



AROUND THE PALACE

Reception - Year 2 Sports Day



Congratulations to Laud; winners of the Reception-Year 2 Sports Day 2019.

Senior Sports Day

Wednesday 19th June 9am-12.30pm
at Whitgift School

OPA Summer Reunion

Saturday 22nd June 12 noon
at the Senior School

Welcome

It was delightful to welcome all 10+ families to their daughters' Induction Evening last night. We are especially pleased that you all gave highest accolades to our school catering team, congratulations to them on an excellent supper.

On Tuesday evening, all of our 11+ families also came to their Induction Evening. It was so good to see all the girls bonding so readily, following their bonding lunch and tea in May.

Do enjoy this special bulletin with some thought provoking articles. I salute Year 12 Anselm on their statement, something for younger members of the community to admire and understand.

Congratulations and good luck to Jessica, India, Mia and Mary-Rose, selected to represent Croydon North at Surrey Schools' Athletics Championships.

Our thanks to parent, Mrs Edser as she awakened our students both to the plight and her work on behalf of refugees. Our Year 9 and 10 students were given much to think about.

As a member of the Whitgift Foundation, we also mark Carers' Week, both within the community and beyond. Students have become involved in so many ways.

Finally, congratulations to Emilia on completing her 50th Park Run. Excellent!

Carol Jewell, Head





Reception - Year 2 Sports Day *continued*





Kwik Cricket v Woodcote

A selection of students from Years 7 and 8 travelled to Woodcote on Monday for a friendly cricket match. The weather meant the match had to be played indoors but it provided us with a good practice match – which we need!

There was an imbalance of numbers and so two students from Old Palace played for the opposition, which they did so, graciously. The selected players played very well to the point that we should have perhaps kept them on our team! But it was a friendly match and everyone got to play.

Kwik cricket is inclusive which means that rather than being 'out' players lose runs for their team. Old Palace batted first and were quite timid. They built up their run score slowly and hopefully learned the need to be ready to run at all times, and to hit the ball with conviction!

A couple of wickets fell very cheaply by players hitting their own stumps with the bat – these are mistakes we can only afford to make in friendly matches! Woodcote had some good bowlers but Old Palace worked hard. One pair struggled a little and lost four

wickets which impacted on the score – but again, a learning experience.

Our work in the field started a little shakily with a couple of dropped catches early on. The bowling, however, was much better, and players behind the stumps at wicket keeper remained alert and made some good decisions. Woodcote got into their stride and were confident with the bat and eventually won the match. It was a really good experience and played in great spirits.





SAVE THE DATE

PTA Summer Fair

Saturday 29 June

12-3pm at Preparatory School

Bring a picnic and enjoy lots of fun and games for all the family...
face painting, ice cream, candy floss and popcorn

£1 entrance fee



URGENTLY REQUIRED

Second Hand Uniform

Stocks running low.

Donations urgently needed.

Please bring your donation to either
Senior or Prep school offices.

Every little helps!
Thank you!



Year 12 Looks Ahead

As the summer weather returns in earnest, the heat is on for us and our fellow Year 12 students. Having just finished our AS level examinations, our attention now turns towards coursework, university visits and those all-important personal statements.

Having listened to numerous talks from external speakers as well as advice from our form and subject teachers, we are now preparing ourselves for the next chapter in our lives. But how can any of us be certain that our choices are the right ones? The harsh reality is that we can never be truly sure of any significant decision we have to make in life, right from school and onwards into the world of work.

As students, we must have the emotional intelligence to ask for assistance and advice from peers and teachers, helping us to maximise our achievement. We should be proud to act in service to all those in our community, gaining new skills and knowledge along the way. But, vitally, we must have the courage to make life altering decision throughout our school careers, and tackle any doubts uncertainty may bring.

Year 12 Anselm

Surrey Schools Athletics Championships



Congratulations to Jessica, India, Mia and Mary-Rose who were all selected to represent Croydon North at the Surrey Schools Athletics Championships on Saturday.

What an amazing achievement to be selected! They were all competing as 'Junior Girls' covering students in Years 8 and 9, so those students in Year 8 were competing with Year 9.

Mary-Rose competed in the Long Jump and qualified for the finals where she came 5th with a jump of over 4.40m. Mia competed in the Javelin and held her own – well done. Jessica competed in the 300m and got through to the finals. While she wasn't placed in the top 3, she was the quickest of the competing Year 8 students. India competed in the 100m and qualified for the finals where she came a very impressive third. Well done to all of you!



