

# The Weekly Buzz

19 September 2022



Artwork by Sophia Z-N

## Clubs & Enrichment News



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## Lunch Menu

w/c 19th Sept 2022

**Week 1 Lunch Menu**

**MONDAY**

**Main:**  
Chicken Stir fry

**Meat Free:**  
Vegetable Stir Fry

**To go with:**  
Noodles  
Green Beans  
Sticky Aubergine  
Cabbage

**Dessert:**  
Flapjack

**Tuesday**

**Main:**  
Chicken Drumstick

**Meat Free:**  
Bell Pepper Pasta Bake

**To go with:**  
Courgettes  
Tomato  
Butternut Squash  
Kale

**Dessert:**  
Carrot Cake

**Wednesday**

**Main:**  
Pork/Chicken Sausage

**Meat Free:**  
Vegan Sausage

**To go with:**  
Mashed Potato  
Yorkshire Pudding  
Carrots  
Gravy

**Dessert:**  
Treacle Sponge

**THURSDAY**

**Main:**  
Chicken Curry

**Meat Free:**  
Lentils

**To go with:**  
Rice

**Dessert:**  
Roasted Pepper Apple Crumble  
Cauliflower  
Poppadums

**FRIDAY**

**Main:**  
Fish Cake

**Meat Free:**  
Veg Nugget

**To go with:**  
Oven Baked Fries  
Crushed Peas  
Baked Beans

**Dessert:**  
Jelly

**The FUTURE of FOOD**

**ON THE MENU**  
☆ **EVERYDAY** ☆  
☆ Soup of the Day  
☆ Salad Bar  
☆ Fresh Fruit  
☆ Yoghurt

Allergen Key: 1. Milk, 2. Fish, 3. Gluten, 4. Peanuts, 5. Tree nuts, 6. Soya, 7. Sesame, 8. Lupin, 9. Shellfish, 10. Molluscs, 11. Egg, 12. Sulphite, 13. Celery, 14. Mustard  
\*MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INGREDIENTS BE UNAVAILABLE\*

Gluten-free options available each day





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## DATES FOR THE DIARY 2022

12 OCT - HAUNTED HOUSE (YEAR 6 & 7)

01 DEC - LANGUAGES DAY

08 DEC - CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE @  
ST MARYLEBONE'S PARISH CHURCH

13 DEC - CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
@ REGENT HALL



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## Parents Welcome Meetings

**8.00AM START - 8.30AM FINISH  
@ PPS DINING HALL, 143 GREAT  
PORTLAND ST, W1W 6QN**

### **DATES:**

**TUES 20 SEPT - YEAR 6 & 7  
WED 21 SEPT - YEAR 10  
MON 26 SEPT - YEAR 8  
TUES 27 SEPT - YEAR 9  
WED 28 SEPT - YEAR 11  
MON 3RD OCT - HYBRID  
SCHOOL (ALL YEARS)**

**COME FOR TEA, COFFEE &  
CROISSANTS AND MEET OTHER  
PARENTS. NO NEED TO RSVP!**





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## SCHOOL CLOSED Monday 19th September 2022

*Portland Place School  
will be closed on Monday  
19th September, now  
declared a bank holiday  
for the state funeral of  
HM Queen Elizabeth II.*

*School will reopen as  
usual on Tuesday 20th.*



## **Ski Tour 2023**

### **Folgarida, Italy**

The PPS Ski Team and I are delighted to announce the long-awaited return of the PPS Ski Tour – this time, to Folgarida in Italy, a resort we last visited in 2019, where we enjoyed a week of fresh snow and uninterrupted sunshine. The province of Trentino is famous for its hospitality, food and snow conditions and we are absolutely thrilled to be flying back there again!

