



HAPPY NEW YEAR! WELCOME BACK

THE NUTCRACKER

Dear Families,

Happy New Year to all and I hope you had a very relaxing break. This will, as ever, be a very busy term with so many opportunities for the girls.

In my assemblies this week, I have been talking about the idea of change and how important it is that, as a school, we continue to grow and develop to give the girls the best possible educational experience. Moving in to the new building in November will be such a positive change as will our new curriculum which enables students to learn in different ways, take more subjects and sit exams at the time which will afford them the best chance of success.

It was good to meet with parents of girls in Years 8 and 9 this week to talk about these ideas in more depth.

Yours sincerely,

On Sunday the 11th of December 2011 the year 10 GCSE dance class went to Sadlers Wells to see Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker. It was an amazing evening with fantastic ballet and contemporary dancers, costumes and also the amazing Tchaikovsky music.

This show however is not like the Barbie Nutcracker or classical ballet you may have heard of. The characters in this are sweets and the dancing is amazing. The costumes that are used completely emphasise the characters and the sweets they play.



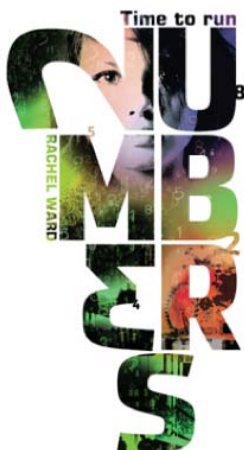
It is a heart-warming, funny show and even though there is no dialogue you can really see the fantastic story line and you can really see the perfect precision and emotion.



I really enjoyed this show and I loved how the settings and atmosphere of the dance can go from being very sad to very happy and joyful. Most of all I loved the dancers and how it really connected with the music and how they are able to contrast and complement the music, with not only their costumes but with their dance.

By Katherine Wiles 10A

LRC Book Review Prize Winner! (December)



A review of Rachel Ward's novel
**Numbers – Time to Run by
Zahra Arefa 7A**



Reimagine a Classic Book Cover!

William Golding's Lord of the Flies has sold millions of copies and is read by students all over the world. We're calling on young artists, aged 13 to 16, to create a brand new look for one of the world's most famous novels.

See your artwork in print!

The winning illustration will be turned into a cover for a new edition of Lord of the Flies to be published next summer.

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It's all about a young girl called Jen who meets a boy called Spider. They're both on the run after they were caught on CCTV camera when a bomb hit the London Eye. Jen has a special power, she can read the death dates of people. She's then caught by the police and everything turns upside down...

It is a thrilling, beautiful and upsetting book. It's amazing. Must be read!

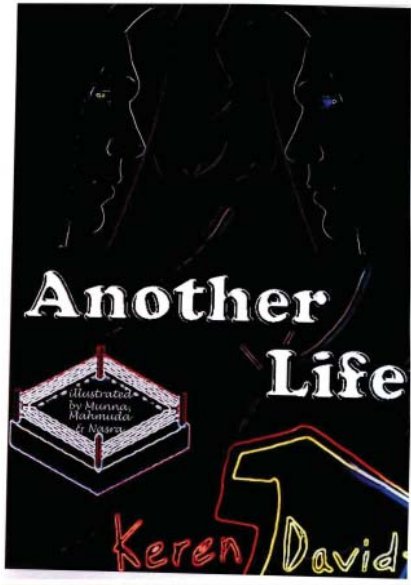
ANOTHER LIFE COMPETITION WINNERS!

2nd Prize : Cigdem Bisgin 10T

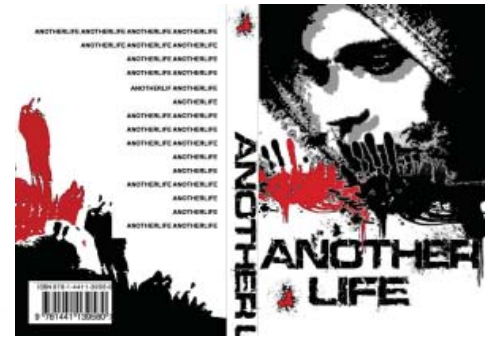
LRC WINNERS

1st prize: Jenny Lee Martins

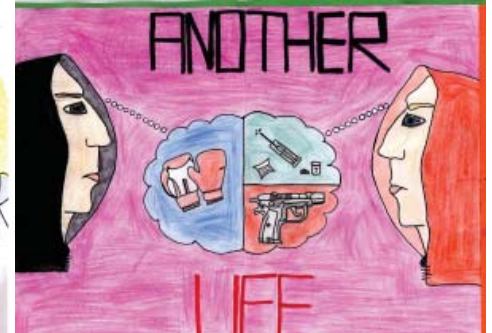
WINNER CHOSEN BY KEREN DAVID:



By MUNNA BEGUM, NASRA HUSSEIN, MAHJUUDA ISLAM 9E



3rd Prize: Helin Dogan 8E



The Parent House Newsletter December 2011



The Parent House is for you! We offer training and support for parents and carers from the community in a small and friendly house. We are located at:
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What's new?

