

# Greatfields Gazette

*Dream it. Believe it. Achieve it.*

## Greatfields School meets the real Kangethe.



### *Article by Imogen*

On the 18th October 2016 a very important person from the community of Barking & Dagenham, came to our school to inspire us. She encouraged us with her message; that we can do anything no matter where we originated from.

Ms Elizabeth Kangethe migrated from Kenya, she went to school and got an education despite the many obstacles she faced. She was like any other young child in school, similar to our age however there was one thing that we could never imagine; she had to go to school with no shoes... imagine walking on the hard rough floor with nothing to protect you. We found this astounding!

However she didn't let this become an obstacle or an excuse and this didn't affect her determined personality. Being a true leader, having shoes or not did not affect her goal of achieving an education.

Now older and more fortunate Kangethe gives children, like her, an opportunity to become something and use education as a tool to improve their lives. Not only is she active here in our local community; she also helps and gives young people that aren't as lucky as us opportunities, even little things like shoes to wear on their feet and has such a huge impact.

This extraordinary woman –Elizabeth Kangethe left her life in Kenya to come to England where she became a teacher. This ultimate achievement came with tons of hard work and early rejection however she didn't give up. Becoming a teacher wasn't easy, she had to face a lot of hostility and rejection but she persevered. When she didn't get a teaching job she didn't stop and cry, she didn't GIVE UP. Instead she thought practically. She thought "So what if I didn't get this job, there's loads more out there and if I just stop dead in my tracks I DEFINITELY won't get ANY job." This is what brought her to where she is today; a former Mayor of Barking & Dagenham and

respected figure in the community. Just think...if she had given up and stopped trying then she would never have been asked to stand for Mayor.

I asked Mr Sullivan why he chose Miss Kangethe as one of our form names. He gave the exquisite answer of: *"Her achievement of becoming the first black female mayor of Barking & Dagenham. She did this by adapting to a new country/culture really well and working incredibly hard."*

## Pupil of the Week

*Articles by Salma and Imogen*

Each week a new student is chosen by the teachers to be honourable 'student of the week'. Last week it was Dennis in Todd and this week it's Mirko in Kangethe. To be student of the week you need to exceed the expectations set by all the teachers. If you are lucky enough to be chosen for student of the week then you will receive a certificate and badge given to you by Mr Sullivan during Tuesday's assembly. Although lots of children are well behaved each and every week, (I don't know how the teachers do it) the teachers have to choose only one lucky student who has shown exceptional behaviour throughout the week. I asked Mirko a few questions about himself so we get a better insight into our worthy pupil of the week.

1. How do you feel about being pupil of the week?

*Happy.*

2. Are you proud?

*Yes.*

3. Why do you think you got pupil of the week?

*Because I don't shout out in class anymore.*

4. What is your favourite sport?

*Football.*

5. What's your favourite footballer?

*Ronaldo.*

6. What's your favourite food?

*Pizza.*

7. What's your favourite subject?

Who wants a mayor who's lazy and doesn't bother overcoming each hurdle? Who is lazy and just doesn't bother. Not us...the students of Greatfields School are proud to have a Tutor group named after her. We aspire to uphold her vision of hard work, determination and inspiration. Kangethe reaches for the stars, and surely that is exactly what we wish to do each and every day.

*P.E.*

8. Who's your favourite teacher?

*Mr Maleveci.*

9. What do you make of the school so far?

*I like it.*



*At*

Greatfields School, every week the teachers choose a student who has worked exceptionally well during the week. This week Justin (Todd) was the student who worked remarkably hard, so I went to find out some information about Justin.

1. How do you feel about being awarded pupil of the week?

*'I am happy because it is my first time getting a badge.'*

2. What advice would you give other students if they wanted to be pupil of the week?

*'When the teacher is talking you should listen to what the person is saying, crack on with your work and just don't talk.'*

3. What clubs have you joined?

*'I go to football club.'*

4. What is your favourite subject?

*'My favourite subjects are Art and Maths.'*

5. What do you like doing?

*'I like playing on my PS4'*

6. What do think about Greatfields School and how can we make it a better school?

*'Greatfields is a great school and we can improve it by making break time longer and fun lessons.'*

According to our class teachers, Justin is a hardworking, cheerful and a brilliant role model at Greatfields School. Hopefully, all the pupils of Greatfields School will work just as hard as him.



## Maths at Birbeck University

Article by Nawras

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of October nine students were chosen to go on a trip to Birkbeck University. It was a once in a life time experience. During the trip the group met a Maths Professor who had planned two different activities for the students to work on. The professor taught us some helpful tips and tricks to guide us when solving any math problem. On that special day the pupils learned many different kinds of solutions to math equations

(even our very own teacher learned some new things he never knew).



Many people do not enjoy Math lessons however the crew thought that the trip was incredible. They said that 'it felt more like an hour than a whole day'. A simple solution for this was that they had too much fun and the time just flew by. A friend who went on the trip stated *"Every second of the trip was fun including the time when we were on the train because we played games. My favourite part was when we had to work with the chocolate."* The student also told me that some of the students nibbled on the chocolate until it was half gone.

I asked Mr Mahebo and Miss Leach some questions as they also went on the trip.

What did you think about the trip?

*Sir: I think it was very informative for the students.*

*Miss: I think it was good also I think the children liked playing with the Lego.*

What have you learned?

