



# AROUND THE PALACE

Dear all,



What an incredible week we have had here at Prep!

Mrs Burton and I were thrilled to welcome Year 5 to the Seniors with their parents for a bespoke tour. The girls came away so excited after taking part in a science lesson in the lab. It is a real privilege to support the girls as they transition through to the Senior school.

What a treat the Year 6 girls had at the stables this week! It was the first of a six week course and they had a really wonderful time. The memories they

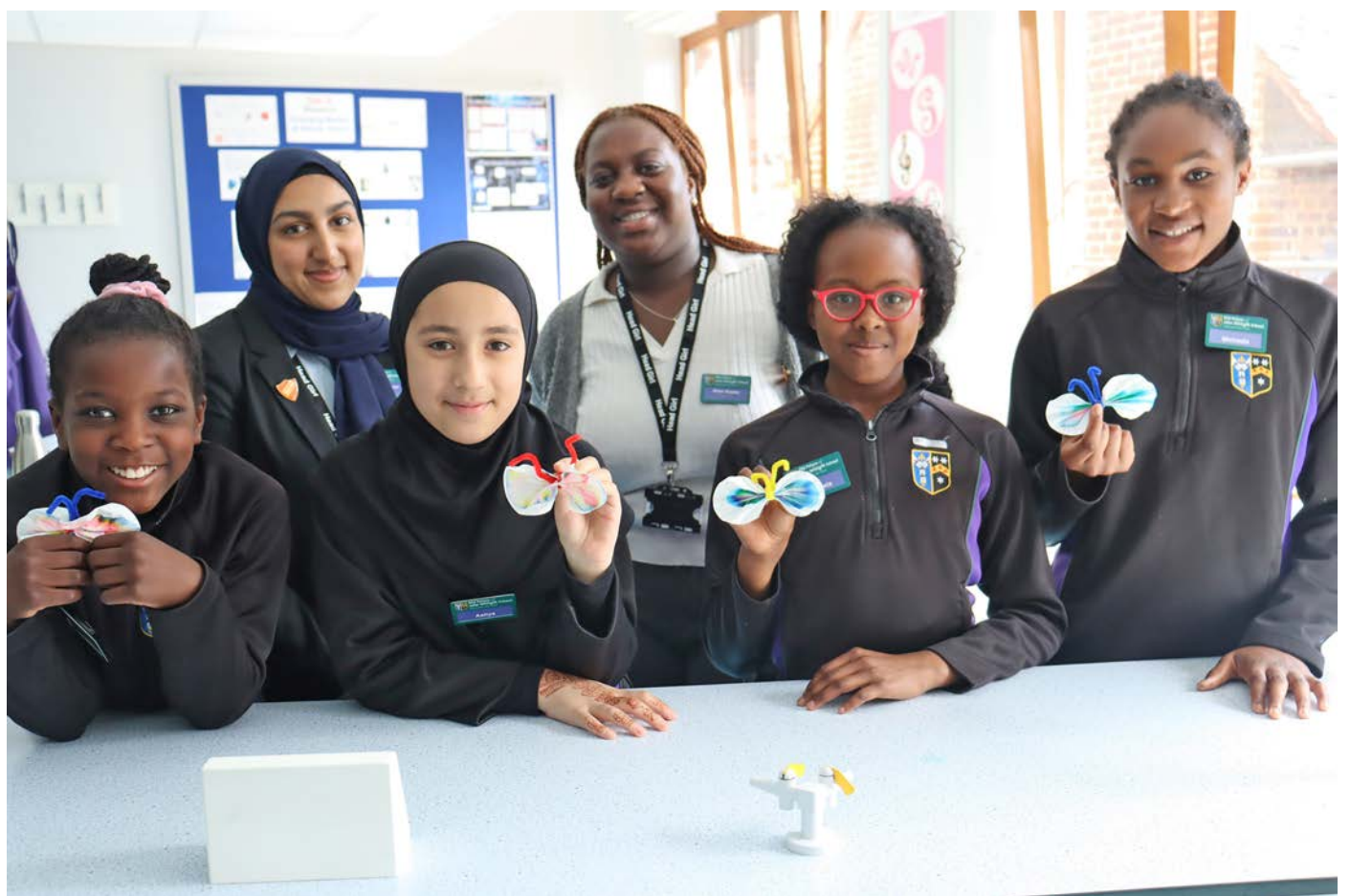
are creating will last a life time.

Here at Prep we have had a fabulous time celebrating and learning about Eid. We ate delicious food, made decorations and took part in fund raising activities to help our local community.

I would like to give a special mention to Alice in Year 2 for her recent musical accomplishments. We are so proud of the way you have represented our school. Well done!

**Laura Nike,**  
Head of Pre School & Preparatory

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## Prep Celebrates EID

Last week, pupils at Prep celebrated Eid with a delicious lunch cooked by our fabulous catering team.

Girls wore their own clothes for the day and posed for photos in some beautifully decorated photo frames. Snap!











## Year 6: Horse Riding



What a fabulous start to the week Year 6 had when they visited Kingsmead Equestrian Centre for their Horse Riding induction.

The girls learnt about grooming, the horseman's handshake and how to mount and dismount a horse.

They cannot wait to start their riding lessons next Monday!





## Year 5 Experience Life at the Senior School

Last Friday, Year 5 pupils experienced their first taste of life at the Senior School when they, along with their parents, spent a morning at the Seniors site in Old Palace Road.

