, but two Medics Days, in 2022-2023. These all-day Saturday events put our prospective medical and dentistry students through their paces in preparation for the rigorous degree application process in these fields of study. Our students were joined by pupils from Heathcote School, Davenant Foundation School, Norlington School and Woodbridge High School.

In 2021 and 2022, students from Trinity Catholic High School, Heathcote and Woodbridge also joined our Year 13 students planning to study medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine for an evening of Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs) which make up a vital part of the entry process to many universities.





GOODNIGHT MISTER TOM

We invited Year 6 pupils from Aldersbrook Primary School to join our Year 6 Prep School pupils for a matinee performance of 'Goodnight, Mister Tom' in our Deaton Theatre which was very well received.

Aldersbrook Primary School had been studying the book 'Goodnight, Mister Tom' and worked with our Prep School pupils to produce brilliant pieces of work on display in our Theatre foyer which were used as projections on stage. One pupil from Aldersbrook remarked that the performance "...was even better than the film!" which was a resoundingly positive review!

"It was phenomenal. The kids loved it and your staff were amazing, so friendly, approachable and inspirational. It was a joy from start to finish. Huge, huge thanks."

George Mitchell School

GCSE ADDITIONAL MATHS TUITION

As in previous years, support has been provided after school one day a week by our Maths Department to students from Frederick Bremer School and Walthamstow School for Girls studying for a GCSE in Additional Maths which is a higher level of Maths for more able students and taken alongside GCSE Maths.

SUPPORT WITH STAFF INTERVIEWS

Our thanks go to the outgoing Director of Sport who responded to a request for help from one of our partner schools, Woodford County High School, by providing his professional expertise and support during their interview process for a Head of PE which was greatly appreciated.

A LEVEL TASTER SESSIONS

Five of our teaching staff visited George Mitchell School for a morning of A Level taster lessons in Biology, Chemistry, English, Geography and Philosophy. Being an 11-16 secondary school, George Mitchell does not offer A Level subjects, therefore, these taster sessions provided the pupils at George Mitchell with a valuable opportunity to experience subjects taught at that level prior to making their subject choices. The morning proved to be very successful.

"Our thanks also go to the Forest staff who made this a success and offering a window into these subjects at A Level."

George Mitchell School

EAST LONDON CLASSICS SUMMER SCHOOL

One of our Classics teachers ran a course for GCSE pupils in 2022 and 2023. The course has had pupils attending from a wide range of state secondary schools such as: Camden, Kelmscott, Stoke Newington, East London Science School, Cardinal Vaughan, Latymer, Herts and Essex High School and Science College to name but a few. The work of the summer school has been supported by the University of Oxford, the Classical Association, the Society for Hellenic Studies and Professor Mary Beard who recorded a speech for the pupils in 2022.



RSHE CONFERENCE

We were delighted to host several schools, including some of our partner state secondary schools and local authorities, in June 2023 for our first RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education) conference.

We have a highly regarded RSHE curriculum here at Forest School and it was a brilliant opportunity to share best practice and listen to some outstanding experts in this field, including Soma Sara, CEO of Everyone's Invited, Monica Bhogal, Director of the Schools Consent Project, Alicia Drummond, Founder of the Wellbeing Hub, and Fiona Spargo-Mabbs, Director and Founder of the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation.



CHESS COMPETITION WITH GEORGE MITCHELL SCHOOL

We were delighted to host five pupils, the Assistant Headteacher and the Careers Officer from George Mitchell School for a chess competition with five of our pupils who are members of Forest School's Chess Club. Both teams had a representative from each year group from Years 7-11. Whilst the competition was sometimes tense, the overall atmosphere was one of friendly competitiveness and presented a wonderful opportunity for pupils from both schools to meet each other. Congratulations go to the Forest School pupils who emerged as the winners this time. We hope to host further chess competitions in the future.

WEBINAR SERIES FOR PARENTS/CARERS

In 2023, we launched our Forest Focus webinar series for parents and carers on topics which are relevant to our pupils today. We were pleased to share our first two webinars this term with our partner schools and Sixth Forms.

