

Theatre

During December a group of our adult learners and parents watched a production of Shakespeare's Henry IV that the Donmar Warehouse theatre performed at the Mulberry and Bigland Green Centre. They experienced ground breaking theatre as it was the first time this historical play was performed with an all-female cast. It was exciting and electrifying.

Year 7 parents and their daughters attended the New Year's pantomime at Stratford East Theatre. They watched Beauty and the Beast, a traditional favourite. They all had great fun and one of our students whose mother was present was selected randomly to participate on stage. Our parents were very proud and delighted with the trip.

Sabina and Penny took some adult learners to the Donmar Warehouse to watch City of Angels, a musical play set in 1920s America. It was fun and exciting with strong dramatic scenes. The mothers left feeling impressed with the plot, characters and the staging of the story where parts were being written and re-written in front of us on stage.

On 23rd February Penny and Sabina took a group of parents to a performance of Behind the Beautiful Forevers at the National Theatre. This was extremely interesting as it was set in the Mumbai slums of India based on true stories. The play was about family life, sadness and hopes for the future. It was enjoyed by all as parts were very moving but it also had humorous scenes.

On 6th March as part of our Family Learning activities Penny and Sabina took a group of parents including some Key Stage 4 and 5 students to watch the musical play Shakespeare in Love in Covent Garden. Two of the parents revealed that this was their first time attending a live theatre production. It was an exciting evening and the story of how Shakespeare wrote some of his plays was enjoyed by all. This gave them the opportunity to get to know each other better and have fun with the staging of a Shakespearean play where female parts were acted by young males.



Coffee Morning at the Mulberry and Bigland Green Centre



Our monthly coffee mornings continue with a regular group of parents, adult learners and our parent governors. Sabina leads the informal sessions discussing various topics and emphasising the ongoing home school communications. Whenever possible Dr Vanessa Ogden joins the group discussion giving information on what else Mulberry could offer in the near future. Please join us by calling Sabina to find out the next date.

Adult Learning Activities

We held the following adult learning classes this term: Childcare level 2; a ten week accredited course in Volunteering in your Child's School; Speakeasy; Drama; ICT; Literacy for Adult Learners; Maths for Beginners; Aerobics, Zumba and Keep Fit classes.

Future Classes

If you are interested in any adult learning please contact Sabina.

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Mulberry Community

Working in Partnership
with Parents and Carers



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Mulberry School for Girls is committed to working with parents and the local community. We recognise how important you are in the life of the school and the success of our students.

The purpose of our newsletter is to let you know about the community activities which took place at Mulberry School between January and March 2015 and to give you information regarding the adult classes taking place from April 2015.

Wilton's Chrysalis Club Theatre

As part of Excellence in Cities, Mulberry, together with four other schools, participated in some shadow puppetry making classes. We targeted Year 7 parents and their daughters who attended once a week after school for six weeks. This culminated in a wonderful performance at Wilton's Theatre where each of the participating schools produced and performed their show. Our school was presented with the best sound track certificate on 18th March 2015. This event encouraged the parents to become more involved in their children's schooling and showed them how easy it is to have fun while learning.



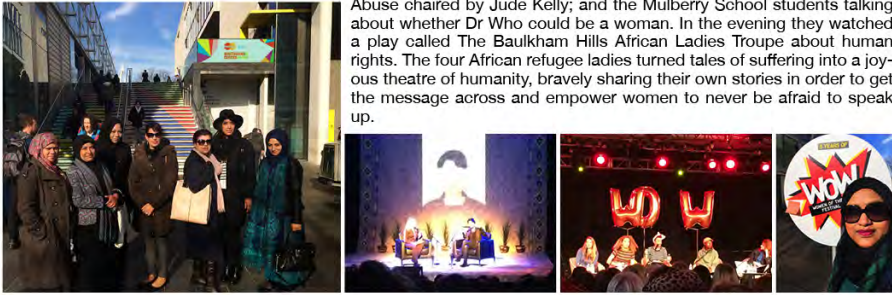
"Anisa in the Food"
By
Mulberry School
For Girls





WOW 2015 at Southbank

As part of the Women Of the World celebrations at Southbank Centre Sabina took a group of adult learners and mothers to the various events on Saturday 7th March. They attended workshops such as Views on the News presented by Jude Kelly; Views from Girls presented by Gemma Cairney; Shami Chakrabarti's views on Liberty; Testimonies of Domestic Abuse chaired by Jude Kelly; and the Mulberry School students talking about whether Dr Who could be a woman. In the evening they watched a play called The Baulkham Hills African Ladies Troupe about human rights. The four African refugee ladies turned tales of suffering into a joyous theatre of humanity, bravely sharing their own stories in order to get the message across and empower women to never be afraid to speak up.



Route to Employment

On 2nd March Sabina organised for a number of providers to attend Mulberry's Route to Employment Event where they promoted their services available to our local community.

Annual Parents' Conference Celebration

The Tower Hamlets Parental Engagement team hosted a celebration showcasing all their adult learning classes and the community's achievements. Sabina and three parents were invited to attend this wonderful event which offered a variety of workshops as well as a delicious lunch.



Mulberry Youth Conference

On 25th February Sabina took some of our adult learners to the fourteenth Mulberry Youth Conference. This was held in partnership with the National Theatre and Langley Park Sixth Form. This year's conference was a response to Behind the Beautiful Forevers, a new play by David Hare based on the book by Katherine Boo. The conference explored issues of social justice, cultural identity and global inequality. Our adult learners heard speakers such as Rufus Norris, Director Designate of the NT in conversation with Jack Davies and Jayda Rukhsar. They were very proud of the Mulberry girls and their achievements and they were very interested to hear about the problems facing people around the world.

International Women's Day

On 9th March Sabina took a group of parents to the Brady Centre to celebrate International Women's Day. This was organised by Mohilar Ongon. The day started with guest speakers such as councillors and doctors who gave motivational speeches to all present and shared stories and experiences about inspirational women in our community. Our Mulberry Headteacher Dr Ogden and the Swanlea School Headteacher both gave inspirational speeches motivating our girls and women to aim high and never be afraid to push away barriers. The parents were motivated and inspired to encourage their daughters to succeed.



Mock Exam Results

Once again, this January, Year 11 students were invited to attend special meetings with their parents in order to receive their mock exam results. They received tips on how to support their daughters' work and improve their GCSE grades in the summer exams. Then both parents and daughters completed an action plan about what they were going to do in order to attain their target grades in the coming GCSE exams.

Women's Cinema at Mulberry

This year the Mulberry Women's Cinema screened Philomena a film about a mother who is looking for her son whom she gave up for adoption at birth. A number of adult learners and parents watched the film screened at Mulberry and Bigland Green Centre. People enjoyed it and said they would love to attend more future screenings. Anyone interested in attending any screening please contact Sabina Khan.



The Big Weave

As part of Mulberry's 50th anniversary celebrations the Art department invited some parents to participate in their Big Weave. This is a community project where students, parents and members of the community created a huge tapestry to be hung in reception when completed.

