



## ANNUAL SUMMER FETE



This year, our annual Summer Fete was held on Wednesday 17th July. The day was packed full of things to do for the children, including the well loved bouncy castle, golf shot, face and nail painting, henna, coconut shy, toy stall & brick-a-brac. Everyone came together in the sunshine and had a wonderful day, tucking into the many culinary delights on sale at the food stall. We managed to raise a profit of over £1,000 for our school fund. This money will allow us to continue to be able to subsidise school trips and enrichment activities, such as the DT days next year.



As part of the summer fete tradition, we held a Bake-off challenge. Our judges were kept busy, sampling the many yummy entries, before finally completing the difficult task of choosing a winner. After much deliberation, the judges decided unanimously to award first prize to Faiza's mum, Shamsun in RB. We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and staff who entered the challenge. The standard this year was incredibly high.

The Summer Fete is only possible with the support of staff, parents and children. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated, attended the planning meetings, or volunteered to help throughout the day.



And finally, we would also like to say a Special thank you to the following local businesses who donated wonderful prizes and gifts to be sold or to be used as part of our adult and children's raffles: Brit Insurance, Rahim Brothers, Vision Teaching, Clarus Teaching, Tesco Bromley-by-Bow, Thomas Sinden, Morrisons Stratford, Emerates Cable DLR, Genesis Cinema, Ruyum (EFES) Turkish Restaurant, Scintillate Hair Salon, The Coffe Room, Keya Watney Market and The Pizza Room.

## IMPORTANT DATES



### END OF SUMMER TERM

School finishes **2PM** Friday 19th July 2019

### AUTUMN TERM 1

Return to School Tuesday 3rd September 2019  
School finishes Friday 18th October 2019

### END OF AUTUMN TERM

Return to School Monday 28th October 2019  
School finishes **2PM** Friday 20th December 2019

For all other important dates, updates, correspondence and performance videos please visit our school website [www.oldpalaceprimary.co.uk](http://www.oldpalaceprimary.co.uk)

## YEAR 5 MERSEA ISLAND RESIDENTIAL TRIP



Earlier this month, our Year 5 children were given the opportunity to attend a 3 night residential trip to Mersea Island, in Essex.

Located on an actual island, the children managed to enjoy the coast, as well as take part in various activities such as: Aerial adventure, bush craft, kit kart building, orienteering and

off road biking. The children were able to traverse the obstacles with finesse during the team building adventure course, which ended with a big splash into an actual mud bath!

During the bush craft, they learnt how to build shelters with strong structures, as well as how to make a fire in the wilderness. They also managed to construct jewellery using the natural materials surrounding them. Through the kit kart making, the children were able to show their resilience, co-operative team work skills and endurance. They particularly enjoyed rolling their kart down the hill. They were also able to apply their map



reading skills, identifying symbols on a map to find letters which would give them a secret word. They definitely did not need GPS! Finally they were able to consolidate their cycling skills, riding over ramps and bumps with control, during the off road biking.

We would like to thank Mr Manalo, Ms. Duong, Ms. Ali and Mr. A for staying with the children. A well deserved rest was very much needed following the 3 days of fun!

# PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT



## Time 2 Engage

On 29th June our year-long Time to Engage Project for Pupil Premium parents in KS1 and Foundation Stage culminated with our Saturday trip to the Tumbling Bay Playground in the Olympic Park. A range of activities took place, including measuring, counting and telling the time, linked to the Maths workshops which had taken place over the half term. To quote a parent, "Opportunities like this are rare - look at the open blue sky, the lovely people around, and our children bonding with one another. Its very refreshing." The Time to Engage project has been well received this year and we look forward to working closely with the parents again next year. Thank to all those parents who attended this year and committed to improving their child's learning.

## Off Site Coffee Morning



Some of the mums reported that they had never visited before, and were grateful that the school offered this opportunity to enjoy new experiences and help make friends. Before returning to school the parents enjoyed a picnic in Tower Hill Park, bringing to an end to what was a very enjoyable trip.

## ESOL Group Visit Margate



they had taken along, by the sea. Thank you to Bromley by Bow Centre for organising the day out. We are not sure if there will be ESOL classes next year as the BBBC was not able to secure funding. Shelly will be running a Speaking English with Confidence course, so if interested please speak to Shelly in September.

