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 **Paddington Academy**

# Newsletter



# HEADLINE

Student Reporters : Samia Motin, Papia Akthar, rubina Begun and Dammy Laoye

## Partnership

**A**cademies are accountable to their governors, the local community and especially to parents. At Paddington Academy we take this responsibility seriously and constantly seek ways in which to involve parents more fully in the life of the academy and the education of their children.

Home and Paddington Academy are partners in education. The support and co-operation of parents are vital if we are to establish and maintain high standards of work, behaviour and dress. Furthermore, past evidence has strengthened our belief that the academic performance of students is significantly improved when parents actively support the academy in stimulating, encouraging and monitoring their children's progress.

Efficient communication is central to effective partnership. The academy produces this weekly newsletter which contains, amongst other things, items of topical interest, commendations, sports reports and important information about forthcoming events.

We value the opinions and views of parent/carers and consult them through half-termly parent focus groups. A cross section of parent/carers meet with the principal and discuss key issues affecting our students' education and well-being. The composition of this group changes with every meeting. The outcome of both these types of meetings are fed back to the school-wide audience of parent/carers via several methods:

- Where it is important that parents/carers are advised individually, a personally addressed letter is posted out to them. It is therefore important that all contact details for your child are kept up to date.
- Where it is a matter of providing parents/carers with more general information or advising them of activities that students are involved in, information is communicated through the weekly newsletter.

The newsletter is despatched via the students and is also posted online at [www.paddington-academy.org](http://www.paddington-academy.org)



# COMMUNITY FOCUS

## We need your help:

Westbourne Park footbridge, known locally as Muggers Bridge, is hoping for a massive financial injection as part of a wider scheme to improve walking and cycling routes in the **Westbourne Green area**. It's part of an exciting UK wide programme established by Sustrans, the sustainable transport NGO, that aims to connect severed communities and transform local travel by providing walking and cycling routes.

The scheme is one of 79 nationally, and only six in London, to be part of the Sustrans' Connect2 programme, and Sustrans Connect2 has itself made it to the final four organisations competing for a single grant of £50 million from the Big Lottery Fund's Living Landmarks: the People's Millions.

The winner of the £50million will be decided by **public TV vote** in early December, so if you want to see Westbourne Park bridge improvements and links go ahead, please register on the Sustrans Connect2 website at <http://www.sustransconnect2.org.uk/> or text Connect2 to 80010 to pledge your support. And tell your friends, family and colleagues to do the same. You will automatically be reminded to vote at the appropriate time.

On-line voting will start from 27 November and phone voting on 1 December.

For more information, contact Jacqueline Saunders, School Travel Plan Advisor, Westminster Council, Telephone : 0207 641 2258. email [saunders1@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:saunders1@westminster.gov.uk)



# STUDENT FOCUS

## Half Term - BBC project.



BBC news report weekly sessions are up and running in the Academy. Participating students will eventually make their own news report and broadcast it to the nation on the 13th March 2008

## Children In Need

The students in the Learning Support Unit are trying to raise funds for Children In Need. If you have any old Mobile Phone handsets please hand them in to reception for the attention of Sam Shortt

Each recycled handset will raise £5 for Children In Need.





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## 6<sup>th</sup> Formers Film Making Project

Level 3 BTEC (6th formers) are busy creating a film about the United Learning Trust. They would like to collect footage of any wonderful things that are happening in the academy or in the wider community. Please let Ms Rebecca George know about current projects that could be filmed and included in their DVD.

## Learner of the Week

Learner of the Week is to be launched next week in the Academy, students nominated from each year group by their teachers will be announced in the weekly Newsletter.



# SPORTS NEWS

## ***Sports Results:***

Results From Year 9 Girls first football match on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November against St Marylebone

**Team :** *Jennifor Kola, Davena Francis, Duha El-Souss, Aya Touilii, Ishrak Ennajem, Genna Alleyne, Savannah Williamson, Ellesse Stewart, Zahra Mohamed, Bianca Ferreira, Fatima Iris*  
**Subs:** *Ferdos Abdu Mohammed, Karima Achouche, Mujgan Hashemyan*

# NOTICES

## **CALLING ALL BUDDING JOURNALISTS/PHOTOGRAPHERS !**

Come and join our after school Newspaper/Newsletter club on Wednesday's at 3.25 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Student Reporters Samia Motin, Papia Akthar, Rubina Begun and Dammy Laoye reported this week that the weekly newsletter has not been popular with the majority of students with comments below from fellow students ;-

***“the newsletter is boring and not interesting enough for students  
not enough pictures”***

Please speak to any of the student reporters about topics you would like to see covered in the Student Focus Page or come to the club and share your views and ideas.

**Pop in and see Margaret Murnane in room C2.05 to discuss membership, responsibilities of student reporters, training opportunities etc.**

## JOBS AT PADDINGTON ACADEMY

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