



WOW MUMS

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W.O.W Parent Forum
every Monday
1-3pm
in KLS

W.O.W Work Club
every Friday
11am-1pm in
Pennethorne House

W.O.W Enterprise Club every second
Friday 11am-1pm
in
Pennethorne House

W.O.W Inter-Generational
Coffee Morning
Every First
Wednesday from
11am in Haven
Lodge

NEXT MONTH:

Karate Lessons
in KLS

Drama Lessons
in YGL

Halloween Party
in Kambala

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Haven Lodge

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WoW Mums in Caius House

WoW Mums have been invited to a tour of Caius House, the newly refurbished youth facility in Battersea. This youth centre offers space for developing and broadening children's horizons through art, sports, cooking, dancing, IT and music studio recording. Everything that any child or a young person would need!

WoW Mums are looking forward to working in partnership with Caius House.



Clara Fernandes and Syeda Islam in Caius Sports hall

WoW Mums Embroidery Class

As part of our Enterprise Club networking WoW Mums have given an opportunity to one self-employed Mother to deliver Embroidery lesson to WoW Kids and to Haven Lodge residents and revive this dying skill.

Please join us on 8th October in Haven Lodge at 11am to try your talent.



WoW Mums coffee Morning in Haven Lodge this month

Impact of 4 years of TSF funding

WoW Mums started working with Thomas's Schools Foundation in 2010 after our extensive research and evaluation of local parents' needs in regards to afterschool curriculum showed that the parents need self defense classes for the children in transition years from primary to secondary schools to tackle bullying and also

they needed affordable Drama lessons to build up their children's confidence.

After four years of free Taekwondo, Karate and Drama lessons, WoW Mums achieved our goals to equip our children with self defense skills and test these at the Karate Championships organised by WoW Mums and Buna

Kazuku Karate School, where the children expressed their knowledge and received their relevant Karate belts.

We had even better success with our Drama lessons, since three of our children performed in prestigious Lion King musical in Lyric Theatre, as a result of a successful auditioning. Two of our children, who

attended WoW Drama lessons, were chosen to sing in Gloriana, the opera celebrating Queen's Diamond Jubilee last year.

The voluntary donations from these Drama and Karate classes were donated to Friends of York Gardens' Library who funded the free GCSE tutoring for local children on our behalf.



GCSE SUCCESS AGM



WoW Mums are thrilled that GCSE Success Organisation is doing so well and that their AGM report shows that they have helped our children achieve their goals.

As one of the first organisations to fund this project, WoW Mums are extremely happy that they are expanding into Roehampton to help the youngsters there achieve better results in their exams.



WoW Mums at Rotary Club

WoW Mums Syeda Islam, Sandra Munoz Alvarez and Senia Dedic attended the Battersea Rotary Club meeting this month to talk about WoW Mums' youth projects. Sandra has showed the Rotarians the creative films, which she has edited over the years for WoW Mums and our Urban Child and our Inter-generational Projects.



WoW Inter-Generational Weekend



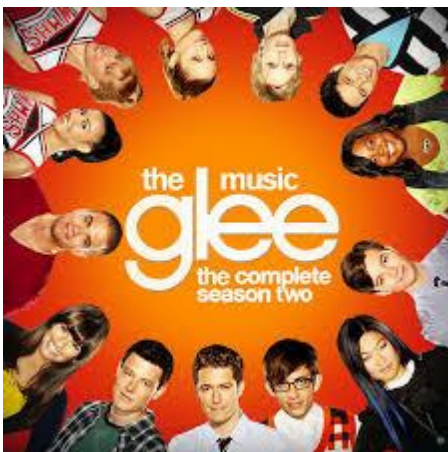
From left: Melissa, Zahra, Ruqayah, Zeinab, Sam, Aisha and Soya cooking pizzas in Haven Lodge

WoW Intergenerational lunch on 7th September in Haven Lodge was an enjoyable event with 10 young people from The Challenge National Youth Network, who cooked pizzas for the residents and even washed up the dishes. These young people are going to accept a special challenge with aim to fundraise for WoW inter-generational events and make the life easier for the elderly residents. Some of them are going to take part in a marathon, some will help the elderly with the shopping and some will take part in another one of the 99 challenges organised by The Challenge Network. WoW Mums are extremely happy that the youth responded so well to our attempts to bridge the gap between the generations. WoW are planning to use these funds to take the residents to Brighton.



WoW Glee

WoW Mums Drama Classes are continuing in York Gardens Library on every Tuesday. Please contact Sandra on 07940401366 if you would like your child to take part in Glee Street Dancing workshop this term. The final performance is on 2nd December in York Gardens Library. We are very grateful to Thomas's Schools Foundation for continually funding this project.



Solar Panels

WoW Mum Senia Dedic has been invited to Battersea High Street RA meeting this month to talk about her Solar Power initiative and to urge residents to use Solar Energy. All Chairs of local Residents Associations have been invited to this meeting in Kambala Club Room. Solar power is in use already in Wandsworth and in London, so we would like to use it in Battersea as well, not only to save some money but most importantly to save the environment.

It is very encouraging that the residents are very interested and supportive of this initiative. Residents in Brixton have already put solar panels on their blocks as you can see in this video: www.brixtonenergy.co.uk. Wandsworth Council officials think that this could be a good solution for the problem of charging the mobility scooters for the elderly and for the electric cars. The charging points could be powered by solar energy in solar car parks.



Right: Solar Car Park