## KEEPING THE SCHOOL UPDATED

Please remember that it is YOUR responsibility as a parent to keep the school informed regarding changes to your contact details. You MUST NOTIFY us of any changes to address, telephone number, emergency contact and collection details. The school will not be held responsible for inaccurate contact details provided by you. For more information, please visit [oldpalaceprimary.co.uk/privacy-policy](http://oldpalaceprimary.co.uk/privacy-policy)

# PARENT VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATORY EVENT



On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July the school held a special event to say thank you to the 23 parent who had volunteered to go on two or more school trips this academic year. To show our appreciation, each volunteer was presented with a certificate, gift voucher and a beautifully decorated cup & bag designed and created by our year 5 children. The parents appreciated the gifts and we welcomed the opportunity to thank them for the commitment they had shown to helping the school

Changes introduced by the Department for Education, which required DBS checks for parent volunteers, led us to change the way we recruited parent trip volunteers last September. The school wished to involve as many parents as possible, but this involved a great deal of additional administration and in reality only five parents were able to meet the commitment to attend 6 trips over the year. At the same time, our Parent Support Workers and Parent Councillors continued to report that some parents felt that the selection of volunteers for the more popular trips was unfair, despite the use of transparent systems, such as selecting names from a hat in front of the parents.

Taking into consideration these factors, the Governing Body has decided that from September, the school will no longer take parents on school trips which include their child/ren. Ending the use of parent trip volunteers would impact on the quality of education we offer, as it would mean teaching assistants from other year groups would need to attend trips, preventing them from helping in class. We therefore hope to still be able to recruit a smaller number of parent trip volunteers, who are committed to helping the school, on the understanding that they would not be invited to trips including their own child/ren. We understand that some parents may find this disappointing, but we hope you can appreciate the reasons for the change and how this will allow time to be used more productively to support the children and parents.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS CONSULTATIONS



### TOWER HAMLETS

Tower Hamlets are holding a consultation **until 25th July** on how additional funding for pupils with SEND is calculated. At present the council's SEND budget is under pressure and the council needs to decide the best way to reduce spending. It is important that parents have their say and can do so by completing the

online form.

- ⇒ Log onto the **Tower Hamlets Council Site**
- ⇒ Scroll down on the home page to **Current Consultations**
- ⇒ Then click onto **planning to make changes to SEND funding.**

To support the consultation, a meeting will be held on **23 July** at the **PDC (229 Bethnal Green Rd, London E2 6AB)** from 2-5pm where parents can raise questions. Although the funding relates specifically to SEND pupils, this will be of interest to all parents, as cuts to SEND funding will impact on the school's overall budget and what we are able to provide for all the pupils at the school.

# SPACE CHASE

Summer Reading Challenge 2019

At Old Palace we are encouraging children to take part in the summer reading scheme which is run by the Idea Stores. For 2019 the theme is **Space Chase**, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first Moon landing. The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children into their local libraries. At the heart of the challenge is children choosing and sharing any books - in any format - that they like. Novels, fact books, picture books, graphic novels, joke books, e-books and audiobooks all count, as long as they are borrowed from the library. Throughout the Summer Reading Challenge, library staff and teenage and adult volunteers support children, helping them to discover new authors and explore a wide range of different types of books.

### It is easy to take part:

- Children sign up at their local library from Saturday 13 July.
- They borrow and read at least SIX books during the summer, collecting special stickers and rewards along the way
- They receive a certificate and/or medal when they finish

Children who take part in the Summer Reading Challenge:

- Are more enthusiastic about reading
- Maintain their reading confidence level over the holidays
- Boost their confidence and self-esteem

We will be celebrating all the children that take part at the start of the school year and hope to beat our previous record number of certificates—happy reading!!!

### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS



The School Governors wish all pupils and staff a very good summer holiday. For those who celebrate Eid, Eid Mubarak! Hoping that all Year 6 pupils enjoy their new secondary schools and have good memories of their time at Old Palace.

The Governors would like to thank everyone who works at the school for their very hard work all year and hope they come back to school refreshed in

September. Congratulations on good results and a very good year. Special thanks to those governors who have completed their term of office- Sabana Begum, Yarun Nehar and Shabana Begum.

