

SWANLEA NEWS



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CONVERSATIONS



**THE NEW HIT PLAY BY SWANLEA
AND THOMAS BUXTON STUDENTS!**

LETTER FROM THE HEAD

Ms Austin

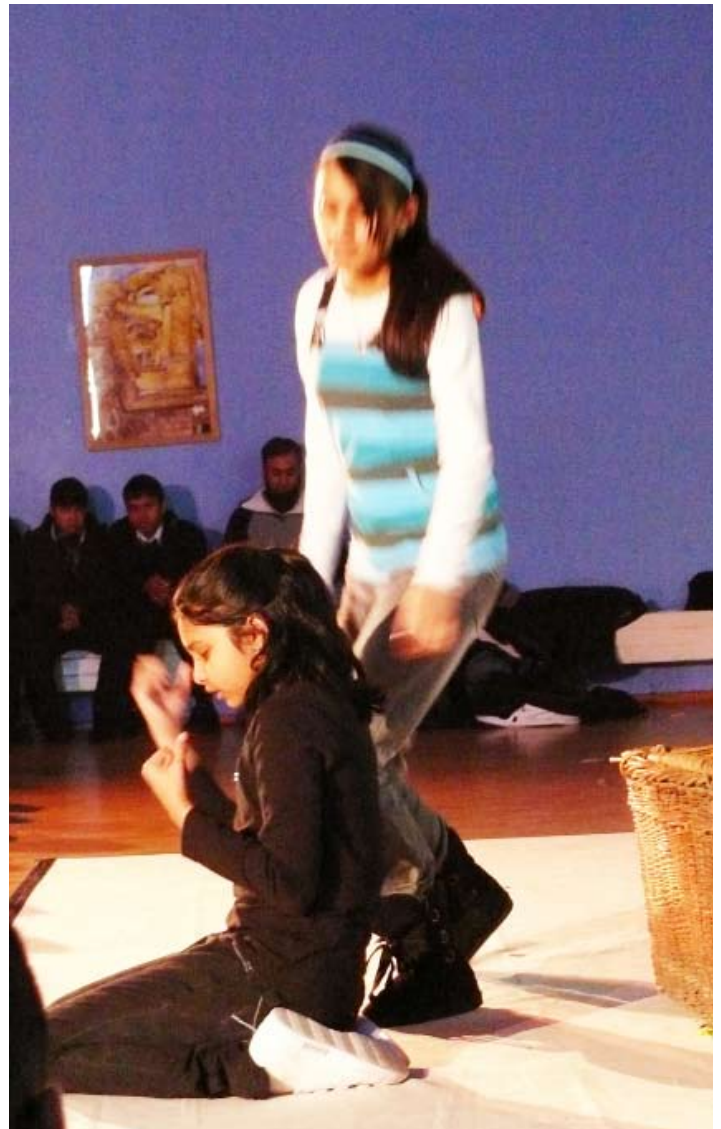
Swanlea has, again, experienced a full and exciting term. Over the last few months we have been treated to a number of exciting activities - the play by Thomas Buxton and Swanlea students being one of the highlights.

I am very pleased to be able to have this magazine bearing evidence of our most recent accomplishment: we are, officially, an outstanding school, and are proud to display the logo awarded to us by OFSTED (visible below on this page).

A quick reminder to parents - please do encourage your child to attend the large number of after-school clubs that we run in school. We offer a wealth of extra support and to those of you with children in Year 11, this might be a particularly good time to remind your child of the opportunities for help available to them. Please do contact school if you have any questions about the enrichment clubs we offer.

With every best wish,

Hinda Austin



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Over a 1000 people were treated to the wonderful production created by students from Swanlea and Thomas Buxton Primary school called “Conversations”.

30 students from Swanlea and Thomas Buxton worked throughout the year on the play. Together, they wrote the script and the music within the play. The students worked alongside professional

musicians, actors, performers and video directors to achieve their final product.

The audience were staggered by the quality of the acting, writing, dancing and singing. All students worked collaboratively and supported each other throughout the whole process. A truly wonderful production - congratulations!