The first webinar was 'Sex, Likes & Social Media - Talking to Teens in the Digital Age' and the featured speaker was Deana Puccio, a former US District Attorney from New York City and co-founder of The Rap Project.

The second webinar was 'Supporting Effective Revision: For Years 11 and 13' which was led by Matthew Key, Deputy Head Academic at Forest and featured teaching staff and Year 12 students discussing revision strategies and how our brains retain information.

PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID COURSES

Throughout 2021-23, we were pleased to offer local schools any spare places on paediatric first aid courses we were running for our own staff. These are very popular as new school staff require training in this area of first aid which can be expensive.

CHARITY

SENIOR SCHOOL

In September 2021 we were delighted to host the launch evening of the Haven House Schools Enterprise Project. This excellent project provides students with a valuable insight into the skills needed for the world of work and raises awareness and funds for a wonderful charity working tirelessly in the local community.

We gave a warm welcome to eight local schools and staff from Haven House Children's Hospice and Galliard Homes, the event sponsors.

Forest fielded an Enterprise Schools Project team of eight Year 13 pupils who worked tremendously hard. They were ably supervised by their Economics teacher to stage fundraising events ranging from doughnut and hot chocolate sales to raffles to busking at School.



"The Haven House fundraiser event, hosted by Forest School in their beautiful theatre was the perfect place to kickstart a project that will help so many. The theatre space is brilliant and allowed for a great presentation from the charity. Thank you to Forest School for investing in the project and giving young people across the local area an opportunity to kick start an excellent programme for a worthy cause."

Woodbridge High School

LIVE LOUNGE

Live Lounge returned in December 2021. This is a once a term event led by mostly Year 12-13 students who play music of their choice to an audience of their fellow students all for a good cause. Across 2021-23, totals of £249 were raised for Amnesty International, £144 for Crisis UK, just over £75 for the DEC Earthquake Appeal and just under £57 for Unicef's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

FUSION

After nearly a two-year hiatus, March 2022 saw the much-anticipated return of Fusion: an evening of dance, comedy, fashion, music and much more. Fusion is an annual show written, produced, choreographed and performed entirely by our pupils, showcasing their talents, interests and cultural heritage. In 2022, the sale of tickets raised £620 for the Alzheimer's Society and in 2023, £578 was raised for the Trussell Trust.



"Thank you, Forest School, for being super hosts for the launch of the Schools Enterprise Project. An event like this is a great learning opportunity for students as well as raising valuable funds for Haven House Children's Hospice. The success of the project requires both the support of teachers and the use of school facilities. The Forest School theatre and classrooms were ideal for the launch and all staff and students were very welcoming and helpful."

Haven House Volunteer

HAVEN HOUSE SCHOOLS ENTERPRISE PROJECT

In 2022 and 2023, we were delighted, once again, to host the launch evening of the Haven House Schools Enterprise Project. We warmly welcomed eight local schools, with students from Years 9-13, and staff from Galliard Homes and Barretts Law, the event sponsors, who acted as mentors.

We were also lucky enough to have the Theatre Manager from Redbridge Drama Centre who offered presentation training to the students. Schools were given seed capital of £50 and needed to grow that amount through fundraising events. Both Forest teams from 2022 and 2023 raised just over £1000 each for Haven House.



DEC TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL 2023

Following the earthquake that affected both Turkey and Syria, the School came together as a community to do what it could to reach out and help the people affected in those areas. During the week commencing 6th March, every morning before school, during break at Quarter and at lunchtimes, Sixth Form pupils stood at the white gates and elsewhere around the School in all weathers with collection buckets to raise money for the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal with all monies raised being match-funded by the Government.

Further collections were held during the evenings of Boys and Girls House Drama, Live Lounge and the Dance and Musical Theatre Showcase. Franklin House also made and sold hot chocolate in aid of the Appeal. A virtual raffle was also held with tuck shop vouchers as prizes, kindly donated by our caterers, Chartwells, and a performance of Handel's Messiah by the Forest School Choral Society also sold tickets for the DEC Appeal. In total, just under £5700 was raised for the DEC which is an incredible achievement!

