

Weekly Buzz

In the UK, pancake races form an important part of the Shrove Tuesday celebrations – an opportunity for large numbers of people, often in fancy dress, to race down streets tossing pancakes. The object of the race is to get to the finishing line first, carrying a frying pan with a cooked pancake in it and flipping the pancake as you run.

The most famous pancake race takes place at Olney in Buckinghamshire. According to tradition, in 1445 a woman of Olney heard the shroving bell while she was making pancakes and ran to the church in her apron, still clutching her frying pan. The Olney pancake race is now world famous.



Updated schedules for clubs!

Dates for your diary

Academic and Sports fixtures

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THUR 4TH APR 7PM



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including:

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- Las Ramblas

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ATTENDERS TO
PPS CHOIR &
CHAMBER
CHOIR**

Open to all year groups to join.

Choir rehearsals every
Thursday, 12:45-13:30,
Room 1

See Mr Hill or Miss Boyle
for a letter

Notice Board

Year 10 Information Evening

Year 10 parents are invited to hear about our programme and plans for preparing students for their post-16 options over the next twelve months. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13th March** in GPS Hall at 5:15pm.

The programme will also include an introduction to UniFrog; DLD and other colleges; alternatives to A-level (T-levels, BTEC, Apprenticeship); our Leadership Programme and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

DLD College London Information Evening

Year 10 parents are also invited to hear about the A Level and BTEC opportunities being offered at DLD College London. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday 27th March** in GPS Hall at 5:00pm.

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Computer Science at Portland Place School

COMPUTER SCIENCE - The best way to learn is to **explore** on your own!

Year 8s are learning programming with *Swift Playgrounds*!

Swift Playgrounds is an app that helps students learn Swift, which is a programming language made by Apple and used to create apps. The puzzles and challenges incorporate cute alien-like characters and a 3D world to teach students to code using Swift. At Portland Place School, we think that the best way to learn is to **explore** on your own, and *Swift Playgrounds* is a great place to let our students' imagination run wild. In addition to the lessons that help them learn to code, *Swift Playgrounds* delivers new challenges on a regular basis so they can keep coming back to try something new. The included playgrounds can be edited, extended, remixed, or completely reinvented. Collaboration with friends is key to success!

Swift Playgrounds includes the following core coding concepts: Commands, Functions, Parameters, Loops, Conditional statements, Variables, Operators, Types, Initialization...

Note: *Swift Playgrounds* is not compatible with iPhones or any iPad that does not have the iOS 10.0 update or is not a Mini, an Air, or a Pro.