**Old Palace of
John Whitgift School**
Independent Girls' School
Nursery to Sixth Form



**GCSE & GCE
ART,
PHOTOGRAPHY
& DESIGN
TECHNOLOGY
EXHIBITION
2019**



**4.00-6.30pm
Friday 21 June 2019
SHAH FOYER**

House Fair

Next Tuesday lunchtime we are hosting the House Fair.

This is to raise funds for the Livingstone Tanzania Trust ahead of our trip this summer. It is also an enterprise challenge.

Each form has received a £5 set up and have designed a stall which they think will convert this into profit.

Good luck to all the teams; I am sure it will be a fun event!

Mrs Richards



House Fair

Tuesday June 18th 12.30-1.30 B.Hall



This is what we achieved on our last trip...thanks to your support



Charity number: 1119512

Refugee Week At Old Palace

We Are Displaced

I have worked alongside Mrs Chevalier to lead a group discussion on the recently published book by Malala Yousafzai, *We Are Displaced: My Journey and Stories from Refugee Girls Around the World*, which contains a compilation of the inspirational stories of some of the most courageous young refugee women who are forced to flee their homes due to conflict.

Collectively, we created a display advertising the book, mapping out the gruelling journeys of the young women on top of a recent refugee movement map. This has helped us prepare for Refugee Week, in which we have been discussing and thinking about refugees and helping refugees around Croydon who have faced devastation and are in need of shelter and protection.

Fariha, Library Prefect Year 12



A huge thank you to Mrs Edser who came to speak to Year 9 and 10 students in assembly this week.

Mrs Edser volunteers at the Croydon Refugee Day Centre in West Croydon and Refugee school in south Croydon, both of which support new asylum seekers of all ages as they arrive in the UK. Many are placed here in Croydon on arrival, before they are sent to various locations around the country. Many have had desperate journeys to reach the UK from Syria, Afghanistan, Nigeria and Kurdistan, and so the welcome, meals and guidance they receive from volunteers at the centre is vital as they try to rebuild their lives.

Year 9 and 10 students are currently collecting tinned tuna, tomatoes and fruit to help supply the food bank at the centre, which supplies over 100 people a week. Any donations would be welcomed. A team of Year 11 students have also volunteered to help at the centre over the summer.

Mrs Richards





Old Palace
PTA



£3.50
includes slice of pizza
veggie sausage roll
unlimited drinks and
a glow stick

Years 7 and 8

Senior Disco

Friday 21st June

5.30 - 7.30pm

Senior School

DISCO

Pre School Trip To Godstone Farm

On Wednesday 5th June, Pre School children went on their annual outing to Godstone Farm. Set in the beautiful Surrey Hills, the Farm has a wide array of animals; llamas, goats, sheep, ducks, pigs, and an animal holding area where the children are able to stroke the bunnies and see chicks, chipmunks, a tortoise and terrapins.

Highlights of the day included a tractor ride around the dinosaur trail, feeding the goats and sheep, watching the ducks use the bath and a picnic lunch in the marquee. After seeing the delightful baby Shetland pony, the children enjoyed freeplay in the large sand pit and on the climbing apparatus. It was a fantastic day, and a lovely place to learn about animals and experience the sights, smells and sounds on a farm.





Free carer awareness talks for Carers Week



Carers Week (10-16 June 2019) is the annual campaign to raise awareness of unpaid caring in our communities.

Did you know... over 33,000 unpaid carers look after a friend, relative or neighbour due to illness, disability or old age in Croydon?

Why support carers?

Carers work tirelessly to look after friends and relatives who need support due to illness, disability or old age.

Yet many carers are at breaking point. 72% face poor mental health and 61% face poor physical health.

1 in 9 employees will have a caring role. By identifying and supporting carers in your workplace, you can retain skilled workers and improve employee wellbeing.

How the Carers Support Centre can help

We are offering free talks to organisations about our free carer support service and how we can work together to support carers.

We also provide free resources, including a carers' information pack, leaflets and posters.

The one stop shop for carers in Croydon

Based opposite George Street tram stop, the Carers Support Centre offers free information, advice and support to carers. We are run by the Carers Information Service, part of The Whitgift Foundation, and supported by Croydon Council.



