# AROUND THE PALACE

# Dear all,

There has been so much going on at Prep over the last two weeks; not least the two Sports Days which were very exciting!

Meanwhile, Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed fantastic weather for their residential trips to Frylands and Littlehampton.

I was very proud of the excellent

results our pupils achieved in both the Borough Athletics and the LAMDA examinations; well done girls, you were amazing.

Finally, Mrs Panteli and I were delighted to meet our new Reception pupils and their parents at the Teddy Bear's picnic last week, where they also met their

form teacher, Miss Elliott. We are so looking forward to welcoming the girls to Prep in September.

Laura Nike, Head of Pre School & Preparatory

# Don't Forget...

...term finishes next Thursday, 7 July. Students will be dismissed at 12 noon.

Have a lovely holiday, everyone.

#### PTA Summer Fair is **CANCELLED**

The PTA is sorry to announce that the Summer Fair, which was scheduled for this Saturday, 2 July, has been cancelled.

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# Superstar Pupils Excel in Borough Athletics





Many congratulations to all the pupils who took part in the Borough Athletics Championships last week.

It was a busy week at the Croydon Arena with Preliminary rounds taking place on Wednesday followed by finals night on Friday.

#### Results are as follows:

Nia	Year 3	Sprint	Semi Finalist
Hiru	Year 4	Sprint Final	5th
Grace	Year 6	Sprint Heats	6th
Caroline	Year 5	600m Heats	4th
Elise C	Year 6	Long Jump	15th
Ellie	Year 6	800m	GOLD
Lola G	Year 6	High Jump	BRONZE
Tamalia	Year 5	Long Jump	BRONZE
Jasmine Lee	Year 5	High Jump	BRONZE
Akshi	Year 6	Ball Throw	4th

What a super set of results! Well done to all the competitors and parents.











# Pre School – Year 2 Sports Day

On what turned out to be the hottest day of the year so far, Sports Day for our Pre School to Year 2 pupils meant spending most of the time under the tree waiting to be called for their event; only to return to the shade as soon as it had finished. This didn't deter our youngest competitors though, who entered into every event with great enthusiasm and determination.

Congratulations to STAFFORD, who were the overall winners, and a big 'thank you' to all the parents who stood for an hour in the hot sun cheering their daughters on!













# Pre School – Year 2 Sports Day continued















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#### Year 1: Brazil

Year 1 are learning about Brazil and have made Pão de Queijo (Cheese bread). The cheese buns were so tasty! When we pulled the buns open we could see the stretchy cheese inside. We will share them with our families.



## Elena Celebrates 100 Junior Parkruns

Many congratulations to Elena, who received a wrist band for having done 100 Junior Parkruns (2k run in Lloyd Park for children aged 4-14).

A wonderful achievement!



### Teddy Bear's Picnic

Mrs Panteli and Mrs Nike were delighted to meet our new Reception pupils and their parents at the Teddy Bear's picnic last week, where they also met their form teacher, Miss Elliott. We are so looking forward to welcoming the girls to Prep in September.







### **LAMDA Examination Results**

Congratulations to all the Speech and Drama students at Prep for their fantastic LAMDA examination results, with so many distinctions including 20 girls receiving 90% and above, which is a significant achievment. They have all worked so hard and thoroughly deserve their success.

It has been wonderful to spend the whole year in school developing the girls vocal, and performance skills. I look forward to seeing them in September. I wish you all a wonderful summer.