Mr Caballero



Collaborative work

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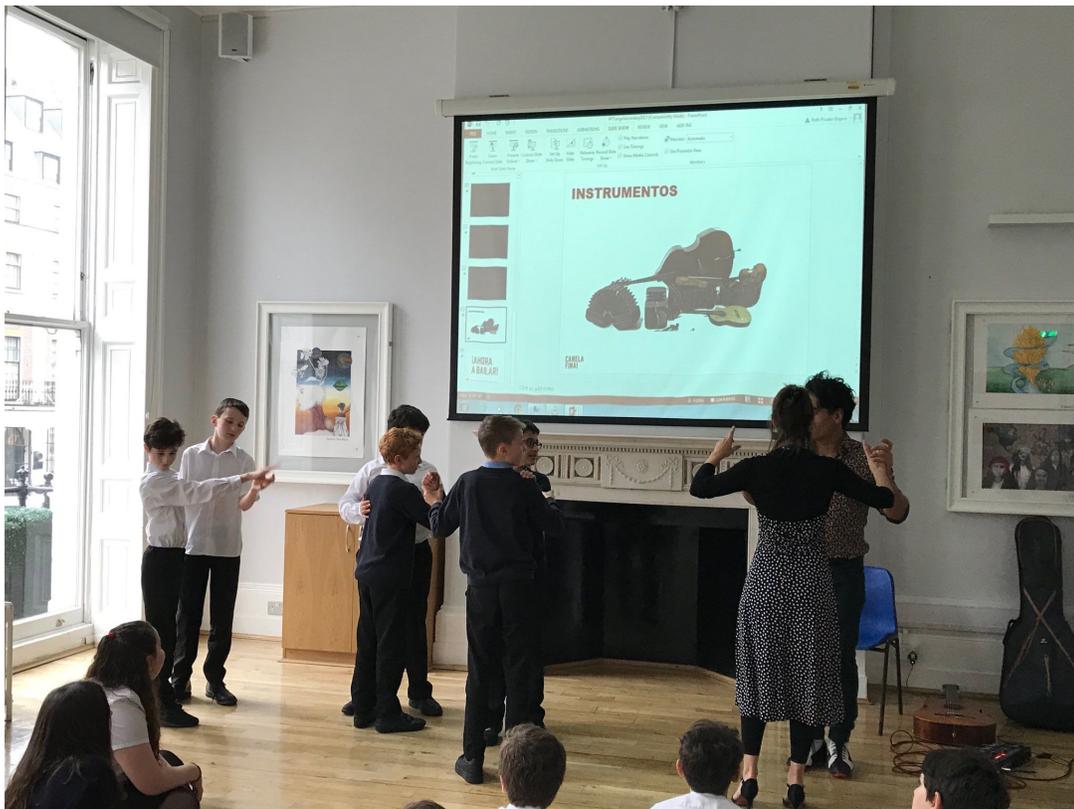
News

Tango Workshop - Years 6 & 7

On Friday, 1st March, the Year 6 and 7 Spanish classes had a tango workshop. This involved listening, dancing and singing to South American music and learning a bit of the Spanish language. Carolina and Martin, the tango teachers from Canela Fina UK, taught us how to perform each of these skills throughout the afternoon. It was great fun and we learnt a lot.

First, we watched a video on the different types of tango from performing in theatres to on the street with tap-dancing shoes. We then learnt about the history of Tango. Tango originated from Argentina when only men were allowed to dance. This was performed on the street and was only popular with the poorer end of Argentina. Finally, using a balloon to help us, we tried our best to show our dancing skills to the rest of the class. It was a brilliant way to end the week.

By Tom Hallam (Year 7)



News

Pancake Day

KS2 and KS3 students enjoyed pancakes to mark Shrove Tuesday. These delicious treats were served with blueberry and strawberry jam, maple syrup, marshmallow and sprinkles... special thanks to **Thomas** who led the event and provided us with freshly made, warm pancakes!

Ms Halcakova and Ms Florea provided us with the Quality Assurance and confirmed that Mardi Gras was appropriately marked.



News

World Book Day

World Book Day is always a special day to promote the joy of reading, literacy and our wonderful bookshops. We had lots of reading activities going on in school this year! The majority of Key Stage 3 students received a free small World Book Day reading book and a £1 token, if you didn't get one please see Mrs Carvalho in the library next week, there are spares.

For our main event, we invited author Curtis Jobling in to speak to Years 6-8 and a number of Year 9 students too. Curtis captivated our students with his vast array of expertise, not only is he an established YA author, he has also worked in animation, creating characters such as Bob the Builder and RA-Ra the Lion. Curtis is really interested in supernatural characters like werewolves and this is something he was really eager to share with students, he did this with a hilarious quiz which made students guess if a character was a werewolf or a bearded man. Sonny is Year 6 was really impressed:

'He was funny, he can draw quickly on the spot. I especially liked the way he talked about haunt, Dead Scared. I really want to read it!'



He had great advice for students and said they should nurture their hobbies and try to forge a career from their passion if possible. His own love of reading started in the local library and he urged students who don't like reading to try graphic novels and visit their own school library. His own love of reading books has helped him to write them.

