

# The Lantern Times

The termly newsletter from the pupils of Lantern of Knowledge School

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Student Spring Cleaners..pg 2

Students of Lantern of Knowledge, years 7-9 participated in our annual spring clean, in partnership with the local authority.



A trip to London's Stunning City Hall.....pg 4

The trip was an opportunity for students to learn more about London, its history and how it is governed.



UMC Football Frenzy....pg 3

Students competed fiercely with other schools in the UMC championships 2018. Flick through to page 3 to read a Yr 10's students take on how well or not they did!



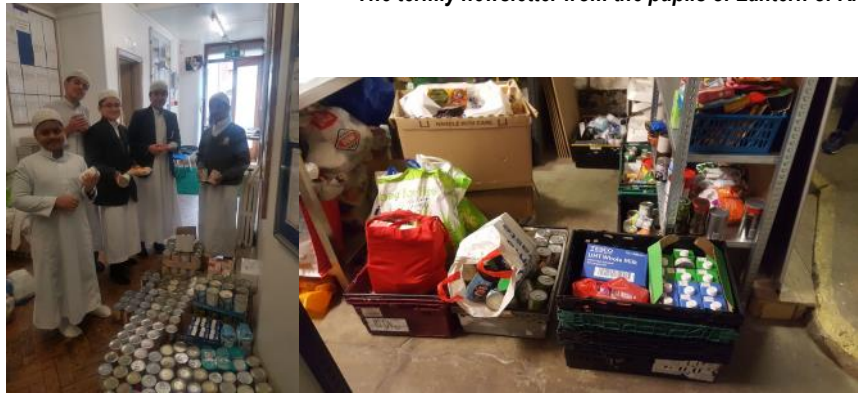
Human Anatomy Wonders at the Wellcome Collection..pg 4

Students explore the human body and real life skeleton bones.



LoK Scores above National/local average..pg 6

Lantern of Knowledge school has once again scored above local and national averages in a number of categories in the School Performance Tables for 2018. LoK students attaining a grade 5 or higher in English and Maths GCSEs is at 70% and progress of students is ranked well above the national average.



Assalaamu'alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatuh, Another eventful term for Lantern News to reflect on. Erupting with energy and following a fascinating start to 2017-18, the hustle and bustle of school life pauses for a well deserved Spring break, for both students and staff! Whilst we look forward to finally welcoming the warm Spring sunshine, let us rewind and relish the last few months at LoK School, as assessed by brilliant student writers.

## Food for thought! Eat or Heat Campaign

« All in all a memorable week »

**P**upils at Lantern of Knowledge School have sent off two van loads of food donations for Waltham Forest's largest food bank, Eat or Heat, collected all within just one week!



Students donating food & essentials

Following an assembly about food banks one week before the campaign, everyone was extra eager to help the less fortunate and vulnerable, especially in our local community. It's a hard choice to make when you have half the money you really need for a proper weekly shop. It was also announced that a charity bake sale and football tournament was planned, which really had everyone talking.

Day by day, donations of food piled up longer and longer, higher and higher in the main corridor next to the photocopier. It was almost getting in the way of walking. Even teachers joined the effort and the total amount of food collected must've weighed tonnes I'm sure.

Mums and Dads across the school rolled up their sleeves and produced some delicious cakes and bakes for Thursday 8th February 2018. We were spoilt for choice. But the highlight of the day had to be the irresistible Krispy Kremes, come on, nothing was going to beat the glorious gleaming glazed fresh doughnuts.

Finally, Football Friday (9th February 2018) had arrived. But suddenly the skies became gloomy and whilst walking to school, it began to rain! After assembly, some teachers were sent for a pitch inspection, everybody was tense. After a long wait, the rumours spread like Chinese whispers and the games were on!

What a tournament. It was so close, that even after penalty shootouts in the Year 7 final, it was a tie! With Jumu'ah salah fast approaching, we had to call it a day and returned back to school for lunch and prayers.

All in all, a memorable week for a fantastic cause. Alhamdulillah collectively, parents, staff and pupils donated so much food items, it took the food banks volunteers a few days to finally get everything sorted on the shelves. Not to mention, we collected approximately £500 for the Eat or Heat charity. Alhamdulillah.

# Student Spring-cleaners Spring into Action!

“Suddenly, our group bumped into a street cleaner, he was very pleased with our acts of kindness and gave Wali M. a high-five!”



Students clearing the streets around the school

Students of Lantern of Knowledge, Years 7-9 participated in our annual spring clean, in partnership with Waltham Forest Council. The spring cleaning campaign is an annual campaign organised by Waltham Forest Council. After being briefed by the assistant head teacher, students were divided into small groups, accompanied by a teacher and equipped with recycling bags and litter picking sticks. All the equipment was kindly provided by the Council representative, Aman Shaikh, who also helped pick the litter too!

Thousands of people participate in the spring clean event every year, boosting community spirit, group involvement and integration into society. Students really enjoy community activities and look forward to the spring clean every year.

On Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, Lantern of Knowledge School participated in the Waltham Forest Spring Clean. After Jummah prayer, a vol-

unteer from Waltham Forest Borough delivered litter pickers, bin bags and rubber gloves. A pair of gloves were handed out to every student participating, which was Years 7,8 and 9. Litter sticks and bags were shared in groups of two. In each group were six pairs of pupils, monitored by a teacher. We cleaned the streets of Leyton for a full two hours! Suddenly, our group bumped into a street cleaner, he was very pleased with our acts of kindness and gave Wali M. a high-five! After we arrived at school, we gathered all the bags of litter, put them neatly to one side and took a picture. Drained out of energy, it was time to go home.  
by Abdirahman A. (Yr 9)



Students taking part in the big Spring clean.



Bags full of litter collected by students.

## Amazing Architecture Workshop

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of January, Year 8 had an art workshop with a visit by an artist and teacher from the Royal Academy of Arts to our school. The artist taught us how to use charcoal in drawing and all the different types of ways you can use it to draw. She also taught us how to make 3D sculptures with cocktail sticks and bits of cardboard. For the charcoal drawing, firstly we were told to draw five buildings with the charcoal. Secondly, we were told to scribble on the paper using all the ways you could use a charcoal stick. Finally, for the last task of the charcoal session we were told to draw a big charcoal drawing with lots of buildings with a light grey mist in the background. The 3D sculpture was the most exciting one that we done because you could do whatever kind of building you wanted and it was amazing how you could create so many types of buildings with only cocktail sticks! I saw lots of different buildings being made in class and they were made using only sticks and cardboard.

# Royal Academy of Arts

Year 8's were visited by the Royal Academy of Arts

by Mohammed H. (Yr 8)

## Football Frenzy at UMC Championships

“We rode our luck and a thunderous finish from the injured Eisa V. into the corner sealed the win.”

**W**e left school at about gam on Thursday 15th March and arrived at Mile End at about 10am. As we took our bibs, looking around we were pretty confident going into the United Madrasah Cup tournament. We had won the cup for the last 2 years and not much was going to phase us.

Our team (lead by me) stepped onto the pitch in the first match. Our opponents were MUL, who were probably the (so-called) easiest game out of the lot. It took a few minutes to step up the tempo but after that it was all under our control. Yusuf drove a shot through the keeper's legs and got our campaign underway. However, the game was not won yet and we squandered four



easy chances through Abdullah Y. but just when MUL gained some momentum, I burst through their midfield and precisely tucked the ball into the back of the net with distinction. Our next game was LEA.

This was a bit of a cagey and tense match. But yet again, I managed a venomous left foot shot into the corner. This goal was vital, opening the game up and we exploited the space, scoring a sensational goal through Abdullah Y. And then he finished another to add to the opponent's misery!

This game was the one we were waiting for. LOK vs JU. The finals for the previous 3 years, which LOK were won 2-1. We started the game aggressively through Abdullah and Yusuf's hard work out of possession and had a free kick about 20 yards out. I hammered it and the ball dipped beautifully smacking the top corner post and going wide, which very much hurt me. But soon we took the lead. Nice bit of play by Omar J. driving through the defence and squaring it to Abdullah Y. for a decent finish. But JU

attacked us and brought on a few subs that impacted the game. Their equaliser came through good work by their winger beating Eisa V. for pace and poor defending by Abdullah Y., leaving their man with an open net. 1-1 was the score with 5 minutes still to play, this was still an open contest and one mistake could be costly. The mistake happened! The ball was about to go back to Sahil A. after a strike by the JU skipper but unfortunately it took a horrid miskick off Zakariye H. and the score was 2-1. It was agonising and only 2 minutes remained. I received the ball in the middle of the pitch, giving an unbelievable through ball to Abdullah Y. who chested it with the opponents backing off and slotted it home with good composure. Final score 2-2. Our next game was LIS and their manager was extremely defensive minded. Omar J. had a few good mazy runs but they were defending bravely. Eisa V. picked up an injury dampening our game even more. 0-0 it ended.

Into the semis we go! Once again having to play LIS. This time we absolutely took them to the cleaners. I played a lovely 'Kevin De Bruyne' cross splitting their defence open for Abdullah Y. to header in. What an unbelievable cross, right on the plate. Throughout the game Yusuf and Zakariye were solid. We rode our luck and a thunderous finish from the injured Eisa V. into the corner sealed the win. We were delighted to find out JU were eliminated through a good goal difference.

We were back in the finals again! LEA vs LOK. To be honest there wasn't too much tension, nerves or pressure as we had destroyed all the other teams but we still had to be weary. This was a harder game as LEA were pumped up after beating JU. Zakariye H. was a rock and Yusuf M. was very good. Omar J. played a beautiful ball into Yusuf M.'s path who took it onto his right foot but scuffed his shot. Only a few minutes were left and we still played good football and got our goal through Yusuf M.'s excellent back-heel pass finding Abdullah who with the outside of his boot deftly flicked it home. 1-0 and another UMC cup final win into the bag!