Mr Shindler
Senior Leader

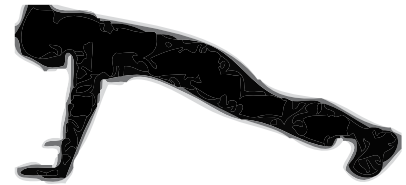
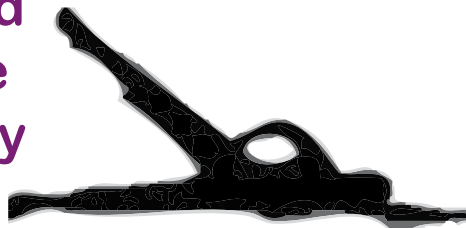


City Gateway Schools Partnership

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Kobi Nazrul Primary School,
Osmani Primary School,
Thomas Buxton Infants,
Thomas Buxton Juniors,
Stewart Headlam Primary School,
Swanlea School

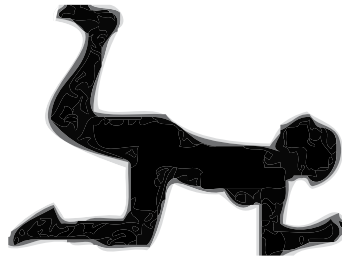
attention all mums!
Interested in FREE fitness activities?

Osmani Primary School is delighted to have the opportunity to run a Fitness Club,



in their newly refurbished gym

for mothers from schools in the City Gateway Schools Partnership.

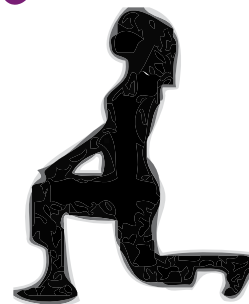


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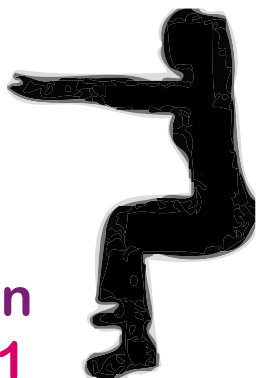
aerobics and circuit activities

If you are interested in taking part in these

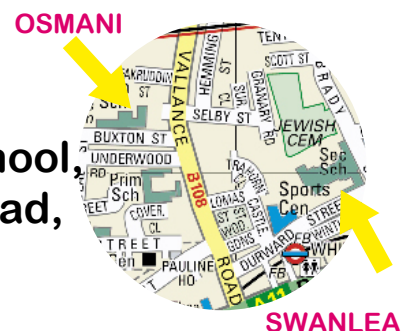
FREE activities then please call Cynthia on **07595 608 801**



every Thursday from 9.15am to 10.15am.



VENUE:
Osmani Primary School,
Vallance Road,
London E1 5AD



SWANLEA PARENTS ^w DIVE INTO OCEAN MATHS



Parents of Year 7 students were invited into school to take part in a Maths lesson with a difference! Ocean Maths involves children learning maths with their parents and working together to solve mathematical questions and puzzles. The workshops are very interactive and parents do not have to be good at Maths to attend. By participating in these workshops, parents develop ways to support their children with maths at home and as part of the Ocean Maths programme, students

are also given Ocean Maths homework which they are asked to complete with their parents.

In one term alone, 84 Year 7 parents attended an Ocean Maths class and there has been a very positive response to the workshops. One parent commented

“It is very important for parents to come because only parents know what they can give to their child. If parents come every time, it will benefit their child.”

Year 7 students have also enjoyed the workshops and one student commented

“I think it’s a great idea getting parents in even though it’s embarrassing. If they learn more stuff on subjects they can help us with our homework and we will all learn something new.”

Ms Allen
City Gateway
Project Manager



SWANLEA SCHOOL ECO-COMMITTEE

Throughout February, two members of the student council, Flora McLaughlin and Tahsan Choudhury, embarked on an information campaign to help launch the brand new Swanlea Eco-Committee. Together with Ms Crawford and Ms Daly, they researched and developed a wonderful display for the mall (pictured below) with some key eco-facts to help capture students' attention. Tahsan and Flora manned the display during lunchtimes over the course of two weeks so that students could sign up to join the

committee and help find ways to make Swanlea school more environmentally friendly. The Eco-committee will continue to work with staff and students to help up all contribute to saving energy. Please do speak to Tahsan, Flora or any student council member to find out more information or to suggest an idea.

Mr Goodman
Deputy Headteacher

Some ECO FACTS...

- In one year there would be enough waste to fill dustbins stretching from the Earth to the Moon
- On average, each person in the UK uses 15 trees worth of paper every year (which means in Swanlea we use up about 18,000 trees worth of paper a year)
- Recycling 1 aluminium can saves enough energy to power a television for 3 hours
- Recycling two bottles saves enough energy to boil water for five cups of tea.