### END OF YEAR RESULTS

The school has continued to deliver strong results this year, and is predicted to remain above the national average in all areas, when these are released later in the year. In Reception, 73% of pupils achieve Good Level of Development and in Year 1, 87% of pupils passed the phonics screening test. In Year 2, the SATs results were as follows:

Subject	Expected %			Greater Depth %		
	2018	2019	National 2018	2018	2019	National 2018
Reading	86	81	75	38	34	26
Writing	86	75	70	38	34	16
Maths	88	81	76	38	34	22

Meanwhile the results for Year 6 were:

KS2 Subject	Expected %			High Score %		
	2018	2019	National 2019	2018	2019	National 2018
Reading	93	75	73	40	25	28
Writing	93	88	78	42	43	20
Grammar & Spelling	97	88	78	55	52	34
Maths	95	92	79	48	43	24

We would like to congratulate the year 2 & 6 children on their achievements in the SATs this year. The children would not have made such brilliant progress had the teaching not been strong in all year groups, so I hope you will join me in thanking the entire staff at Old Palace for their continued hard work.

### STAR CITIZENS - SUMMER 2019

We would like to congratulate the following pupils for achieving the Star Citizen award this term.

Well done and keep up the good work!

**Reception: RM Ilyas & RB Yaseen**

**Year 1: 1S Munira & 1L Zaina**

**Year 2: 2D Tahera & 2M Nazim**

**Year 3: 3H Jhuma & 3L Sama**

**Year 4: 4M Muntaz & 4T Sebastian**

**Year 5: 5A Maryam & 5D Maniha**

**Year 6: 6G Hatice & 6H Safa**



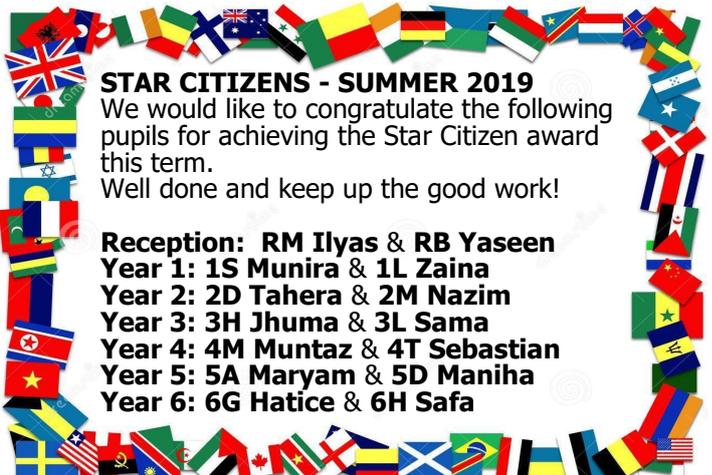
### 100% Attendance Award (4th September to 12th July 2019)

Congratulations to the following children for achieving 100% attendance for the 2018/19 Academic Year

- ★ **Reception** Ihsan, Ameera, Maryam, Ahianul, Nasif, Rahil & Jasmine.
- ★ **Year One** Sufian, Tamim, Afsana & Kaysah.
- ★ **Year Two** Faria, Mahibah, Hamza, Maryam & Ismail.
- ★ **Year Three** Prohor, Jardel, Habibah, Ihsan, Zaim & Ummi.
- ★ **Year Four** Tayiba, Ayo, Ihsan, Usha, Muna, Fayeezah & Tamanna.
- ★ **Year Five** Gbolahan, Zahrah, Maniha, Jamie, Steven, Maryam & Usman.
- ★ **Year Six** Safa, Ishaq, Zainab, Younis, Adnan, Ariyan, Amana, Victoria, Safin & Mariya.

All these children will receive a Gold Certificate and a £5 gift token to spend on our next book fair (or a £5 WH Smith voucher for our Year 6 pupils)

Attendance has remained strong this year, but there is still more to do in Reception and Key Stage 1 to reduce the number of days that are taken off for minor illnesses. The school will continue to be rigorous in issuing Penalty Notices for unauthorised leave, as a shocking 665 days of learning were lost due to this during 2017-18. Please help us to bring this to an end.



## OPSCARS 2019



Another year of glitz and glamour came to its end with the white hot glory of the OPSCARS ceremony. Winners were crowned, bubbles were blown and Mr. A wore a rather fetching wig. Please be upstanding for our winners:

- ◆ **Best Actor:** Younis 6G
- ◆ **Best Actress:** Fariha 2H
- ◆ **Best Play:** My Friend The Enemy 6G
- ◆ **Best Song:** 1S
- ◆ **Special Award for Best Solo:** Rumaysa 4M
- ◆ **Best Dancing:** Seep AS The Ocean 1L
- ◆ **Best Sound Effects:** Sahla 3L
- ◆ **Best Story:** Life Cycles 5A

Well done to all the winners and well done for an amazing year to everyone!

