

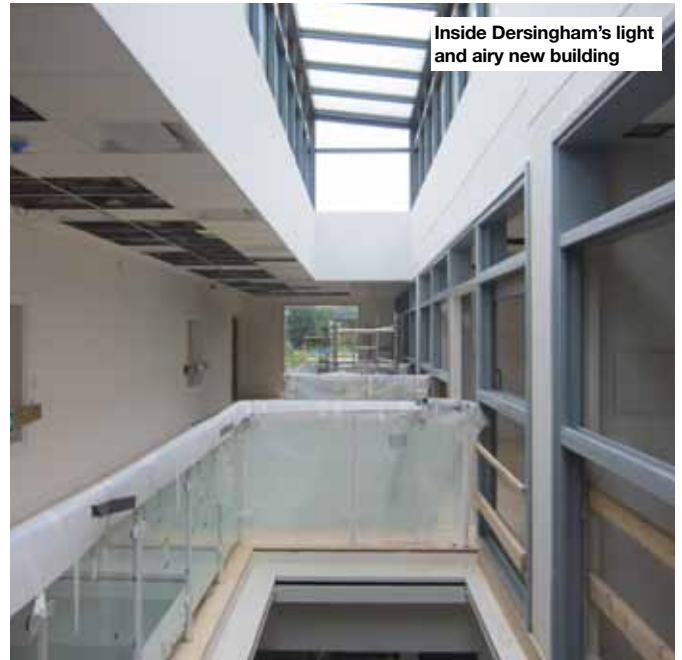
# IN FOCUS **MANOR PARK**

August 2011

## NEW CHAPTER FOR SCHOOLS IN MANOR PARK



Sheringham's new building



Inside Dersingham's light and airy new building

School may be out for summer, but for the builders working on the £14.5m makeover of Sheringham and Dersingham primary schools, the hard graft has just begun.

Both are being reconstructed to transform them into state-of-the-art learning settings ready for the new school year in September.

The Manor Park schools changed to offer primary education last year, having previously been separate infant and junior schools. They now educate pupils from Years 1 to 6, with the addition of a new nursery at Dersingham School.

The works at Sheringham School include the construction of a new two and three storey building, a new

entrance, classrooms and hall. The current extension will be remodelled and there will be a new multi use games and improved outdoor areas.

Works at Dersingham School consist of an additional two-storey building, new classrooms, hall and nursery.

The buildings will offer a state-of-the-art environment for teaching and learning in a cost-effective building that is low maintenance and energy-efficient. Environmentally-friendly features such as solar panels to

produce electricity and green roofs rainwater collection tanks will be included as part of the improvements.

Community lead councillor Kay Scoresby said: "Since 2006, more than £30m has been invested to improve nursery and primary education in Manor Park. These latest changes will create more school places and improve the learning environment.

"Work to improve Avenue Primary School is also under way and is due to be completed later next year."

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# Newham's got talent

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Young Mayor Ali hands Natasha her trophy

Talented songstress Natasha Nelson did Manor Park community forum proud when she competed in front of thousands of people at the Mayor's Newham Show.

The singer took to the main performance stage at East Ham's Central Park to represent Manor Park in the final of the Newham Talent Quest, the culmination of talent contests held in each of the nine community forums.

The winners from each area went on to battle it out to become the borough's hottest talent. Newham's Young Mayor Ali Mohamed supported the quest and he and fellow Youth Council members had the tough choice of choosing an overall winner.

While Natasha missed out on the big prize, she did receive an engraved glass trophy to reward her efforts. Community lead councillor Kay Scoresby said: "Natasha did a great job in representing us and her performance on the day was superb. She is a real talent."



Pupils enjoy a BigLop session

## CULTURAL PROJECT AS ONE YEAR OLYMPIC COUNTDOWN BEGINS

Dersingham School was one of only four schools in Newham to enjoy The Biggest Learning Opportunity on Earth (BigLop).

BigLop is an exciting London-wide partnership which uses the value of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympics Games as a learning opportunity for young people.

Dersingham School has been working with leading arts organisation Nimble Fish to help pupils become 'culture detectives'

and explore the importance of the Cultural Olympiad.

Dersingham teacher John Smith, said: "Our involvement in the Cultural Detectives project has opened the children's eyes to the impact that such a special event can have on their own lives. The children understand that the Olympics will leave an everlasting impression on Newham and that they are the future generation who will carry this legacy forward."

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## PROPOSED NEW LOOK FOR PLASHET PARK

Plashet Park has been successfully awarded a development grant of £66,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to draw-up new plans for the park.

The Park is the oldest open space in Manor Park. Opening in 1891, the 7.3 hectare ground is one of the borough's busiest parks, with more than 850,000 visits in 2010.

Currently ideas include re-instating historic features, including the contemporary bandstand, and restoring the original entrances and fencing. Other plans include adding more facilities such as an outdoor gym, improved play area, more cricket nets, a new garden area and the planting of more trees.

After the development plans are completed, Newham Council will apply for a grant of £1.7m to begin work on improving the park.

# LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL GO SAILING

Five students from Little Ilford School enjoyed a memorable sailing trip in recognition of their excellent leadership skills.