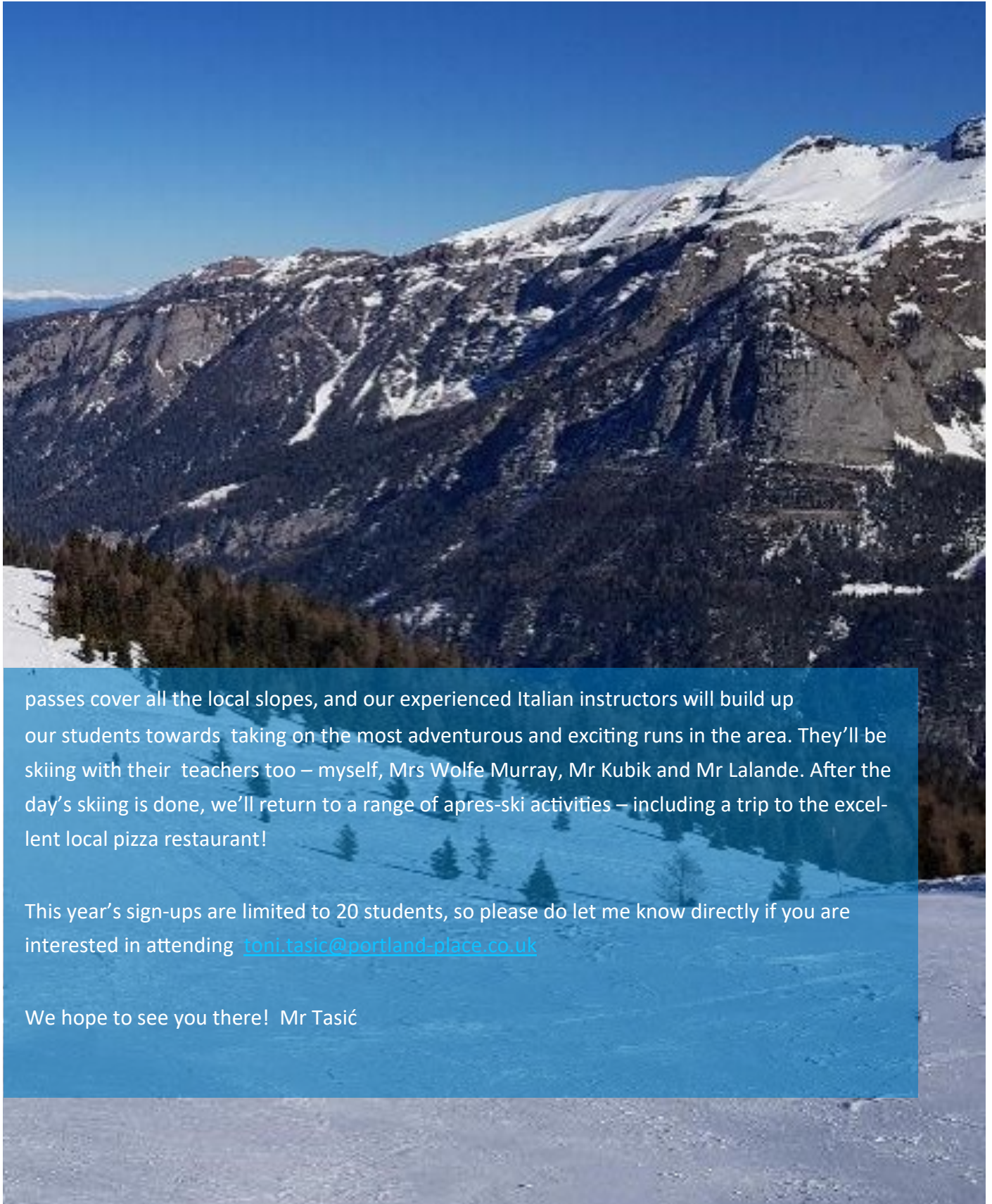
We welcome skiers of all abilities and experiences and the trip includes everything except salopettes and a jacket: meeting at the airport, we'll fly out to Italy, be transferred to the resort, and enjoy full-board accommodation in a hotel close to the ski lifts. Even experienced skiers would do well to see every slope in the ski area; our





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passes cover all the local slopes, and our experienced Italian instructors will build up our students towards taking on the most adventurous and exciting runs in the area. They'll be skiing with their teachers too – myself, Mrs Wolfe Murray, Mr Kubik and Mr Lalande. After the day's skiing is done, we'll return to a range of apres-ski activities – including a trip to the excellent local pizza restaurant!

This year's sign-ups are limited to 20 students, so please do let me know directly if you are interested in attending [toni.tasic@portland-place.co.uk](mailto:toni.tasic@portland-place.co.uk)

We hope to see you there! Mr Tasić



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National  
Poetry  
Day



**POETRY COMPETITION – FIRST  
PRIZE £20 AMAZON VOUCHER**

**Submit a poem in any form on  
the topic 'The Environment'**

**Open to all year groups**

Send your poem to your English teacher or to  
[jaimie.wolfemurray@portland-place.co.uk](mailto:jaimie.wolfemurray@portland-place.co.uk) by  
Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm.





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## MFL / Extra-Curricular Languages 2022/23

The MFL faculty is organising extra-curricular language clubs for students who would like to learn a second new language with external teachers.

We currently offer Japanese, Russian, Chinese (Mandarin) but would like to know if students would also be interested in Arabic, German and Italian tuition this year.

Please note that due to small numbers and to avoid cancellations, we are now charging a fee for these clubs. The fee will depend on numbers in the class and will start at £18 per student per week for 3 students in a class. This fee will decrease with a higher number of students.

A minimum of 3 students will be needed to run a club, please sign up below if you would like to join.