*Sir: I learned that children enjoy maths out of school as well as in school.*

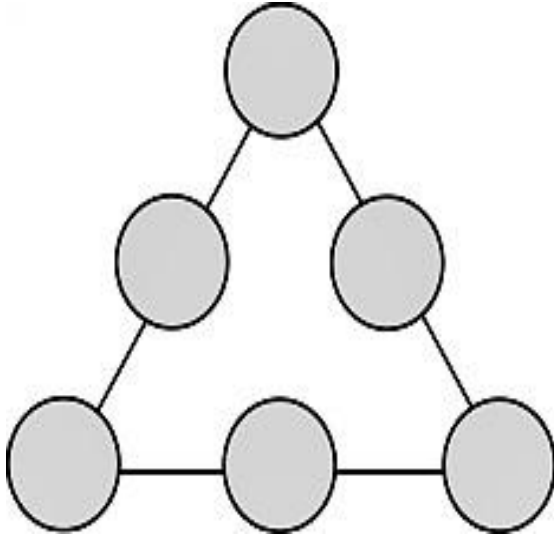
*Miss: That every problem has a solution.*

We would like to thank Mr Mahebo for planning the amazing trip and here is taster for you.



Here is a problem, can you solve it?

You have 6 numbers: 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13.  
You must place them in the triangle in  
such a way that the three numbers on each  
side add up to 25. How long does it take  
you?



## STEM Club.

*Article by Zenab and Salma*

STEM club started on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> September at Greatfields School; I went to see the hosts of this astonishing club, (Mr Mahebo and Mr Malik), to discover how they felt about it. My first question, to Mr Malik was, 'what does STEM club stand for?' To which Mr Malik replied, 'It stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. My second question was, 'What do you do in stem club so far?' His reply was, 'we have done logical puzzles which look simple at first, but difficult once you get into it. We have also looked at the Van der Graaf generator which makes your hair go up, the students loved that.' My final question was, 'were you surprised on how many students showed up?' and his reply was, 'yes, it makes me proud to see how many students came.' According to Mr Malik's views and opinions it sounded like the students had an enjoyable and fun time.



*STEM Club*



*Article by Yash Soni*

Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights celebrated every year in autumn. It is an official holiday in Fiji, Guyana, India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Surinam, and Trinidad and Tobago. One of the major festivals of Hinduism, it spiritually signifies the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair.



Its celebration includes millions of lights shining on house tops, outside doors and windows, around temples and other buildings in the communities

and countries where it is observed. The festival preparations and rituals typically extend over a five-day period, but the main festival night of Diwali coincides with the darkest, new moon night of the Hindu Lunisolar month Kartik in Bikram Sambat calendar. In the Gregorian calendar, Diwali night falls between mid-October and mid-November. The day after Diwali is the Hindu New Year this is shown by the Hindu calendar. During the day of Diwali Hindus do a ritual in honour of goddess Laxmi, this is for good health and wealth.

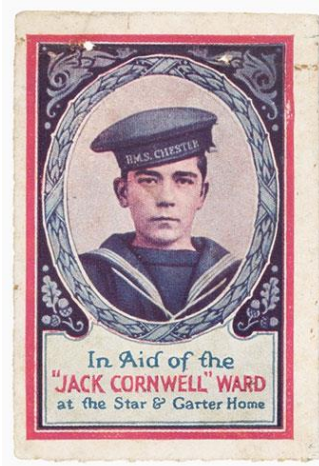
Hindus across the world celebrate Diwali in honour of the return of Lord Ram, his wife Sita and his brother Lakshmana from exile of 14 years after Rama defeated Ravana. To honour the return of Lord Rama, Sita and Lakshmana from Lanka and to illuminate their path, villagers lit Diyas to celebrate the triumph of good over evil. For some, Diwali also celebrates the return of Pandavas after 12 years of Vanvas and one year of "Agyatavas" in *Mahabharata*. Furthermore, Deepavali is linked to the celebration of Lakshmi, who is venerated amongst Hindus as the goddess of wealth and prosperity and is the wife of Lord Vishnu.

*We wish everyone a Happy Diwali.*



*Article by Nameera and Tashifa*

On the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month a 2 minute silence is held to remember those who fought for Britain in World War II. This is commonly known Remembrance Day – and more popularly referred to as Poppy Day. To commemorate this special occasion people all over the UK wear poppies to symbolise the flowers that grew in the battlefield. The main purpose for this is to help everyone understand the importance of those modest army officers and to honour the soldiers who risked their lives to save ours.



One of the soldiers that fought tirelessly in the war was Jack Cornwell. Born in Leyton, London he was trained from an early age to be an army officer. He fought his first war at the astonishing age of 14, leaving his family and education behind, which earned him the Victoria Cross – one of the hardest titles to achieve in the Army. He fought in the Battle of Jutland and he sadly died whilst fighting in the Battle; he spent his last few hours in Grimsby Hospital, he was only 16 years old. To this day Londoners still pay tribute to Jack Cornwell and the brave risk he took as the youngest ever army officer.

## Team Update

Greatfields boy's football team continue to impress us all by continuing their winning streak. With an astounding 6-1 victory in their last match against Borough rivals All Saints School.

The whole team played well as a unit however the team coach Mr Malaveci has nominated Seifeddine as man of the match for his scoring two fantastic goals in the second half alongside some excellent goal keeping in the first half.

Congratulations to the whole team and GOOD LUCK for your upcoming fixtures.

