

IN FOCUS EAST HAM

May 2011

Langdon School undergoes revamp

Langdon Secondary School in Sussex Road will become the first all-through school (combining nursery, primary and secondary education) in Newham for pupils aged 3-16 after work to transform the school is complete.

Work has already begun on the £27m project to transform the school, bring it up to modern day standards and pave the way for it to become an all-through school.

The school currently provides education for secondary school pupils only. But once the project is completed, it will provide places for up to 78 nursery and 630 primary school pupils with its first intake of reception aged pupils in September 2011.

Built in the 1950s, Newham Council has worked with the design team to preserve the character of the school building.

The programme of works includes extensive refurbishment, remodelling and a new build kitchen/dining room and classroom block.

Work is expected to be completed by August 2013. Details of the improvements include:

- building a new dining hub for students and community use
- creating 21st century information technology facilities



An artist's impression of what the new dining facilities will look like when works are complete

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- building a new two-storey classroom block
- replacing windows and doors and repairing the existing structure.

Executive member for children and young people and East Ham South ward councillor, Quintin Peppiatt,

said: “Langdon School will become the largest all-through school in the country, putting Newham firmly in the spotlight for educational innovation and will bring quality learning for future East Ham generations.”

Langdon School head teacher, Dr Manuzah Tabussum, added: “We look to the future to enable greater partnership working with our primary and secondary colleagues to ensure the benefits of this unique opportunity are far-reaching.”

The development of Langdon School is part of Building Schools for the Future (BSF), an investment programme in secondary school buildings.

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Newham London

Go green with your garden waste



Green fingered gardener or eco warrior – whatever your reasons, make sure you recycle your green garden waste.

The council offers a FREE green garden waste collection to all residents. The service accepts grass cuttings, weeds, hedge trimmings, leaves, small branches and flowers.

All you need to do is place them in a black bag, leave them at the front of your property and call to arrange a collection. The waste will be picked up within five working days.

All garden waste is turned into compost at Jenkins Lane Reuse and Recycling Centre instead of being sent to landfill sites. So if you want to do your bit for the environment, make the most of this council service.

To arrange a collection or for more information, call 020 8430 2000 or book the collection online at www.newham.gov.uk and search for 'green waste'.

MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR



Cllrs Quintin Peppiat (back left), Kevin Jenkins (seated centre) and Lakmini Shah (front second right) are to talk

Make a date to meet your councillor on Monday 9 May from 12.30noon-2pm at The Kitchen Table Café in St Bartholomew's Community Centre.

Enjoy a tasty reasonably priced lunch at the café in Barking Road with your local councillor and

discuss any issues you may or just have a chat.

Meet your local councillor, Monday 9 May, 12.30noon-2pm, The Kitchen Café, St Bartholomew's Community Centre, 292b Barking Road, E6.

PLANS TO REGENERATE NEWHAM TOWN HALL SITE

An artist's impression of what the Town Hall could look like



Newham Council is developing a masterplan to regenerate the area around Newham Town Hall in Barking Road but wants to hear your comments first.

The plan will include creating a new front-facing customer service centre and restoring existing buildings such as the Town Hall and other historic buildings on the site.

Come along to the Town Hall and have a look at the proposals, which will be on display from Wednesday 11 May for four weeks from 8am-9pm. You will have an opportunity to leave your suggestions on a comment card.

To find out more call Chris Andrew on 020 3373 9662 or email chris.andrew@newham.gov.uk

Farewell to much-loved head teacher

Families, staff and youngsters came together to say farewell to the head teacher at Oliver Thomas Nursery School in Matthews Avenue at a special event held at the children's centre.

Head teacher of 12 years, Dianne Walls, said farewell to staff, children and parents at the event – where there was live entertainment, from stilt walkers to puppet drama and a bouncy castle.

Dianne has been a teacher for 39 years and is leaving the school to enjoy retirement. She started her career as a classics teacher and moved into Early Years education



(l-r) Rubana, Jayan, Jahin and Jahid Rahman say farewell to outgoing head teacher Dianne Walls

when she became a mother.

She said: "I'm passionate about intervention and early years education. It's an important part of a child's development and we've worked hard to ensure that children get the best start here."

