



AROUND THE PALACE

Reception Visits Croydon Fire Station



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Welcome

I do hope that all families have enjoyed a peaceful and happy Easter. Our bulletin this week captures one of the end of term highlights at Westminster Abbey and I am sure you will enjoy reading about this.

On Saturday we are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students to their first bonding lunch at seniors. I am delighted to add that Jane Burton is joining me for this event and then we are both going to travel at top speed to the last part of the PTA Spring Event at Preparatory from 12-3pm. I know that many parents will welcome the opportunity to meet Mrs Burton at these events.

Please be assured that everybody is welcome to the Spring Event. It is also an excellent chance to purchase items of second hand uniform.

Carol Jewell, Head

Including
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Week 2019**
Supplement



Evensong At Westminster Abbey



Congratulations to our Old Palace choristers who sang as part of Croydon Minster's Girls' Choir, Choral Scholars and Adult Voices at Evensong at Westminster Abbey on the last day of term.

Year 8 Success At The Salters' Festival Of Chemistry

On Friday 5th April, four students from Year 8 attended the Salters' Festival of Chemistry at University College London.

The day began with an explanation of the structure of the day ahead. After this we moved onto the university laboratory to start the first section - The Salters' Challenge. In this activity, we split into pairs and had to solve the "who stole the missing element?" puzzle by doing chromatography and precipitation reactions. We won 3rd prize out of 12 schools and were commended on our ability to work as a team and for being both organised and tidy. Our prize was a set of molecular models so that we can create our own models of molecules such as carbon dioxide and water, which we have been studying about in recent Science lessons.

In the second section, entitled the University Challenge, we had to change the volume and concentration of two chemicals which reacted together to try to make the reaction last exactly one minute. In the practice rounds, we achieved exactly one minute; however, when we showed our reaction to



the judge, our reaction took slightly longer, and we did not come in the top three for this section. The first time we showed our reaction to the judges, we forgot to add one of the solutions, and spent thirty seconds wondering why nothing was happening. Luckily, the judge allowed us to try again and our second attempt reacted.

After both challenges, we were treated to a 'Chemical Magic Demonstration' by Professor Sella who is a synthetic inorganic chemist, teacher of chemistry, and presenter of chemistry

in public both live on stage, on radio and television, and through social media. We learned all about solids, liquids and gases in a fun and practical demonstration, which ended with Professor Sella making us ice cream from custard, chocolate chips, raspberries and most importantly: liquid nitrogen. It tasted delicious and we were allowed to sample it as we were presented with our prize for the Salter's Challenge.

We had a great day and are pleased with our achievement.

Ducklings Hatch In Nursery And Pre School



There was great excitement in the Nursery and Pre School just before Easter when a batch of very special eggs arrived. After a few days the eggs hatched and out popped some beautiful little ducklings.

Once they were strong enough, the ducklings were allowed to go for a five minute swim in their own, improvised paddling pool.

Ms Fraser rose to the task of drying each one individually after their swim, before returning them to their nice warm cage.

Learning 4 Life: Guide Dogs

Here are a few quotes from some Year 7s

"It was nice to see how blind people people can depend on dogs"

Chisom

"I learnt how quickly life changes overnight (the man became blind overnight). I learnt how to respect guide dogs and not pet them out of respect to the owner".

Rosemary and Anaika

"It was very exciting. I liked how they brought an actual dog into the school. Star (the dog) was so cute".

Nuwaylah



I remember the day when we were told that we were going to have the chance to sponsor a guide dog, it was amazing, ooohs and aaahs gleefully filling the atmosphere. We have updates from our puppy 'Spirit' throughout the year and generously give into our coin boxes each week.

It was so nice to welcome Paul and his dog 'Star' into school. It was fascinating to see how Star helps Paul with everyday life. It was also really interesting to hear of the different technology that blind people are able to use to help improve their quality of life.

Stephane, Year 7

Water Polo

On the 23rd and 24th of March, Sarah M and I went to Grantham for U17 National Age Group qualifiers, representing Otter. It was a tough weekend which consisted of three challenging games.

On Saturday, we faced Kirkintilloch and Worthing. A tight game against Kirkintilloch resulted in a 4-4 draw, followed by a game later on in that day against Worthing which we were able to win 11-8. It was amazing game to play in. Sarah M made some lovely saves and some fast counter attacks resulted in us coming out on top.

On the Sunday, it was a close game against Sheffield which resulted in an unfortunate loss. However, the goal difference was close enough for us to secure a place in the finals in Liverpool, on the 13th April, where we are looking forward to playing again in the hope of becoming National Champions.



