

FutureSchools

Building Schools for the Future newsletter



The new building for The Elmgreen School

The start of the new school year marked the opening of the new building for The Elmgreen School in Elmcourt Road, West Norwood. The £26 million three-storey school building provides 1,100 places for 11-18 year-olds, including a 30-place hearing impaired unit, and a 200-place sixth form.

The school also boasts an impressive range of state-of-the-art facilities, including: a large “Market Square” area, a breathtaking contemporary space for formal and informal use. The stunning new building also has an activity studio for dance and drama; environmental science and habitat gardens offering varied learning opportunities; a recording studio; a four court sports hall tailored to Sports England specifications; a seven-a-side floodlit football pitch; excellent ICT facilities with partnership room and extra ICT facilities for parents and carers, and a library at the heart of the school

directly accessible from the reception area.

The Elmgreen School was the first ever parent promoted school in the country when it opened at its temporary site in Gypsy Road, in 2007. This came after four years of partnership working between the Parent Promoter Foundation (PPF) and the council to improve the number of secondary school places in the borough.

The PPF, which comprises 450 members, helped develop The Elmgreen School right from the start by working in partnership with the headteacher and staff. Parents form



INSIDE: Lambeth named Building Schools for the Future Local Authority of the Year



Welcome



Another term goes by and the Lambeth Building Schools for the Future programme goes from strength to strength. The stunning new building at The Elmgreen School means we are now coming to the last stage of our first phase. When the new building at Stockwell Park High School is fully open next summer we will have delivered five excellent new school buildings. It's an achievement that was recognised in our being named Local Authority of the Year at the annual Excellence in BSF awards, together with winning awards for the new Elm Court school and Park Campus. It's a recognition of the hard work of everyone who has been involved.

Best Regards

The Elmgreen School's new building



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New building for a unique school

the majority of the governing body and make key decisions on matters including the curriculum and annual budget setting. The PPF has launched numerous projects to support the school's new ethos of 'family engagement', these include: A 'Family Forum' set up to promote new thinking and discussion around education issues, a 'skills day' in which parents are encouraged to share career advice, and the 'Gardening Club' for green-fingered parents to carry out additional horticultural work.

Vice Chair of the school's Parent

Promoter Foundation, Sandy Nuttgens, said: "We are absolutely delighted that The Elmgreen School is finally moving into its permanent home. It is a wonderful building that will truly enhance the education of our students. Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who has been involved over the years."

Headteacher Asma Mansuri, said: "The staff and governors are delighted to be in their new building and look forward to welcoming students, families and the community."

Lambeth BSF: Local Authority of the Year



The best of BSF

It was a special night at this years Excellence in BSF awards for Lambeth as we were named Local Authority of the Year.

This was not all as Elm Court Special School, designed by JM Architects, took the title of Best Design for a Remodelled School. The judges were particularly impressed with the adaptation of the existing building with evidence of genuine transformation.

We also won the Innovation in PE and Sport category for the development of facilities for football, basketball and mini tennis at Park Campus, Gipsy Road. The



BSF Primary & Community



Focus on primary school works

The Building Schools for the Future Primary & Community Team are currently working on a massive range of high profile projects to expand and improve the primary schools in the borough. Over the course of several issues we will focus on these projects. There is always a great deal going on to keep the infrastructure of the school buildings and facilities in good shape, but some projects stand out for the real impact they have on the way the schools are able to deliver real benefits to the pupils.

The fitting out of new kitchens at several primary schools in Lambeth has had a real impact on how the schools operate. At Streatham Wells primary school, as well as a whole new kitchen installation, a new servery which has made the mealtime service so much easier than the previous arrangement of food having to be brought through to the dining hall. Headteacher of Streatham Wells, Rosemary Newlove said: "The new kitchen and the installation of a new servery have really improved lunchtimes at the school for both our pupils and the staff. The work was done efficiently and with the minimum disruption to the school." New kitchens have also been fitted at Elm Wood, Kings Avenue and Wyvil primary schools.

At Henry Fawcett Primary School the installation of new lighting systems and a new boiler system have greatly improved the energy efficiency of the school. The installation of the lighting system will mean energy savings of almost £6000 per year and the reduction of CO2 is the equivalent of saving 30 trees per year.

Other recent projects carried out by our Primary & Community team include: relocating the library at Elm Wood primary school to accommodate additional teaching space, installation of new hot and cold water systems at Glenbrook primary school and the first phase of an electrical upgrade at Reay primary school.

judges also decided to highly commend Lambeth for their vision to strengthen provision for young people with special educational needs in the Education for All category. The awards reflect all of the hard work of the team particularly since the submission process took place during the summer holidays.

Councillor Paul McGlone, Executive Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services, said: "the real winners here are the children of Lambeth who can enjoy vibrant and dynamic environments at schools across the borough."

Tim Byles, Chief Executive of Partnership for Schools said: "The judges were impressed by Lambeth's overarching vision, their can-do attitude and the excellent testimonials from bidders."

Phase 2 (Wave 5) update

Dialogue continues

We are now half way through the second stage of the procurement of the Local Education Partnership for Wave 5 BSF which will be responsible for delivering the next phase of Lambeth's Building Schools for the Future programme across all secondary schools in the borough. Meetings are going well with both Willmott Dixon and Engage, but in order to have strong proposals from both bidders we have asked them to prepare an interim submission based on all the requirements of the final bid which is due in early December. We will then review these and provide detailed feedback to bidders. The close of dialogue process is currently being planned in detail and this will involve ensuring that all items of feedback are addressed in the final bid.

The final bid is expected in late January 2010 with the decision on the selected bidder due in March 2010.

Venetia Reid Baptiste, Assistant Director - Commercial

Venetia Reid-Baptiste plays a central role in the Building Schools for the Future division. In the next in our series of introducing our staff we asked her about her role.

"As Assistant Director BSF I am responsible for the financial, commercial, procurement, contractual, business support and legal activities of the BSF division. The role is crucial as the Division does enter into varied contracts with private sector companies.

"I play a key part in the current Local Education Partnership procurement as it covers partnering, finance, legal and commercial while supporting the ICT work"

"As the lead of these support functions the role entails ensuring that all the frontline functions of the Division are carried out efficiently and effectively."

Venetia is a qualified Accountant with fellowship status with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. She also has a Law degree and has completed the Legal Practice Course which makes her a qualified solicitor. In addition to this Venetia has an MBA in Global Business Strategy and Commerce. She joined the BSF team in 2007 from the London Borough of Camden where she had spent 6 years, with her last role being Head of Finance for the Environment, Culture and Community Services department. Venetia is married with one daughter aged 14 going on 70!!.



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