To sign up, please email Mr Lalande, the Head of MFL, by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September at [thomas.lalande@portland-place.co.uk](mailto:thomas.lalande@portland-place.co.uk)



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# TALKEDUCATION

## Awards for Innovation in Education



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PPS have been shortlisted in the **Talk Education Awards for Innovation in Education – Best Use of Technology Category**. A fantastic achievement!

# The Shortlist



## PPS Parents Network

Dear PPS Families,

The **PPS Parents Network** use the **Classlist App** to communicate with parents and invite them to parent events and activities such as coffee mornings, lunches, ice skating, theatre trips.

If you haven't already joined please download the Classlist App and select the correct year group and class for your child.

Use the QR code ([live until 22 September](#)) which will allow you to access the Portland Place School Classlist.


Please direct any questions to the head of the PPS Parents Network, Jo Francis-Baum at [joannaafb@me.com](mailto:joannaafb@me.com)

Many thanks,  
PPS Parents Network



**You're invited to join**  
Portland Place School  
on the **Classlist App**



- 1 Accept the invitation**  
by Sep 22nd for quick approval
  - 2** Install the Classlist app
-  Make new friends and get advice

### Why join Classlist?

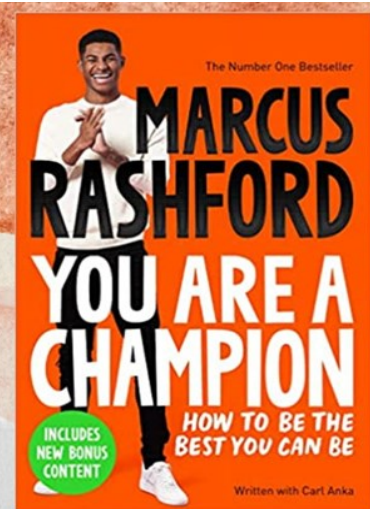
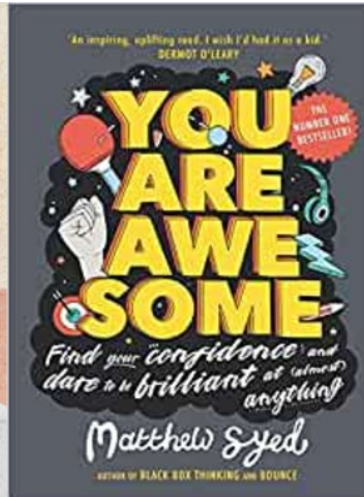
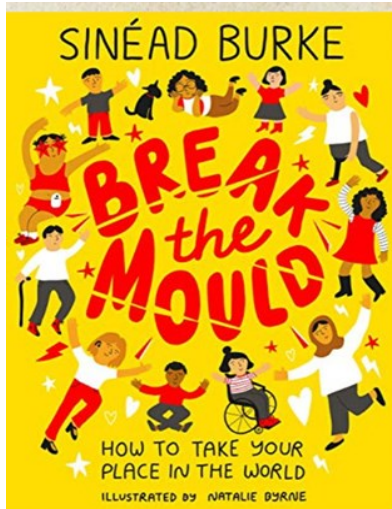
- Connect with class families
- Organise meet ups and birthday parties
- Get tickets to events

GDPR compliant,  
private and secure.

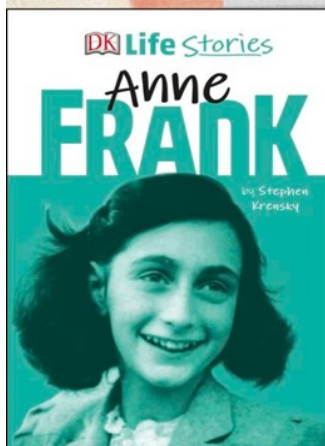


[www.classlist.com](http://www.classlist.com)