#### **Helen Jerome**

Name	Grade	Result
Katherine	Stage 1	Distinction
Rishika	Stage 1	Distinction
Sienna	Stage 1	Distinction
Lyla	Stage 1	Distinction
Kiara	Stage 1	Distinction
Avia	Stage 1	Merit
Sion	Stage 1	Distinction
Rhiannon	Stage 2	Distinction
Lana	Stage 2	Distinction
Sophia	Stage 2	Distinction
Sonia	Stage 2	Distinction
Anika B	Stage 2	Distinction
Eileen	Stage 2	Distinction
Libby	Stage 2	Distinction
Saanvi	Stage 2	Distinction
Elena	Stage 2	Distinction
Anika N	Stage 2	Distinction
Grace	Stage 2	Distinction
Victoria	Stage 2	Distinction
Ayla	Stage 2	Distinction
Kiyana	Stage 2	Distinction
Amelie	Stage 2	Distinction
Alice	Stage 2	Distinction
Kezia	Stage 2	Distinction
Isabella	Stage 2	Distinction
Nuriya	Stage 3	Distinction
Aideen	Stage 3	Distinction
Harriet	Stage 3	Distinction
Maya	Stage 3	Distinction
Kirstie	Stage 3	Distinction
Lilla	Stage 3	Distinction
Anna	Stage 3	Distinction
Charlotte	Stage 3	Distinction
Aadya	Stage 3	Distinction
Anokhi	Entry	Distinction
Paavana	Entry	Distinction
Aanya	Entry	Distinction

Name	Grade	Result
Olivia	Entry	Merit
Lotte	Entry	Distinction
Aashna	Entry	Distinction
Alynna	Entry	Merit
Fatemah	Entry	Distinction
Avika	Grade 1	Distinction
Tamalia	Grade 1	Distinction
Ava-Blu	Grade 1	Distinction
Michaela K	Grade 1	Distinction
Grace	Grade 1	Distinction
Michaela M	Grade 1	Distinction
Imani	Grade 1	Distinction
Keyala	Grade 1	Distinction
Jasmin-Lee	Grade 1	Distinction
Alex	Grade 1	Distinction
Adelise	Grade 1	Distinction
Amelia	Grade 1	Distinction
Jessica	Grade 1	Distinction
Ellie	Grade 2	Distinction
Riya	Grade 2	Distinction
Lydia	Grade 2	Distinction
Hawwa	Grade 2	Distinction
Lotte	Grade 2	Distinction
Akshita	Grade 2	Distinction
Advika	Grade 2	Distinction
Rishita	Grade 2	Distinction
Imaan	Grade 2	Distinction
Aditi	Grade 2	Distinction
Aashita	Grade 2	Distinction
Amanah	Grade 2	Distinction

# Reception: Bike and Scooter Day

Reception had a brilliant time during our Bike and Scooter Day. Some of the girls learnt how to ride a bike without stabilisers for the first time which was very impressive!

After a super fun ride on their bikes and scooters, the girls enjoyed making their very own driving licences and learnt all about road safety.

The day ended with a soapy bike and scooter wash!















### Year 5: Residential Camp at Frylands continued

Year 5 recently enjoyed a fantastic trip, staying overnight at Frylands Scout Camp. Although not far away, once at the camp, we felt very much in the middle of the countryside, without all our usual creature comforts!

We were very fortunate with the beautiful weather and some very special memories were made. Some highlights included scaling a climbing wall from four different angles, sumo wrestling one another in special suits, completing an orienteering challenge around the site, making pizzas in an outdoor pizza oven, popping balloons in an archery session, attempting a challenging assault course, sitting around a campfire in the evening and visiting the tuck shop!

#### Comments from Year 5 pupils:

The assault course was really cool and the slide was awesome. The rock climbing was challenging but I loved the black and green routes.

The archery was great fun because it was totally new to me!

When I walked up to the climbing wall, I was really scared but I managed to hit the buzzer at the top - I felt really powerful!

I loved making the pizzas in the outdoor pizza oven because they were delicious.

It took a while to get used to the bunk beds in the dorms!

I loved the sumo-wrestling because I loved knocking people down knowing I wasn't going to hurt them. We made up alliterative names for our characters!

I loved making my dorm homely.

I showed perseverance because I kept falling over but every time, I picked myself up again.

