



Old Palace Newsletter

July 2023 Issue 2

GOODBYE YEAR 6



It has been a busy few days for our Year 6 pupils as they get ready to move onto secondary school. On Monday, they visited Adventure Island in Southend-on-Sea for their end of year trip. The day was packed with excitement as the children explored the thrilling rides and attractions at the park. The children braved even the scariest roller coasters, had a blast on the water slides, and enjoyed playing games - some even won prizes! The trip was a perfect way to celebrate their achievements and to create some lasting memories with their friends before moving on to secondary school.

Then on Tuesday, they took part in a graduation ceremony at Bow School Riverside Theatre to celebrate successfully completing two years of Children's University. Every child was able to achieve an award, ranging from Bronze to Gold, and some children even exceeded expectations and achieved diploma and post-graduate awards. We are very proud of the extra curricular achievements accomplished by the children and thank the parents for helping to make this possible. The ceremony was a



huge success, with the children dressed in gowns and mortarboards, whilst their parents applauded. Finally, on Wednesday each class performed a version of Shakespeare classic Macbeth as their Leavers' Performance. The audience was enthralled by the twist and turns in the plot, brought to life by the children's fantastic acting and singing talents. The performance ended with a montage of the children's time at the school which brought a tear to the eye. To end the day, the children had a leavers' party which conclude with a staff v pupils water fight!

We couldn't be more proud of our year 6 pupils—not only have they achieved excellent SATs results, they have consistently set a fantastic example for our younger pupils. We wish them every success in the future. Good luck!!!



IMPORTANT DATES



END OF SUMMER TERM

School finishes **2PM** Thursday 20th July 2023

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Academic Year 2023-24
Tuesday 5th September 2023

Please visit our school website for a full list of term dates
www.oldpalaceprimary.co.uk

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SUMMER FETE 2023

Unfortunately we don't seem to have much luck with the weather—last year we had a 40 degree heat wave and this year, we had rain! Nevertheless the fun went ahead and despite the bouncy castle being water logged for most of the day, the children still got to enjoy the other stalls.



The parents' Bake Off was as popular as ever, with some mouth-watering creations. It was judged by our school cook, Barbara, who chose as the winner the delicious chocolate cup cakes baked by Maryam in 4D and her mum. They won a Cream Tea at Home Hamper donated by Ersham Street Delicatessen

A big thank you to all the staff who braved the rain to make sure this was an enjoyable day for the children. So far we have made a profit of £600 and are still selling some of the goodies left over.

This would not have been possible without the kind donations from parents and the following companies: Ed Ex, Timeplan, Tesco Bow, Lintons Electrical & G.A Harpers. We greatly appreciate your support.



ART EXHIBITION



During our recent Parents' evening, we displayed some of the children's art work from the Summer term. This included 3D form mini beast created by year 1, clay tiles representing the seaside by year 2, large scale collaborative mixed media pieces by year 3 (inspired by their knowledge of how plants grow), sketchbooks with Impressionist paintings from year 3, Abstract paintings by year 4, London landscapes inspired by Lowry by year 4, cityscape and landscape paintings by Year 6 and tiles painted in the style of traditional Islamic art by Year 6. The children from all year groups should be really proud of their artwork this year!

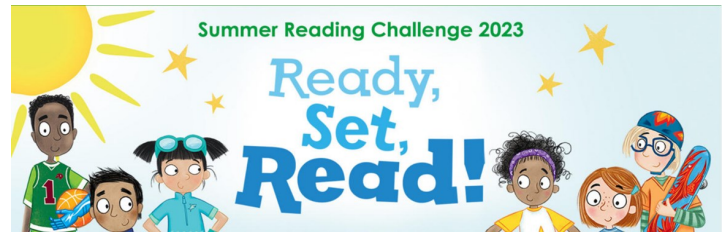


YEAR 6 FIVER CHALLENGE



Year 6 took part in the fiver challenge this year to raise money for their Leavers' Party. Each group was given a £5 budget and asked to put their entrepreneurial skills to good use in order to make maximum profit. They came up with their own ideas for a stall; considering costs, advertising and

the selling strategies they would use to achieve success. They then held a fair, where children from KS2 could choose to spend their money. The children had an absolute blast preparing and executing their ideas and in the process managed to raise a profit of over £100. Watch out Lord Sugar!



At Old Palace we are encouraging children to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge, which is run by the Idea Store for children aged 4 - 11 years old. It's fun, free and easy to take part in.

