

# ISL PTA NEWSLETTER



June 2008

## Dates for your diary

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June Book Fair**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> from 13:00 to 16:00 June International Food Festival**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 to 9:30 June PTA Annual General Meeting**

## Book Fair

The summer holidays are fast approaching and there is nothing better than spending some quiet time reading a book in the summer breeze allowing your mind to be captured in your imagination.

The book fair is a popular and enjoyable event, giving parents and children an opportunity to browse and read new titles with one another.



Starts: Monday 9 June

Finishes: Friday 13 June

I would like to thank all parents, students and teachers who participated in collecting Tesco and Sainsbury vouchers. It has been another successful year!!

Farideh Urrestarazu (Librarian)

The last big event of this year will be the **International Food Festival**. This is a great moment to share with other members of the school community our best national dishes and to inform others about our local products.

This event is the opportunity for all of us to discover and taste all kinds of food from many different countries. So we hope you will all be there! Please return the reply slips from Mr Davies' letter as soon as possible.

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The **PTA Annual General Meeting** will take place in the school dining room on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 8.45. At the meeting elections will be held for next year PTA Executive Committee.

If anyone would like to be nominated for any of the below mentioned positions, you are invited to contact Yoel Gordon at the school by e-mail [ygordon@islondon.com](mailto:ygordon@islondon.com) to be placed on the candidates list.

This year, the team consisted of:  
Vanessa Preudhomme, Chair  
Bénédicte Minvielle, Co-chair  
Ageeth de Esch, third parent

The meeting is open to all parents and staff, so please join us.

## PTA Other News & Activities

### Clubs

#### Book club

'**Dirt Music**' by Tim Winton will be the last book reviewed before the end of the school year.

The meeting will be held at Giulia's house, on 13th June at 10.00.  
36 Fitzroy Crescent, W4 3EL (overland train to Chiswick Station or the E3 bus). Interested? Contact Karen - [karen@lee-campbell.co.uk](mailto:karen@lee-campbell.co.uk)

#### Cooking club

Our last chef for this year will be the ISL teacher Mrs. Maya Patwal. She will cook for us an Indian national dish on 6th of June. As usual, we will meet between 14:00 and 15:30 in the kitchen!

*Unfortunately, Kamala, who was this year's Masterchef of this club, will be leaving us this summer. If you are interested in taking over or if you just want some more information, please let us know by contacting Kamala Aliyeva (020 8878 5058 or [nar\\_ley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nar_ley@yahoo.co.uk)) or Vanessa Preudhomme (078 7640 1648 or [vanessatds1@hotmail.com](mailto:vanessatds1@hotmail.com)).*

## **Transition Seminar**

The last Transition Seminar for this year will take place on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15.**

Due to its huge success during the last session, it will start with a **discussion on Language** which will be led by Maria Bailey, Head of Foreign Languages at ISL. After that we will look at **what is available at the school to make transition at different stages smoother and quicker.**

*For those who have never participated, as we are all concerned about transition, this platform for discussion is really interesting. Its gives us the opportunity to share experiences and to learn from the others. Also, the parents input and suggestions are necessary and greatly appreciated by the school to improve its Transition programme. So we hope to see you there !*

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

### **Playground After School**

Parents must ensure that their children are under close parental supervision in the Playground after school (ie after the school buses have left) if - for any reason - the parent needs to be present at school.

On a number of occasions recently, I have had to tell very young children not to run around in the playground which is used by cars and other vehicles after school - between 16.00 and 18.00 or later at evening events. I am very concerned that a serious accident will happen unless parents exercise close supervision at these times.

### **Year 10 Parent Teacher Meeting**

Please note that the Year 10 Parent Teacher Meeting shown on the calendar for June 19<sup>th</sup> was replaced by the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May. If any parent was unable to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> May meeting and was planning to attend on 19<sup>th</sup> June, please contact me at the school.

## Some dates to remember in June

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June: National Volunteering Week**

Events take place across Britain to promote voluntary work (during the first 7 days of June each year). See: <http://www.volunteersweek.org.uk>

### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June: Duke of Edinburgh's birthday**

It is the birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh (the Queen's husband). Cannons will also be fired in different locations in London to mark the anniversary.

### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June: Queen's official birthday**

The Queen's "official" birthday is on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June even if her real birthday was on 21 April! And guess what? Cannons will be fired in different locations in London to mark the anniversary

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June: Father's Day**, UK (actually on the 3rd Sunday in June each year) A time to treat your father !!!

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008: Garter Day**, Windsor

Prince William will become a Royal Knight of the Garter at a ceremony at Windsor Castle. This is part of a system of honours which dates back to 1348. Windsor Castle will be closed to visitors today (people who have already obtained special tickets for Garter Day can watch from inside the castle).

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Royal Ascot**, Ascot (Berkshire)

Ascot is one of the world's most well-known racecourses (founded in 1711). Royal Ascot is a 5-day horse racing event - each year the Queen attends on at least one of the days. Thursday is known as Ladies Day, and is famous for fashion. For details about the event, see: <http://www.ascot.co.uk>



### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Summer solstice**

The longest day of the year.

## **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Wimbledon Tennis Tournament**

One of the world most famous tennis competition at Wimbledon (south London). Play is on grass courts. For detailed information, see the official Wimbledon website: <http://www.wimbledon.org> . You can watch on television on BBC1 or BBC2, or listen online to BBC Radio 5 Live.

## **Tips for June**

### **Saturday 7th - Sunday 29th June 2008: Euro 2008**

The finals of a football competition between European national teams. Teams in 4 groups play each other, and the top two teams in each group go through - the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final are knock-out stages in which only the winner continues. The groups are:

Group A: Switzerland, Czech Republic, Portugal, Turkey

Group B: Austria, Croatia, Germany, Poland

Group C: Holland, Italy, Romania, France

Group D: Greece, Sweden, Spain, Russia

For details : <http://www.uefa.com/competitions/euro/index.html>

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Colonel's Review of Trooping the Colour**

The second rehearsals for the "Trooping the Colour" ceremony (which is the following Saturday). As it is too late to have tickets, you can still go and stand in front of Buckingham Palace or along The Mall to watch the Household Guards as they arrive (between 10am and 11am) and as they leave (between 12 noon and 12:30pm), and you may be able to see and hear the main ceremony from the parts of St James's Park on either side of the Guards Memorial (close to Horseguards Parade) between 11am and 12 noon. Unlike the full Trooping the Colour ceremony, the Queen does not attend the rehearsal, and there is no flypast or balcony appearance at Buckingham Palace.



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Dano Korea Sparkling Summer Festival**

Celebration of Korean culture (and of the festival of Dano) in London's Trafalgar Square from 13-7pm. This free event includes a parade, crafts, dance, music and food. See: <http://www.kcpauk.org>

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June: Duke of Edinburgh's birthday: gun salutes**

Cannons will be fired in the same locations as for Coronation day.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June: Isle of Wight Festival**, Newport (Isle of Wight). Famous music festival at Seaclose Park near Newport, on the Isle of Wight. See: <http://www.isleofwightfestival.com>

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June: HotCourses International Student Fair**

An event in London for international students who are interested in taking a course at a UK college or university. It takes place from 11am-4pm at the New Connaught Rooms in Great Queen Street (nearest Tube stations: Holborn, Covent Garden or Aldwych). For more information about the event and how to register, see : <http://www.hotcourses.com/fair>

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June: Queen's official birthday: gun salutes, London & Windsor**

Cannons will be fired in the same locations as for Coronation day. There are also gun salutes at Edinburgh Castle, Cardiff and Hillsborough Castle in Northern Ireland.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June: Trooping the Colour**

An annual ceremony in London (sometimes known as The Queen's Birthday Parade) also to celebrate the Queen's "official" birthday.

The soldiers from the Queen's Household Division are inspected by the Queen, carry ("troop") their regimental flag ("colour"), and march past and salute the Queen. Both foot soldiers and mounted soldiers take part (they are all serving soldiers; taking part in this kind of ceremonial event is one of their traditional duties). Military bands play marching music throughout.