Tennis Qualifier For Youth Games



On the first day of the summer term, Grace (Year 6) and Isobel (Year 5) took part in the First Stage qualifier for the London Youth Games for Mini Tennis with our partner school Elmhurst. The joint team played a total of nine schools across the afternoon and qualified top of their group as they finished the first round.

They finished in second place overall.

CONGRATULATIONS and a great afternoon of sport!





Old Palace
PTA

SPRING

EVENT

Saturday

27th April 12-3pm

Prep School Assembly Hall

- 🥚 Face painting and henna
- 🥚 Easter egg hunt
- 🥚 Fairground games
- 🥚 Super football
- 🥚 Lucky dip and raffle
- 🥚 Freshly made candy floss and pop corn
- 🥚 Delicious hot food
- 🥚 Decorate your own cookies
- 🥚 Guess the number of sweets in the jar
- 🥚 Nearly new uniform sales



All proceeds from this event will be used by the Old Palace PTA to fund our various events/projects at Prep and Senior schools later this year.



Sunday 28th April - Restless Development Triathlon



This is the fourth year the school has supported this fantastic event and the girls are really excited to be taking part.

Look out for a full story and photographs next week.

GOOD LUCK to all competitors. There are 10 plus teams taking part – all raising money for a great cause.

Easter Bonnets - Reception

During the last week of term, Reception worked hard making Easter bonnets. We think you will agree that the end results are very impressive.



Aquathlon At Prep



Just before the Easter holidays, the girls from Prep took part in a fun Aquathlon at Royal Russell. The rain and wind led to alterations in the order of events, meaning the girls ran the 800m cross country first before heading to the pool for a 50m/100m swim.

For some of the girls this was their first taste of competition in readiness for the up coming triathlon this weekend.

Well done to all the competitors. Mrs Coster was very proud of you.



Please find below our ABRSM results for the Spring Term:

Theory		
	Grade	Category
Catherine	5	Distinction
Aarna	2	Distinction
Amber	2	Distinction
Nikhita	2	Distinction
Riya	2	Merit
Avani	1	Distinction
Isobel	1	Distinction
Tahlyah	1	Merit
Carmen	1	Pass

Practical

	Instrument	Grade	Category
Catherine	Clarinet	1	Merit
Harini	Descant Recorder	2	Pass
Lorelei	Drum	8	Merit
Aishah	Drum	7	Pass
Rachel	Flute	6	Merit
Sarah	Flute	4	Merit
Beth	Flute	3	Pass
Megan	Flute	3	Pass
Beatrice	Flute	2	Merit
Avani	Flute	1	Distinction
Amber	Flute	1	Merit
Nia	Flute	1	Pass
Juanita	Horn	2	Pass
Maya	Horn	2	Pass
Elen	Piano	5	Distinction
Zaynah	Piano	4	Pass
Juanita	Piano	3	Pass
Diya	Piano	1	Pass
Feran	Piano	1	Pass
Grace	Piano	1	Pass
Elen	Singing	7	Distinction
Ellen	Singing	7	Merit
Ruby	Singing	4	Distinction
Zaynah	Singing	4	Merit
Adebolarinwa	Trombone	3	Pass
Norocco	Violin	7	Pass



Safer Internet Week 2019 @ Old Palace



Teaching Safer Internet Use @ Preparatory



On Wednesday 13th February, we were invited to go to the Preparatory School to teach students in Years 3, 4 and 5 about Internet Safety.

This year's UK theme was **Our internet, our choice. Understanding consent in a digital world.**

We covered a range of topics including what consent and permission is in an online context, how it works and how our choices can make a positive change online.

We began with introducing students to the term 'consent' and what it means in the online world. We reminded students that when we are online we need to make lots of choices, and give other people the chance to make a choice for themselves. One way of doing this is by asking for and giving permission, and how such a simple aspect could have such large consequences.

Next, we did an interactive activity where students had to choose how they would respond to each of the given scenarios. These included scenarios such as: what to do when a game you want to play has a higher age restriction and how to fill in online forms. This was a highly successful activity, where the girls were given an opportunity to eagerly answer questions and give their own thoughtful suggestions.

We highlighted the four golden rules when it comes to Online Safety:

- If something makes you worried, uncomfortable or upset, it's always okay to say no.
- If you're sure you're happy with what will happen next, then it is okay to say yes.
- If what you're doing online might affect somebody else, always ask their permission first.
- And most importantly: If you're ever unsure or need further support with anything online, then speak to an adult you trust for help and advice.

To end the assembly, we announced an exciting competition that was coming up:

Create a list of 10 golden rules that YOU must use to stay safe on the internet and online.

