

# Newsletter



PARSONS GREEN  
PREP

Summer Edition - July 2023



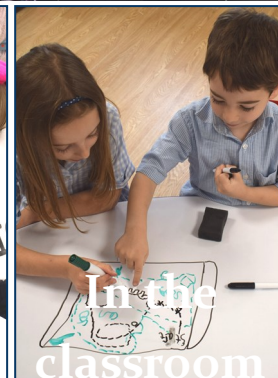
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# HEAD'S MESSAGE



## FROM THE HEAD

At the end of my inaugural year at PGP, it is with immense pride that I reflect on the many achievements of the children. We have celebrated national and local successes in STEAM, maths and art, introduced inter-school sports tournaments, gained membership of NACE, increased our charity endeavours, celebrated the children's rapid progress and wished our leavers happiness at their first-choice schools. It is the strong collaboration between home and school, together with staff who go the extra mile for the children in their care, that makes PGP so special. Have a wonderful summer.

**Dr Edmonds**



## HOUSE CUP RESULTS

Our penultimate day of term saw the presentation of the house cup. Well done to all of the children for their incredible efforts this year. Thousands of house points have been awarded for a variety of reasons, from sportsmanship to manners, being helpful and for excellent effort in the classroom, with a final boost from Sports Day. However, there can only be one winner. Here are this term's final scores and averages:

**1st - Earhart - 2,220 = 85.4 house points per pupil this term**

**2nd - Attenborough - 2,138 = 76.3 house points per pupil this term**

**3rd - Shackleton - 1,849 = 71.1 house points per pupil this term**

**4th - Williams - 2,256 = 70.5 house points per pupil this term**

Well done Earhart. The cup is yours. Let the competition begin again in September.



## FRIENDS OF PARSONS GREEN PREP

Our Secondhand Uniform Sale raised enough money to treat the children to a visit from the ice cream van. This is always a fun event for everyone. The school has agreed to run the events next year with the support of parents until a new Treasurer, Uniform Sales Coordinator and a new President are elected. If you are interested in getting involved please speak with the office. Dr Edmonds is hosting a Parent Drinks event in September and we look forward to hosting a Back-to-School party, as well as the Secondhand Uniform Sale on Friday 8 September.

**Mrs Heather Goertzen**

# THE ARTS

## ART

This term the art room has been a hive of activity and creativity and the children have had a broad range of experiences using a variety of mediums. Pre-prep have created some colourful, pirate portraits using oil pastels, treasure maps and wonderful, rainforest collages. There has also been some amazing work produced in Prep including some fun Tudor self-portraits, Viking models and Ancient Greek column drawings on black card using white pencils and pastels.



## PREP PERFORMANCE

Year 3 to Year 6 children excelled in their summer performance of Alice the Musical this term and we are sure all parents would agree. Year 5 and Year 6 rehearsed tirelessly to put on this showstopper, which was based on Lewis Carroll's story about a young girl who falls into a deep sleep whilst being read a book by her sister and has the most wonderful dream; a dream which immediately becomes a nightmare. Year 3 and Year 4 were a welcome choir addition and sang beautifully during this performance. Well done to all of our performers.



## MUSIC

We have had a very busy term in our new music room, with Reception learning about pitch and creating rainbow compositions. Year 1 explored Schumann's Scenes from Childhood and Year 2 had fun with Saint-Saëns' Carnival of the Animals. Year 3 met the quaver and Year 6 did film music analysis. Year 5 studied the voice and Year 4 started on a new music puzzle book. The highlight of this term was the PGP Summer Concert, when the whole school came together for an excellent performance. Well done everyone.

# OUT AND ABOUT

## BOCKETTS FARM PARK

Bocketts Farm Park was our summer term highlight. When we arrived, you could see the excitement in the children's faces. We visited the horses and we met Muffin, who loved to be fed and stroked. At the Petting Station we handled guinea pigs, a rabbit and a cute little chicken. We fed some larger animals and got to travel the farm on a tractor ride. We watched a pig race and explored the adventure playground to finish the day.



## WOODROW HIGH HOUSE

Year 3 embarked on a residential trip to Woodrow High House. The week focused on outdoor learning with myriad opportunities to develop teamwork, resilience and problem solving. Activities included survival skills (including how to light a campfire), orienteering, climbing across low ropes and woodland walks. The instructors at the camp shared their passion and knowledge of the outdoors whilst guiding the children through different tasks, making it a challenging yet fun experience for all.