Gina and her daughter dropped in to see us in November and she sends her regards to all our parents.

Free courses for parents starting in January 2012

Managing my Budget This 6-week course helps you to develop your confidence to look at new ways of managing money.	Cooking with Anita 3 workshops to share recipes and conversation.
ESOL Pre-Entry Level For parents who want to start to improve their English skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing.	ESOL Entry 1 For parents wanting to improve their English skills in speaking and listening, reading and writing.
Incredible Years A chance to learn about and help your child's development, share and learn parenting skills and meet other parents. For parents with children aged 12 months to 3 years.	Computer drop-in Please contact the office if you would like to use the computers. Unfortunately there is no crèche available for computer drop-in sessions.
Preparing to Work with Children in Schools A first steps course for parents who want to gain confidence in volunteering or working with children in schools.	Introduction to Working with Children - Level 1 For parents interested in working with children in and under-fives setting. You will need to arrange a 15-hour placement.

Dear Dancer,

Thank you for the support and encouragement you have shown since the sessions began at the school. To enable the creation and development of our future performance, Greenhouse Dance Programme will now run a Saturday Dance Session for the students of Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School. The session will start at 9.30 and finish at 12.30

The aims of these sessions is to work towards a diverse repertory of dances that showcases the skills of our members and to perform to a variety of audiences and in a range of venues

I want to encourage you to continue your involvement in the group. I am really looking forward to working with each of you, and excited by the opportunities we have to keep the group progressing and developing your dance abilities and experience.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries,
Best wishes,

Mickael Roger
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Dear Families,

On Friday of this week Year 11 students will be working with representatives from local businesses who will give support and advice on how to present themselves as outstanding prospective employees. They will look at the importance of providing a good CV and being able to communicate clearly and professionally. We know that such skills will be crucial if the girls are to make the most of their academic qualifications and we are very grateful to the volunteers who give up their time to work with us.

Year 7 also have the opportunity to work with a prestigious law firm, Hogan Lovells, who will be training a group of girls to take part in the Debate Mate challenge. The group which took part last year were incredibly successful and became very confident debaters, a skill which will enhance their performance in all areas both now and in the future.

There is a very full programme of extra activities for the girls and we hope that they will all be taking up at least one additional learning opportunity. Please talk to you daughter about what is available and encourage her to take part.

Yours sincerely,

Ms J. Dibb

Islington Dickens Bicentenary Creative Writing Competition 2012

Categories

Character: create a character in the style of Dickens. Describe them through their appearance and/or actions.

Setting: describe a setting in the style of Dickens. It can be a real or made up place.

Role play: write a script for a short piece of role play. The dialogue, characters and action should be influenced by Dickens's writing.

Rules

- Pieces should be 300-500 words.
- Submitted by 5pm on Friday 27th January 2012
- Labelled with: student name, teacher name, school, category.
- A student can submit an entry for as many categories as they like but can only submit one entry per category

- Entries can be typed or handwritten as long as the handwriting is legible.

Success Criteria

The judges will be looking for:

- A Dickensian flavour – through style of writing and/or choice of character, setting or dialogue
- Imagination
- Attention to detail
- Accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar

Winners

There will be a winner and runner up for each set of entries (5-30 pieces)

There will be an overall winner and runner up for each category (as long as more than one school enter each category)

Christmas Hampers

We were delighted to receive this letter from one of the recipients of our hampers this year. We would like to thank parents for their generosity in providing food for the hampers which as you can see was much appreciated.

Ms J. Dibb
Head Teacher
Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School
Donegal St.
London N1 9QG

4/01/2012

Dear Ms. Dibb,

I am writing to thank your school for the wonderful Christmas food hamper your pupils gave to my mother, just before Christmas.

I was visiting my mother at the time your pupils brought round the hamper and I must tell you I was deeply touched by the generosity and thoughtfulness of the pupils. I did have a brief conversation with them and they are a credit to the school, for which you should be very proud.