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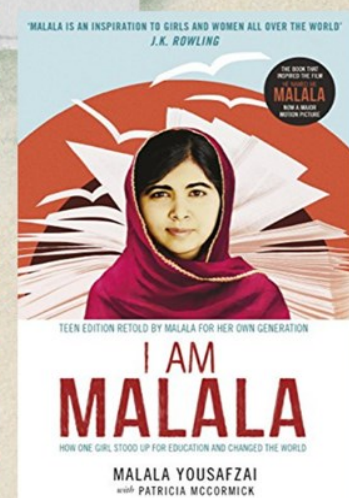
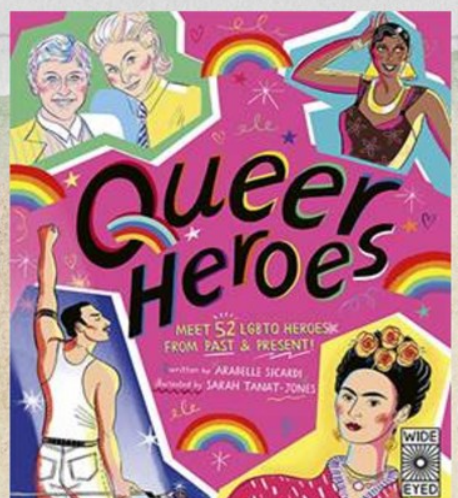
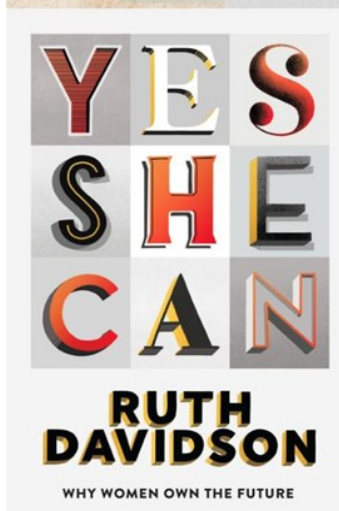
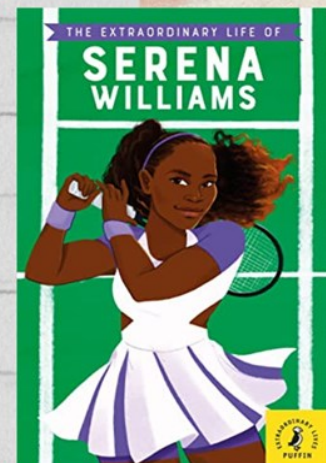


Books on the theme of:



## Resilience & Growth Mindset

@PPSLibrary



There are more details about the books and further resources at

<https://wakelet.com/wake/1WjUfw8D9KQuFFqc3hpzG1>





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## Growth Mindset & Resilience

It has been a fantastic week with assemblies focused on **Growth Mindset and Resilience** being delivered to every year group in the school. I have been so impressed with the positivity, motivation and creativity that our students have demonstrated throughout- it made me very proud to be part of the PPS community.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Florea



The ultimate  
role model of  
resilience.

“Never give up, never despair!”



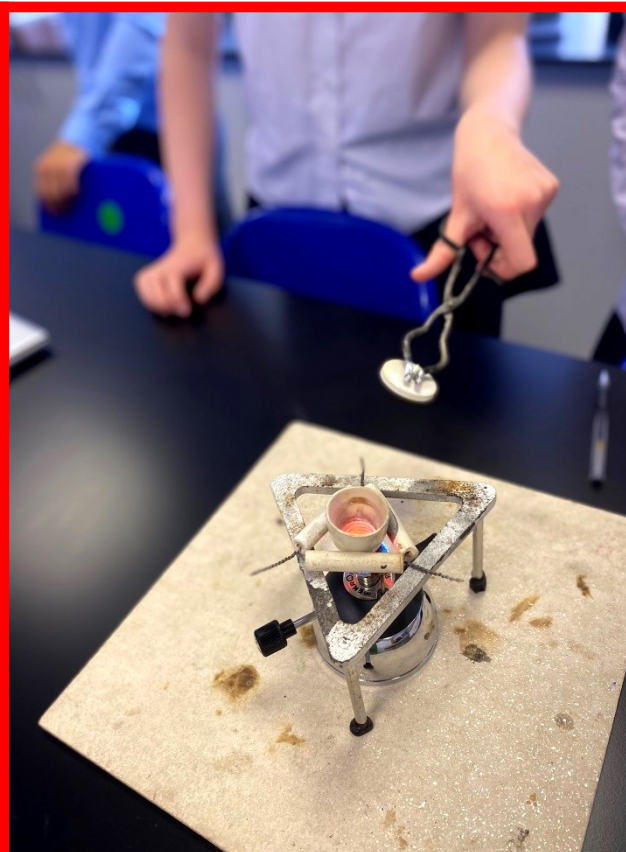
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## Year 10/Chemistry

Conservation of Mass





Year 10 Chemistry students measuring the change in mass when magnesium burns.

Students weigh magnesium and heat it in a crucible. The magnesium reacts with oxygen to produce the oxide. Students see there is an increase in mass and can use the results to find the formula of magnesium oxide.

Miss Silcocks







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# Art

## *Escaping Creepy Crawlies :*

Lucas, Danny, Sophia,  
Azure, Valery











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# Board Games Club

**Mondays 13:15-13:45**

**Room 11 (Dance Studio)**

**Ms Coates & Ms Florea**





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## Mad Scientists!

This week our mad scientists made slime in a wide variety of colours, textures and scents! From butter slime to fluffy snow slime to fishbowl slime!





Here is Eesa demonstrating the whoosh bottle! We added ethanol to a large polycarbonate bottle and ignited it. The resulting rapid combustion reaction, often accompanied by a dramatic 'whoosh' sound and flames, demonstrates the large amount of chemical energy released in the combustion of alcohols.





