



AROUND THE PALACE

Dear all,

As I sit and read the final bulletin of the year, I am full of joy and pride for all the girls have achieved this year.

This week, Year 5 and 6 performed *Paws and Claws*. It was an exceptional performance and

I was in awe of the singing, dancing, musical performances and dramatic ability of our girls.

The Year 6 children enjoyed a special Oscars award ceremony on Wednesday night. It was such a wonderful evening and a joy to be able to spend the evening celebrating our Year 6 girls before they transition to the seniors.

I am so proud of the girls and the way they have become capable, connected and confident individuals ready for the next stage of their education journey.

This week has been full of fun and laughter. The girls finished the term with a smile and a spring in their step. However, there was some sadness yesterday as we said goodbye to Mrs Jordan. She has worked at Old Palace prep for almost 20 years and was even a pupil here herself. Mrs Jordan has been an integral part of our school community and will be truly missed. Mrs Baker has also moved on to pastures new and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all she has done during our time with us.

Finally, as this is my final letter to you as Head of Old Palace Prep, I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for embracing me into your school community. I have enjoyed every minute of my time here and I will remember the girls, parents and staff extremely fondly. Thank you all for the gifts and warm wishes. I leave today with a full heart and wonderful memories.

I wish you all a fabulous summer.

Laura Nike,
Head of Pre School & Preparatory

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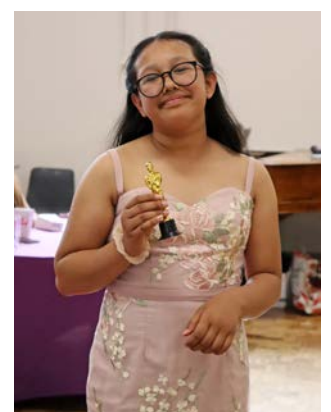


Year 6: Oscars

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a special Oscars award ceremony on Wednesday night.

It was a really wonderful event and Mrs Burton and Mrs Nike were so pleased to be able to share the many achievements of the girls with their friends and families.

A huge thank you to Miss Jenkins, who was both director and producer of this star-studded evening, and to our catering team for their delicious canapés.



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Prep Says Goodbye to Mrs Jordan, Mrs Nike and Mrs Baker

During Prep's last assembly of the year, pupils and staff said farewell to three much-loved members of staff; Mrs Jordan, Mrs Baker and Mrs Nike.

We will miss them all very much but wish Mrs Nike and Mrs Baker good luck in their new schools, whilst Mrs Jordan is embarking on an exciting new project.



PREP Wins Croydon Borough Athletics Championships

A huge congratulations to our team (some of whom are photographed with the trophy) for winning the Croydon Borough Small Schools Athletics Championships.



OPA Associate Alumnae Year 7 Afternoon

On Friday, we held the annual OPA Associate Alumnae Afternoon for Year 7 pupils.

This is a long-established tradition at Old Palace which involves members of our alumnae kindly giving up their time to come and talk to the students about memories of their time at Old Palace.

The girls heard some fascinating stories about the old brown uniform: having to walk into town to the old swimming pool and how cold the school was in the winter. But perhaps the most consistent story they heard from all our alumnae was about the friendships they made at Old Palace; how they

were so important in later life and that they were definitely something to cherish.

Thank you so much to Hilary, Tania, Jan and Feyi for coming to talk to us and also to our Chair of the OPA, Katherine, for organising it. The students really enjoyed themselves, helped along by muffins and the gift of a beautiful Michaelmas daisy badge.

We are most grateful to the OPA for their very generous donation of a beautiful marquee. Pictured below is Katherine Homatas, Chair of the OPA, outside the marquee at Prep.



Year 1: Enterprise Project

This term, our Enterprise project was making and selling bead bracelets. We carefully counted the beads needed on each bracelet and thought about colour placement. The bracelets were so popular across Prep, we sold out and had to make more! We learnt about supply and demand, profit and loss, and investment. We made over £100!

Girls have decided to buy a stationary set with their profits. They are also donating a portion of profits to Swan charity www.swanlondon.org, who came and did an interesting assembly for us during Ramadan.



RSPB Wild Challenge Bronze Award

Over the last year our Be Wild Club pupils have connected with the natural world by taking part in the RSPB Wild Challenge. After completing six activities they have achieved their Bronze Award.

To earn their certificates they have had to complete activities that both 'Help Nature' and 'Experience Nature'. This included making Habitat Heaps for night creatures to live in, a mini-pond to attract dragonflies and pond skaters, and making bird feeders.

