

# ISL PTA NEWSLETTER



April 2008

Please, note in your diary

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April from 12:00 to 16:00: Spring Fair**

For those who have never heard about it, this is the main event organised by the PTA and the only one with the purpose of raising money. The profits will be shared as follows:

- **40% for “Phab Kids Association”** - a fantastic organisation that aims to promote and encourage people with and without physical disabilities to come together on equal terms. They do this by promoting self reliance and enhancing the living skills of young people through a range of diverse projects and providing useful information for members and the wider community.
- **60% for school projects** to be decided by the PTA.

The day's events will include:

- **Games** for the children
- **International food** prepared by volunteer parents and
- **Stalls** selling all kinds of goods (jewelry, books, second hand toys...)
- **Tombola**

Some **“Phab Kids” balloons** will also be sold during the event and they will all be **released** at 3:45 pm, just after the **raffle**.

Lots of those things are already arranged but **we still need donations and volunteers** for different things, especially on the day before the event (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April) and on the day itself!

On the next page, you will find a list of things for which we still need your help. The more volunteers we are, the better we can all enjoy the event !!! So, please, let us know if you agree to help us, even for half an hour, all help is more than welcome !

Anyway, **we hope to see most of you on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April from 12:00 to 16:00**. This event cannot be a success without you... and don't hesitate to bring your friends with you!

## Spring Fair

### Donations

As mentioned on the front page, we still need some donations!

To be able to organize the games and for the tombola, we need **unused and unopened bottles** (e.g. wine, soda, ketchup, shampoo...) and **unwanted gifts**.

**For the raffle**, we need **some more good prizes** even if we already received great donations (a £500 cheque, vouchers for restaurant, teddy bears, chocolates, gadgets...) from Renault, Disney, Kraft, Wingas, Kaupthing Singer & Friedlander **Thanks to them already!!!**

**All donations can be brought to the school office from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

### Volunteers

We still need volunteers for the following tasks:

- supervising the Bouncy Castle - this consists of staying next to the Bouncy Castle making sure that the children don't play dangerously and ensure that a regular turnover is respected;

- supervising and being the referee in the inflated “Sumo fight” ; same as for the Bouncy Castle + being the referee in the game;
- helping with taking and printing photos - this needs a little bit of computer skills as photos are taken with a digital camera and printed via a computer ;
- doing children Face Painting ; examples will be provided;
- supervising the students in charge of the games ; checking that the students assigned to games are presents and are doing their job;

We will also need people to help us prepare the event on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> but especially to put things in order after it on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

**If you are keen on helping for one of those tasks, please send an e-mail to [vanessatds1@hotmail.com](mailto:vanessatds1@hotmail.com) or to your CR, indicating which task you are interested in, for how long and when.**

## **A Message from Deputy Head – Guidance**

1. May I kindly request that parents of students who use the School Bus service remind their children of the importance of wearing seatbelts and abiding by the rules for bus use (these can be found in the Bus Handbook which is available from the Office if you cannot find your copy).

2. Secondary Parents will be invited to a presentation on Drugs by Bob Tait of Drugs Education UK at 18.00 on Monday May 12th. Further details will be posted soon.

Huw Davies

## **ISL Calendar – Key dates in April**

15/04/08	Year 3-6 friendly football match Vs the Greek School
16/04/08	Year 10-12 Basketball match (away) Vs The German School
17/04/08	Junior varsity and Girls varsity friendly football match (Home) Vs Southbank
17/04/08	Year 11 Parent Teacher Meeting
18/04/08	Year 4 trip to Odds Farm
19/04/08	PTA Spring Fair
24/04/08	Y12 Physics students visit to Royal Holloway
25-26/04/08	ISSA Girls Varsity Football tournament.
30/04/08:	Deadline for re enrolment confirmation 2008-2009

## Some dates to remember in April

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April: The London Marathon**

The London Marathon has been taking place each year since 1981. Many of the runners are taking part in order to raise money for charity. There are three starting points (red, green and blue) close to Greenwich Park (in Charlton Road, St John's Park and Shooter's Hill Road); races start between 9am and 10am. The nearest railway stations are Maze Hill or Blackheath; Greenwich train station and the DLR station at Cutty Sark are also close. The race ends on The Mall (in front of Buckingham Palace, near Green Park, Victoria and St James's Park underground stations). The centre of Greenwich (near the boat called the "Cutty Sark") and the area near to the finishing line can become very busy (most of The Mall contains seats and can only be accessed by people with tickets).