Step 1: Sign up

Register online or visit any Idea Store or library in Tower Hamlets and register for free - just have proof of address.

<https://www.ideastore.co.uk/src>

Step 2: Read books

The challenge is to read at least six books, two books at a time, over the summer holidays.

The libraries have got THOUSANDS of books waiting to be borrowed!

Step 3: Win prizes!

When you join you'll get:

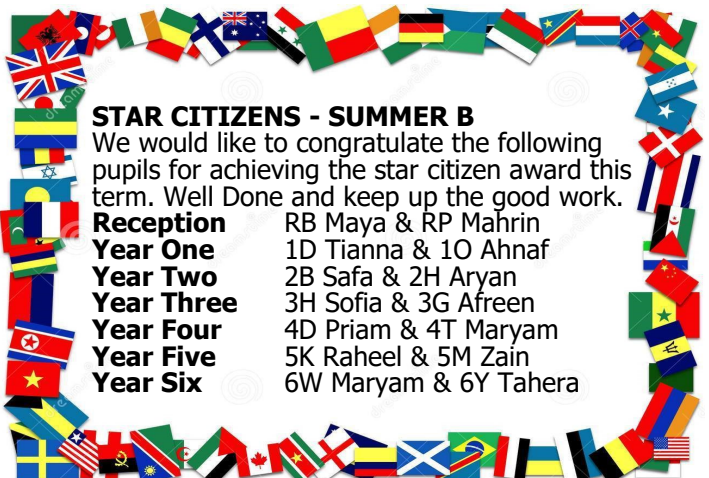
- A sticker book and stickers
- A glow in the dark bookmark

When you cross the finish line you'll get:

- A gold medal
- Ready, Set, Read certificate sent to your school!

Children who take part in the Summer Reading Challenge are:

- More enthusiastic about reading
- Maintain their reading confidence over the holidays
- Boost their confidence and self-esteem
- Develop their imagination and love of reading



STAR CITIZENS - SUMMER B

We would like to congratulate the following pupils for achieving the star citizen award this term. Well Done and keep up the good work.

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Reception | RB Maya & RP Mahrin |
| Year One | 1D Tianna & 1O Ahnaf |
| Year Two | 2B Safa & 2H Aryan |
| Year Three | 3H Sofia & 3G Afreen |
| Year Four | 4D Priam & 4T Maryam |
| Year Five | 5K Raheel & 5M Zain |
| Year Six | 6W Maryam & 6Y Tahera |



We would like to say a massive thank you to all the families who's children have been coming to school every day. This has helped to keep our attendance consistency above the national average! Our target is 97% and over the Summer term our average attendance has been going up each week, which is great to see. The weekly figures on the website front page <https://oldpalaceprimary.co.uk/>

Congratulations to the following children for Achieving 100% Attendance for Academic Year 2022-23 (5th September 2022 to 14th July 2023)

In addition to an Certificate and Gold Pencil, children achieving 100% will be given £5 gift voucher

- ★ **Y1:** Arian, Charis & Umayma
- ★ **Y2:** Aadam
- ★ **Y3:** Anisa & Emily
- ★ **Y4:** Alysha & Taheem,
- ★ **Y5:** Ayana, Kaysah & Tayeebah
- ★ **Y6:** Mahibah, Ayesha, Anas, Sahil & Safiyyah

A gentle reminder of the percentage of attendance, which may trigger a cause for concern:
91%-94%: Parent Support Worker Meeting / 90% and below: Attendance Welfare Advisor Meeting
 Please make sure your child/ren are ready to return to school on 5th September. The first week is very important, as it when class teachers set out their expectations and the routines to be followed for the rest of the year.



END OF YEAR RESULTS

The children in year 1 completed the Phonics Screening in June. **90% of the children passed the Phonics Screening**. We do not know the national average for 2023, but in 2022 this was 75%.

Our strong results are testament to the strong subject knowledge that staff demonstrate in phonics and the skill and consistency with which they deliver daily phonics sessions. The results achieved by year 2 children in their SATs tests this year were also above the 2022 national average:

| Subject | % achieving Expected | | % achieving Greater Depth | |
|---------|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| | Old Palace 2023 | National 2022 | Old Palace 2023 | National 2022 |
| Maths | 83 | 68 | 35 | 15 |
| Reading | 73 | 67 | 33 | 18 |
| Writing | 77 | 58 | 10 | 8 |

This is the last year that schools will be required to administer SATs test in year 2, so it is great that we end on such a strong set of results. Well done Year 2!