I know that you have been giving these food parcels for the past few years and I can tell you that they bring such joy to the local elderly people and this in turn helps bring the community together.

You may be interested to know that my mother, who is now 91, attended Risinghill School in the 1920's as did I in the 1950's. It was a Primary School then and, in my opinion, it was the best school in the local area. Risinghill Primary closed around 1955 to become a Comprehensive School. I finished my junior education at Vittoria School passing the 11 Plus

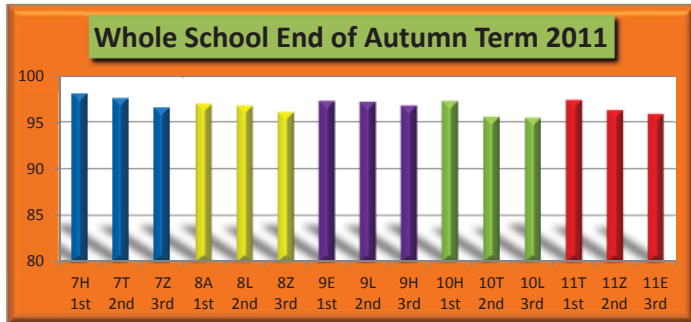
My childhood memories of Risinghill was that it was a wonderful school, a good mixture of fun, learning and discipline and I believe it gave me a good grounding for my life.

It is great to see that you are retaining those same values and standards today.

Well done and thank you.

End of Autumn Term Attendance 2011

Congratulations



Tutor Group	% Attendance
7H 1st	98.1
7T 2nd	97.6
7Z 3rd	96.6
8A 1st	97
8L 2nd	96.8
8Z 3rd	96.1
9E 1st	97.3
9L 2nd	97.2
9H 3rd	96.8
10H 1st	97.3
10T 2nd	95.6
10L 3rd	95.5
11T 1st	97.4
11Z 2nd	96.3
11E 3rd	95.9

Parent Forum

A reminder that the next meeting of our Parent Forum will be held at 5pm on Tuesday January 24th. The focus of the meeting will be the curriculum changes for September 2012 and the move into our new buildings. If you would like to discuss this issue with the headteacher, other staff and other parents, please come along to our informal meeting. Refreshments will be available and we would love to hear your views.

Results for the £20 Waterstones Voucher Prize Draw

100% Attendance	100% Punctuality
7Z Syama Bibi	7E Vjosa Haziri
8H Lili Sarkardi	8A Filiz Yurukogullari
9E Nishat Tasnim	9E Khadra Ahmed
10A Rachel Friday	10Z Tasmina Akter
11Z Salma Yahiya	11T Cheuk Man Lee

Attendance Stars

Outstanding Attendance	Most Improved Attendance
7H Nadia Rahman	7Z Anisha Ahmed
8H Maheida Sarkar	8L Elizabeth Masiala
9E Aissato Falcoeira	9E Kurshda Begum
10L Duygu Anur	10E Habon Sharif
11H Oluwatobilboba Ogunniyi	11Z Sundus Abdalla

Mini Marvels!

Last year our students were challenged to write an exciting short story in just fifty words! Some of these were successful in a short story writing competition and we would like to share them with you.

What Happened?

The valley was quiet, dark. I couldn't see anything. I kept hearing creaks from the Victorian house. Suddenly, Jan shouted. I span around, she wasn't there. My heart pumped. I ascended the stairs. There she was. I gave her a hug. 'Don't scare me!' She turned. Her eyes were dead.
Molly Mae Dean

Don't Look a Gift in the Mouth

She was sitting, just sitting when the old, crook-nosed woman had unexpectedly given her the gift. It was disgusting. The stink grew unbearable as she opened it slowly. The wrinkled hands reached out for her. And all that was left was the gift.
Rebecca Gian

A Leopard Can't Change Its Spots

She should never have changed herself. When she'd arrived at her new school, they played different games and they were just different. She decided to be like them but quit when she couldn't stand being someone else anymore. It was then that she made her first true friend.
Fateha Faruque

Become a Young Friend of the Almeida Theatre

Many EGA students have been involved in projects with the Almeida Theatre, which is situated near to our school in Upper Street. Some of these students have used their experiences with the Almeida to go on to work in careers in drama and performance. If you are interested in joining in with projects, whether you have a serious interest, or want to just have fun and meet new people, you should attend their recruitment event on Sunday 22nd January from 12 – 4pm. It costs only £5 per year to be a young friend, and more details can be found at www.almeida.co.uk/youngfriends.