The girls have made journey sticks to map a journey and created a collage to represent and recall the adventure. They have also completed a Plant Safari on the school field and looked closer at the flora and fauna – observing and making drawings of the very smallest flowers they could find.

Outside in all weathers throughout the year they have got up, got out and got wild!



ABRSM Practical Music Exam Results - Summer Term 2022

Name	Form	Instrument	Grade	Result
Elena	2J	Piano	1	Merit
Jessica	5J	Oboe	4	Pass
Keyala	5J	Singing	1	Merit
Sofia	4J	Oboe	2	Merit
Aashita	6J	Violin	1	Pass
Harriet	3J	Piano	1	Pass
Tamalia	5J	Singing	1	Distinction
Aashna	4J	Violin	1	Merit
Tamalia	5J	Piano	1	Distinction
Anokhi Reddy	4J	Flute	1	Merit
Anokhi Reddy	4J	Piano	1	Merit
Eleanor	3J	Violin	3	Distinction
Lakshmi	6J	Flute	4	Pass
Charlotte	4J	Trumpet	1	Merit
Elissia	4J	Flute	1	Pass

Year 6: Leavers Assembly

On Thursday, we said farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. For the majority it's not goodbye, as we will be seeing them all again at the Senior School in September, but for those who are leaving Old Palace, we wish them all the best in their new school.





The Year 5 & 6 production of 'Paws & Claws' was a high-energy performance full of fabulous songs, perfectly delivered lines and impressive make-up.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves as they played either cats or dogs; well done girls on your excellent characterisation. Congratulations to Chloe for her solo performances on the piano and to Mrs Coster, Ms Fitzgerald and to all the other staff who worked so hard to put the production together.

Here are some photographs from the dress rehearsal.









Musical Performances - Prep Orchestra

Last Thursday, 30th June, Prep Orchestra delighted parents in their after school 'watch week' by performing five different pieces. All pieces had been arranged for the instruments and abilities of the players and students produced a wonderful range of sound with many solo parts included.

Special congratulations to the Year 6 members of Prep Orchestra who have contributed so much to this group – Lydia, Chloe, Lola, Lola-Marie, Aditi, Ellie T, Amanah, Grace, Advika and Nikita. Prep orchestra will miss you!



Stafford Wins House Shield

Congratulations to STAFFORD; this year's winner of the House Shield.



Accelerated Reader Scheme

Huge congratulations to...

Jovien	Year 5	5 million words
Tamalia	Year 5	3 million words
Olivia	Year 4	1 million words

...for their incredible achievement in the Accelerated Reader Scheme. Mrs Bhatt is very proud of you.



2022 Prep Music Competition Results

This week Mr James Hargraves was handed the difficult task of selecting three students from each category to be placed. All finalists will receive individual feedback from Mr Hargraves and a special certificate. Please remember it is a fabulous achievement to reach the Finals even if you are not placed!

Congratulations to the following students for their prizewinning performances:

Piano

'A very impressive class – really accomplished piano playing throughout. You all managed to capture the style of your chosen pieces very effectively – well done!'

1st	Victoria 2J
2nd	Alice 2J
3rd	Chloe N 6J

Instrumental

'A very enjoyable class to watch – so much talent on display! Well done everyone'

1st	Alice 2J	Harp
2nd	Ellie P 3J	Violin
3rd	Jessica 5J	Oboe

Vocal

'What a talented group of singers. I wish I had you all singing in my choir! Very clear words, great tuning and lovely sounds. Well done'

1st	Lola-Marie 6J
2nd	Olivia B 4J
3rd	Rishika 1J



In addition Ellie P 3J is going to be awarded a special prize – 'Most Impressive Overall Performer'.

Mr Hargraves said overall 'Thank you so much for taking the time to prepare these recordings. I loved hearing you all perform and I am so impressed with the amount of talent there is at the Old Palace Prep'. He also said the competition was 'a very high standard and very difficult to judge'.

For the second year in a row, Stafford are the overall HOUSE winners. Well done to everyone in Stafford who submitted videos and helped to boost the overall housepoint total.

Year 3: Morning Assembly

Last Thursday, Year 3 students delighted their parents and friends by performing in a special morning music assembly. Since November all Year 3 students have been learning an orchestral instrument – violin, cello, oboe, flute or clarinet. This was a first opportunity to perform in public and

showcase the skills they have learnt over the past seven months. Well done Year 3!

In addition, our Year 1-6 Prep 'Mini strings' group opened and closed the assembly with *Ripe Banana Ripe* and *Jamaican Lullaby* under the super direction of Miss Simpson.