The tuck shop was amazing - I managed to buy lots of things with just £5.

I really liked going out for a night walk - we saw a rabbit hopping about!

The campfire was amazing - it was so huge, we daren't even toast our marshmallows in it!









# Year 5: Residential Camp at Frylands continued



















# Year 5: Frylands Camp continued



















### Reception: Tour de France



Every year France hosts the famous Tour de France, which, as well as being the world's most famous bike race, is incredibly popular in France and is watched by people from all over the world.

This year, for the first time ever, there will be a full women's version, which will start immediately after the men's race finishes. Women cyclists are really happy and excited to have their own Tour de France race now.

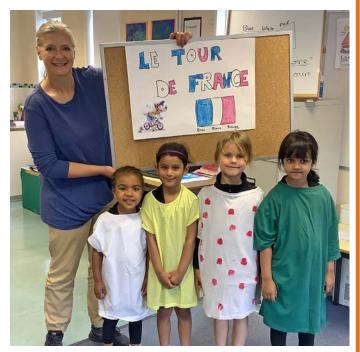
The Reception girls have been learning about this famous race. They had fun trying on the famous, coloured jerseys: yellow (the overall winner), green (fastest on the sprint race), white with red polka dots (the best cyclist on the mountain challenge) and white (for young cyclists under 25 years).

The men's race starts this Friday 1st July, but you'll have to wait until 24th July to watch the women's race.









### Year 6 Have Fun in Littlehampton!

Year 6 had a great time on their residential trip to Littlehampton. They stayed at the YHA Hostel for two nights and loved playing on the beach, visiting the amusement park and lots of other fun activities.

When we arrived, we left our luggage at the hostel and took our sandwiches to the Green and ate our lunch at picnic tables. After this, we went to the beach to relax for a while before heading back to the hostel to unpack. Then, we enjoyed an ice cream as we walked back to the beach, where we had an awesome sandcastle building competition which lasted all afternoon and the judging took place after dinner (fish and chips on the beach)!

Lydia, Imaan A, Aditi and Elise C dug an outdoor swimming pool; Nikita, Hawwa and Alisha made three castles from a Roman myth, which Nikita retold brilliantly; Advika, Amanah, Lola and Akshi created the Lost City of Atlantis; Rachelle, Erin, Iman F and Riya created a water park; but Chloe, Elyse, Rishi, Aashita, Grace and Ellie won by creating a mermaid, with seaweed hair, out of sand!





The next day, we had a fantastic tour of the RNLI coastguard where we saw the equipment and the outfits they had to wear. It was really interesting. The lifeguard boats were huge!

We then made our way to the Harbour Park, where we got soaked on the log ride, spun round and round on the whirlpool, tried the Dolphin Lead, the Rollercoaster, the Octopus Ride, the Jellyfish Swings, the Dodgems the

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### Year 6 Have Fun in Littlehampton! continued

Whale Ride, and heaps of other fun rides!

After this, we went back to the café next to our hostel for lunch – which was delicious – before heading to the gift shop where we bought souvenirs. Then we arrived at Buccaneer Bay, the crazy golf course, where Hawwa won with a score of 29 and Lydia 'won backwards' with 113!

That evening, when we got back to the hostel, we held a surprise party for Alisha and Nikita, whose birthdays were on Saturday. We had pizza and cake, and then Mrs McMullen organised a craft activity! We all painted wooden beach huts and now we are back at Prep we will decorate them.

On our final day, we all got an ice cream as we walked to the beach, which was really satisfying as there was a heat wave. We went to the beach for the last time and had a hole digging competition. But as soon as

the teachers were about to judge, the tide started to come in really fast so we returned to the promenade and watched our holes get submerged in water.

After this, we went back to the café to have brunch before getting on the minibus and falling asleep! Everyone really enjoyed the trip and made some fantastic memories.

Lydia, Year 6













# Year 6 Have Fun in Littlehampton! continued



















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