

NAVIGATE



THE LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL

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Welcome to the new school year and a time of significant change and upheaval nationally! During the first term we have welcomed our third prime minister, at the same time as having mourned the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and the accession of King Charles III. At LNS, by contrast, we have seen stability and continuity. The new edition of Navigate captures the very essence of our Curriculum Intent; Success, Aspiration, Integrity and Literacy, with students across all year groups gaining access to a wonderful range of experiences. Our cover picture this edition showcases our Year 10 Maritime students who recently spent a wonderful week on a Tall Ship.

I would like to thank all families for their continued support and express my gratitude to our school sponsors; The Honourable Company of Master Mariners, Trinity House, The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, The Anchorites, The Baltic Exchange, The Marine Society, The Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers and Greenwich Hospital.

Mr Schofield (Headteacher)

Tall Ships Youth Sailing

Between the 10th-14th October our Year 10 Nautical Students were given the experience of a lifetime. 10 students and two teachers spent the week on a Tall Ship sailing around the Solent. One of our students wrote a blog of their journey, some of the extracts are below

Day one:

Today was exciting we sailed in the Solent, first using boat engine but once out to see we pulled up the forward sail the Yankee and were doing about 15 knots. We learned how to read different signals on a map the crew were impressed by how much we knew already and how we could describe the different buoys and markers. We also learned how to save a man that went over board, we offered to throw Sami instead of the bouy but we couldn't because of "safety violations" some of us in the man overboard had to pull the sail up while some of us had to point. Overall day one was amazing even if we had a few rope burns. Tonight we anchor at Cowes on the Isle of Wight. Tomorrow we get up early to reset the ropes, release springs and lines and sail to Yarmouth.-



Day Two and Three

After preparing the boat and the traditional climb the mast Carlos Sander López went back up twice the 100 foot climb, we left Yarmouth behind for Dorset. After leaving the sheltered waters of the Isle of White we entered the open sea of the Solent and really felt it. The sea began to pick up and our skipper Mike and first mate Rachel gathered us round in the snake pit to spell out the orders for raising the sails. The engine was cut and we began to ride the tide. The sea considerably choppier than the days before. We had hoisted the two and a half ton main sail the day before in 20 minutes today we were planning on smashing that. Breaking down into 3 man teams we grabbed the main sheet and pulled for our lives, two hand, bell ringing and swinging ourselves almost out of the boat, teams tagging in and out we got the sail up 3/4 of the way in 3 minutes but that last quarter really held the weight and tension. Setting ourselves a new target of 10 minutes we screamed "Haliards Made" after 8 minutes 30 seconds cueing the winching team into action--

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Day Four

An early start today. Up for the dawn it was quite cold. We cracked on with prepping the boat for a very long day at sea, 12 hours!

While Starboard watch were getting ropes ready and sails uncovered and bringing up fenders. Port team were cleaning up breakfast, kitchen; galley; heads and strapping everything down, as the boat would be sailing at a sharp angle chasing the wind. With the call all hands on deck we got into our teams and cast off, bringing all ropes. Today's sailing was amazing. We were now confident on the boat and were jumping into our positions before orders were given. With a 15 minute personal best to hoist the massive main sail, we threw ourselves into it, and out of the boat almost, to get that beast up. With Halyards made at 6 minutes, we then turned to the Yankee and stay sails completing all 3 in less than 10 minutes. The instructors went wild and told us how incredible that was for a novice crew. The day carried on from there tacking and jibing, teams jumping in to tag others out, and crew looking for points to help.

We carried on working through lunch and ate our fajitas on the go, racing to anchor by 18.00 to catch the sunset. On the way there we pulled hoisted the yard arms and climbed up the mast and way out over the water, while the yacht sped along at 10 knots.

After pulling alongside Challenger 4 crewed by a girl school and some Nautical School bantz, we anchored. Mike our skipper gave us an hour of rest to chat and we got out the cursed coin and had laughs together. Tonight the instructors gave us dinner off so we didn't have to cook or prep the galley. We were physically tired but our spirits were still high as the sun went down.

After dinner we got stuck in to our charts and mapped out our course in degrees, nautical miles and speed according to sea conditions. We also had to name the buoys and type of warnings they were flashing and record it all down. Little did the instructors know that we had located a 1/4 of the markers just by following the girls' yacht through binoculars.

At 9.00 we prepped the boat and after quick engine check, were handed full the Challenger 1; as teachers and instructors stepped back and we took over full control of the yacht.

The sea was calm and mirror-like in the the pitch black. With buoy spotters on the bow and taking turn at the helm we piloted back to Portsmouth. All our chart work and teamwork paid off. Buoy spotters, shouted back to pilot teams and we passed each one closely reading off our next sailing points and keeping to navigation code. The instructors didn't have to step in at all as we sailed 2 hours later into Portsmouth.

Our skipper Mike took over the helm at the very end to dock and we immediately went back to jumping on point, fenders ready and ropes ready. It was an amazing experience and felt so natural to us. The instructors debriefed us and gave us praise, not only did we have sea legs but we were good sailors.