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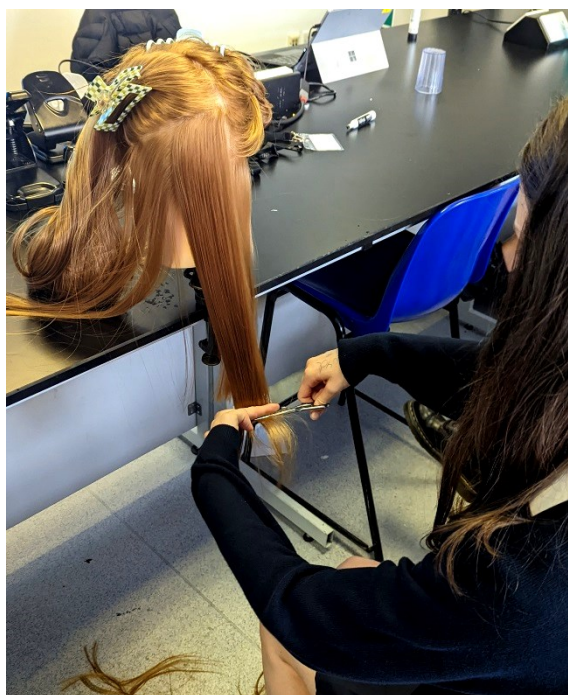
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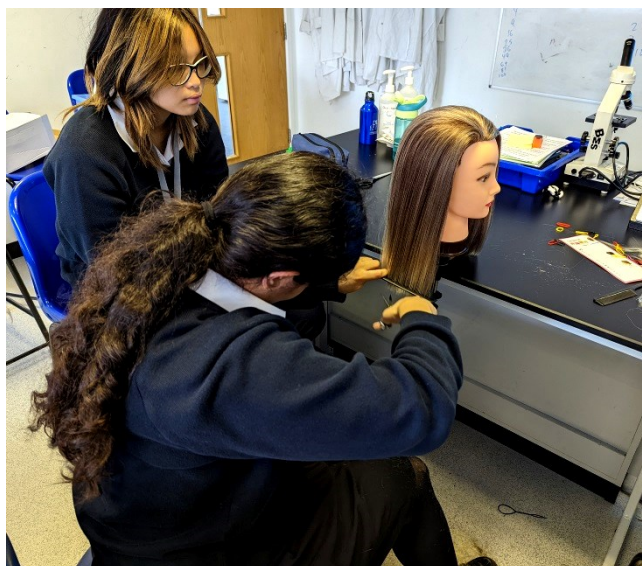


## Hairdressing Enrichment









**In Hairdressing enrichment the group learnt to cut a one length cut and do a variety of plaits and braids. Mr Bland**





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LONDON  
ZOO

**Enrichment**













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On Wednesday we had our first workshop: an introduction to what ZOOs do. Thank you for your contributions: !

*Ms McBain and Ms Coates*

## ZSL- CONSERVATION AND STUDY

History of the London  
ZOO

ZOO's Engagement

ZOOs Breeding Programmes

Research

Working for Wildlife

Health and Welfare

Conservation- UK- Based

Threats to Biodiversity

Impacts on Humans

Endangered Animals

Week 2:

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**Enrichment:** exploring man-made tools that encourage the animals to play and challenge their environment

**Research:** exploring various types of animal cells

**Documenting:** Looking at devices used for animal photography. Identifying animals on the photos

**Threats to Biodiversity:** exploring the levels of acidity which are dangerous to water-based animals





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## Climbing Enrichment

Our first climbing enrichment went really well, with the students testing themselves on the high ropes and also learning how to belay each other.

Mr Brittain

BEACON  
[www.beaconclimbing.com](http://www.beaconclimbing.com)

