

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

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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, oohs and aahs 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 Oualifier 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!

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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.

ABRSM Results



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	









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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





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Preparatory Safer Internet Competition Winners



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 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.

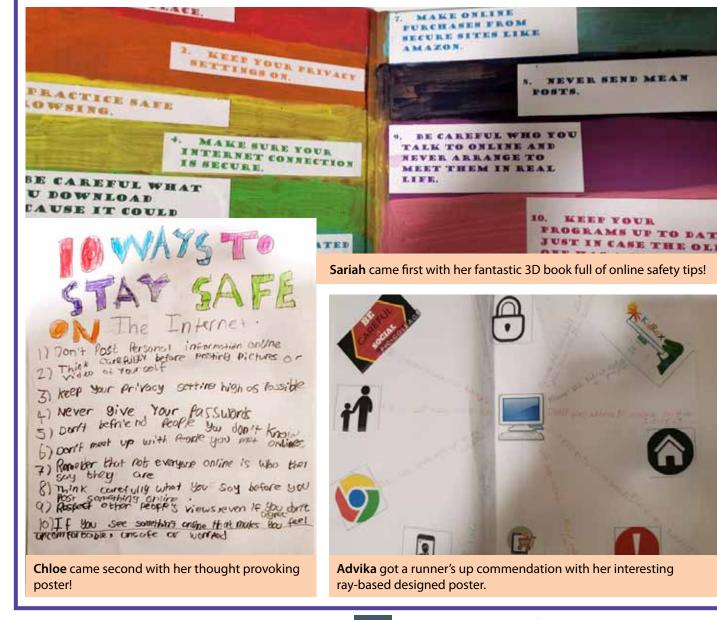
Congratulations to Sariah (5J) who came first place for her super innovative idea of presenting her rules in the form of a giant, rainbow book.

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



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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:

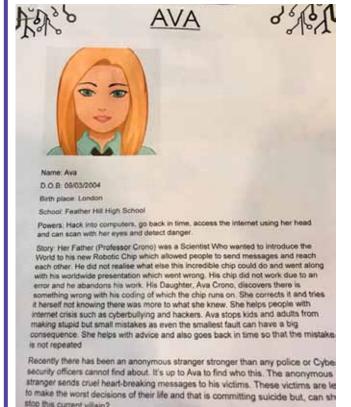
- The hero had to have an inventive name:
- had to had to have a fact file, outlining its key cyber safety features; and
- which internet dangers would the hero fight?

Rebecca and Grace Year 7 Digital Leaders



First prize winner(s)

AVA by Abhirrha and Akshitha, Year 9





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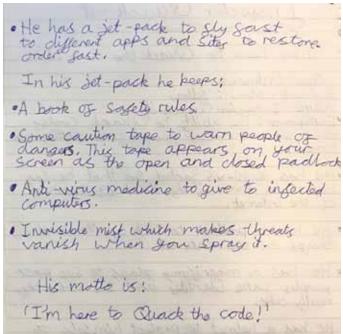
Joint Second Prize Winners:

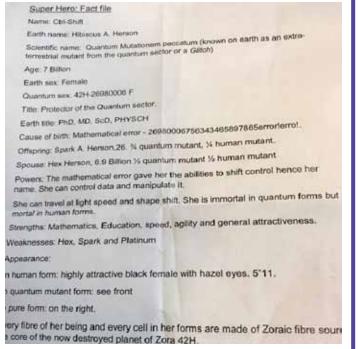
Inspector Quack-it by Rosemary, Year 7

CTRL-SHIFT by Safiah and Miali, Year 8









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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 guiz 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 guizzes. These websites where 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



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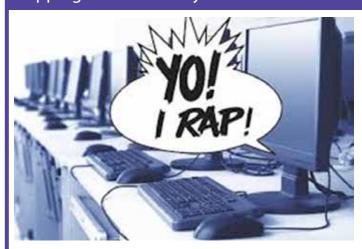








Rapping About E-Safety!



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"!



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