



Year 9 Music Project with the London Symphony Orchestra

Congratulations to all of Year 9 who, on Thursday 17th May concluded their London Symphony Orchestra music project with a performance in school to Year 8 who are currently learning more about orchestral instruments and enjoyed seeing them up close.

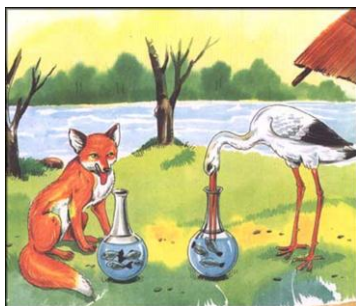
The London Symphony Orchestra is the orchestra of the Olympics and will be playing at the opening and closing ceremonies. Four members of the orchestra, Martin Perry (flute) Elizabeth Pigram and Matt Gardner (violins) and Matthew Gison (double bass) along with the LSO's amateur Rachel Leach led four workshop sessions in school with Year 9 to produce music based on Olympic themes. Pupils worked extremely co-operatively in small groups playing tuned and un-tuned percussion to create compositions involving 'their' professional musician.

The final piece, which was in part conducted by Rebecca and Jady, was tuneful, professional sounding and stimulating! As a result of their efforts, Year 9 have been invited to the Barbican to hear the orchestra playing in June.

Fable Competition



The Boy who Cried Wolf



The Fox and the Stork

Super prizes for the winners

On Tuesday May 1st, years 7, 8 and 9 were treated to a live performance of some of Aesop's fables by a professional theatre company. Pupils enjoyed listening to fables such as 'The Boy who Cried Wolf', 'The Lion and his Reflection', 'The Fox and the Stork', 'The Tortoise and the Hare' and many more.

Pupils were also asked what their definition of a Fable was and they described it as 'A short story that teaches you a lesson'. When asked 'What sort of lesson?' Natalie Y9 replied 'How to be a better person'. What a super definition!

Following the show, all pupils will be working on creating their own fables in Literacy sessions with an opportunity to enter their fable into a competition and the three best stories will win prizes.

Watch this space for winners' names and their Fable!

Big Dance at Clapton Academy A New World Record?

On Friday 18 May Year 8 took part in the Big Dance Event at Clapton Girls Academy Sports Hall. The British Council are working to promote the Schools Pledge to schools across the world to beat the Guinness World Record for 'The Largest Simultaneous Dance Routine at Multi Venues'.

At 13:00 British Summer Time on the 18 May 2012 Schools around the world went to their school halls, playgrounds, playing fields or to public spaces and performed the choreographed dance which they had practised beforehand. The current record is held by the Netherlands with 264,188 people and 1,472 locations. Let's hope we make a new world record!! Watch this space for the outcome.



Countdown to School Move



35 Days
840 hours
50400 minutes (at time of going to press)



Applied Science in Action: 10H visit to Water Works Nature Reserve

On Thursday 10H visited the Lea Valley Water Works Nature Reserve as part of their BTEC course in Applied Science. They are currently studying the human impact on ecosystems, in which they took part in a variety of activities such as pond dipping, bird watching and investigating mini beasts in the long grass.

After a great session of practical tasks, pupils then worked through answers to some carefully prepared questions which will contribute towards their coursework.



Philip and Chan looking in their nets after pond dipping



Kiya taking a closer look at a mini beast



Philip and Lanre bird watching



Pupils from 10H - Kiya, Luke, Matthew, Billy, Ricky, Yumun, Philip and Lanre

Term dates for Pupils

Monday 4 June - Friday 8 June – Half term

Monday 11 June pupils return to school after half term

Reminder: Summer term finishes earlier than usual on Friday 13 July at 1.15pm

Monday 10 September – pupils return for the start of the Autumn term at our temporary site at Mount Pleasant Lane London E5 9JG