ARE YOU  
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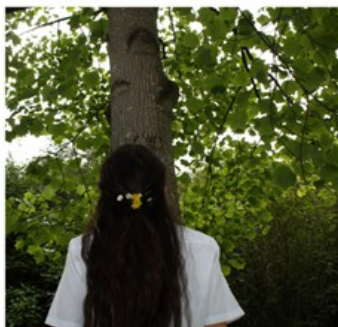
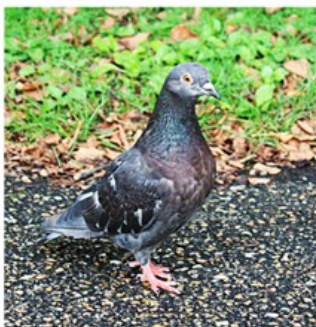
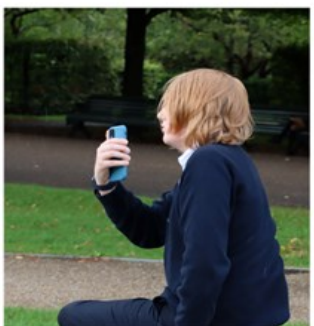
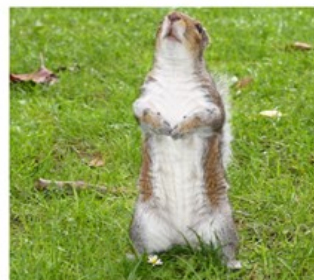
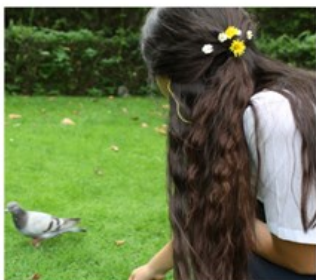
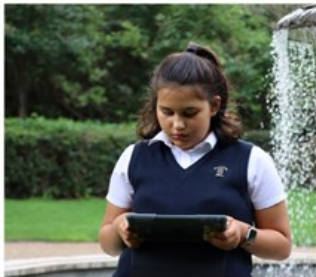
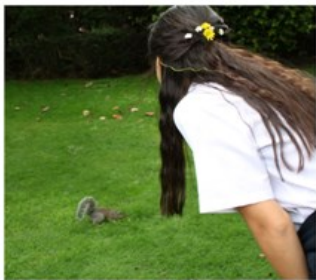
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## ***Science***

**Year 8 conducting  
their first experiment  
of the year!**







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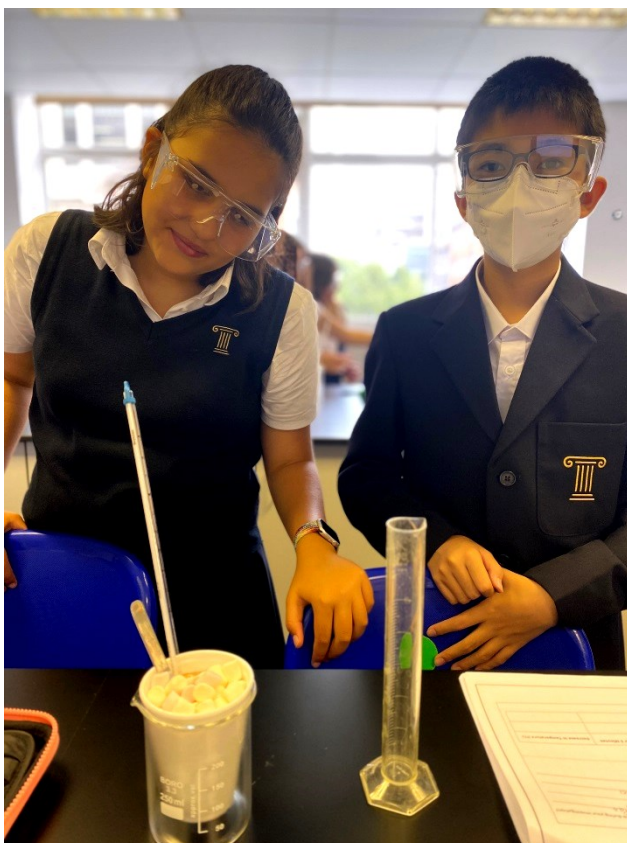
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## *Does adding marshmallows keep hot chocolate warmer for longer?*

We concluded that the temperature of the hot chocolate with marshmallows decreased less over time compared to the temperature of the hot chocolate without marshmallows. The hot chocolate with marshmallows stayed warmer for longer. When the marshmallows melted on the surface of the hot chocolate they created an insulating layer which reduced the transfer of energy from the energy store of the hot chocolate to the surroundings.









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## THE WALL OF KINDNESS

I would like to nominate Taishi in Year 8 for being extremely supportive towards our new student, Haofeng. I'm so proud of you, Taishi! Also, thank you to Jude in Year 9 who offered to carry my bag as my arms were full of books and held the door open as I was leaving GPS. I really appreciate your kindness, Jude. Ms Florea

**Donovan Howell Year 8 for being kind and very helpful/supportive to a new student on Thursday—Ms Lewis**

I would like Ahlam to be on the wall of kindness because she showed me around school when I was confused.

Noah 😊

Y8 Dexter and Abdullah for being helpful during our Tuesday lesson, Angelica Morby for her politeness and positivity this week, Mr Lalande and Mr. Bland for helping me out this week 😊, Ms McBain for great companionship during the ZOO trip—Ms Coates

*Ms Florea, you are the growth mindset ambassador and positivity personified!*

*- Ms Zalesny*



## Under 12 Netball Match / Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022 / PPS Vs Maida Vale

It was the Year 7's first match of the year and having only had one netball lesson the girls were extremely nervous. Those nerves quickly diminished once they got going and they were raring to go. On the team representing PPS were, **Clara Howell, Lucy McHugh Tibbetts, Helena Soriano, Bibi Welch, Catherine Argentieri, Esther Osinaike, Lily Dawson** and **Maite Petit-Pires**. They all played so well despite some of them never playing before and they worked well as a team to get the ball to the shooting third where both **Lily** and **Esther** were ready to try and get a goal.