Also commiserations to Abdihafidh A. and Zayed A. who came 2<sup>ND</sup> place, Runners-up in their competition. But on the bright side their entire team got scouted for the Bethnal Green League. Overall I think the UMC in my class was a huge success and we also won in our last year of participating, Alhamdulillah.

by Aman A (Yr 10)



LoK Yr 8



Year 9 Team



Year 10 Team

# Stunning City Hall

“on entering, we found ourselves even more fascinated with the stunning piece of architecture ”

**T**his term on 5th February, Year 8 students made the journey into the heart of London to visit City Hall where London’s democracy and government is located. The City Hall building is located in Southwark, on the south bank of the River Thames, overlooking Tower Bridge. The surroundings of City Hall itself were mesmerising. However, on entering, we found ourselves even more fascinated with the stunning piece of architecture – in fact, so fascinated that we were almost oblivious to the security checks at the entrance to the building!

The trip was an opportunity for students to learn more about London, its history and how it is governed.



Students in Yr 8 touring City Hall



Exploring the amazing architecture

Students were taken for a guided tour around the fantastic iconic building as you can see in the pictures here. Having learnt about the role of the Mayor, students were fortunate to go inside the Assembly chamber and see the very spot the Mayor of London sits in the London Assembly Hall.



From the second floor you can see into the Chamber, where debates and Assembly meetings take place affecting the governance of London, through the Greater London Authority.



City Hall’s spiral staircase



# Human Anatomy at The Wellcome Collection

**Y**ear 9 students had the opportunity on 27th February to visit the Wellcome Collection museum in Euston to explore the biology of the human body. Students took part in various tasks throughout the day, including, looking at human skeletons, identifying different parts of the human body, and learning more about different health conditions that affect human beings at various stages in their life.

Year 9 participating in the Bodies of Knowledge workshop at the Wellcome Collection

# End of Year National Curriculum Exam Timetable for Years 7 to 10

## Year 7

Tuesday 08/05/2018	Wednesday 09/05/2018	Thursday 10/05/2018	Friday 11/05/2018	Monday 14/05/2018
Maths Exam – 1 hour	English Exam – 1.15 hours Reading	Citizenship/ PSHE Exam – 1 hour	English Exam – 1.15 hours Writing	P.E. Exam
Comp. Science Exam - 1 hour	Science Exam – 1 hour	Geography Exam – 1 hour		Arabic Exam – 1 hour

## Year 8

Tuesday 08/05/2018	Wednesday 09/05/2018	Thursday 10/05/2018	Friday 11/05/2018	Monday 14/05/2018
Science Exam – 1 hour	Comp. Science Exam – 1 hour	P.E. Exam	Geography Exam – 1 hour	Maths Exam – 1 hour
English Exam – 1.15 hours Reading	Arabic Exam – 1 hour	English Exam – 1.15 hours Writing	Citizenship/ PSHE Exam – 1 hour	

## Year 9

Citizenship Exam – 1 hour
---------------------------

Monday 30/04/2018	Tuesday 01/05/2018	Wednesday 02/05/2018	Thursday 03/05/2018	Friday 04/05/2018
Maths Exam – 1.5 hours (Paper 1)	P.E. Exam	Maths Exam – 2 hours (Paper 2)	Arabic Exam – 1 hour	Geography Exam – 1 hour
Combined Science – 1 hour	Comp. Science Exam – 1 hour	English Language – 1.45 hours		

## Year 10

Monday 30/04/2018	Tuesday 01/05/2018	Wednesday 02/05/2018	Thursday 03/05/2018	Friday 04/05/2018	Tuesday 08/05/2018
Maths Exam – 2 hours (Paper 1)	Citizenship Exam – 1.5 hours	English Literature Exam – 1.20 hours (Paper 1)	Combined Science Exam – 1 hour	English Literature Exam – 1.20 hours (Paper 2)	Business Studies Exam – 1 hour
Geography Exam - 1.5 hours	Arabic Exam - 1 hour	Statistics Exam – 2 hours	Maths Exam – 1.5 hours (Paper 2)	Comp. Science Exam – 1 hour	P.E. Exam

## 2018 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TABLES (GCSES)

School name	Type of school	Number of pupils at the end of key stage 4	Progress 8 score, description & confidence interval	Attainment 8 score	Grade 5 or better in English & maths GCSES	Achieving the English Baccalaureate at Grade 5/ C or better	Entering the English Baccalaureate	Staying in education or entering employment (2014 leavers)
Lantern of Knowledge Secondary School 2017	Independent School	20	[Estimated] 0.9 (Well above national average)	56.7	70% (90% Grade 4)	50% (50% Grade 4)	85%	NA
England - state-funded schools only (mixed)		527859	-0.03 (Average)	46.3	42.6% (65.2%)	21.3% (31.5%)	38.20%	94%
Waltham Forest - all schools (mixed)		2486	0.14 (Above national average)	45.5	41.40%	19.00%	38.80%	95%
England - all schools (mixed)		587640		44.6	39.6% (63.9%)	19.7% (23.7%)	35.00%	