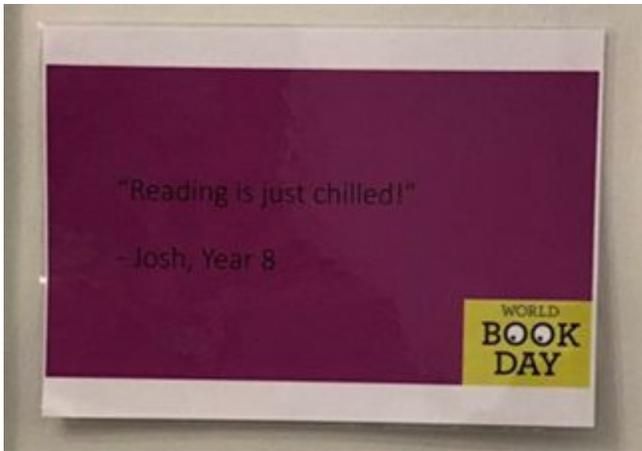
Many students bought the books afterwards. His books are now also available to borrow in the school library. A sample of Haunt, Dead Scared is available to read here:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/book/h/haunt-dead-scared/>

News

World Book Day Continued...

Reading displays were put up around school. Ms Hubner from the English Department decorated the school with students' quotes about their enjoyment of reading:



Some of our staff's favourite books were displayed on the library door

This year we tried something new: Drop Everything and Read or DEAR. This involved everyone in school reading their books for the last 20 minutes of the day. It was such a relaxing way to end a Thursday.



Sports results



Sports

Rugby

U12's Ibstock 7aside Rugby Tournament

On Tuesday 5th March, PPS U12's made their way to Ibstock Place School to compete in a big 14 school 7 aside rugby tournament. The boys would play 6 games in the group stage with the top 2 teams progressing to the main finals. PPS started really well with an impressive win against a strong Isleworth and Syon school. In their next game PPS again were victorious in a closely fought contest with Ibstock place school. The boys were feeling confident after an excellent start but knew they had some very tough opponents to play. Unfortunately, after a bit of a delay, PPS were caught cold early on in their game against Gunnersbury School who scored 3 tries in quick succession in the first half to kill the game. It was tough competition and PPS started to tire physically and mentally in their next 2 games against Tiffin School and Hampton School, 2 of the tournament favourites. The boys played some good rugby against both sides but both Tiffin and Hampton were tactically very well organised and highly skilled as the boys unfortunately lost to both teams. PPS had one game remaining against Radnor house school and were keen to avenge a recent defeat in the full sided version of the game. PPS started really well, showing great aggression, desire and bravery to take the game to Radnor. By half time PPS were 10-5 up. The second half was extremely competitive, both teams looked dangerous in attack but unfortunately PPS were struggling to keep possession of the ball due to Radnor's excellent rucking. Radnor equalised with a minute to play to set up a tense finale. PPS caught the restart and drove at the Radnor defence, running hard lines into Radnor tacklers. PPS lost possession, Radnor ran at PPS and a big tackle from **Marc Mora** forced the ball loose, **PPS** tried to pick up the loose ball but it bounced awkwardly and was knocked forwards into the hands of a Radnor player. He picked up the ball and with the final play of the game and managed to score right in the corner to take a 15-10 victory, much to the boys' frustration!

The boys should be very proud of their efforts against some very strong and established 'rugby schools'. **Lloyd Day** scored a number of excellent tries, using his power and quick feet to devastating effect. **Sid De Rozario** and **Marc Mora** worked very hard in defence making numerous tackles and competing at a number of rucks. **Isaac Meyer**, who was playing a year up, was excellent once again but man of the tournament has to go to **Teddy Faulkner** who broke tackle after tackle with his confrontational and powerful carries and led by example in the tackle. A true captain's performance!



Sports

Rugby

U13 Ibstock 7aside Rugby Tournament

On Monday 4th March, PPS U13's made their way to Ibstock to participate in a 7 aside rugby tournament. It was a huge tournament with 7 schools in each group, the boys knew they were in for a challenging afternoon as the standard of competition would be very high – but the boys were up for the challenge! In the group phases PPS played against Isleworth and Syon School, Gunnersbury School, Tiffin School, Hampton School, Radnor House School and Ibstock Place School.