Families were welcomed by Mrs Burton and Mrs Nike with hot chocolate and pastries. After a talk by Mrs Burton and our two new Head Girls, Alison and Suraiya, the girls were taken to the Science block where they enjoyed a fascinating science lesson making 'butterflies.' This was followed by two very grown-up, thought-provoking sessions in either Philosophy or Classics.

Meanwhile, parents were taken on a tour of the site before being able to put their questions to Mrs Burton. Thank you so much to all the parents who came; we really enjoyed meeting you.









## Year 2: Art and Design – Sunflowers

In Year 2 we've had lots of fun learning about the life and work of Vincent van Gogh. In Art, we chose one of his celebrated sunflower paintings to inspire our art work. We used a limited colour palette which gave us the opportunity to experiment with making new colours.





## Prep: Easter Holiday Club

At Holiday Club this Easter the girls had a busy time with lots of great activities.

We had a couple of Forest School sessions with Mrs Anderson who taught the girls how to make their own Naan bread and they watched it cooking on the fire. They tasted delicious.

We gathered natural resources on the field to create some wonderful plate decorations.

They also played the game 'Bees and Wasps' which was very fast.

We made our own games by recycling cardboard boxes to make the game of Rabbit v Chicken.

The older girls took the younger girls from Pre School, on the Easter Egg Hunt to find colourful eggs and exchange them for chocolate ones to take home.

We also did lots of cooking at Holiday Club. We even made our own pizzas for tea.

The Chicken races were fun. We made chickens out of card and then we had to blow the chickens with straws to get them past the finishing line.





FORTHCOMING  
**Second-hand  
Uniform Sales**

Friday, 20th May

Friday, 10th June

at the Prep School between  
2.30 - 4pm

and at the Summer Fair on  
**Saturday, 2nd July**  
11am - 3pm

★ Donations Wanted ★

Take the opportunity to clear out your wardrobe by donating any items of unwanted uniform to the PTA's next Second-hand uniform sale.

Just drop your (bagged) items at Reception at either Prep or Seniors.

★ HOLD THE DATE ★

**Summer Fair**

Saturday, 2nd July 2022  
@ Prep 11am - 3pm



**Open Morning**

**Pre School &  
Preparatory**

Thursday, 9 June  
9.00-10.30am

[www.oldpalace.croydon.sch.uk/admissions/open-days](http://www.oldpalace.croydon.sch.uk/admissions/open-days)

**Pre School: Dancing Round the Maypole**

As part of their topic 'Do Dragons Exist?' our Pre School pupils have been learning about castle life including entertainment and dancing. To celebrate May Day, the children had a chance to experience an old tradition and dance around a Maypole in the outside play area.

There were lots of willing volunteers and some budding musicians with bells and shakers who helped keep it all moving in the right direction!





## Year 5: Chessington World of Adventures

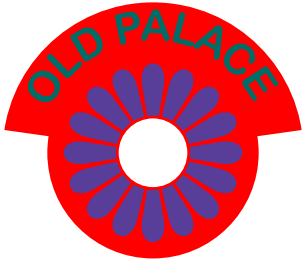
Year 5 recently visited Chessington World of Adventures as part of their 'Scream Machine' topic. They took part in a Science workshop about how forces act on the rides and investigated how friction and gravity act upon moving objects.

They also faced their fears by braving many of the rides, including Vampire, Monkey Swingers, Scorpion Express, Blue Barnacle and Kobra.

It was an exhilarating day for students and teachers alike and has already inspired some brilliant creative writing and artwork. The icing on the cake was stroking the Education Centre's pet hedgehog 'Darwin'!







## Old Palace Holiday Club Bookings Now Open!

**Half Term**  
30th, 31st May and  
1st June

Holiday Club will be full of fun activities as always, such as crafts, games and trips.

The girls have a fabulous time with themed weeks, water activities, sports and art projects.

Holiday Club will run during all school holidays, except Christmas.

**7.30am - 6pm**

**£42 per day**

*Including breakfast, snack and a light tea. Please bring your own packed lunch.*

After School Club Room  
- Gate at the bottom of  
Melville Avenue.

To make a booking please  
contact: [pstearn@oldpalace.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:pstearn@oldpalace.croydon.sch.uk)

## Alice Named Joint Winner at Reigate & Redhill Music Festival

Alice went to the Reigate and Redhill Music and Drama Festival. She was very proud that she was the joint winner for both of her Harp and Piano Classes, with Outstanding for her Harp and Honours for her Piano.

She also had a great time meeting and listening to other harpists and pianists at the festival!



## Year 4: Blue Abyss

Arya in 4J completed a fantastic holiday project about some of the animals that live in the ocean. She made a jellyfish from recycled plastic and bubble wrap, an angler fish, complete with a light-up Lego brick to demonstrate bioluminescence and an ocean diorama.

This week, girls in Year 4 constructed branching databases to classify animals and started writing a fact file about their chosen marine animal. We have successfully completed two ocean-related coding projects, using repeat loops and 'if' statements – Minecraft Voyage Aquatic and Ecological Pyramid.

Tomorrow, we will be visiting Sea Life London and, on Friday, we are welcoming a speaker from Greenpeace to talk to us about protecting our oceans, focusing on the problem of plastic pollution – more about those in the next bulletin!