The group sailed off from the Port of Hamble in Southampton, spending their first night at Cowes before sailing to Yarmouth in the Isle of Wight. The yacht, called the Lily of Hamble, hit 20 knots on their return journey home.

The yacht trip helped students Jeevan Chauhan, Christine Bukasa,



Pupils, from left, Jeevan, Ada, Christine, Vera and Najeb with school staff

Vera Ferreira, Ada Plakwicz and Najab Naseri, all 14, develop their teamwork skills and think on their feet. The group proved that they had the qualities and potential to become a part of the Little Ilford School Student Leadership Team.

The youngsters had an amazing time on the trip, with one student

commenting: "I enjoyed everything. Every day we experienced the many different scenarios that sailors go through on a daily basis, but I didn't like, when it was cold!"

The experience was sponsored by Young Horizons at the Froud Centre, run by charity Aston Mansfield.

# BREAST AWARENESS

Plashtet Secondary School has been working with care group Community Links to promote breast cancer awareness amongst girls, their mums and other females.

Students in Years 9 and 10 have been taught the importance of early detection in fighting the illness, as well as breast self examination.

Breast cancer survivor Frances Clarke, of Community Links, said: "Many women know that a lump is a possible sign of breast cancer, but few know about the other signs. If the look or feel of your skin changes, the look or direction of your nipple changes, a rash on the breast, a change in size or shape of the breast, a lump in the armpit or neck are all possible early warning signs."

As well as lessons, the girls at Plashtet School have been sharing their knowledge with their mums and other females, and podcasts in a range of languages will be available through the school's intranet site.



Frances, back left, Mayor Sir Robin Wales and pupils promote the scheme

Councillor Firoza Nekiwala said: "It is very important to make an appointment with your doctor straight away if you think you have one of these possible symptoms of breast cancer as early treatment often results in patients making a full recovery."

**For more information about the local campaign contact [frances.clarke@community-links.org](mailto:frances.clarke@community-links.org) or details about the symptoms of breast cancer visit [www.smallc.org.uk](http://www.smallc.org.uk)**

**If you are worried about your health visit your GP.**

## Spotlight on... Under the Stars

The sand from the beach at the Mayor's Newham Show may have been swept away but we're already gearing up for Newham's next free extravaganza - the musical spectacle that is Under the Stars.

If you enjoy jazz, eastern influenced beats, rock or classical melodies, look no further than Central Park, East Ham, where every night from Thursday 25 August to Sunday 28 August, you can enjoy four nights of music that's guaranteed to get your hands in the air.

What has become the Glastonbury of Newham opens with the cool, laid-back sounds of jazz provided by the world renowned saxophonist Courtney Pine and a host of other amazing headline acts.

The sound of the dhol drum takes over on Friday as BBC Radio 1 DJ Nihal presents a night of Eastern Beats. Bhangra sensation H Dhami is back by popular demand and this time he's joined by his father's legendary Bhangra group, Heera, who will be headlining the night.

On Saturday, we will rock you with performances from the Queen tribute band, Queen on Fire, who'll be joined



by twelve piece live band, MIB who, at the Royal Wedding, entertained more than 300,000 revellers in London's Hyde Park.

As always, on Sunday, Under the Stars ends on a high note, with the relaxing sounds of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. As well as classical renditions the audience will be treated to a dazzling firework finale.

**Under the Stars**  
**Thursday 25-Sunday**  
**28 August, 7-10.30pm**  
**Central Park,**  
**High Street South, E6**  
**All Under the Stars events are**  
**FREE. For the full line-up visit**  
**[www.newham.com/summer](http://www.newham.com/summer)**

## WHAT'S ON MANOR PARK

### Playworkers in Parks Plashet Park

8, 15 and 22 August  
 10am-1pm and 1.30- 4.30pm  
 Supervised play sessions for 6-14 year olds. Parents/carers are welcome to stay and play with younger children. Enjoy outdoor sports and physical activity, arts and crafts, messy play & more!

Come and go as you please, all activities are FREE!

**For even more things to do check out the What's On in Newham calendar, where you'll find listings for more than 6,000 events visit [www.newham.com](http://www.newham.com)**

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Paul Sathianesan



Kay Scoresby



Amarjit Singh



Salim Patel



Andrew Baikie



Farah Nazeer



Khalil Kazi

### East Ham North Ward

Every Saturday (alternating)  
 10.30 - 11.30am  
 Kensington School,  
 Kensington Avenue,  
 Manor Park, E12

### Manor Park Ward

Every Saturday (alternating)  
 10 - 11.30am  
 Manor Park Local Service Centre,  
 685-689 Romford Road,  
 Manor Park, E12

### Little Ilford Ward

Every Saturday (alternating)  
 10 - 11am  
 Jack Cornwell Community Centre,  
 Jack Cornwell Street,  
 Manor Park, E12

**Need to talk to Mayor Sir Robin Wales?** Being an elected mayor, Sir Robin is directly accountable to you. Look out for Question Time times and dates in the Newham Mag, visit [www.newham.gov.uk/mayor](http://www.newham.gov.uk/mayor) or call 020 3373 0437.