



AROUND THE PALACE

Dear all,



We have had a really special afternoon celebrating the Platinum Jubilee. 70 years of service is such a long time and well worth celebrating!

Our party started at lunchtime with Al fresco dining, where the girls enjoyed an array of fabulously delicious sandwiches, cakes and platters of fruit. Flags, bunting and party decorations hung from the trees and the girls ate and talked together as the National Anthem played.

Everyone across the UK has been invited to plant individual trees, avenues, copses and whole

woodlands in honour of The Queen's service and the legacy she has built. The idea is to create a green legacy, with every tree planted bringing benefits for people, wildlife and climate, now and for the future. So, after our lunch we went to the field and planted a Crab Apple and Pear tree. These trees have been registered with the Woodland Trust to mark the event.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and enjoy the festivities.

Laura Nike,
Head of Pre School & Preparatory

Prep Jubilee Celebrations



Prep Jubilee Celebrations *continued*

At lunchtime today, Pre School and Prep enjoyed a very special lunch to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

After a week of rain, the sun finally shone which meant we were able to hold it outside; and what a memorable time we had. The girls had a fantastic time as they enjoyed sandwiches, fruit, cupcakes, strawberries and ice cream. We would like to say a huge thank you to our catering team, headed by Mr Haigh-McLane, for all their hard work. We really do appreciate it.

Happy Jubilee Weekend everyone!



Did you know...that this beautiful tree in our grounds was planted 70 years ago to commemorate the occasion of our present Queen's coronation in June 1953.



Prep Jubilee Celebrations *continued*

This afternoon, Mrs Nike and Mr Haigh-McLane, our Catering Manager, presided over a special tree-planting ceremony to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Mrs Nike explained to the whole school how important trees are to our environment. She then invited every girl to participate in the planting of the two fruit trees, which have been kindly donated to the School by our catering company, Holroyd Howe.



Prep Celebrates the Platinum Jubilee



Pre School Jubilee Tea Party

On Thursday afternoon, Pre School hosted a celebratory Platinum Jubilee Tea party for children and their families. The girls dressed as princesses and enjoyed a festive tea of strawberry jam sandwiches and cupcakes.



Pre School Visits Hever Castle

We set off bright and early in two of the School's mini buses. We really enjoyed the journey through the lovely countryside. We spotted lots of lambs which was very exciting.

We arrived at Hever Castle and were impressed to see it had a moat, a portcullis and a drawbridge. We noticed it had a flag too! The staff were very friendly and helpful as, armed with our worksheets, we set off to find some of the things we had heard about in class.

It wasn't long before we found a suit of armour. We tried to imagine how anybody would be able to move, see or even speak whilst wearing it; we all thought it would certainly be very hot and heavy.



We walked through a huge dining room, a Long Gallery (just like our own one at Seniors) and a library. We saw the schoolroom where Anne Boleyn learnt to count on an abacus, then climbed a stone spiral staircase to see the King's bedroom. There was a fourposter bed which had a roof; we learnt that this was to protect the King from spiders and creepy crawlies. There

were even curtains to pull around the bed to keep the King warm. A guide showed us a very interesting bed warmer which the King's servant filled with hot coals to warm the sheets (without burning them).

We saw a long sword and a beautiful dress decorated with jewels which had been worn by the Queen. Once outside the castle, we had to find our way out



of the yew maze before heading for a picnic lunch on the lawns. Finally, we had tremendous fun in the castle playground on the enormous slide, but we still don't know if dragons exist?

Mrs Berry writes: A visitor in the castle stopped me to ask which school the children came from. She said 'I can't believe how well-behaved your pupils are!' I was so proud!





Patriotic Music at Prep!

There's been a patriotic theme in the music learnt at Prep this half term to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Prep Orchestra have learnt the National anthem and *Land of Hope and Glory* alongside their other repertoire at the moment which includes a joint orchestra and choir piece, *Drop in the Ocean*.

All classes have learnt to sing two celebratory songs – *Street Party* and *Trooping the Colour* which they perform as a school with great gusto!



REMINDER...Prep House Music Competition

Please send your video entries to Miss Fitzgerald at: tfizgerald@oldpalace.croydon.sch.uk
by Wednesday, 1st June



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If you would like to run a stall at the fair please contact
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FORTHCOMING Second-hand Uniform Sales

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.

Reception: African Drumming Workshop

Last week, Reception took part in the most wonderful African drumming workshop where they learnt how to play the amazing Djembe drum.

The girls were taught a specific technique of tapping the drum with their fingers. They learnt different beats and came up with their own. The girls joyfully danced, sang and tapped away!

Our thanks to 'Noel Drums' for the workshop



Year 3, 4 & 5 BMX Workshop

Tricks and stunts were all part of the specialist BMX workshop at Prep.