Eventually the first goal came from **Lily** to the delight of the team. **Clara**, who was named the player of the match in centre position, worked incredibly hard up and down the court making key interceptions to direct the ball back up to the shooting third. Another key player in the game was **Lucy** as the goalkeeper. She was incredibly good in her defensive position preventing the opposition getting a chance to score a goal. **Helena, Catherine, Helena** and **Maite** also helped the smooth transition of the ball up the court. **Esther** and **Lily** got 2 goals each making it a 4-0 victory to PPS, hurrah!! The girls were absolutely ecstatic at this win and are looking forward to their next match. A huge well done to all those involved 😊

**Player of the Match – Clara Howell**

**Final score – PPS 4 – Maida Vale 0**





## Year 8&9 Netball vs Maida Vale

With the school holidays already a week behind them and the term already causing some tired eyes on the Monday morning, it was great to see some old and new faces coming together to take on Maida Vale in a tightly fought netball competition.

A mix of Year 8 and 9 girls took the short journey to Holland Park and made easy work of the first matches, beating each team 3-1 and 8-0 respectively with **Marta Shelton** and **Maya Lachheb** causing issues to the Vale defenders and **Kadi Bahbahani** and **Rhiya Haidar** doing the same on the opposing court. The movement from both teams led to some easy openings towards the net and led to a number of chances on the opposition net.

After one set of 7-minute games, the next games were slightly closer with both PPS teams beating Maida Vale 5-3. This time we saw **Olivia Solomou** running the centre for the yellows and **Jazz Pochon** controlling the play for the greens. There was a fantastic performance from both **Cora Skarlek** and **Ella Hanouka** who were both playing their first games of netball for PPS. Both of whom, playing for the greens, broke the line, took on the attack and made a good impression on Mr Steward, who was taking the fixture. The net for the yellows was in safe hands where **lasmin Magomedova** and **Zaya Child** who defended everything that was thrown to them.

The heat was rising, and the girls were starting to get tired but the students didn't let their performance drop. After some changes within the teams, Vale took advantage, but some students who stuck out were **Bibi Underhill** and **Mia Lipkin** who did really well for their teams. The students had used what had been taught during the first week, with both teams using movement and the skill of passing to open-up the defence and continue with their attack on the opposing net.





# Sports report

With **Abi Taub** holding the goal, it was the final quarter that saw a few of the players start to tire but they continued to work hard throughout the game. It was fantastic to see some old and new faces working closely together to battle against Maida Vale.

There were plenty of positives coming from each student and with the new players helping bring the students forward we are looking forward to the up and coming fixtures.

Yellows and Greens both played well and after only one training session and one match it was great to see the progression of all of the players who came to the fixture, especially the Year 8 students who were playing against the year above.







# Sports report

## Fixtures and Clubs

Each week these will be published in the Weekly Buzz, but can also be found on Firefly, in the Physical Education section. Parents of pupils selected for teams will be notified in advance and we ask that they make the PE department aware of any circumstances by which their child cannot attend the match. Please be aware that fixtures with other schools are organised a term in advance and non-attendance, especially last minute, can negatively affect our teams and therefore the enjoyment and performance of the whole squad. Sign-up letters are being sent out currently for the after school and lunchtime sports clubs. Please ensure your child is aware that they have been signed up and that they have the necessary kit with them. They will still have the opportunity to have their lunch and in some instances we will provide a packed lunch of their choice.

## Sports Kit

The PE kit details can be found on the school website and on Firefly, in the PE department section. Pupils who are still awaiting their kit delivery should wear appropriate sportswear of their own. Correct footwear is especially important and we highly recommend that pupils bring football boots to school every day. We are outside at Regent's Park for most of our lessons and studded boots, which are essential for football and rugby offer better grip and therefore performance in nearly all our activities.

Your child's half termly PE timetable can be found on Firefly under their year group page in the PE department section.