Year 9 take the construction challenge!

45 Year 9 students spent two days at a specialist education centre in Tower Hamlets learning all about trades and apprenticeships. Students worked alongside industry specialists and were given the opportunity to experience and learn more about practical skills needed to enter into an apprenticeship and learn a trade. Students also debated and discussed the academic knowledge they would need in order to be a successful craftsman, with maths, physics, English and DT coming at the top of the list! Students worked very well together and clearly enjoyed applying their newly acquired practical knowledge. Well done all!

Mr A. Walmsley
Senior Leader



MY BNK STUDENTS HELP RAISE MONEY FOR COMIC RELIEF

My Bnk is a charity which aims to teach young people about the benefits of saving. *My Bnk* volunteers visited Swanlea and delivered special training to our Year 12 students, and gave them guidance on how to run a bank and set one up in school. From this term, there is now a special Swanlea bank in school! Every Wednesday lunchtime Year 12 students open the bank so that students can come and deposit their savings into their accounts. Students also have the chance to take out a business "start up" fund to help

them set up their own company within school. Some students from 9E students did just that to enable them to hold a Cake Sale in school in aid of Comic Relief. It transpired to be a very

successful venture, resulting in over £100 being raised for a worthy charity. Well done!

Ms Pritchard
Business & Enterprise Coordinator



Year 10 + gold + Bank of England = ?

Year 10 Business Studies students learn how to navigate through the problems of raising and lowering interest rates to control inflation by piloting a hot air balloon on a field trip to the Bank of England Museum in Threadneedle Street, London. Students also rose to the challenge of trying to pick up a real gold bar (worth £250,000 on the day) as well as pick open a safe by correctly answering questions about the Bank, its activities and the UK economy.

Mr Berk
Leader of Learning for Business



Swanlea's Wonder women!

One special weekend in March, a group of intrepid mothers and daughters from Swanlea school set off to Arethusa Venture Centre in Rochester on an exciting residential weekend.

With the aim to help improve students' team-building and planning skills, as well as encourage their confidence and all-round sense of adventure, the group soon got to a whole host of innovative and thrilling activities. Mothers and daughters (and teachers!) got into the spirit of the weekend whole-heartedly, embarking on all kinds of weird and wonderful tasks. From archery, to riding on a speedboat, to walking on a high-wire, everyone had a truly wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We hope to run a similar weekend away for fathers and sons so make sure you watch this space!

Ms Rahman and Ms Williams
Coordinator of Learning for Year 7 &
Deputy Coordinator of Learning for Year 7





VIBEZ Productionz

Vibez Productionz, an Events Management Company set up by the Year 12s as part of the Young Enterprise Programme, have started the year off with a bang! Already they have hosted many events, including cake sales and a special Valentine's fundraiser. They used the proceeds of those events to put together the recent Talent Show on 12th February. Of course, we must not forget that Vibez Productionz have also made a commitment to donate a

percentage of their profits to charity at the end of the year. The Talent Show was an amazing success with over 180 people turning up to watch Swanlea's finest acts perform. It soon became obvious to the audience that we certainly have a lot of talented students in Swanlea! The team intend to hold more exciting events throughout the year so make sure you stay tuned!

Ms Pritchard
Business & Enterprise Coordinator



VIBEZ PRODUCTIONZ WIN INNER EAST FINAL!

On 24th March Vibez Productionz - the fantastic Events Management Company, took part in the Young Enterprise Company Programme Inner East Final competition at Clifford Chance in Canary Wharf. Vibez Productionz were entered into all four rounds; Best Company Report - a 10 page report based on an evaluation of their company, Best Trade Stand - a display of their Events which included a DVD, posters, banners and pictures of the event; Best Presentation - a 5 minute presentation to the other companies and the judges and Best Company 2009 - the most prestigious award. Our main competitors were Sir John Cass, who pitched an interesting revision guide business idea.

Thankfully, Vibez's enthusiasm, energy, positive attitude and teamwork skills meant that they scooped three out of the four of awards, including Best Company 2009! It was a well deserved win and we look forward to the next round on 29th April - the East London final. My thanks go to their business

advisor Mr Onwugbonu, Mr Brayne, Ms Daly, Mr Berk, Ms Bhutta, Mr Firth, Mr and Mrs Nunn, the Premises and I.T. staff, Mr Umin, Ms Dudhia and Ms Austin for all their help and support. It is much appreciated.