CHARITY AFTERNOON 2022

July 2022 saw the welcome return of Charity Afternoon, which hadn't been held since 2019! For many pupils and staff, this was a new experience and, hopefully, a fun one for everyone too. Pupils ran a wide range of stalls ranging from popcorn and candyfloss making to the perennial favourite: sponge the teacher!

The event aims to raise as much money as possible for the school's charities as chosen by the pupils which in 2022 were Haven House Children's Hospice, Unicef and WWF.

Together with proceeds from the non-school uniform day which was also held that day, the School community raised just under £3,800 which is a phenomenal achievement for one day!





CHARITY AFTERNOON 2023

Unlike 2022 Charity Afternoon in 2023 was held indoors owing to the rainy weather but there was a fantastic array of stalls ranging from mocktails to hair braiding and bean bag tossing to table tennis challenges. The rain did not dampen anyone's spirits or enjoyment and, together with the proceeds from the non-uniform day held on the same day, just over £3,700 was raised for the School's charities, as chosen by the pupils: Haven House Children's Hospice, Cancer Research UK, Water Aid and WWF.



WINTER CONCERT

The Winter Concert took place in November 2022 and featured performances from a wide range of musical ensembles spanning multiple genres and involving 200 students. The concert raised over £2200 for the charity, L'Afrikana, based in Nairobi, which supports refugee children from nearby African countries and impoverished local children. This small charity was introduced to us by an Old Forester, now working for the UN in Kenya and also volunteering

at the charity, who spoke to the pupils about how the money raised would be put to use. The charity is reliant on funds to provide access to education and helping children and adults, who missed out on their education, obtain their school certificate. It also works to support young African women and provides skills training for older refugees in various professions.



NON-UNIFORM DAYS

In 2021-22, we held three non-uniform days: in October 2021 for Young Minds, in March 2022 for Unicef and the DEC for their humanitarian work in Ukraine and in July 2022 on the day of Charity Afternoon. In 2022-23, we held three non-uniform days. The first one in October 2022, kicked off our Forest in Action programme which saw Senior School pupils working with their Houses and focusing on personal development skills to put on a performance of a House song. Some of the diverse songs pulled out of the hat by each House included Modern Love, Never Ending Story, 500 Miles, Umbrella, Mamma Mia, Baggy Trousers, and Total Eclipse of the Heart and the culmination of all the morning's work as a House was performed in the Sports Hall and live streamed throughout the school.

Leadership, collaboration, community, creativity, and responsibility were the underscoring themes of the day which led to a wonderful learning experience for all the pupils in a safe and encouraging space whilst embodying House spirit, teamwork, and friendly competition.

In keeping with the theme of community, just over £1200 was raised for Action for Children through the non-uniform element of the day and collections throughout the day which was a fabulous achievement.

We held a non-uniform day in December which raised just over £1200 for the School's charities for 2022-23 as chosen by the pupils: Haven House Children's Hospice, Cancer Research UK, Water Aid and WWF. Our final non-uniform day of the year was held on the same day as Charity Afternoon.

CEILIDH NIGHT

In 2023, we held our very first Ceilidh Night on St Patrick's Day which was a great success as Forest channelled the warmth of spirit from the Emerald Isle and raised an amazing £1000 for the charity, Children with Cancer UK.



ASTELL HOUSE

BAKE SALE TO SUPPORT REFUGE



"On behalf of everyone at Refuge, I would like to thank you for raising an incredible £218.27 from the cake sale to support women and children experiencing domestic abuse. Refuge continues to be there - for the thousands of women and children rebuilding their lives free from fear and abuse."

Refuge - For women and children. Against domestic violence

SUPPORTING EAT OR HEAT LOCAL FOODBANK CAUSE

Astell House has supported Eat or Heat, a local foodbank in Walthamstow, on a regular basis for several years, so when they put out an urgent request for food, the Astell girls took on the challenge. In just two days, they donated a huge amount of goods which were delivered to the foodbank.