Do you want your child to lead a violence-free lifestyle?

Are you affected by or concerned about gangs, gun and knife crime?

Would you like to help your child to make the right choices?



Minik Kardes Children's Centre is running a 9-week **Gangs/Gun/Knife Crime Parenting Course** to support parent's skills, to help develop their children's abilities, keep themselves safe, and make the right choices in order to stay away from gang, gun and knife crime.

Programme topics:

- Building a positive parent-child relationship
- Understanding children's developmental stages
- Risk factors associated with gang involvement and preventative methods
- Information from Islington Gang Crime Prevention and Safer Neighborhoods Unit
- Awareness about drug, alcohol and domestic violence
- Impact of violence on young people's mental health and well-being
- Personal Safety and Self defense workshop for young people

Start Date : 31 January 2012
End Date : 3 April 2012
Day : Every Tuesday
Time : 10:00am - 1:00pm

Venue:
Rose Bowl Centre
St Paul's Open Space
New River Green Estate
N1 2PT

The programme is open to Turkish speaking families with children aged 10-18, living in Islington or Hackney. Priority will be given to families most in need

Crèche, refreshments and light lunch will be provided

Please contact Selda Aygun for more information and referrals

Telephone: 0207 923 7226 e-mail: minikkardes@tiscali.co.uk





Dear Families,

In the past two weeks we have had a number of visitors to the school. At the end of last week, a delegation from Saudi Arabia, headed by the Vice Minister for Girls' Education spent the morning with us, learning about successful practices which ensure that girls reach their potential. We're very honoured that they chose EGA as such a shining example of good practice.

This week we welcomed aspiring headteachers from Norway who visited us as part of their preparation for headship. They wanted to see a successful school in action. As ever, both sets of visitors were very impressed with their experience at EGA. One visitor commented on the girls' leadership qualities and their obvious potential for the future.

On Tuesday of next week we have a meeting of the Parents' Forum where the main topic of discussion will be the new building and the new curriculum. There will be an opportunity to share the exciting changes ahead for EGA and I hope to see many of you there.

Yours sincerely,

ISLINGTON BOROUGH CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



Year 7

Miriam Fleary
Raqeeba Al-Faqeeh
Condasy Greer
Seren Hudaverdi
Mountaha
Kerkouche
Nadia Mohammed
Clara Goundry
Epaphrodite Zumbila
Samantha Brewer
Karoline Oliveira
Shubna Khan

Year 8

Elizabeth Masiala
Sarah Brewer
Lily Panayiotou
Rosey Kanza

Earlier this week a group of EGA students went to Finsbury Park to take part in a cross country championship. It was very muddy and slippery indeed which made it harder for the students to run, especially when it was on grass. Everyone did really well, particularly **Samantha Brewer** who came 1st and **Karoline Oliveira** who came 3rd in the Year 7 race and **Sarah Brewer** who came 1st and **Elizabeth Masiala** who came 3rd in the Year 8 & 9 race. This means that EGA came in 1st position overall in the Key Stage 3 girls category. The best thing about the day was that everyone managed to get to the finish line and everyone who went arrived back to school safely and with smiling faces! *By Year 8 pupils*

STRING GROUP SUCCESS



I am part of the EGA String Group and we have spent a whole term learning to play the violin. Recently we went on a trip to the Messiah in Waterloo. It was fun, enjoyable and an amazing experience for all of us. For those who do not know what is the Messiah is, it is a

humungous old building where amazing orchestras play. I felt professional and everyone else in the String Group enjoyed it too. We all performed two songs. All members of the String Group would like to thank Becky, Joe, Jonathan, Ruth, Miss Campbell and everyone else that helped us. *Karoline Oliveira, 7A*

DOCUMENTARY DAY AT EGA

Recently, Year 10 Media Studies students had the opportunity to work with professionals to create documentaries. The group worked with filmmakers and volunteers from UCL to document issues they felt were important. Groups tackled diverse topics such as Christmas shopping, using music as escapism, the changing face of Dalston and attitudes towards higher education. The girls should be commended for their enthusiasm on the day and are looking forward to seeing their finished films in assembly. The documentaries will be available to watch on the MyStreet site, www.mystreetfilms.com. They are also being entered in a competition and will be screened at UCL. *Good luck girls!*

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Students Zinab-Sarah Elotmani and Tina Delic interview passers-by on Upper Street.

Gardening Club

Members of the gardening club were delighted to hear that £137 was donated by customers at Waitrose in the Barbican to support their food growing initiatives. This is a very good response in comparison with other green token schemes run by the store, so the gardening club must have struck a very sympathetic chord with the store's customers! The money will be used to continue growing vegetables once the new planting season begins.

