

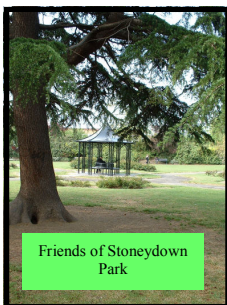
# Welcome to Walthamstow,



Ideas for schools to fit  
in with and work on  
the 2010 E17 Art Trail

3rd –12th September.

Wilcumstou  
A welcome place.



# Teachers' notes

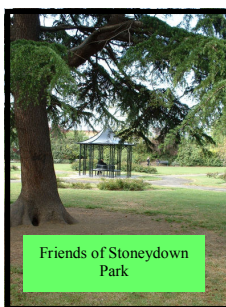
The E17 Art trail has been running for six years, for the first two weeks in September all over Walthamstow. I know this is just when schools return after the summer break, but this year's theme of 'Welcome to Walthamstow' would be particularly appropriate for schools to develop as they welcome everyone back.

This pack is designed to be as flexible as possible. There are 3 strands to the work I have developed around the theme of 'welcome' and as a school you could do all of them, or just one. You could involve the whole school, some classes, just one class, or even just a group of children.

- Assembly and or circle time around the theme of welcome
- Spoken piece around welcome using community languages
- Craft piece around welcome making bunting and/or cushions

To further develop this you might make leaflets to welcome visitors to your school, neighbourhood, or Walthamstow as a whole. You might also consider what else we do to welcome people, such as having food and drink, make some and then invite some people to share them. How about the parents of the new entrants to your school? A welcome event for them would make them feel just that...

**Very Welcome.**



# Assembly/Circle time

Have a piece of welcome music playing, if you want classical then Purcell's Welcome odes are possible, or if you fancy cheese the Peters and Lee, 'Welcome home' is a classic, and you might like to sing an appropriate song, out of the ark music do many; such as back in school again, or we're here... If you are doing a class circle time then do a few games to mix up the circle such as fruit basket, cross the circle if..., passing a handshake round the circle, passing a smile round the circle, introducing yourself and the person next to you etc.

Show the children the word 'welcome' written in a range of different languages. Choose the languages represented in your school. Ask the children what they think they it says.

See if any of the children can say the word in their first languages and ask them to do so.

When they have worked out that they all say welcome, ask them why we say welcome, and how it makes you feel?

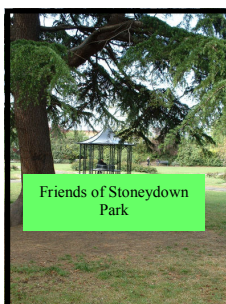
Discuss what we do to make people feel welcome.

If you are doing this as a circle time all of these could be rounds.

Now link it to coming back to school, ask the children if there is anything new for them, or if they did something special in the holiday if you are doing this as a circle time then this can be a round, if it is an assembly then take a few answers from the floor.

Show them the word Wilcumstou and discuss that it is the medieval word for Walthamstow and means a welcome place. Tell them about the Art trail and say that over 200 artists both professional and amateur are welcoming people to Walthamstow and we have a chance to be involved. You could show the trail guide and maybe point out some of the venues near the school.

If you are going to do more work on this then finish by letting them know what that is.



Sheet for recording ideas around the theme of welcome.

What might we welcome people to?

How do we say welcome?



How does it make you feel to be Welcomed?

What do we do to welcome people?