COPELAND'S HOUSE

BAKE SALE TO SUPPORT BEAT EATING DISORDERS AND LEND WITH CARE

Copeland's House focused their fundraising efforts on an equally important subject: eating disorders and raising awareness of how these impact upon males in particular. Copeland's held a bake sale which raised over £200 to support the charities Beat Eating Disorders and Lend with Care, which supports entrepreneurs in low-income countries through micro-loans.

FRANKLIN HOUSE

CANDY CANES FOR CANCER RESEARCH UK

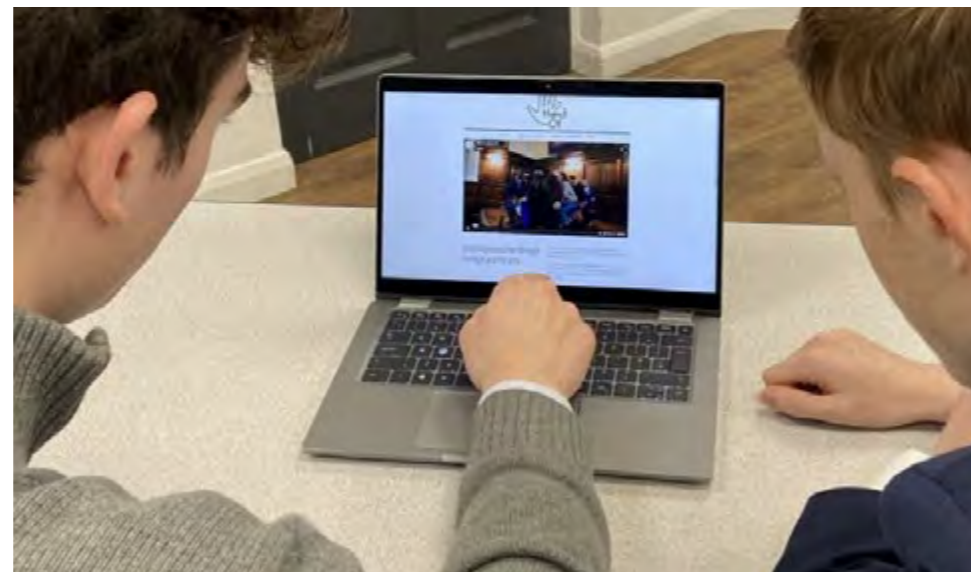
Franklin House sold candy canes in aid of Cancer Research UK in the run-up to Christmas 2022 and raised just over £168. The canes were sold with a tag so that they could be given with a message.



POOLE'S HOUSE

CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES WITH HAND OF

Poole's House worked with charity, Hand Of, which gives children and young people unique creative opportunities to work alongside professional artists, musicians, archivists, academics and more.



DOCTOR'S HOUSE

DONATIONS TO THE TRUSSELL TRUST

Doctor's House cooked a family meal for under £5 to highlight the struggles members of our wider community currently face and to raise awareness of social justice during the current cost of living crisis. The boys also brought in the same non-perishable ingredients (which they had used to cook the meal) over two consecutive Fridays to donate to the Trussell Trust.

STAFF COMMON ROOM BAKE SALE DURING BAKE FOR DEMENTIA WEEK

A small but committed group of staff bakers met to bake for a cake sale as part of the Alzheimer's Society's Bake for Dementia week in April 2022. It started as a Bake Off, but everyone was far too nice to deal with winners and losers...

Overnight, a huge army of bakers put their aprons on after a busy day in the classroom and turned-out muffins, cupcakes, shortbread, brownies, cheesecakes, scones, pizzas, rice crispie cakes, cinnamon rolls, cookies and other treats.

By break time on the Friday morning, there were queues of staff tucking in and donating with incredible generosity to such a good cause. The total collected was £591!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Proceeds raised from the MacMillan Coffee Morning held at School and the money raised from catering on the School's Open Day in September 2022 brought in a total of just under £870 for Macmillan Cancer Support which is a fantastic amount for such a worthy cause. A huge thank you to our Catering staff, all the bakers and everyone who donated.