Suraiya, Fizza, Rachel and Amy,
Year 9 Digital Leaders





Preparatory Safer Internet Competition Winners

**CALLING ALL OLD PALACE STUDENTS...
ONLINE SAFETY WEEK IS HERE!**

PREPARATORY COMPETITION:
Create a list of 10 golden rules that YOU must use to stay safe on the internet and online.
You can present it however you like. Some ideas to get you started are:

- Poster
- Leaflet
- Poem
- Rap
- Song

Deadline:
26th February 2018

Prizes:
1st £10 voucher
2nd £5 voucher

Safer Internet Day

bold, informative and exciting posters. We were looking for colourful posters which explained ten rules that were tailored to individual choices, as opposed to generic rules.

Congratulations to Sariah (5J) who came first place for her super innovative idea of presenting her rules in the form of a giant, rainbow book.

Second place went to Chloe (3J) for going above and beyond by writing ten thought provoking rules.

Third place went to Advika (3J) for her entry which showed an excellent knowledge of cyber security and artistic ability with her aesthetic layout.

Well done to everyone as it was a really difficult decision to make. Everyone should be really proud of themselves and their fantastic achievements.

Suraiya and Fizza,
Year 9 Digital Leaders

When judging the competition entries, we were taken aback by the quality, the diversity and the range of ideas. We were so pleased that everyone had put so much effort into the competition and we could see the time spent to create these



Sariah came first with her fantastic 3D book full of online safety tips!

10 WAYS TO STAY SAFE ON The Internet:

- 1) Don't Post Personal information online
- 2) Think carefully before posting pictures or video of yourself
- 3) keep your privacy settings high as possible
- 4) Never give your passwords
- 5) Don't befriend people you don't know
- 6) don't meet up with people you met online
- 7) Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are
- 8) Think carefully what you say before you post something online
- 9) Respect other people's views even if you don't agree
- 10) If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried

Chloe came second with her thought provoking poster!

Advika got a runner's up commendation with her interesting ray-based designed poster.



Online Safety Super Hero Competition @ Seniors

As newly appointed Year 7 Digital Leaders, we were asked to run a competition to design a super hero to help promote online safety.

To help ensure that entries were done in such a way as to communicate effectively as possible about being safe online, we devised some strict rules:

- The hero had to have an inventive name;
- had to have a fact file, outlining its key cyber safety features; and
- which internet dangers would the hero fight?

Rebecca and Grace
Year 7 Digital Leaders



First prize winner(s)

AVA by Abhirrha and Akshitha, Year 9

AVA

Name: Ava
D.O.B: 09/03/2004
Birth place: London
School: Feather Hill High School

Powers: Hack into computers, go back in time, access the internet using her head and can scan with her eyes and detect danger.

Story: Her Father (Professor Crono) was a Scientist Who wanted to introduce the World to his new Robotic Chip which allowed people to send messages and reach each other. He did not realise what else this incredible chip could do and went along with his worldwide presentation which went wrong. His chip did not work due to an error and he abandons his work. His Daughter, Ava Crono, discovers there is something wrong with his coding of which the chip runs on. She corrects it and tries it herself not knowing there was more to what she knew. She helps people with internet crisis such as cyberbullying and hackers. Ava stops kids and adults from making stupid but small mistakes as even the smallest fault can have a big consequence. She helps with advice and also goes back in time so that the mistake is not repeated.

Recently there has been an anonymous stranger stronger than any police or Cyber security officers cannot find about. It's up to Ava to find who this. The anonymous stranger sends cruel heart-breaking messages to his victims. These victims are left to make the worst decisions of their life and that is committing suicide but, can she stop this current villain?





Online Safety Super Hero Competition @ Seniors

Joint Second Prize Winners:

Inspector Quack-it by Rosemary, Year 7

CTRL-SHIFT by Safiah and Miali, Year 8



• He has a jet-pack to fly fast to different apps and sites to restore order fast.

In his jet-pack he keeps;

- A book of safety rules
- Some caution tape to warn people of dangers. This tape appears on your screen as the open and closed padlock
- Anti-virus medicine to give to infected computers.
- Invisible mist which makes threats vanish when you spray it.

His motto is:

'I'm here to Quack the code!'

Super Hero: Fact file

Name: Ctrl-Shift

Earth name: Hibiscus A. Henson

Scientific name: Quantum Mutationem peccatum (known on earth as an extra-terrestrial mutant from the quantum sector of a Glitch)

Age: 7 Billion

Earth sex: Female

Quantum sex: 42H-26080006 F

Title: Protector of the Quantum sector.