# Welcome in many languages.

Karibu Swahili

Witajcie Polish

Soo dhowow Somali

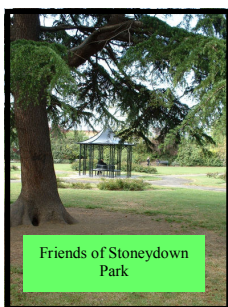
Hosgeldin Turkish

Bienvenue French

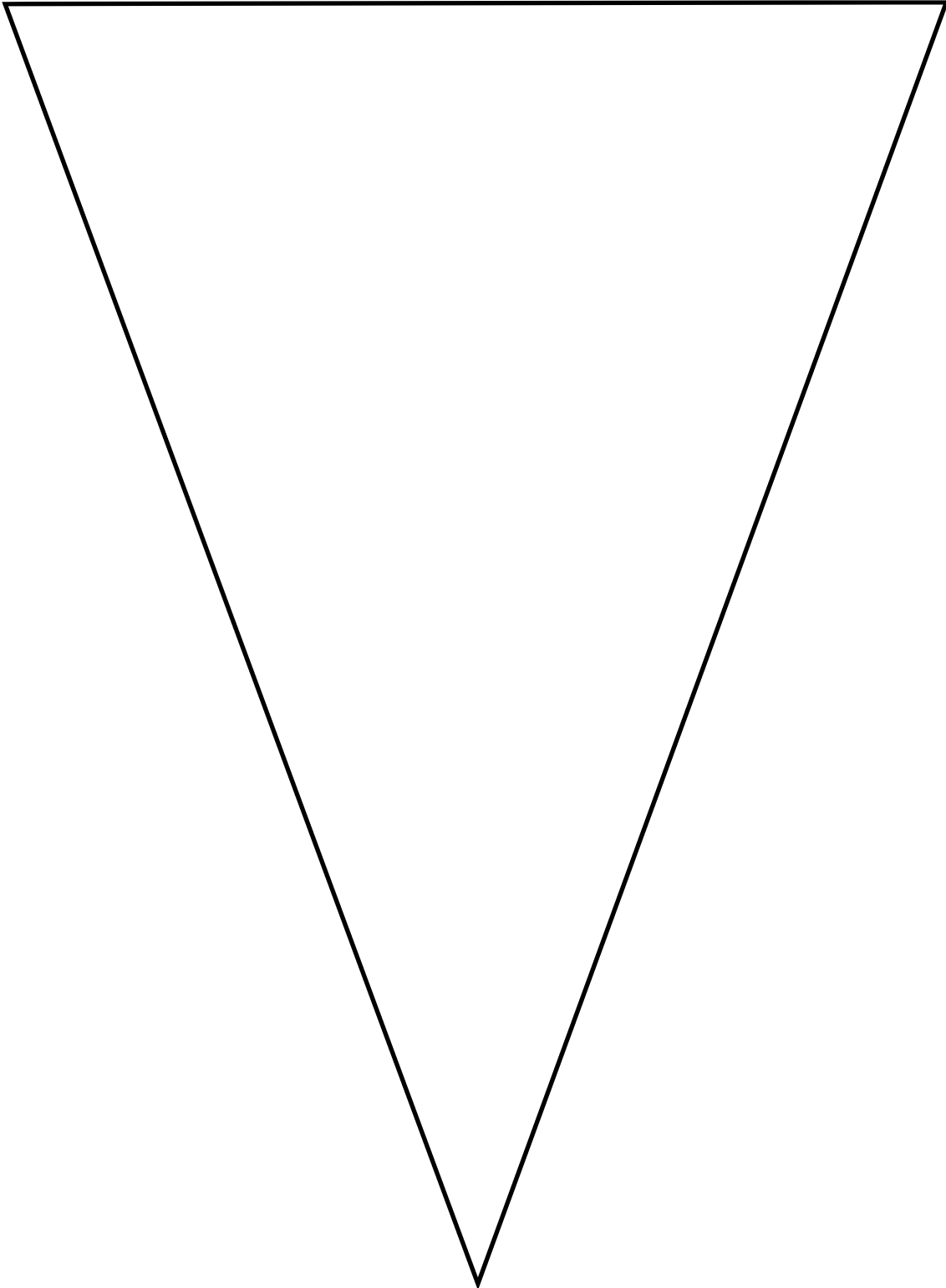
Wikommen German

See also [www.omniglot.com/language/phrases/welcome.htm](http://www.omniglot.com/language/phrases/welcome.htm)

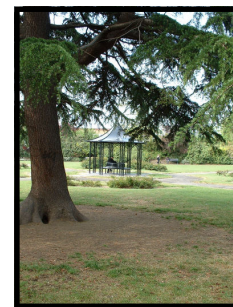
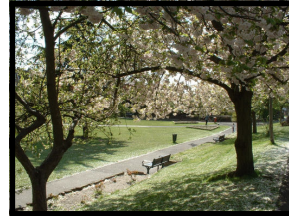
If you put 'welcome in many languages' into Google you get a number of useful sites.



We are going to make some 'Welcome to Walthamstow' bunting. Use the template below to plan your design. You can decorate it using some of the pictures from the image page, cut some images out of magazines, draw your own, or do a mixture of these.



# Images for your bunting



# Spoken Word.

Watch Stephen Fry introducing QI on BBC iplayer, listen to Willy Wonka's 'Welcome Song' on You tube, and listen to the Cameroonian Welcome to our school song on Google. We are going to create a spoken word welcome piece which could either be used at a school event or at the new Speakers' Corner in Stoneydown Park.

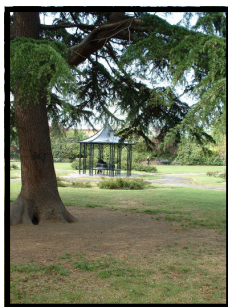
Here are some points to consider;

- Different ways of saying, 'hello' and 'welcome' in English
- Using different languages to say 'welcome'
- What you are welcoming people to; the school, the park, Walthamstow in general, a specific event. You might consider an acrostic poem as a way of welcome.
- Anyone you might want to introduce.

Work in groups of about 4, consider;

- Who is going to say what, you don't have to speak all the time, you can take it in turns, pairs, all together, individually, a mixture.
- Are you going to use repetition, rhythm, or rhyme, to get your message across?
- Do you want to add music, percussion or sound effects?
- Might you want to wear something to add a dramatic touch to your piece?

**Write a script and practise, get your sound and props together, practise putting the whole piece together.**



# Planning Sheet

<b>Name of group and members of group.</b>	<b>Languages used</b>	<b>Mode and method, Poem, song, rhyme, repetition, rhythm</b>	<b>Sound, music, Percussion, effects</b>	<b>Props and/or costume</b>

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This pack has been created by Claire Tansley, from the Friends of Stoneydown Park.

This autumn the friends group will be one of a number of organizations including Greenspaces at the council, The Speakers' Corner Trust, Blackhorse Road Action Group, Central St Martin's College, the Disability Resource Centre and Stoneydown, Willowfield and St Patrick's schools, which will be launching the new Speakers' Corner in Stoneydown Park.

As part of the Art Trail the Friends of the Park will be holding an exhibition in the park about the design process of the project and running workshops around the theme of Welcome to Walthamstow using the ideas in the pack. We hope to involve Stoneydown and St Patrick's primary and members of the local community in making Welcome bunting and welcome cushions. We will then site a gazebo near the new Speakers' corner, hang out our bunting and sit on our new cushions to watch the welcome pieces created by the children.

We are aiming to do this on Friday 3rd September and Saturday 4th September.

If your school or group creates any bunting or welcome pieces you are most welcome to come and join us on either Friday or Saturday.

Feel free to join Friends of Stoneydown on facebook

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