Pupils in year 4 completed an online Multiplication Test. 77% achieved a score of over 20. **The average score for the school was 21.9**, which is above last year's national average, which was 19.8. Congratulations Year 4!

Finally, we are also proud to share the results achieved by Year 6 in their SATs this year:

The school's results are well above the nationally average in all subjects. In England, results increased by 2% in

| % achieving Expected | Old Palace 2023 | Old Palace 2023 | National 2023 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Maths | 67 | 95 | 73 |
| Reading | 88 | 93 | 73 |
| Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation | 89 | 95 | 72 |
| Writing (teacher assessed) | 91 | 93 | 71 |
| Combined (R,W & M) | 65 | 87 | 59 |

Maths & Writing and fell by 2% in Reading. We have not yet been told the threshold for High Score. However should this remain at 110, the percentage of pupils achieving 'high score' (also called Greater Depth) would be as follows:

Reading: 50%, GPS: 40%, Writing: 35%, Maths: 58% & Combined: 28%.

These percentages are significantly above the national averages for 2022

Thank you to all the parents who have attended workshops and helped the children with their learning at home. Our strong results are testament to the hard work and dedication shown by the staff at Old Palace. Please join me in thanking the staff for all they have done this year to allow the children to make such amazing progress in their learning. Well done everyone!

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS



The School Governors wish all pupils and staff a very good summer holiday! A special mention to the Year 6 children, who have worked so hard and achieved amazing SATs results; we know that they will leave with good memories of their time at Old Palace. I would like to congratulate the school on the very positive report they received from Challenge Partners. It is great to know that school leaders from other settings recognise the great education that Old Palace consistently delivers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who works at the school for their very hard work. At our last meeting, we were very sad to say farewell to Veronica Kennard, who has decided to step down as a governor after 11 years. Please join me in thanking her for the very positive contribution she has made to the school over the years. Thankfully it won't be goodbye as she has kindly agreed to continue to support the children as a reading volunteer.

We look forward to having all the staff and children back safe and well in September. Take care of each other this summer.



PARENT VOICE: SAFEGUARDING

On Tuesday 11th July, Miss Millward hosted a Parent Voice Coffee morning about how we teach the children to stay safe inside and outside of school, and also what we do for the children's well being. It was great to get some positive feedback from the parents stating the following, 'I was very impressed with the end of year trip, staff had their eyes everywhere, keeping the children safe.' The parents also feedback that they liked seeing the staff by the gates every morning and after school, as it makes the children and parents feel at ease seeing a friendly face. When discussing building safety outside of school, a parent suggested giving the children practical examples, rather than visuals, so this will be something we will add into our safety curriculum next year. Parent voice will continue next academic year, so pop along to share what is going well and even better ifs...



ONLINE SAFETY

This year, there has been a rise of people coming across harmful content online and in response of this we have installed a 'Harmful Content' button on our school website to help assist pupils and parents with reporting any harmful content online. The 'Report Harmful Content' button is a new and ground-breaking process which helps users easily report any harmful content they come across online. They have a team of dedicated practitioners, who not only review the content, but activity communicate with victims to ensure they are listened to whilst offering guidance and mediatory support where needed. If you come across anything that causes yourself or someone you know any distress or harm, you can report it via the harmful content button on our school website.

Following on from the YouTube Parent workshop, please find some useful information below. One will help you set up 'restricted mode' on YouTube and the other explains how to set up a profile for your child on 'YouTube Kids' with parental controls in place.

⇒ [YouTube restricted mode](#)

⇒ [YouTube Kids](#)

In our recent KS2 Pupil Survey, over a third of the children said that their parents do not supervise them when they are online or talk to them about their online activity. You would not let your child wander the streets alone, so please don't leave them to face the many hidden dangers in the online environment, without your support to fall back on.