Recommended places to view the race are either close to the start, or somewhere along Westferry Road on the Isle of Dogs (the 15-20 mile section of the race, close to the DLR station Canary Wharf). A free spectator's guide is available from underground stations. You can also watch the marathon on television: it is shown on BBC1 in the morning and early afternoon. If you want to apply to run in next year's race, obtain a copy of London Marathon News from a local sports shop between August and October (not all people who apply are accepted). For further details about the race, see: <http://www.london-marathon.co.uk> or <http://www.bbc.co.uk/london/sport/marathon>.

**This event will be particular to ISL this year as Mr. Wilkinson is taking part of it. So don't hesitate to go and cheer him on!**

### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April: Queen's Birthday gun salutes**, London & Windsor

The Queen's real birthday is on 21 April (she also has an "official" birthday in June which is marked by the Trooping the Colour ceremony). She was born in 1926.

It is traditional for soldiers to fire cannons to celebrate royal birthdays or other national events. Cannons will be fired in the following locations:

- A 41-gun salute at 12 noon fired by the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery in Hyde Park, London (opposite the Dorchester Hotel ; nearest Tube: Hyde Park Corner or Marble Arch)

- A 62-gun salute at 1pm fired by the Honourable Artillery Company at the Tower of London (from the gunpark at the western end of London Wharf;

nearest Tube: Tower Hill). Guns have been fired from this location since the time of Henry the Eighth

- A 21-gun salute at 12 noon at The Long Walk in the grounds of Windsor Castle, Windsor (near the Brook Street entrance)

### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: St George's Day**

Saint George is the Patron Saint of England. It is believed that he lived in Palestine in the time of the Roman empire. He was imprisoned and killed after protesting against the persecution of Christians by the Romans. A legend was later created about St George - it is said that he saved a village and rescued its princess by killing a dragon. For more background information about St George, see:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic\\_figures/george\\_st.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/george_st.shtml).

This day is not a public holiday in England, so some events take place on the nearest weekends. Further information about the events taking place in London:

[www.london.gov.uk/mayor/culture/stgeorge.jsp](http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/culture/stgeorge.jsp)

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April: ANZAC Day**

The name ANZAC is an abbreviation for the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. On April 25th is the anniversary of the Battle of Gallipoli, which took place in Turkey on 25 April 1915, during the First World War. 50,000 Allied soldiers (from Britain, Australia, New Zealand, France and India) and 87,000 Turkish soldiers died, and many more were injured. This was the first time that soldiers from Australia and New Zealand had been involved in a major battle. Australians and New Zealanders use this occasion to remember those who have served their countries and the Commonwealth in times of war. The following events usually take place in London:

5:00 - Dawn Service at the Australian War Memorial in Hyde Park Corner (the service will last about 40 minutes)... you are recommended to arrive before 4:30.

11:00 - A brief wreath-laying service at the Cenotaph on Whitehall (you are recommended to arrive before 10:20)

12:00 - Commemorative service at Westminster Abbey (tickets for this must be obtained in advance). For more details, see

<http://www.australia.org.uk>

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April: Shakespeare's Birthday Celebrations**, Stratford-upon-Avon (near Birmingham)

Celebrations of Shakespeare's birthday in Stratford-upon-Avon, the town where he was born. There is a street procession and other entertainment with a Shakespearean theme. See: [www.shakespeare.org.uk/birthday.html](http://www.shakespeare.org.uk/birthday.html)

## Tips for April

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Open Day at Shakespeare's Globe**

Free events at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre on London's South Bank, from 12-5pm (nearest Tube: Southwark or Mansion House).

See: <http://www.shakespeares-globe.org/shakespearesbirthday>

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April: Alternative Fashion Week**

A free fashion event in Spitalfields Traders Market, Crispin Place, Brushfield St, London E1 (nearest Tube: Liverpool Street). The collections are put together by young designers who are studying at (or have recently graduated from) fashion colleges in the UK. Shows are daily from Monday to Friday between 1:15pm and 2pm. For details: <http://www.alternativearts.co.uk/AFW>

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Festival of English Food with Street Theatre**

A celebration of English food in London's Trafalgar Square from 12:00 to 7:30 pm (nearest Tube : Charing Cross). There will be stalls from Borough Market, stage entertainment (from 12:00 to 2:00 pm and 5:30 to 7:30 pm), and street theatre. It is free to attend this event. See: <http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/culture/stgeorge.jsp>

## I recommend

### Whole Foods Market

The Barkers Building, 63-97 Kensington High Street; tel: 020 7368 4500

It is the world's leading retailer of natural and organic foods. No only do they have great products but they also organise plenty of events. See: <http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/UK/calendars/HSK.html>

*Each month we will print some suggestions and recommendations from ISL parents. So if you have been to some restaurants, some shops, some exhibitions... that were really worth it, let us know! (vanessatds1@hotmail.com)*