Since Dianne became head teacher at the nursery, she's seen it

grow from nine to 30 staff. She said: "We've gone from being a very good nursery for 0-5 years to becoming an education centre for all aspects of play and learning, including classes for children with learning disabilities and even adult education."

To find out more about the centre, turn to the back page.

ACTING UP

Drama and street dance were on the menu for young people during the Easter break at a series of free drama workshops in St Mary's Hall in High Street South.

The workshops were led by the Chain Reaction Theatre Company who worked with 11-16 year olds to discuss sensitive and controversial topics including substance misuse,

teenage pregnancy, anti-social behaviour and respect in their community.

Through these discussions, the agenda for the workshops was set and young people acted out how the situation could have been different or avoided.

After street dance sessions, young people were treated to a free, healthy lunch to encourage active and healthy lifestyles.

The week-long workshops culminated in a performance that families, friends, and supporters were invited too. The workshops were funded and supported by Newham Council and Tate & Lyle.

Chain Reaction is currently applying for a grant to run regular drama workshops in East Ham. Watch this space for more information.



Making moves in a street dance workshop

Spotlight on... Oliver Thomas Children's Centre

Tucked away off Folkestone Road on Matthew's Avenue, Oliver Thomas Children's Centre is a lively hub of education, not just for youngsters but also for the wider community.

The Sure Start children's centre offers services for families with children from 0-5 years, is open 48 weeks a year from 8am-6pm and has a jam-packed programme for children and for parents.

As the departing head teacher of 12 years, Dianne Walls, explains: "We're mostly a school but our remit has broadened to social care, adult education and even research."

Here's a taster of some of what's on:

- > Mondays – active kids for 18+ months, 1.30-2.30pm
- > Tuesdays – adult yoga (£2 per session), 9.30-11am
- > Wednesdays – gardening class for children 2+ years, 1-2.30pm
- > Thursdays – sensory play for children 1+ years, 1.30-3pm

> Fridays – play session for 0-18 months, 10.30-11.30am.

There are also plenty of monthly activities to choose from, including special courses and events such as balloon modelling on Thursday 12 May from 1.30-3pm or a toilet training course on Thursday 19 May from 1.30-3pm.

The centre has also pioneered a scheme called Baby Bank – whereby parents can deposit their baby's clothes that they no longer need in the bank at the centre for parents who need them.

For a full list of activities at the centre call 020 8821 0997.



WHAT'S ON EAST HAM

Have your say on the regeneration of Newham Town Hall and the surrounding area

Wednesday 11 May for four weeks
8am-9pm
Newham Town Hall
High Street South, E6
Read p2 for more details

Yoga for all levels

Wednesdays, 1.30-2.30pm
The Well Community Centre
49 Vicarage Lane, E6
Call 020 8586 7070 for more information

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

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MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Councillors out and about: If you would like a councillor to visit your community organisation, school, place of worship, meeting or event please call 020 3373 3578 or email kim.vasa@newham.gov.uk
To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. kevin.jenkins@newham.gov.uk



Kevin Jenkins OBE



Rev. Quintin Peppiatt



Lakmini Shah



Ian Corbett



Unmesh Desai



Mary Skyers



Ormana Gangadharan



Lester Hudson



Ted Sparrowhawk

East Ham South Ward

Cllr Jenkins
Every Saturday (except bank holidays), 9.30-11am
Brampton Primary School, Masterman Road,
East Ham, E6

First and third Saturday of the month
(except bank holidays), 1- 3pm
Roman Road Primary School, Roman Road, E6

Cllrs Peppiatt and Shah
Every Saturday (alternating), 10am
Vicarage Lane Primary School, Vicarage Lane,
East Ham, E6

East Ham Central Ward

Cllrs Corbett and Desai
Every Friday, 5.30-6.30pm
Committee Room 3, Newham Town Hall,
Barking Road
East Ham, E6

Cllr Skyers
First Saturday of the month, 10-11am
The Hartley Centre, 267 Barking Road
East Ham, E6

Wall End Ward

Cllr Gangadharan
Second Saturday of the month, 10am-12noon

Cllr Hudson
Fourth Saturday of the month, 10am-12noon
Altmore School, Altmore Avenue, East Ham, E6

Cllr Sparrowhawk
First and third Saturday of the month
10.30am-12noon
Nelson Primary School
Caretaker's house, Napier Road
East Ham, E6

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 or call 020 3373 0437.