## What's on next week

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- Mon 19: Bank Holiday / School closed
  - Tue 20: Year 6 & 7 netball vs North Bridge House Canonbury, Regent's Park, 2.00-3.00pm  
Year 6 & 7 football vs North Bridge House Canonbury, Regent's Park, 2.00-3.00pm  
Weight Training Club, PPS Changing Rooms, 12.50-1.40pm
  - Wed 21: U16 Football vs Thames Christian College, away (Falcon Park), 2.30-3.45pm  
Running Club, Regent's Park, 12.50-1.20pm  
Fencing club, PPS hall, 4.00-5.00pm
  - Thu 22: Year 10 football vs Ibstock Place & Radnor House triangular, away (Roehampton University)  
2.00-4.00pm  
Dance Club, Room 11, 12.50-1.30pm
  - Fri 23: Year 9 football vs Ibstock Place & Radnor House triangular, away (Roehampton University)  
2.00-4.00pm



## Enrichment—First Half of Autumn Term

Activity	Staff	Room
3D Design	DWO	B1
Climbing	WBR & BSO	Room 1 at 13:50
Doodleworks	LDE	Art Studio
Drum Heads	SHI & J MORRISON	Room 1 & 2
EPQ / Strive	SSA & LVW	Room 36
Fencing	RLE	PP Hall—meet PP Changing Rooms 13:50
Glee Club	AJU & CBO	Drama Studio
Hairdressing	DBL	Science Lab 3
Horse Riding	CBY & AIS	Meet PE Office at 13:30
Humanities Highlights	KOL, PLE & MTH	Room 10
London Zoo	ECO & MMC	Offsite
Mad Scientist!	HSI	Science Lab 1
Photography Skills	PZA & DFL	G34
Pineapple Dance	CMA	Room 11
Senior Football	SRI, JKU & LST	Meet PP Changing Rooms at 13:50
Ultimate Frisbee	JWH & TTC	Meet PP Changing Rooms at 13:50
Yoga & Meditation	JWO	Room 22



## Clubs from September (More to be added as the term goes on)

Day	Time	Activity	Staff	Location	Year Groups	Start Date
Mon	12:50-13:50	Table Tennis Club	JKU	PP Hall	All	12th Sept
Mon	12:50-13:30	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11	12th Sept
Mon	12:50-13:45	String Ensemble	R H'white	R1	All	10th Oct
Mon	13:10-13:45	Chemistry Revision Club	HSI	Science Lab 2	10 & 11	12th Sept
Mon	13:15-13:40	Board Games	DFL & ECO	R11	6-9	12th Sept
Mon	15:50-17:15	Football Club	tbc	Regents Park	All	12th Sept
Mon	15:50-17:15	Netball Club	tbc	Regents Park	All	12th Sept
Mon	15:45-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11	12th Sept
Tue	12:50-13:30	KS3 Design Club	DWO	B1	8 & 9	12th Sept
Tue	12:50-13:50	Drawing & Calligraphy Club	NHI	B3	6 & 7	12th Sept
Tue	12:50-13:45	PPS Choir	SHI & CBO	R1	All	13th Sept
Tue	12:50-13:50	Weight Training Club	SRI	Boys Changing Room	All	13th Sept
Tue	13:10-13:45	Physics Club	WBR	Science Lab 3	10 & 11	13th Sept
Tue	16:00-17:00	KS4 GCSE Art Club	LDE	Art Studio 1	10 & 11	13th Sept
Tue	15:45-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11	13th Sept
Wed	12:50-13:30	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11	14th Sept
Wed	12:50-13:45	Music Theory Club	ZBO	R42	All	14th Sept
Wed	12:50-13:50	Russian Club	PZA	R24	All	
Wed	12:50-13:45	Percussion Ensemble	J Morrison	R2	All	14th Sept
Wed	12:50-13:50	Running Club	LST	Regents Park	All	14th Sept
Wed	15:50-16:50	Extreme Dance London	External XDL Coach	R11	All	14th Sept
Wed	15:45-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11	14th Sept
Wed	16:00-17:00	Fencing Club	Fencing coach	PP Hall	All	14th Sept
Thurs	12:50-13:45	Woodwind Ensemble	J Slack	R1	All	22nd Sept
Thurs	12:50-13:30	KS3 Drama Club	TNO	Drama Studio	6-9	15th Sept
Thurs	12:50-13:50	Dance Club	CBY	R11	All	15th Sept
Thurs	13:15-13:45	French Bilingual Club	TLA	B3	7 – 9	14th Sept
Thurs	13:15-13:45	Spanish GCSE Club	CFL	G33	10 & 11	15th Sept
Thurs	16:00-17:00	PPS Chamber Choir	CBO	R1	By audition	15th Sept
Thurs	16:00-17:00	Art Club	TMO/LDE	Art 1 & 2	All **	15th Sept
Fri	12:50-13:45	Brass Ensemble	W Brown	R2	All	16th Sept
Fri	12:50-13:50	Japanese	Yekta	R24	7 – 9	16th Sept
Fri	12:50-13:30	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11	16th Sept
Fri	15:45-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11	16th Sept

\*\* by invitation only for KS3, Art Scholarship holders must attend





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