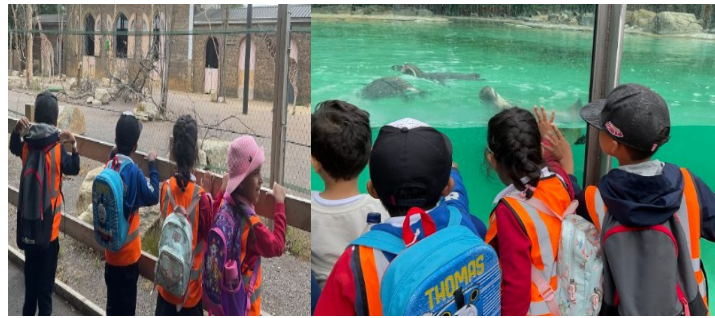
YEAR 1 VISIT ROYAL MEWS



For the end of year trip, Year 1 went into central London to visit Buckingham Palace and the Royal Mews. While at the Royal Mews, they got to dress up in a 'coronation' outfit and sit in the different royal carriages! Then the children got to explore around the outside of Buckingham Palace and some even saw the 'Changing of the Guards' ceremony. The weather was kind to us, so we were able to have a picnic at St James' Park and then play in the play area where the sandpit was a big hit! Thank you to the parents that joined us on the picnic. Well done to Year 1 for a fantastic year!



RECEPTION VISIT LONDON ZOO



Reception went to London Zoo. The children had great fun wandering around and looking at all the different animals they have been learning about at school this half term. It was lovely to see them sharing the facts they have already learned and finding out new facts about the animals. This included watching the penguins swimming in the water, going into the lemurs cage, as they climbed around us, and watching the baby sloth in the rainforest section of the zoo— did you know that baby sloths cling to their mother's chest for 6 months!

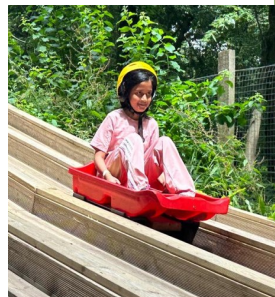


Y3 THRIFTWOOD ACTIVITIES



In year 3, all the children had the opportunity to visit the Thriftwood Scouts Outdoor Adventure Camp. Here, the children got to develop their independence and team work, as they enjoying a range of activities which it would not be possible to offer at school. On Wednesday 12th July, all the children got to take part in four different outdoor adventure activities, including: the peddle cars, the cresta run, bush craft and the water rollers. The children had a fantastic time taking part in these activities, laughter and excitement could be heard all around. They showed some fantastic fire lighting skills, demonstrated great collaboration when building dens, and had so much fun racing on the peddle cars.

That evening, some of the children signed up to stay overnight! They camped out in the Thriftwood permanent tents, braving the dark and the creepy crawlies. The children were very excited - for some this was their first night away from home - but eventually they all managed to fall asleep. The next day, they got to enjoy an additional five activities: the zip line, bouldering, demolition derby, the obstacle course and a camp fire. The children loved going down the zip line, many saying that it was their favourite part of the day! Overall it was a fantastic trip, which the children thoroughly enjoyed and are still talking about! We really recommend taking part in our KS2 residential, as they offer a fantastic experience for the children, just ask those who attended! They are only possible, because staff are willing to freely give their time. Please join me in thanking the staff who volunteered to stay over night at Thriftwood, so that this trip could go ahead. It is much appreciated.



Y5 MERSEA ISLAND RESIDENTIAL



30 of our pupils ventured out to Mersea island this month on a residential trip to the Essex Outdoors Scouts Activity Camp in Colchester. We spent 2 nights camping out under the stars in tents, taking part in a wide range of fantastic activities, ranging from bushcraft, to caving and kit carts to mountain biking on activity courses around the camp. The children had a fantastic time, and showed incredible resilience as they challenged themselves to conquer their fears. They displayed excellent team work and were always there to encourage each other, when that little extra motivation was needed. It was fantastic to see them push themselves to new limits, developing their confidence and independence as they did so. As always staff at the centre commented on the children's excellent behaviour. Well done to the children and a big thank you to the staff who volunteered their time and swapped a comfy bed for a tent, to allow this trip to go ahead



YEAR 2 VISIT CHALKWELL BEACH



This half term, year 2 have been leaning all about the United Kingdom. As part of their learning they were able to visit a local seaside town to make some comparisons between our local area and Chalkwell. To start their day the children did a local area walk around Chalkwell, looking at the features that were similar and different to Bromley by Bow. They did a road traffic survey, to compare the types of traffic and had a look at the different types of homes and community buildings they could see. The children then completed some sketch maps to show what they saw on their walk. After our walk the children headed down to the seaside, where they started the afternoon with a tasty picnic and many of our parents came to join us! In the afternoon, the children got to play along the shore, building sandcastles, collecting seashells and splashing in the sea! Everyone had a lot of fun and it was great to have so many of our parents come and join us!