The boys played some good rugby during the group phase but also made a number of unforced errors. Any dropped ball or lack of organisation was punished by the opposition. The boys were all carrying the ball really well in to contact and were making some good offloads to get over the gain line. They showed great determination at the breakdown and worked hard in defence. One of the main issues was that the boys were committing too many players in to rucks and not forming an effective defensive line, whenever the opposition spotted this they simply spread the ball wide into space to run in an easy try. Overall it was a great experience for the boys, they managed one excellent victory against Ibstock Place School but lost the remainder of their fixtures.

It was a tough afternoon for the boys but they showed good character to continue competing against some very good sides. **Josh Tucker** showed great desire and aggression to compete in every game. **Nicholas Bartha** was a constant threat with his powerful running and brave tackling. Year 7 Boys **Teddy Faulkner** and **Lloyd Day** made a really positive impact in attack and defence and **Gordon Turnor** was everywhere.....making big tackles and positive carries. However, man of the tournament goes to **Leo Sargent** who played his best rugby in a PPS shirt to date. He carried hard over the gain line on numerous occasions and also showed improved technique when rucking.



Sports

Cross Country

Inter Borough Cross Country 2019 Avery Hill

Congratulations to **Tom Hallam** and **Lawton Ballbach**, who represented Westminster in the Inter Borough Cross Country event, held at Avery Hill. A tough, uphill course but the both boys did Portland Place and Westminster proud! Out of 150 runners in Year 7, Tom was placed 47th and Lawton 59th.

Well done boys!



Sports

Football

Under 13s Football

St Aubyns – 3

Portland Place School – 0

The boys of year 7 and 8 travelled to St Aubyns for a small sided 7v7 game. The score line really does not reflect that this was a physical and even match. For long periods in this game the teams were cancelling each other out, creating chances and defending superbly. Arguably PPS were on top for the opening ten minutes and creating a few more chances, on another day this could have been a 2-0 lead. The St Aubyns goalkeeper had an exceptional game. St Aubyns sneaked into the lead after a quick counter attack shortly before half time. **Jesse Fryer-Jacobs** had a chance to equalise from the kick off only to be denied by the woodwork. Half time score 1-0 to St Aubyns. The second half was a similar close contest and the best opportunity fell to **Alex Politi** after a fantastic cross from **Jesse Francis-Baum**. Alex controlled the ball five yards out from goal only to put the ball over the goal. The game fizzled out and St Aubyns scored two late goals after the boy's committed more men forward in search of a goal. A lesson in taking your chances is what the boys have taken away from this close game.

Sports

Netball

Comic Relief Netball Shooting Charity Event

On 15th March, Y10 Freya Francis Baum will be attempting to score 100 netball goals in 20 minutes in aid of Comic Relief. This will be done during lunchtime at the basement steps of number 58. Freya is looking for sponsorship towards her event and hopes to raise as much as possible. Please give her your support.

Cricket

PPS CRICKET CLUB



Lords Indoor Cricket Nets

Tuesdays 4-5pm

April 30th

May 7th, 14th, Monday 20th May,

June 4th, 11th

Cricket whites compulsory!

Bring any of your own
equipment

*If you want to attend please speak
to Mr Rider, there is a limit on
numbers so please register ASAP.*

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Calendar & Contact

Monday 11 March

08.00-8.40am	GCSE PE, R35
12.45-1.30pm	Woodwind Ensemble, Mr Slack, R1
12.45-1.30pm	Rock Band, Mr Hill R2
12.45-1.30pm	Chess Club, Mr Burton, Library
12.50-1.30pm	Weight Training Club, Sports Dept
1.00-1.20pm	Years 7-8 Maths Challenge & Enrichment Club, R22
1.00-1.20pm	Years 9-11 Maths Challenge & Enrichment Club, R24
3.45-5.00pm	Arabic for Beginners, R36
4.00-6.15pm	Lamda Lessons in PPS Hall