Homework Club

A homework club runs in the library and in LC3 on Monday to Thursday after school until 4.30. Students can work quietly, refer to books, use computers and receive support with their work. However, similar support is offered on school days during term time until 7pm at a range of libraries in the area, shown below. Staff are available to support with work and reference books are available. Parental permission is required for students to use the internet. If you would like more details, please see Ms Stevens.

Participating Libraries

Archway Library	Monday and Thursday	4 – 7pm
Central Library, Fieldway Cres.	Wednesday	4 – 7pm
Finsbury Library	Monday	3:30 – 6:30pm
John Barnes Library	Thursday	4 – 7pm
Lewis Carroll	Thursday	4 – 7pm
Mildmay Library	Tuesday	4 – 7pm
South Library, Essex Rd	Thursday	4 – 7pm
West Library, Bridgeman Rd	Tuesday	4 – 7pm

NETBALL RESULTS

Congratulations to the EGA Netball Teams who continue to improve through the League Tables. Year 7 Team – 4th in the League
Year 8 Team – 3rd in the League



EGA Leads the Way!

Last week, 30 year 5 pupils from Hungerford Primary School visited EGA to work with the year 10 Dance Leaders for their teaching assessment level 1 leader's course. The Year 10 girls did a fantastic job and really shone, delivering successfully planned, fun and engaging lessons. The primary children really enjoyed the experience and the class teacher said 'What a fantastic way to work together, the children are really responding to the girls, I am very impressed with how well they are teaching them'

Fatima Abdulle
Narin Alimohammadi
Duygu Anur
Khajal Begum
Kirsty Boafo
Molly Mae Dean
Elif Demir
Sanaa El-Haouzi
Reem Elrifi
Sarah Ford
Cherrelle Genfi

Vicky Kiasi
Kristina Korova
Mary Koang
Melis Oyzoy
Saamiya Shariff
Sultan Telli
Baridilo Vure
Katherine Wiles
Lallani Woods
Farhana Yasmin

Well done to all involved and good luck to the Sport Leaders group starting this term!





Dear Families,

This week I have sent a letter home informing you of our term dates for next year. These are slightly different from the Islington dates to accommodate the move in to our new building with minimum disruption to students. If you haven't received the letter, please do let us know.

On Tuesday, we celebrated with the girls who were receiving Jack Petchey awards for making an exceptional contribution to the school. They took part in a special event for award winners across Islington. We're certainly very proud of them.

Next week, we have our parents' evening for families of Year 9 students. I know that you had the opportunity to hear about the options process earlier in the term and the meeting on Wednesday is a chance to speak to all your daughter's subject teachers prior to making decisions about the future.

Finally, parents of girls in Year 9 and 10 will know that we have the opportunity for 12 girls from these year groups to visit Washington for a special leadership course. Many girls made an application and we now have the very difficult job of deciding who will represent EGA on this exciting adventure.

Yours sincerely,

WASHINGTON DC '12



Good luck to our Year 9 and 10 students applying for our amazing visit to Washington DC!

Year 7 Tag Rugby

The following girls represented EGA in a tag rugby tournament last Wednesday.

- 7A** Esra Iriki, Sadia Kasem, Karoline Oliveira, Anika Yasmin-Ali
- 7E** Condasy Greer, Jai Abdul Adjei, Vjosa Haziri, Seren Hudaverdi
- 7T** Genevieve Masiala, Abigail Dyson, Maria Garay Perez, Natasha Allen, Yusra Mohamed, Amirah Bakkali

The girls were accompanied by Ms Peck and Ms Cheetham who were full of praise for their efforts. Although they were not the overall winners on this occasion, they played extremely well and scored some very respectable wins throughout the day. Although it was a very cold day to be outside, they were very sportsmanlike and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

DEBATING SUCCESS!



The Debate Mate competition kicked off on Monday 23rd Jan at Clapton Girls Academy who were hosting and participating in the event. EGA had two teams, A & B and were off to a flying start.

The A team beat Walthamstow as the opposition and the B team beat Cardinal Pole as the proposition in the first round. In the second round the A team were up against Cardinal Pole as the proposition on a very interesting motion to "introduce an 8pm curfew for under 16 year olds" and they won.

The B team had a tough second round against Clapton Girls as the opposition and lost their debate by 1 point!