### YEAR 6 LEAVERS' PERFORMANCE

After studying Shakespeare and his work for the past few weeks, Year 6 performed one of his plays for their end of year performance. Both classes took on his comedy of betrayal and revenge, *The Tempest*. The children performed modernised versions of the tales (whilst still keeping some of the most famous language intact) and after rehearsing hard for the last week, they put on a fantastic performance. There was great acting, singing and an emotional goodbye montage at the end, which brought a tear to the eye. What a great way for year 6 to end their time at Old Palace! Well done and best of luck to everyone! We look forward to hearing all about your future achievements.



### Y6 FIVER CHALLENGE

Year 6 took part in the 'Fiver Challenge' earlier this half term. The children were given a budget of £5 to create a stall to entertain the other children and raise money! They had to carry out surveys, decide on their costings and advertise their stalls. Their stalls in the KS2 playground were a tremendous success and they were able to raise over £300. This money has been spent on their end of year celebration on 18th July, which as well as involving food will include the staff v children water fight which is always a highlight of the year. Well done year 6!



### STAYING SAFE ONLINE: SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Many young people will spend more time on the internet during the holidays, keeping in touch with school friends, catching up with the latest apps and online trends, and playing their favourite games. Check out some of our top tips below to make sure your child/ren stay safe this summer:

- **Sit down together:** Please spend some time with your child to find out about the things they like to do online, maybe even join in with their favourite game!  
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation>
- **Become an expert-** Learn more about the apps, games and services children are using you can spend some time on them, familiarise yourself with their reporting and blocking features.  
An interesting link below on how to decide if a game is right for your child:  
<https://www.childnet.com/blog/but-everyone-else-is-playing-it-how-do-i-decide-if-a-game-is-right-for-my-child>
- **Privacy check-** During the summer holidays, young people may want to keep in touch with their friends through social networking sites or games. It's a good time to ask them about what sites they use, and do a privacy check-up.  
The link below provides guidelines for different privacy settings: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/social-media-guides>
- **Sharing pictures-** Some children may want to share photos and videos online of what they are getting up to. Talk to them about what types of photos are appropriate to share, and who they are okay to share with. Photos can hold clues that give away personal information. For example, when sharing a selfie, are there any landmarks or street signs that give away your location?

A useful website for parents is [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) which has lots of information on the topics above as well as further advice for parents.

### Y5 BRAZILIAN ACTIVITIES



As part of their 'Make it Real' Project, the children have been researching all about Brazil. This has included taking capoeira lessons (Brazilian Dance/Martial Art) and cooking traditional Brazilian dishes, such as Crème Caramel and Cassava Cake, with a visitor from Sao Paulo in Brazil. This helped the children to prepare for running their own Brazilian themed café: 'Café de Janeiro' on Thursday 11th July. This experience provided them with a wealth of opportunities to work together as a team, showing off their talents, taking ownership of their learning and applying their knowledge. The children were excited to take on front house roles, such as musicians, chefs, waiting staff and cashiers, while behind the scenes, we had: interior designers (who decorate the café) researchers, digital artists (who created the branding and pricing) and a marketing team (who promoted the café). The customers, which included staff, complimented the excellent service and loved the tasty cheese balls, truffles and homemade lemonade that were on the menu. Well done Year 5!



**HEALTHY LIVING WEEK**

Last week was Healthy Living Week. The children, staff and parents took part in a week of activities that taught them about making healthy choices including fitness and exercise. Every year group made their own healthy snack, with the children selecting their own ingredients. Some of the snacks made by the children included, fruity flap jacks, carrot muffins, iced yogurt bites and stir fry!

The week also included sports competitions held at Bob's Park and Three Mills Field. The children took part in a range of sports activities including: an obstacle course, javelin, tug a war, sack race and a water relay. The children were divided into four teams and competed with great sportsmanship to earn as many points as possible for their team. The victors this year were the Green team, who were presented with a trophy during a special assembly. Medals were also awarded to the children who showed best effort, outstanding skill and excellent sportsmanship. Congratulations to all the children for their sporting efforts and a big thank you to all the parents who came along to join in the fun!

Remember it is also important for the children to stay active over the summer break. <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life> provides suggestions for a range of activities for children, including '10 minute Shake-up' games, inspired by some well known Disney characters. Why not encourage your child/ren to give them a try and challenge them to keep on beating their personal best.



**YEAR 5 CYCLING**

As part of a Tower Hamlets' initiative to get more children cycling, the Year 5 children have spent the past few weeks enjoying cycling lessons at the school. They gained a valuable experience and for some, even learnt how to ride a bike. The children, who were able to ride with confidence and were also able to complete the bikability course, which taught them how to ride their bikes safely on the roads in the local area. The children also had the opportunity to bring their own bicycles for free repairs. We would like to thank Ed and Jay for helping the children to gain such an invaluable life skill.