Tuesday 12 March

8.20-8.50am	Year 12 Extra Help, Ms Segerstrom, G13
12.45-1.20pm	Netball Shooting Club, PE Basement
12.45-1.30pm	Percussion Ensemble, Mr Jesson, R1
12.45-1.30pm	Rock Band, Mr Hill R2
12.45-1.30pm	Student Voice, Ms Magniez, R34
12.45-1.30pm	Spanish, Ms Picado, R24
12.45-1.30pm	Italian GCSE, G12
1.00-1.20pm	Chess Club, R22
3.45-4.45pm	GCSE Geography Club G24
3.45-4.30pm	GCSE Business Club G12
3.45-4.30pm	History GCSE revision club, G23
3.45-4.30pm	GCSE Revision Chemistry, H3/4
3.45-4.30pm	GCSE Revision Physics, H6/7
3.45-4.30pm	KS4 Maths Club, G12
3.45-5.00pm	Science Lab, Ms Nicholas, H1/2
4.00-5.00pm	Japanese for Beginners, R36
4.00-4.30pm	KS3 Maths Club, R10
4.00-5.00pm	Bugsy Rehearsals, Whole Cast, PPS Hall
4.00-5.00pm	Design Club for KS3
4.00-5.00pm	Football Club, Regents Park
4.00-5.00pm	GCSE Design Club

Wednesday 13 March

8.15-9.00am	Bugsy girls singing ensemble, Ms Boyle, R1
12.45-1.30pm	Boys Choir, Ms Boyle, R1
12.45-1.30pm	Music Theory Club, Ms Bottrill, R42
12.45-1.30pm	Soul Band, R2
12.45-1.30pm	Theory Club, Ms Bottrill, R43
12.45-1.30pm	EAL Homework Club, R11, Ms Florea
12.45-1.30pm	Russian Club, Library
3.45-4.30pm	GCSE Classical Civilisation Club, G41
3.45-4.45pm	GCSE History Club G23
3.45-4.45pm	Economics Club, Ms Byrne, G21
3.45-4.45pm	Computing Walk In Clinic, R34
3.45-5.00pm	KS2 & KS3 Art & Craft Club, R22
3.45-4.15pm	Year 12 & 13 Statistics/Mechanics Extra Help, R36
3.45-4.15pm	Year 13 Pure Extra Help, R10
3.45-5.00pm	French GCSE Support, R33
4.00-4.45pm	GCSE Art, Art Studio
4.00-4.30pm	Duke of Edinburgh Meeting, PPS Hall
4.00-5.00pm	GCSE Design Club, Ms Birtles, B1
4.00-5.00pm	Bugsy Rehearsal, see schedule
4.00-4.45pm	GCSE Computing Club, G11

Thursday 14 March

12.45-1.30pm	Portland Place Choir, Ms Boyle, R1
12.45-1.30pm	Brass ensemble, Mr Bentley, R2
1.00-1.30pm	KS3 Book Club, Library
1.00-1.30pm	Weight Training Club, Sports Dept
1.00-1.30pm	Netball Shooting Club, Sports Dept
4.00-5.00pm	Chamber Choir, Ms Boyle, PPS Hall
3.45-4.30pm	Soul Band, Mr Bentley, R2
3.45-4.30pm	GCSE Classical Civilisation, G31
3.45-5.00pm	Mandarin Beginners/Advanced, R35
4.00-5.00pm	Bugsy Rehearsals, see schedule

Friday 15 March

12.45-1.30pm	String Ensemble, Ms Boyle, R1
12.45-1.30pm	Jazz Band, Mr Hill, R2
1.00-1.30pm	Debating Club, Ms Baig, Library
1.00-1.30pm	Textiles Club
4.00-6.15pm	LAMDA, Lessons, PPS Hall

TERM DATES:

SPRING TERM 2019

Term Starts	Monday 7 January
Half Term	Mon 18 February – Fri 22 February
End of Term	Friday 5 April

SUMMER TERM 2019

Term Starts	Wednesday 24 April
Half Term	Mon 27 May – Fri 31 May
End of Term	Friday 5 July

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