### THE LOOKOUT, HYDE PARK

Year 2 visited Hyde Park to explore plants and animal habitats. Pupils observed seeds from plants and trees and demonstrated germination through drama skills. They then planted their own seeds and look forward to watching them grow. In the afternoon Year 2 went bird watching and pond dipping. A highlight was holding the wriggly newts. The team at The Lookout were impressed by Year 2's knowledge of scientific vocabulary and explanations.



### BRITISH MUSEUM

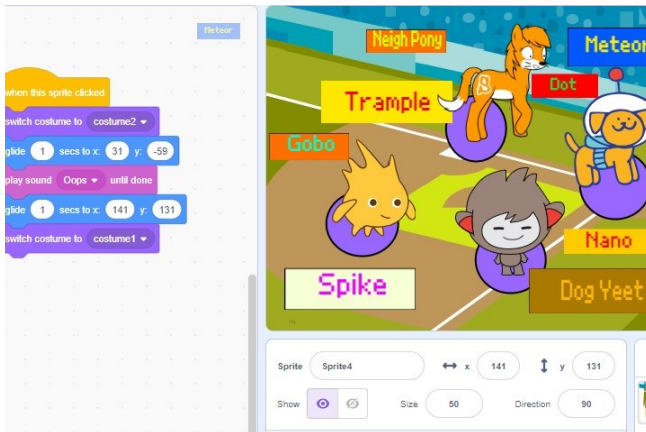
Year 4's trip to the British Museum provided a fantastic physical element to our humanities topic, 'Anglo-Saxons and Vikings'. Before exploring the exhibits the children first attended a workshop led by an archaeologist who presented artefacts from South America, Africa, and Europe from AD 900. The children handled the primary sources and used their understanding to present their ideas of what life may have been like during that century. The children also studied coins minted in London during King Alfred the Great's reign.

### THE ISLE OF WIGHT

For our final residential trip Year 6 were ready for an adventure and we definitely got one. The staff at UKSA welcomed us with open arms. We all had a wonderful time partaking in the sea-based water sports including windsurfing, sailing, paddle boarding and much more. We also took part in land-based activities including trips to the beach, crabbing, orienteering and a quiz night. What a great week spent making memories with our friends and learning new skills.



# STEAM SUBJECTS



## CODING CLUB

We have had a very successful term, from welcoming new joiners who have learned how to plan and code their own programmes to experienced members who have worked on larger projects. All the children have been able to publish their games into our coding club studio and thoroughly enjoy testing and playing each other's creations, especially the 'Scratchemon' series. Created by one of our Year 6 students, this was a great opportunity for collaboration with other members.



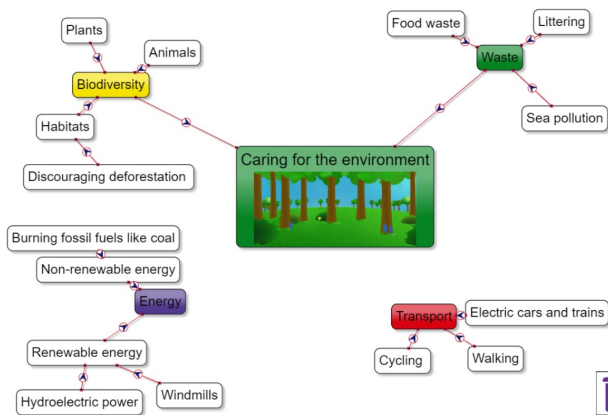
## YOUNG ENGINEERS' LEGO CLUB

The models this term combined art and music, along with looking at the mechanics of how things work. Everyone had fun drawing pictures on a motorised easel. Music was up next with our motorised metronome. Everyone was challenged with trying to change the rhythm of the metronome they built – that was a noisy class. The bullseye is a model where we learned how a transmission housing worked with two gears that moved two targets. Excellent hand-eye coordination was required to get the ball onto the target.



## STEAM OVERVIEW

Year 1's STEAM curriculum was inspired by pirates but also featured learning about the law of magnetism ready for their Enterprise Day fridge magnets. Year 2 learned about light and dark by designing their own shadow puppets and Year 3 dived into Tudor engineering with the water wheel, navy ships and cannons. Year 4 designed and built pneumatic machines, Year 5 designed and built arcade games and Year 6 learned about submersibles and researched and presented their own passion projects.