**YEAR 5 CAREERS FAIR**

Our annual Careers fair took place earlier this month and was a huge success thanks to all the volunteers. The children were able to find out about various professions which ranged from solicitors to designers, journalists to dentists and even gym managers. The children have been inspired by our volunteers, who were very complimentary of the children's behaviour and were impressed by their inquisitive nature. The children learnt a lot by asking questions on how to pursue their chosen career path. We would like to thank all the volunteers who came and gave up their time this year.



**MEDICATION**

We will be sending home any medication that has expired or has less than 2 months from the expiry date. Please ensure that the medication is disposed of appropriately; it can be taken into any pharmacy. Medication, that is still in date, will remain in school and asthma pumps will be sent to your child's new class at the start of the Autumn term.

If your child has a medical condition which requires them to take medication during school hours, it is the parent's responsibility to ensure that the school is provided with the child's medication and the relevant permissions. All medication must be brought to the **school office on Tuesday 3rd September** in the original box with the child's name and dosage stated. The office staff will then ask parents to complete a medication consent form.

If your child does not have their prescribed medication in school, this will put them at risk. The DfE 'Medication at School' guidance, states schools are not permitted to allow children to be in attendance without their prescribed medication, as this places them at unnecessary risk to health. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

## YEAR 1 VISIT HAMPTON COURT PALACE



As part of their learning on Kings and Queens, Year 1 visited Hampton Court Palace. First the children went to the Great Hall, which King Henry VIII used to impress his guests during celebrations. The children had fun walking around, seeing the tapestries that were hung on the walls and even had a go at designing their own! Next, they visited the Tudor Kitchens, and compared them to the kitchens we have today. The children found it very interesting to see the different tools that were used to prepare King Henry's grand banquets, which included cauldrons, roasting spits and wood fire ovens. Then, the children had the chance to explore the beautiful gardens that surround the palace grounds, and identified a range of plants and flowers that they have been learning about. The children had a great day and were a credit to the school.

## YEAR 4 RIVER THAMES CRUISE

This half term year 4 has been learning about the River Thames. As part of their learning the children went on a river boat cruise along the Thames. They started their



journey at Westminster Pier and sailed down the river all the way to Greenwich Pier. Along the way, they learnt about the history of the river and saw the old docks where ships once unloaded their cargo, which originated from all around the world. They learnt about how the river has changed over time, how the Thames Barrier is used and how most of the old docks and unloading bays have now been developed into housing. After the cruise, we were able to walk through the Greenwich Foot Tunnel and got to enjoy lunch in the park, before heading back to school. Overall it was a great day, bringing to life the learning covered in class. For those who love bridges, you may be interested in the Diabetes Society fundraising walk on 29th September. This is 10 miles long and will cross 12 of London's iconic bridges.



## RECEPTION VISIT COLCHESTER ZOO



On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, Reception visited Colchester Zoo. The children consolidated their learning on animals by observing a wide range of animals close up. The children were very excited to meet the animals, from majestic elephants to mighty komodo dragons. The children had the opportunity to feed the giraffes and completed an animal trail, which involved them spotting lots of different species. This year lots of parents joined us at the zoo, meaning that many of children were able to enjoy additional time at the zoo with their family. We would like to thank Yayha & Eesa's Mum for helping to arrange the parents' transport. Although we had a long day, everyone had a fantastic time and many happy memories were made.

## YEAR 2 VISIT THE TOWER OF LONDON

Year 2 went to visit the Tower of London for their end of year trip. They had a workshop, which was about the Great Fire of London where they were able to act out the different scenes and even the adults got involved! It was great fun! They also toured the Tower of London to see the different parts of the castle. Unfortunately there was a



really big queue for the Crown jewels, so they were not able to see them. Hopefully they can revisit the Tower of London with their families during the summer holiday, as Tower Hamlets residents get a discounted rate. Everyone had a good time and really enjoyed walking through such an important slice of London's history!

## Y6 END OF YEAR CELEBRATION TRIP

As their Leavers' Trip, year 6 visited Adventure Island, in Southend-on-Sea. The children made the most of the thrilling rides and enjoyed a day full of fun and sun! The fresh donuts stall and water slide were definitely the star attractions of the day. It was definitely a trip to remember. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and displayed exceptional behaviour. Once again well done year 6!

