



AROUND THE PALACE

Dear all,



As I think back over the last couple of weeks and look at the photos and reports of all our wonderful Prep girls and their incredible achievements and talents, during this period alone, I am once again heartened and feeling most proud of each and every Prep girl.

As in every week at Prep, the staff team have continued to keep the energy flowing and the experiences exciting; this week has seen competition, celebration and engagement from our youngest pupils right the way through to those in Year 6. I know Miss Jenkins and Miss Gallagher have been proud of the Year 6 girls'

engagement and perseverance as they began their short course in horse riding, some of whom had not done this before.

Without doubt, my personal highlight was working with our new Pupil Class Reps who so eloquently shared the views of their forms and engaged in meaningful discussion as a group, despite it being their first time.

Wishing all our families a lovely long weekend, and hope that those of you celebrating the King's Coronation enjoy the celebrations.

Mrs Jodene Panteli
Head of Preparatory

Reception Makes Coronation Crowns



Reception Makes Coronation Crowns *continued*



Alice Performs at Wales International Harp Festival

Alice wanted to share these photos of her at the Wales International Harp Festival. She performed for seven minutes in the under 13s category.

She had a go at an open-mic, and played in an ensemble of about 20 harpists in a workshop, which was a completely new experience.

Well done Alice!



Coronation Workshop

Our special Coronation Workshop was a great success. Parents and their daughters enjoyed making headbands, Union Jack paper chains, flags and a King Charles III collage. The crown-shaped biscuits proved very popular!





Cherry Groce 1948 - 2011

My Grandma was Cherry Groce (1948-2011). Cherry was shot by the Metropolitan Police in her home in 1985 after being mistaken for someone else.

Why Cherry Groce inspires me:

- She would persevere through any challenges she was given
- Just by hearing what she was like inspires me to be a better person
- She was strong mentally and physically

My Grandma sadly passed away in 2011 due to injuries she sustained when she was shot, aged 37. She was 63 when she passed away. Today she would be 75.

Last month, I was invited to Hendon (a Metropolitan Police training building) with my dad to read a poem for my grandma, which is on my Grandma's memorial in Brixton on Windrush Square. My Dad also did a speech and Power Point.

In honour of my Grandma, Cherry Groce, and a community who refused to be defined by what was done to them.

They showed that what truly defines us is the compassion, courage and love that flow from within us that we share with one another.

That is the enduring source of strength and power for a community working to make justice and dignity a reality for all.

*Breathing life into the simple truth that
TOGETHER, WE RISE*



Ruby spoke to over 500 Metropolitan police new recruits as well as the Mayor and the Commissioner with the intention of supporting police training in the attempt to reform and build trust and confidence within communities.

It also comes at a meaningful time as it marks my mother's 12th year memorial.

Mr Lawrence



In memory of my Grandma there was a memorial put up in Brixton

Eid-al-Fitr Celebrations at Prep

Following an assembly on Ramadan and Eid-al-Fitr in March, pupils at Prep celebrated the joyous festival of Eid-al-Fitr on 24th April by dressing up in bright coloured clothes.

They also enjoyed an array of festive food prepared by our amazing kitchen staff, whilst enjoying the beautiful Eid decorations around the lunch hall.

It was lovely to see the lively atmosphere in the lunch hall and around the school, where pupils who celebrated Eid shared their experience of Eid celebrations with each other.



Year 1: Clouds and Flowers



On a beautiful May afternoon, Year 1 were out on the field looking at flowers and clouds. Big ones...little ones...fast-moving ones...there was so much to see!



English Schools Primary Relay Regional Event



Preparatory swimmers Anokhi, Aanya and Hiru (Year 5) and Tamalia (Year 6) took part in the annual English Schools Primary Relay regional rounds on Wednesday 3rd May. The event was held at JAGS Sports Centre in Dulwich, with local teams and many from further afield competing.

The Medley Relay was the first event with Old Palace racing in the small schools category. Medley Relays started with Backstroke, swum by Hiru, followed by Aanya on the Breaststroke leg. This was followed by Tamalia, Freestyle and Anokhi bringing the team home on the fourth and final Frontcrawl length. Traditionally,

the third swimmer swims Butterfly; however, we found out on the day that it had been listed as Freestyle, which means any stroke. As this was the case, Tamalia took the opportunity to swim Frontcrawl, as it is the fastest stroke. Old Palace finished fourth in their heat.