## COMPUTING

In Reception the children worked with their Year 6 buddies to gain confidence and accuracy when applying fundamental computing skills. Year 1 made their own e-books with sound effects and animation, while Year 2 focused on coding, using simple algorithms to programme objects. Year 3 investigated simulations and Year 4 continued to hone their coding by using the IF function in algorithms. Year 5 used concept maps to organise ideas and Year 6 learned how to present and manipulate formula and data in MS Excel.



## CHESS

The summer is a great term for chess at PGP. Not only do we play outside as often as possible, but skills have been honed to make the games lively and competitive. We've continued our look at different openings and defending against many of them. The importance of castling has been in focus again, as well as the use of forks and pins. We have been practising chess notation. This term's chess competition was a highlight - well done to all.

## MATHS

This term's highlight was that four children were selected to represent PGP at the Quiz Club Mathematics National Inter-School Championships. This was a really exciting opportunity for these pupils as they were able to put their mathematical knowledge to the test and compete against other schools from all over England. They performed brilliantly and showcased a range of problem-solving skills. All four children were awarded a certificate in assembly for their efforts. Well done Maths Team.



# IN THE CLASSROOM



## RECEPTION

It has been a fun-packed summer term. We've been able to nurture several caterpillars and watch their journey into butterflies. We also got to watch chicks hatch from eggs and care for them before they returned to their farms. We became excellent storytellers in our 'Out of the Blue' assembly. We've explored the topics of traditional tales, dinosaurs and new life. The children have become independent learners and should be proud of their achievements. We're ready for Year 1.



## YEAR 1

The children's highlight was the trip to Chelsea Physic Garden, learning all about the wonderful world of plants. We loved performing Gloria Gaynor's I Will Survive as part of our Plant Detectives science assembly. Our effort for Enterprise Day making bookmarks and magnets was magnificent, simultaneously learning about magnetism. We mastered basic fractions and time telling and now it's time for a super summer holiday.



## YEAR 2

The class explored real-life environmental issues through their topic on the Amazon Rainforest. Pupils created art using recycled materials, debated deforestation and learnt how plants grow and positively impact the environment. In English they have written fantasy stories full of imaginative ideas and imagery, achieved through carefully chosen language and similes. In maths lessons Year 2 have developed their knowledge of practical skills such as telling the time, measuring and giving and following directional language. A fantastic final term of Pre-prep.



## YEAR 3

The class has enjoyed excursions to the Roald Dahl Museum and Hampton Court Palace. In mathematics they delved into time, money and measurement. They have extended their creativity and writing skills in English and have explored a variety of projects in STEAM. Year 3 built good foundational knowledge in computing and science has provoked pupils to delve into experiments using trial and error techniques. In humanities they have made new discoveries about Ancient Greece and the royal timeline.





#### YEAR 4

The pupils explored the digestive system in science and travelled back in time in humanities. They learned about the infamous Lindisfarne invasion in AD 793 before studying legendary events, monarchs and civil developments throughout the centuries that finally culminated in the 1066 Battle of Hastings and end of the Anglo-Saxon era. They discovered the feats of Sir Ernest Shackleton in English, Sikhism in TPR and studied Roald Dahl's *The BFG* in novel studies.



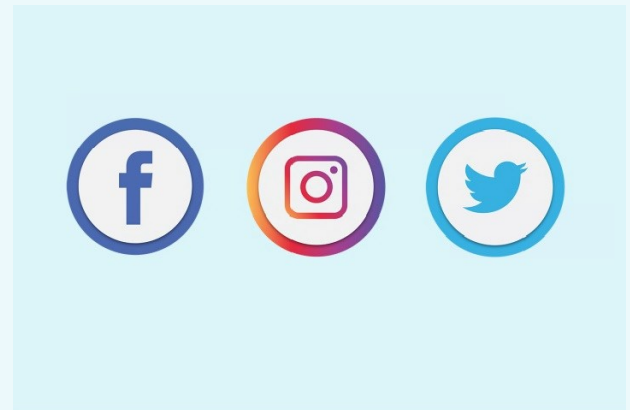
#### YEAR 5

It has been a very successful, busy and fun term for Year 5. The children were introduced to 11+ exam practice papers and showed an extremely mature attitude towards their preparations. The highlights this term have included our Year 5 assembly, *The Tragedy of Troy*, our *Alice in Wonderland* performance and Enterprise Week. We made over £250 from our very own Enterprise arcade game stall, which was a record-breaking amount resulting from the children's creativity and excellent teamwork. Well done Year 5.