We learnt so much with instructors, not only how to sail and crew a 30 metre racing yacht at sea but also learnt lots of theory work with them which we got to put into use.



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Further pictures of the amazing experience the boys had.



LNS Prefects

This term we appointed our new year 10 prefects. The boys went through a rigorous application process which included writing an application and seeking support for their nomination from different teachers. The boys selected have already had a busy term supporting with the school's open evening and open mornings. We are extremely proud of our prefects as they take on the role of becoming role models across the school and supporting our school community. Our prefects are

Elroi, Jaden M, Tyler, Cyprian, Vincent, Andres, Sikandar, Ayo, Sami, Carlos, Dominique, Lenny, Linden, Rezwan, Iz'ario, Daniel, Tomas, Merhawi and Theo P.

Congratulations Boys!

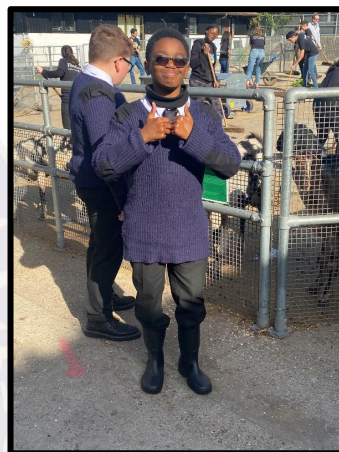


Year 8 Surrey Docks Farm trip

On 11th October year 8 went to the Surrey Docks Farm as part of their Science curriculum. The students had a fantastic time, as Daniel Morgan in year 8 explains.

Today at Surrey Docks Farm I had a really good time and I learnt loads of new things. One being that if you have any paper, plastic or other recycling products, you should put them in recycling bins which are taken away by the council. We then put our fruit and vegetable waste into another bin and they got taken and put into waste crates where they are left for approximately 6 months to rot. This was not the only thing I found out. I also learnt that pigs' poop have the most nutrients because they are omnivores which means they eat meat and vegetables. The best part about this trip was that for the last hour we were allowed to feed the sheep, goats and I even fed a pony. However, with the pigs you had to throw the food over the gate to feed them because they could bite your hand. So overall with this trip, I had an amazing experience.

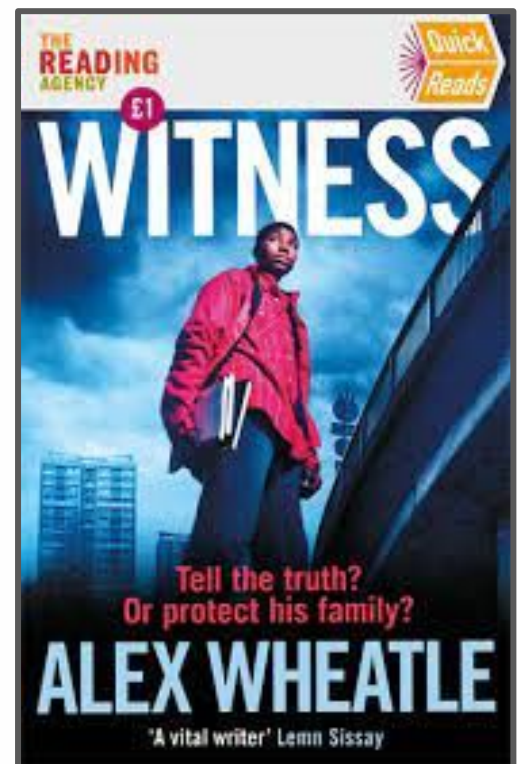
Daniel Morgan (8W1P)



Black History Month

As a school community we consistently celebrate our diversity. This October was no different for Black History Month. As well as assemblies, we also created lessons celebrating our diversity as a local and national community. Our Literacy day was focused on Black History and departments created displays celebrating inspirational people from their subject area.

In year 10 we read a book in a day, they read a copy of *Witness* by Alex Whittle. As well as an author, Alex has been a contributor to the *Small Axe* TV series. He has also previously delivered workshops in the school. Throughout the day Year 10 students read part of the story with their teachers. All students were then provided with a copy of the book.



Royal Navy Team Building Day

We were lucky enough to have the Royal Navy visit us again to deliver a team building day with our year 8 students. The boys had a lovely morning working in teams and problem solving. Students had to compete to build the tallest towers that would be perfectly balanced and also stand tall.



Theatre and Poetry Workshops

The English Department have been busy again this term, Year 11 were lucky enough to attend the Daldry's production of **An Inspector Calls** at The New Wimbledon Theatre. It was a thrilling version where the staging was excellent- the drama was high- and the gasps and shocks could be heard across the whole auditorium. The students were a credit to the school, receiving compliments from members of the general public who had gone along to enjoy the production.

We have also enjoyed taking some year 8s to The Cutty Sark this half term as part of the Thames Festival for a poetry workshop. Students explored the historical ship and then, led by the published poet Amarachi Rachel, were inspired to create their own poetry drawing on the River Thames and the things that really matter to them as inspiration! Below are the poems the students created.