YEAR 5 VISIT KIDZANIA



This half term, year 5 have been learning about Trade and as their end of year trip, had the opportunity to visit Kidzania, an immersive experience where they learnt about different vocations and the concept of earning money. The children took part in a wide range of vocations from firefighters to doctors and vets to news anchors, all earning 'kidzos' (the Kidzania currency) for their work. The children were then able to spend their hard-earned kidzos at the end of the trip. Some graduated from Kidzania University, which allowed them to increase their salary at different jobs. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to understand the value of money in an enjoyable way. It also taught them about being responsible and budgeting/saving their money to pay for something they like. The children loved having autonomy over their money, and were able to make their own decisions about what to do with their hard earned wages! This taught them an invaluable lesson about the responsibility of employment and working hard to purchase what they need vs. what they desire.





GOODBYE, MR MANALO

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to our second Deputy Headteacher, Mr Manalo. He first joined the school in 2014 and had a leading role in helping to develop our curriculum and training programme. He transformed DT from a neglected area into one of our strongest subjects and has overseen the training of many of our new teachers. We

wish him well as he starts the next chapter of his career, as a Deputy Headteacher at a school in West Ham. Thank you, Mr Manalo for all your hard work in helping make Old Palace the success it is today.

Miss Millward will continue in her role as Deputy Headteacher; at present budget cuts mean we cannot afford to replace Mr Manalo, but we welcome Ms Matin to our Senior Leadership Team, as year leader for year 6.

YEAR 4 THAMES RIVER CRUISE TO BATTERSEA



For their end of year trip, Year 4 travelled to Battersea Park along the river Thames on the Uber Clipper boat. Along the way, they managed to get a good glimpse of several London landmarks including: Tower Bridge, Big Ben, The London Eye and the newly renovated Battersea Power Station. Once they arrived at the park, the children enjoyed a picnic and got to try out some of the facilities. Some were even lucky enough to be joined by their parents in the sunshine. A fun afternoon was had by all!

RECEPTION GRADUATION PICNIC

In Reception the children enjoyed a Teddy Bear's picnic as part of their graduation from Reception to Year 1. The children wore sparkly hats, which they decorated themselves and brought in their favourite cuddly teddy. They had great fun playing games and dancing, before tucking into their sandwiches. The children received a scroll from Mr Palmer, while their parents proudly looked on. The children should be very proud of their achievements—we are sure they will continue to do tremendous learning in year 1. Well done!



CORE VALUE AWARD - JULY 2023

The value of the month for July was **COLLABROATION**. Congratulations to:

Reception: RB Afreen & RP Ayman
Year 1: 1D Eduard & 1O Ismaeel
Year 2: 2B Alesha & 2H Amanah
Year 3: 3G Amani & 3H Abul
Year 4: 4D Maryam & 4T Nehrin
Year 5: 5K Ihsan & 5M Humaira
Year 6: 6W Joey & 6Y Zeeshan



LBTH SUMMER FREE ACTIVITIES

Summer is here and LBTH have arranged a wide range of activities to keep children and teens busy and better yet most of the events are absolutely FREE. Whether it's an online photography workshop or music production lessons, there's something for everyone. Click on the link to view the complete [schedule of activities](#).

KEEP ACTIVE THIS SUMMER

Maintain a healthy life style by limiting screen time and ensuring that your child continues to enjoy some physical activity everyday. The [Change4Life](#) website offer a range of games and activities that the whole family can enjoy together in the home. This site offers a range of [mindfulness activities](#) which are great for mental wellbeing. You may also find these links useful: [Beditation](#) and [Playing Attention](#)

FREE PLATFORM CRICKET COACHING



This course is appropriate for any child in years 4 to 7. Children will experience cricket in a fun and safe environment, building on their development at an appropriate rate. Both beginners and children who have experienced cricket before are welcome.

Week 1: Mon 24th July to Thurs 27th July

Week 2: Mon 31st July to Thurs 3rd August

Week 3: Mon 7th August to Thurs 10th August

To sign up to Platform Cricket please complete an application and return it to KETAN GARG at: ketan.garg15@gmail.com [Download application](#)

FREE OF CHARGE

Summer Multi-sports

10AM-2PM
Monday to Thursday

STARTS 31ST JULY 2023

**BOBS PARK,
ST LEONARD'S STREET, E3 3BT**

**Lunch provided
Free T-shirt**

Registration link :
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