Want us to help you help carers? Call Amy on 020 8649 6288 or email amydeakin@carersinfo.org.uk for details.

Carers Information Service, Carers Support Centre, 24 George Street, Croydon CR0 1PB

Call: 020 8649 9339 (option 1)

Email: info@carersinfo.org.uk

Web: www.carersinfo.org.uk

Facebook: [facebook.com/informingcarers](https://www.facebook.com/informingcarers)

Twitter: [@informingcarers](https://twitter.com/informingcarers)

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Capturing Croydon Encourages Schoolchildren to Compete with Cameras



Atwood Primary School



Fairchildes Primary School



Howard Primary School

The Capturing Croydon Competition, a borough-wide initiative led by The Whitgift Foundation and sponsored by the Croydon Partnership, brought together 146 schoolchildren from local primary schools to try their eye at photography.

Each class took part in a workshop led by a professional photographer and geographer. They were given cameras to explore different aspects of Croydon through a photographic lens; from the historic landmarks to the exciting new developments happening in Croydon, Capturing Croydon is inspiring local schools to engage with and be curious about their evolving surroundings.

The six schools involved include All Saints Primary School, Atwood Primary Academy, Howard Primary, Fairchildes Primary School, Beaumont Primary School and St Peter's Primary School.

Martin Corney, Chief Executive of the Whitgift Foundation said:

'It's fantastic to see how these young Croydon-ites have responded to the workshops. Some have focused on the history of the borough from the 400-year-old Whitgift Almshouses and the 12th century Old Palace of John Whitgift School. Others, however, have captured the community, from people walking through side streets to market sellers in Surrey Street Market. The images bring together a collective history of Croydon, and show the youth of today are beginning to understand their sense of place in Croydon today.'

Though the winner won't be announced until 3 July, 30 children and their photographs (a few of which are showcased here) have been shortlisted.



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Emilia Completes 50th Park Run

Park Run started in England but is now across the world in over twenty countries. It is a weekly 5km run (3.12miles) at 9:00am on Saturday.

I have been running it since April 2018 and have done a number of different runs but mostly at my 'home' event at Norman Park in Bromley. I have immensely enjoyed doing Park Run and did my 50th last week.

It is brilliant for fitness and fun as well as joining in with a great community spirit with people running of all shapes, sizes and abilities.

Emilia, Year 10

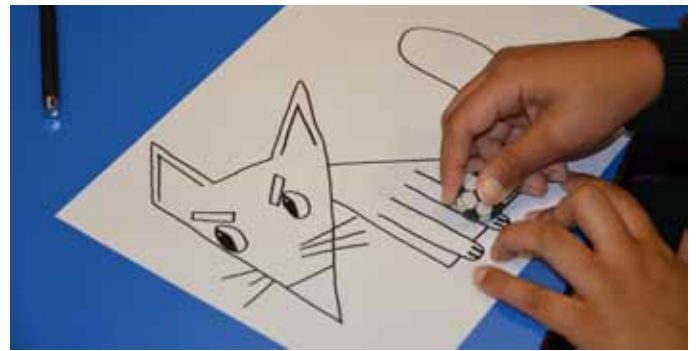


Year 4 Gets Creative

Year 4 had a wonderfully creative afternoon with illustrator, Emily Fella. Emily demonstrated how to draw one of her favourite characters - a fox constructed from triangles - which the girls recreated magnificently.

There were many comic books and graphic novels for the children to look at before they started inventing their own characters and comic strips.

Year 4 girls are also taking on the one inch challenge where they produce a drawing within an inch square each day.



Reception Teddy Bears' Picnic



The weather let us down this year so we had to hold the Teddy Bears' picnic in the classroom.

The teddies didn't seem to mind; in fact they had a very jolly time whilst their owners enjoyed the delicious banana muffins specially made for them by our lovely catering staff.



NSPCC Open Garden 2019

hosted by Whitgift



Wednesday 24 July

2-4.30pm

£4 adults, children free

Join us and enjoy the School's wonderful range of gardens, complete with exotic wildlife, bonsai trees and maze.

Ticket sale proceeds will go to the NSPCC

www.whitgift.co.uk/events

Whitgift School, Haling Park, South Croydon, CR2 6YT



Reception Bike And Scooter Day (more)