I am the ocean
Pounded yam and stew
Jollof and egg merchant
I am the injury merchant
Drowning
Swimming moving
Floating

By Jay Martin, Abijah Hewitt, Elijah
Boateng and Samuel Still

I am the sink that fills the cup
I hope I don't drown in it.
Animals are running and crashing into
the horizon.
Racism, discrimination and bullying it's
something
we don't like.

By Daniel Hannam, Ralphs
Ernsts-Jeffery and Adrian Baque



Theatre and Poetry Workshops



More photos and the final poem from the Cutty Sark Workshop

I am the...
river. Floating without sexism or
assault.
Animals moving across the water,
without hatred or violence.

I am a bathtub.
Without war or conflict.
Without criminals roaming the streets.

I am a river.

By Sean Isaac Gloria, Hose Lahreach
and Tomas Ziulys



Year 7 Splash Day

Two of our year students classes got to experience their first Splash days at the AHOY center in Deptford. The students learnt how to sail on various different boats and had a wonderful time. More splash days are to come in the next term for our year 7 and year 8 students.

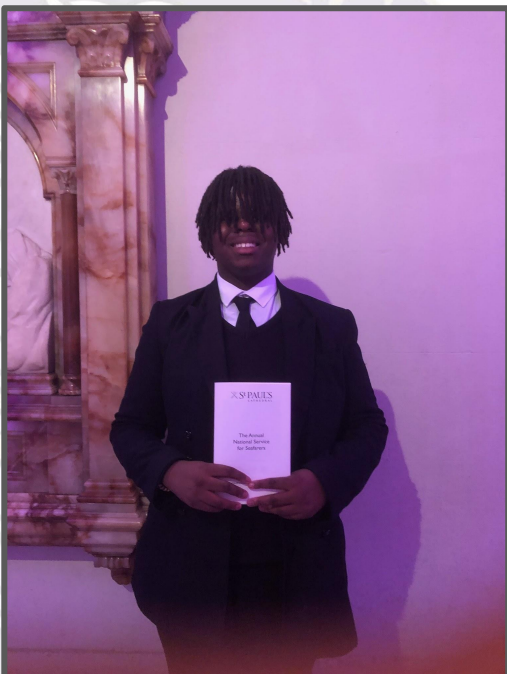


Annual National Seafarers Service

On Wednesday 12th October several of our students participated in the Annual National Service to Seafarers at St Paul's Cathedral.

The service has been taking place since 1905, after a small hiatus, due to Covid the service returned in 2022. Year 8 students formed part of the Choir, singing triumphantly in nave of the Cathedral. Our sea cadets and School Captain, Tyler represented the colour party and year 11 Tamani Clayton delivered one of the bidding prayers.

The services was attended by dignitaries association with the maritime industry and HRH, the Princes Royal. It was a marvelous occasion, being St Paul's Cathedral and an experience that the boys will take with them through life.



Tower Hill Memorial

The school was honoured to be represented at the Merchant Navy annual memorial for those lost at sea – this year's event was particular poignant as it coincided with the 40th anniversary of the Falklands war.

The War Memorial at Tower Hill commemorates nearly 12,000 seaman, sailors and fishermen of the First World War and nearly 23,800 of the Second World War who have no known grave.



Now and Then



At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month we will remember them.

Archibald W Buckle was a teacher by profession and a member of the Royal Navy Reserve; he went to war in August of 1914 (cutting short his honeymoon) where he served in the Naval Division within the Drake battalion. He was awarded the DSO and three Bars, the trio of the 1914 Star (awarded for service when he was a petty officer), the British War Medal, Victory Medal, and his RNVR Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, (known as "Pip, Squeak and Wilfred").

Sir Winston Churchill has referred to Buckle as one of the "*salamanders born in the furnace,*" who survived "*to lead, to command, and to preserve the sacred continuity* "

Following the war and whilst headteacher of the forerunner to London Nautical School just three weeks before Easter 1927 he scratched his arm while mending a car. The injury turned into a boil and despite being hospitalized (against his will) it turned septic and '*eventually the poison crept into his old war wounds and his bones.*'

He died aged just 38, on 6 May 1927.

Full military honours were accorded the deceased hero, the coffin being conveyed from his house in 33 Crescent-way, Brockley, to the Church on a gun carriage drawn by six horses with outriders. The coffin which was covered with the Union Jack also bore the Commander's sword and five medals. A number of the deceased's comrades in the Anson Battalion walked beside the coffin and the boys of the Rotherhithe Nautical School, where he was Headmaster formed a guard of honour in the church grounds.



Commander AW Buckle DSO,
RNVR

Headteacher of Rotherhithe
Nautical School

Sports News

The football teams have been having a good run into the new academic year. Our year 7 football team won their inaugural match. The first year 7 football game was held away at Thomas Tallis School. After going 2-0 down at half time, the boys still believed and managed to come away with a 3-2 win! Well done Boys!



We have had equal success with our year 8 football team. The year 8s played their 1st game of the season and won 7-1. Amazing performances from all the players, Great football and excellent attitudes. Our Captain Kel scored 4 goals and was awarded man of the match. Maxwell's contribution was a hatrick and was another outstanding performer on the day





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