Congratulations to all the girls for taking part, they did us proud! Esta, Fahmida and Nazmiye in 10H, Shazmin, Maymun, Reem and Khadija in 10T, Fatima, Sainab and Jessica in 10A. On the floor supporting were Natasha and Sile in 10H, Sagal Mire, Buse and Ece in 10T, Gamze in 10T and Nishat in 9E.

The next competition is in March so if you think you've got what it takes why not attend the club on Mondays? Lunchtime for years 7 & 8 and after school for years 9 & 10 in B212 with Alex Winning as your tutor.



EGA's performance of... **Be My Baby!**



On Wednesday 14th December, almost 70 students worked together to present *Be My Baby* by Amanda Whittington at CANDI Sixth Form College. The cast was made up of Year 11 GCSE Drama actors, dancers, singers and musicians from across the school. It was a fantastic production highlighting some of our best talent at EGA. Well done to all the girls who took part.

Mary	Kiran Kaur / Rachael White
Dolores	Abisola Abioye / Maya Bajracharya
Queenie	Maggie Mohamed / Pierette Asisi
Norma	Michelle Martinez / Jodie Dickens
Matron	Assya Touitha / Migena Rexhepi
Mrs Adams	Atfa Mohamed / Lorela Mehmeti

SINGERS

Joana Borges, Shania George, Khairna Boulyn, Tajia Hogan, Ola Akinola, Soumia Sebbar, Adriana DaSilva, Siobhan Goulding, Pia Richards, Zarah Tomkins, Daiman Kasai, Lily Mohamed, Alexandra Prekhorova, Amie-Rose Gwyther Legros, Makeda Zewdu, Epaphrodite Zumbila, Yillka Jasharaj, Rachel Friday, Juliana Texiera, Fateah Faruque, Diem Nguyen, Naomi Botella, Tomika Olubamowo, Fatima Jagne, Hilal Esmanoglu, Maria Baamonde, Isragha Ibrahim, Rebecca Ankrah, Hannah Dyett, Musonda Sosala, Yazmin Dixon, Blessing Seidu, Micah Dawey

DANCERS

Katherine Wiles, Katelyn Cunningham, Sophie Reed, Ellie Gurie, Lucie Johnson, Deenah Ali

DUET

Damilola Osenie, Billie Mason

SOLOISTS

Afia Headley, Sophia, Tyra Tenny

JAZZ BAND

Lili Sarkadi, Katherine Wiles, Leyla Carrier-Soloman, Ella-Jay Osborne, Jessica Makembo, Rachel Ramus, Hannah Hamdoui, Marcia McKenzie, Karoline Oliveria, Jai Abunu Adjei

The EGA Performance Faculty would like to thank...
Vicky Meager and Michelle Etherington at CANDI, Brin Thomas and Miranda Harris.

KINGS CORNER PROJECT CRIME & PUNISHMENT 2012

Kings Corner Project are currently recruiting participants who must be 15 years or older for our Crime and Punishment Course 2012.

This highly successful course is now in its 9th year, and will feature weekly workshops with Solicitors, an ex-convict, Forensics, Drugs and Alcohol workers, the Metropolitan Police, trainee Barristers, and an afternoon at the Old Bailey watching trials in progress. The course will culminate in participants acting as the Jury in a mock court case, held in a West End court room with a real Judge, trainee Barristers and actors playing the roles of defendant, witnesses etc.

The course commences on **9th February 2012** and will take place on Thursday afternoons from 4.30 to 6.30.

The course will contain material relevant to the recent riots, the Stephen Lawrence case and other topics of current interest

Places are always popular, and (informal) interviews have already commenced so, for further information please contact Graham as soon as possible on 020 7253 6776.

Our web site is www.kcpyouth.net if you want to have a look at other projects we have done.



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Draw your own
Valentine's Day
Graphic novel cover

14th FEBRUARY 2012

Closing date:
Monday 20th
Feb 2012
Hand in
entries to LRC



VISITORS TO EGA

We have hosted visits from an interesting range of people this week. On Monday a representative of the **Vegetarian Society** visited year 10 Food Technology lessons to talk about preparing and cooking vegetarian foods and to support a practical cooking session.

On Wednesday a group of **nine student teachers from China** came to see some of our lessons and to learn about the education system in the UK. They were very interested in all that we do at EGA, and most impressed by our students.

Finally, on Friday, a visitor from **Traidcraft** is visiting year 7 assembly to talk about the importance of fair trade and to share information about fair trade fortnight which runs from 24th February to 11th March.



Our Chinese visitors and their EGA students hosts in the library