Ms Pritchard
Business & Enterprise Coordinator



Swanlea hosts visit by teachers from Italy

Swanlea was recently visited by a party of educators from all across Italy. Teachers observed lessons, spent time with staff, and received a special presentation by students. Laura Humayun, 7S, (pictured left) impressed the visitors especially by delivering her speech in Italian! All the students involved were fantastic representatives and left our guests with nothing but praise for Swanlea. Well done!

Ms Williams
Deputy Coordinator of Learning for Year 7



SWANLEA STUDENTS BECOME **AWARD-WINNING** WRITERS!

On 21st February 43 Swanlea students went to **Channel S** TV station headquarters to take part in a special Bengali writing competition. It was a wonderful event organised to help celebrate Bangladeshi language day.

Hussain, Mr Ahmed and Mr Ali. All were delighted at the students' wonderful accomplishment and look forward to next year's competition!

Ms Daly
Media Officer

With over 200 hundred students from competing from different schools, the competition was tough and everyone was focused on trying their best. Impervious to pressure, Benedict Stalon Rozario (11C) from Swanlea won first prize, and second prize went to Mahfuzul Karim Mahi (7W) - a considerable achievement! The students were accompanied by Mr Islam, Ms Mudge, Mr



NEWS FROM THE P.E. TEAM...

Mr Thomas, Mr Cotterill, Mr Ellis, Ms Flowers, Ms Foley & Mr Grant

FOOTBALL NEWS....

The Year 10 Swanlea Boys Football team narrowly lost on penalties in the semi-final of the Tower Hamlets Cup held at Hackney Marshes in January. The Year 11 team reached the final and were strong runners up to Raines Foundation.

We are delighted to announce that Courtney Chin, Year 11, has been selected for the 'London Schools Representative Team. Congratulations Courtney!



Swanlea's Cricket team continue to go from strength to strength. We have had a number of wonderful results recently....

- The Year 7 & 8 Girls Indoor Cricket team placed 4th against local borough schools.
- Under 13s Boys Cricket team were finalists in the London Indoor Cricket Competition held at Lords Cricket ground. The boys were also the winners in the Middlesex Indoor competition held also at Lords.
- Under 13s were recently defeated in the Indoor Inner London Cricket Skills Cup by Stepney Green.
- Under 15s Boys reached the London Finals of the

National 'Times Newspaper' Cricket tournament and were defeated by Dulwich College.

- Under 15s qualified for the Indoor Cricket Tower Hamlets Finals. They have also qualified for the Tower Hamlets Outdoor Cricket Tournaments to be played in the Summer.
- Shaykul Hoque (Year 8) has been selected for the Middlesex Cricket Academy.

ROWING

Swanlea came second in this year's Tower Hamlets Indoor Rowing Competition at Oaklands School. Shaykul Hoque (Year 8) won his race & Bodrul Islam (Year 11) & Justine Gonzales (Year 9) were all placed second in their events. These students were also chosen to represent Tower Hamlets in the London Youth Games: a considerable achievement. On the back of that success, Swanlea entered 30 students in the National Youth Rowing Championships held in Battersea in which Shaykul Hoque won a silver medal. Very many congratulations to all who took part.



Mantas Ganebnas with his bronze medal

In March, Mr Grant escorted a team of 16 Swanlea students selected to compete in the National Indoor Rowing Championships at Battersea Park and we were delighted to watch Mantas Ganebnas (Year 9) win the bronze medal.

TOWER HAMLETS BADMINTON DOUBLES COMPETITION

As always, Swanlea were incredibly successful at this year's tournament. All teams through Year 7-10 ended up winning their respective competitions. Students from Years 7 and 9 were also the runners up, and students competing from Year 8 came a commendable third.

RESULTS:

YEAR 7	
CHAMPIONS	
Mahfuzul Mahi (7W)	Md. Shahrukh Khan (7E)
RUNNERS UP	
Jamil Ahmed (7W)	Samsul Ahmed (7L)
YEAR 8	
CHAMPIONS	
Md-Shaykul Hoque (8N)	Juned Ahmed (8N)
THIRD PLACE	
Khairul-Muhammed Amin (8W)	Rubel Abusaleh (8L)
YEAR 9	
CHAMPIONS	
Md-Shaykul Hoque (8N)	Juned Ahmed (8N)
RUNNERS UP	
Waliur Rahman (9L)	Mitu Ahmed (9A)
YEAR 10	
CHAMPIONS	
Shahan Rashid (10E)	Azizur Rahman (10C)