#### YEAR 6

Congratulations to all our Year 6 pupils, who have excelled throughout their final year of primary education. They gained outstanding results in their 11+ exams and are now ready to transition to their senior school of choice. Highlights included including a residential to the Isle of Wight, creating self-led STEAM projects to present to parents, engaging in a H&F bikeability course, Enterprise Week, *Alice the Musical* and graduation. The whole school says good luck.



#### LET'S BE SOCIAL

Don't forget to follow us on social media for the latest news and activities around the school.

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And do check out the news section of the school website at [www.parsonsgreenprep.co.uk](http://www.parsonsgreenprep.co.uk).

# SPORT

## CRICKET

Cricket has been the main team sport for Prep children this term, with lessons taking place at Hurlingham Park. The children have made brilliant progress in the sport and developed their skills fantastically. A particular highlight was Year 5 and 6's double win against Prince's Gardens Prep, winning one match 282 runs to 246 and the other 238 to 200. Year 2 also played their first cricket fixture and had two excellent wins against Merlin School, finishing with 275 runs to 249 and 246 to 232.



## HOUSE MATCHES

The highly anticipated cricket house matches took place this term for Prep pupils. During the Year 3/4 event, Williams played Attenborough in the final after winning their first round of matches. Attenborough took the win by just three runs, scoring 221 to Williams's 218. Attenborough and Williams reached the final again for the Year 5/6 competition. This time Williams triumphed with the same margin of three runs, scoring 192 to 189. A huge well done to everyone for two excellent afternoons of cricket.



## SWIMMING

This term Year 5 and Year 6 took part in swimming lessons, provided by highly skilled swimming instructors at Fulham Pools. The progress of the children was highlighted in this year's Prep Swimming Gala. The children competed in the disciplines of front crawl, breaststroke and backstroke. The event was a great success, with a particular highlight being the Year 5/6 relay, where the top swimmers in each house competed in the 4 x 25m relay. Congratulations to Earhart House for their victorious performance.

## ATHLETICS

In June some of PGP's strongest athletes competed in the ISA London West Athletics competition, which consisted of short distance running, 600m, cricket ball throw and long jump. A special mention to Jakob (Y6), who achieved a silver medal in the long jump with a distance of 3.75m. We hosted our first internal Year 5/6 high jump competition. Year 5's Thomas, Victor, Lucas, Chloe and Delphine were joint winners, clearing 1m. Jakob came first place for Year 6, clearing 1.25m and Lilli a close second, clearing 1.2m.



## SPORTS DAY

Sports day was a huge success. We had a record number of events on display, with the children competing in the disciplines of short and long-distance running, jumping and throwing. The professional setting at Barn Elms Sports Trust inspired the children from Reception to Year 6, who showed excellent attitudes and sportsmanship. The highlight of the day was the 4 x 25m house relay, where Earhart came first. This secured them the coveted Sports Day shield (and ultimately the House Cup), scoring an amazing 230 house points.

# EVENTS

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Our leavers' graduation reflected their time and accomplishments at PGP perfectly. From the class singing a moving rendition of How Far I'll Go from the film Moana to an inspirational speech by the record-breaking explorer Dominic Faulkner, it gave pupils a chance to reflect on the personal mountains they have climbed and how much they have achieved here at the school. We also heard speeches from the pupils themselves and saw them pick up various prizes. We wish them all the very best at their next schools and we shall miss them.



## CHARITY ROUND-UP

The PGP community raised £2,065 between our four house events this year. Earhart kicked us off with £922 raised at the sustainable t-shirt fashion show for FARA Kids. Shackleton raised £310 for H&F Community Gardens with plant pot making. Williams raised £448 for Glassdoor during a sports day dress-up day and Attenborough raised £385 at the talent show held for the Shepherd's Bush Families Project. The chosen charities are extremely grateful for our outreach – a big thank you to everyone who donated.



## ECO COMMITTEE

The Eco Committee have been working hard this term to improve the biodiversity of our school grounds. At the beginning of the spring term the children came up with the idea of potting new plants, one for each year group. This term we had great fun choosing and potting each plant and are now looking forward to seeing them grow over the years. We hope you've enjoyed seeing the beautiful flowers in the playground.

**HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAYS!**