Danny Aldridge – World Number One inline skater and BMX champion - spent the day at Old Palace teaching pupils in Years 3, 4 & 5 the most exciting tricks and stunts as part of a Growth Mindset workshop.

Well done to all the girls who took part, but Mrs Coster wants to give a special mention to all those who learnt to ride a bike during the session. She says: "you rock!"



Year 1: Gymnastics Festival

Year 1 had a super, fun-filled afternoon on Thursday at Coombe Woods School taking part in the CSSP Gymnastics Festival.

Girls had the opportunity to try the beam, vault and parallel bars

The best bit was landing in the super squishy foam pit!



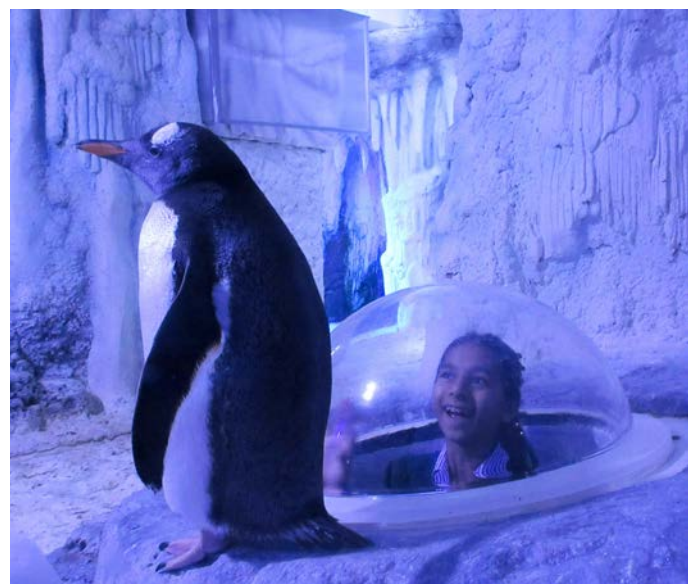
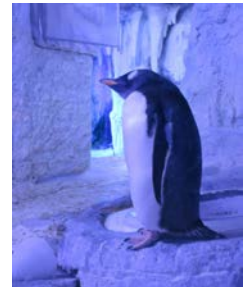
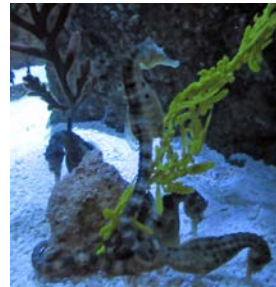
Year 4 Visits Sea Life, London

Earlier this month, Year 4 took the train to Waterloo Station to visit Sea Life, London as part of their learning about the 'Blue Abyss'. We started the day by walking over the glass floor as sharks circled below us!

We attended a workshop: Habitat Explorers. It was a chance to apply everything we had learnt about the layers of the ocean, the extreme environment and the adaptations that marine animals have had to make in order to survive there. The final task was to design our own marine animal to live in a specific layer or layers, with relevant adaptations for their survival. Our facilitator was very impressed with our knowledge of the oceans and said it was the best workshop he had taken!

After lunch, we were able to explore the exhibits. The highlights included sharks, rays and turtles, having our photograph taken with an accommodating penguin, touching star fish and seeing the spectacular jellyfish.

Walking back to Waterloo in the heavy rain was a fitting finale to our water-themed day!



Year 5 & 6: Athletics

Earlier this week, we were proud to host an Athletics tournament for Years 5 & 6 with Oakwood Prep & Seaton House. It was a really excellent event (despite the weather) and we were delighted to see how well the girls performed. A big cheer to our Old Palace girls – and in particular to those who came first in their races.



Year 4: Sea Life Savers Competition

Pupils in Year 4 have entered a competition called 'Sea Life Savers' to help raise awareness of ocean pollution. They used recycled items such as cardboard and lots of plastic bottle tops to recreate Hosokai's Great Wave as well as other ocean creatures made of plastic.

The competition winners will be announced on World Ocean Day on June 8th.



Year 5: Ramadan & Eid ul Fitr

Year 5 have been learning about Ramadan and Eid ul Fitr. To mark the end of our topic, we made our own samosas from scratch!

Mrs Bhatt made homemade pastry for the samosas, and brought in her masala tin for us to use to add spices to our samosa filling. Once our filling was ready, we were shown how to fold and fill the samosas. We enjoyed making and eating the samosas. The dates and samosas were a perfect reminder of how Muslims around the world break their fast.



Year 2: DT Makes Vegan Pitta Pizzas

Last week, Year 2 prepared their own pizzas using healthy ingredients.

Zeevana: *First we cut the pitta bread in half, then we topped it with the tomato sauce and garlic, next we sprinkled on the toppings which included vegan cheese and finally we put it in the oven for 5 minutes.*

The class all enjoyed eating their pizza and even washed up the spoons and dishes afterwards.



Open Morning
Pre School & Preparatory
Thursday, 9 June
9.00-10.30am

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