PREP SCHOOL

During 2021-22 and 2022-23, the Prep School was busy raising money for its charities. In 2021-22, the first half of Michaelmas Term saw the Prep School raise money for Young Minds through a non-uniform day when everyone wore an item of yellow clothing or an accessory.

In addition to bringing in donations of food and hygiene items as part of the whole school Foodbank Fridays initiative, the Prep School also brought in food donations for Eat or Heat, a foodbank in Waltham Forest.

The Prep School also held or took part in these events: Prep Disco, Advent Concert in St James' Piccadilly, Christmas Jumper Day and Forest Prep does Band Aid to raise money for their chosen charities, Age UK Waltham Forest...

ageuk.org.uk/walthamforest

and Ambition, Aspire and Achieve, a charity working in Newham...

theaaazone.com/about-us



HARVEST FESTIVAL

In 2022-23, the Prep School kicked off the year by donating gifts to the Harvest Festival which were delivered to Eat or Heat, a Foodbank charity in Walthamstow.

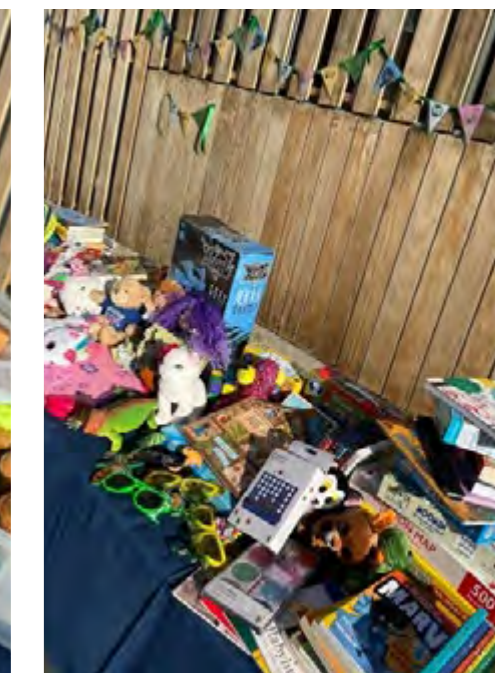


WRAP UP LONDON

The Prep School also took part in the whole school Wrap Up London winter coat collection in late November donating large numbers of adult and children's coats whilst individual pupils raised almost £1500 for Dementia UK by taking part in the October Dog Walking Challenge and collecting and donating 2539 advent calendars to 12 different charities and organisations including a food bank and children's hospice as part of their Treats For Kids Advent Calendar Appeal 2022.

THE GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION BAKE SALE

In November 2022, Morris House Captains held a bring and buy sale and a bake sale and raised just over £471 for Guide Dogs for the Blind Association which was amazing.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

The Prep School also held their Disco and, together with their Christmas Jumper Day, raised £616 in aid of L'Afrikana, the small charity in Kenya which the Senior School has been supporting as well. In the run-up to Christmas, the Prep School also donated new toys to Newham Christmas Toy Appeal, run by the charity Ambition Aspire Achieve, which aims to fill 3,000 Christmas stockings for children facing poverty, poor wellbeing, disability, educational underachievement, and housing difficulties.

THE ATKINSON CHARITY FÊTE

In March 2023, Atkinson House hosted their House Charity Event: The Atkinson Charity Fête which raised money for The World Wildlife Fund (WWF). The Prep School also held their Easter Egg Appeal with all eggs donated being taken to the Heat or Eat Foodbank in Walthamstow which supports families and children who would not normally have an Easter Egg.

INDIVIDUAL PUPIL FUND RAISERS

A Year 6 pupil raised over £435 for The Childhood Trust through a "name a bear" fundraising event and a Year 2 pupil raised over £426 by selling lemonade and ice lollies during his neighbourhood jumble trail and donated the money to Little Village Baby Bank.