The Freestyle Relay followed with all students swimming Frontcrawl. Old Palace came fourth in that heat too with a slight change in order: Tamalia, Aanya, Hiru and Anokhi. The first and third swimmers are able to dive using the starting blocks, with the second and fourth swimmers starting from a push start in the water at the shallow end of the pool. The team swam really well with Anokhi swimming a great final length.

We are now looking forward to the London Schools Individual Championship heats at JAGS next Wednesday.

Prep Takes Part in Schools Triathlon

In April, 50 of our Prep pupils took part in a very wet and soggy Triathlon. However, the weather did not dampen their spirits or eagerness. Competitors participated over the course of the day in the three disciplines: swim, bike and run!

It was just as wet in the pool as out but the girls persevered and came home clutching medals and beaming with pride!

It was a super effort from all involved and raised several hundred pounds for charity.



Singing Heats of the Prep Music Competition 2023

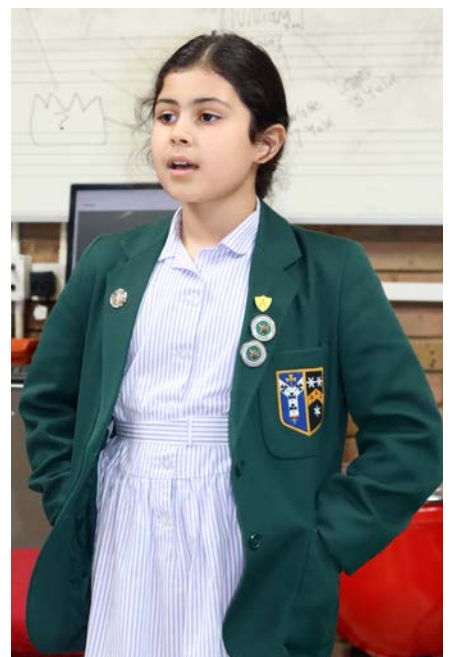
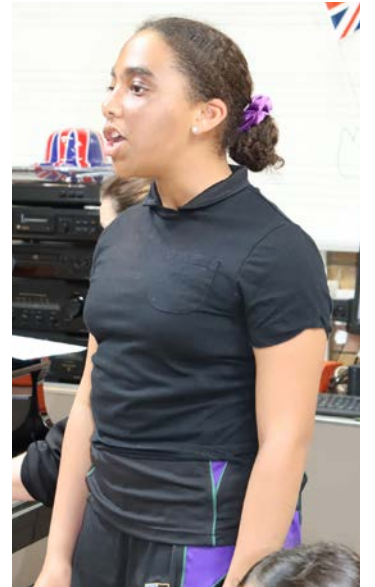
Congratulations to all the girls who took part in the heats of the Prep Singing competition. The standard was exceptional and we will have a hard time trying to decide who goes through to the final.

We are also looking forward to the other heats in the competition; the Instrumental heats will be on 11 May and the Piano heats on the 16 May. Good luck to everyone who has entered!

Year 1	Cecelia, Marley
Year 2	Aiyana
Year 3	Saanvi, Elena, Lana, Eileen, Anika
Year 4	Ellie, Aideen, Aadya
Year 5	Hiru, Sofia, Aadhya, Olivia B, Holly
Year 6	Tamalia, Arabella, Karlle, Jasmine



Prep Singing Competition *continued*



SAVE THE DATE
Sports Day Reminder



Pre School – Year 2
Sports Day

Tuesday, 6th June
2:00pm – 3:15pm

Year 3 – Year 6
Sports Day

Friday, 9th June
10:00am – 12:30pm

On the school field

Year 4: Tennis



Many congratulations to Adya and Lilla for making it through to the Croydon Schools Tennis finals.

Mrs Coster is very proud of you both.

Growth Mindset
YEAR 3 AND 4
WOW!
BMX WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY
AT OLD PALACE PREP *See Mrs Coster for more info*
CANT RIDE A BIKE? - NO PROBLEM - ALL ABILITIES CAN TAKE PART
Book your space NOW!
£15.50 Pay on Wise pay

Growth Mindset
YEAR 5 AND 6 *Cool*
WOW
ROLLER BLADING WORKSHOP
TUESDAY 16TH MAY
AT OLD PALACE PREP
CANT SKATE? - NO PROBLEM - ALL ABILITIES CAN TAKE PART
Book your space NOW!
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