Earth title: Ph.D. MD. ScD, PHYSCH

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Cause of birth: Mathematical error - 26980006756343465697865errorerror!

Offspring: Spark A. Henson, 26. % quantum mutant, % human mutant.

Spouse: Hex Henson, 6.9 Billion % quantum mutant % human mutant

Powers: The mathematical error gave her the abilities to shift control hence her name. She can control data and manipulate it.

She can travel at light speed and shape shift. She is immortal in quantum forms but mortal in human forms.

Strengths: Mathematics, Education, speed, agility and general attractiveness.

Weaknesses: Hex, Spark and Platinum

Appearance:

In human form: highly attractive black female with hazel eyes. 5'11.

In quantum mutant form: see front

In pure form: on the right.

Every fibre of her being and every cell in her forms are made of Zoraic fibre source of the now destroyed planet of Zora 42H.



Being Safe Online Quiz @ Seniors

For e-safety week, Cecilia, Lara and myself volunteered to make a PowerPoint on e-safety.

We made a 67 slide quiz to be shown at Tech Future Girls Club. The PowerPoint was a fun activity to participate in, and help others understand more about staying safe online. Making this PowerPoint also taught me a lot about e-safety. Working with my friends to create this PowerPoint was a lot of fun. It took a large amount of research to make the best possible questions. Our resources were mostly the BBC and HSBC e-safety quizzes. These websites were a big help to our project.

My friends and I had a lot of ideas that we wanted to add in, and making this PowerPoint let us think about the different ways of being safe online. We knew we had to make the PowerPoint interesting, so we spent a lot of time changing, swapping and deleting slides. Most of the questions had to be tricky but leave clues in the answer. We added fun animations and pictures to help the participants understand the importance of e-safety. I also enjoyed myself while making the PowerPoint and had a lot of fun!

Here are some e-safety questions, have a go and see if you can get the correct answer?

Q1 What can you do to get less spam?

- a) Always tick the 'don't pass on my details' box when filling in forms
- b) Change your email address every six months
- c) Never give your email address to anyone

Answer: A

Q2 Which of these statements are true?

- a) It is illegal to download from file sharing sites
- b) It is free and legal to download anything you find online
- c) It is legal to use file sharing sites but not if your downloading the latest blockbuster or bestselling album

Answer: C

Q3 How do you know if a website is secure?

- a) It has a green closed padlock
- b) It has a red closed padlock
- c) It has an open padlock

Answer: A

Mansi
Year 7 Digital Leader

Should The Internet Be Censored?



During Safer Internet Week, Zara, Nuwaylah, Faith, Zainab, Alex, Ebony, Emily, and Calah presented debating assemblies to each house to help explain the controversial topic: "Should the internet be censored?" and to get students to vote for and against it.

As we presented to each house we learnt how to make our assemblies better as the week went on. For example, we originally planned for one of our team to stand up and count the votes. However, this didn't work out as planned, so we decided not to go with our original idea and to change our ideas throughout the week.

When we presented the assembly for the first time we were a little nervous, but it got more and more exciting as we asked the audience for their opinions. The overall answers of the audience were unpredictable as both sides were equally persuading. However, in the end, the side promoting that the internet should not be censored won as all the houses voted for this team.

We prepared this together using all our ideas and we had a lot of fun presenting it.

Zara
Year 7 Digital Leader





Rapping About E-Safety!



For Safer Internet week, we decided to launch a competition for Years 6 to 9 to create an online safety rap, song or poem.

We had a very good turnout, and there were so many amazing entries to choose from. People did all sorts of things and each and every one was of high quality.

We judged the entries as if it were X- Factor, with us sitting behind a table with the people performing in front of us.

We marked them for Performance, Clarity and Quality. Everyone who entered received a merit for the effort, and then there were Amazon gift cards for the winners.

The winners were:

First Prize:

The Daring Duo a.k.a. Daisy and Shazia Year 6 with their rap. They received a £15 Amazon gift card.

Joint Second Prizes:

Janice Year 8 with her rhyme. She received a £10 Amazon Gift Card

Zoya and Varsha Year 9 with their rap. They received a £10 Amazon Gift Card

Congratulations to them all!

The entries were far beyond what we were expecting, and we would like to congratulate everyone who entered our competition and we hope you enjoyed it!

Mariam, Hannah, Isabel and Airianna
Year 7 Digital Leaders



Overall Winners:

Year 6 students Shazia and Daisy “bust-a-rhyme” about being safer online, in front of our tough judging panel!



The judges (Mariam, Hannah, Isabel and Airianna) and performers nervously waiting!



Second Prize Winners:

Year 9 students Zoya and Varsha “bust-some-moves”!