DISCO DODGEBALL CHARITY EVENT AND NON-UNIFORM DAY

The Fearnside House Disco Dodgeball Charity Event raised just over £2360 for Cancer Research UK and the Prep School rounded off the year with a non-uniform day on 4th July raising just over £800 for local charity, Tin in a Bin.

BAKE SALE FOR TREATS FOR KIDS

No sooner had the New Year begun, Wellum House was busy baking for their charity Bake Sale, raising an amazing £622.80 towards the wonderful charity created by two Wellum House pupils, 'Treats for Kids'



FAITH AND BELIEF FORUM LINKING SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

The Linking Schools programme is run by the School's Faith and Belief Forum, so that children of a similar age, living in the same community but from different backgrounds and with different life experiences, can get to know and learn from each other, through various activities run by the teachers in the schools that are involved. The Chaplain has introduced it in the Senior School and this has been running successfully.

The Prep School linked up with Year 5 pupils at Our Lady of St George's (OLSG), a local Catholic primary school. One half of Year 5 visited OLSG and while the other half stayed at Forest School, one class from OLSG came to the Prep School to participate in activities run by the Chaplain and Prep School staff. The whole process was swapped over during a second visit by OLSG.

During the sessions, pupils took an object that was important to them in relation to their values and beliefs, which helped them connect with pupils from the other school and they explored the idea of an 'identity backpack' thinking about 'what makes us, us' from the outside and the inside.

In June, both year groups met as a whole group in Lloyd Park to mark the end of their Linking journey. In this final link day, they enjoyed collaborative games and a chance to create their vision for a 'dream city' where all would be included and feel safe. Ideas for this included: giving everyone free healthcare, banning all transport other than bikes and scooters, having adverts on TV to remind everyone to be kind to each other and free ice cream for any day you felt sad!

Our Year 5 have all the right qualities to be fantastic town planners or city mayors and make everyone's everyday existence happier!

The Linking journey has enabled the pupils to make new friends and explore deeply how they share similarities and differences, but together can make a better community. The link has also been a great experience for the staff involved to build their links and conversations are already happening about other collaborative work that can be planned for the future.





ECONOMIC IMPACT



GDP SUPPORTED IN OUR
SCHOOL'S UK-BASED
SUPPLY CHAIN
£15,345,599



OUR CONTRIBUTION
TO THE GDP OF
WALTHAM FOREST LAD
£20,649,823



OUR TOTAL
CONTRIBUTION
TO UK GDP
£38,823,566

373

THE NUMBER OF JOBS FOREST
SCHOOL HAVE SUPPORTED
THROUGH DIRECT EMPLOYMENT

JOBS

427

TOTAL NUMBER OF JOBS IN
WALTHAM FOREST LAD SUPPORTED
BY FOREST SCHOOL'S ACTIVITIES

"I met someone who has the same personality as me and gets me."

"I learnt not to be nervous as everyone is nice."

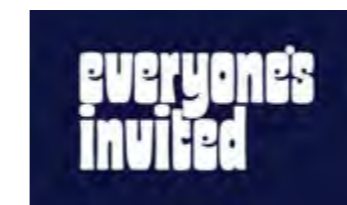
"I learnt that you can make friends with anyone."



SCHOOL'S OWN
DIRECT GDP
£17,952,559

SUPPORTED
BY THE SPENDING OF OUR STAFF
AND OUR UK-BASED SUPPLIERS' STAFF
£15,345,599

OUR PARTNERS AND SUPPORTED CHARITIES



OUR EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS



Aldersbrook Primary School



Chingford CoE Primary School



Churchfields Junior School



Coppermill Primary School



Eden School for Girls



Frederick Bremer School



Thank you for all your hard work.
Our work with others, contributes to making Forest the vibrant learning community it is.



George Mitchell School



Gwyn Jones Primary School



Heathcote School



John Bramston Primary



King Solomon High School



London Academy of Excellence (Stratford)



Leytonstone School



Mayville Primary School



Our Lady of St. George's Primary School (OLSG)



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School



Saint Ignatius College (Enfield)



Snaresbrook Primary School

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