The main ceremony takes place on Horse Guards Parade: it can only be

viewed by invited guests with tickets. If you don't have tickets, you can stand on the north or south side of the Mall to watch the soldiers as they march from Buckingham Palace to Horse Guards Parade (between 10am and 11am), as they march back again (between 12.00 and 12:30), and to see the Queen or other members of the royal family as they arrive or leave - you should go there early if you want a good view, because large crowds gather there. For more details about the ceremony, see: <http://www.royal.gov.uk/output/page370.asp>. Afterwards, crowds gather in front of Buckingham Palace, as the Queen and members of the royal family stand on the balcony and watch a flypast at 1.00 by planes from the Royal Air Force.

For the best views, watch live on television on BBC1 in the morning, or the highlights shown on BBC2 in the evening

**Monday 16th - Sunday 22nd June: [Refugee Week](#), UK**

A programme of arts, cultural and educational events throughout the UK that celebrate cultural diversity and promote understanding about the reasons why people seek sanctuary. For details of your local events see: <http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk>

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June: [London Graduate Recruitment Fair](#)** A jobs fair in central London for graduates or university/college students. The event is held at the Business Design Centre in London (near Angel underground station). To check dates and times, see: <http://www.londongradfair.co.uk>.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: [Taste of London](#)**

A chance to sample world cuisine from 40 of London's top restaurants in Regent's Park. You need to buy an entrance ticket (either for lunch or supper) and some "crowns", which you can use to buy sample-sized dishes from small kitchens set up by each of the restaurants. More info on <http://www.channel4.com/life/microsites/T/taste/london.html>

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July: [City of London Festival](#)**

Music and dance festival in the area of central London known as "the City". See: <http://www.colf.org>. Events include free lunchtime concerts in the City's churches or squares.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June: [Exhibition Road Music Day](#)**

Free live music events at various venues in and around Exhibition Road in South Kensington, London. This is the London version of the popular French music festival Fête de la Musique, always held on 21 June (the longest day of the year). See: <http://www.exhibitionroadmusicday.org>

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: [West End Live](#)**

From 12:00 to 6:00 pm, free event in Leicester Square which highlights the best of London's West End entertainment. There will be performances from some West End shows. See: <http://www.westendlive.co.uk>

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July: [Tower Music Festival](#)**

A series of evening concerts outside the Tower of London.

### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June (still to be confirmed): [Korean Festival](#), South-west London**

Free open-air Korean festival from late morning until late afternoon at The Fairfield, Fairfield Road, Kingston (nearest train station: Kingston, accessible from Waterloo, Clapham Junction, Wimbledon or Richmond). The event includes performances of traditional Korean music, dance and martial arts, and there are Korean food stalls. This event is organised by the Korean Residents Society (based in New Malden). See: [http://www.kingston.gov.uk/leisure/whats\\_on/special\\_events.htm](http://www.kingston.gov.uk/leisure/whats_on/special_events.htm)

### **Saturday 28 - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June: [Hyde Park Calling](#)**

Rock festival in Hyde Park - See: <http://www.hydeparkcalling.co.uk>

### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June: [Carnival de Cuba](#)**

Cuban music, dance, food and stalls in Southwark Park. Entry is free. For more details, see: <http://www.carnival-de-cuba.com>

## **Classified**

### **[Cars for sale](#)**

**Peugeot 307 S** (Second Hand) 5 Door                      Colour: Blue  
First date of registration: 30/07/2003                      (33500 miles)  
Asking price: £ 4,400    Available 1st June onwards  
Contact numbers: Beatrice Ellis 07 794 165 421 or 020 89 92 58 57

A 2003 **Vauxhall Zafira Club**, 1600 cc, 32.000 miles, black. It is equipped with an anti theft spare wheel system. The car is in good conditions and should be available around 1st July.                      The request is £ 3.500  
Interested? Contact Giovanni Rivas 07917796157.

### **[Request for transport](#)**

We need to take a 650 Honda to Turin (Italy). If there is some room available in someone's container to be sent to Italy, please contact Giovanni Rivas 07917796157.