

The Weekly Buzz

27 February 2023



Ski Trip to Italy!



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Lunch Menu

W/c 27th February

Week 1 Lunch Menu

MONDAY
BBQ chicken Casserole
Cauliflower mac&cheese (V) (Gluten,milk)

Mashed Potato(V)
Broccoli (V) Sweetcorn (V)
Roasted Veg Medley (V)

Sultana Flapjack
(Gluten, Sulphites)

Tuesday
Beef Lasagne(Gluten,milk)
Veg Lasagne (V)(Gluten,milk)

Sprouts (V)
Roasted veggies (V)
Kale (V)
Sautéed Peppers (V)

Carrot Cake

Wednesday
Bratwurst Sausage
Vegan Sausage (V)

Roasted Potato (V)
Corn on the cob (V)
Barbecue beans (V)
Hot Dog roll (Gluten, milk)
Gravy (V)

Treacle Sponge
(wheat,milk,egg)

THURSDAY
Chicken Curry (milk)
Lentils (V)

Steamed Rice
Roasted Pepper Apple Crumble (Gluten)
Cauliflower
Poppadums

FRIDAY
Fish Cake with lemon & Tartare Sauce (Fish, Gluten)
Veg Nuggets (V) (Gluten)

Oven Baked Fries(V) Garden peas(V) Steamed Carrots (V)

Sticky pineapple & orange cake (egg,Gluten)

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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DATE FOR THE DIARY

House Swimming Gala - Fri 10
Mar, Queen Mother Sports Centre

'Grease' - Wed 22 & Thur 23 Mar
JW3

GCSE Music Performance Exams
Tues 28 & Wed 29 March

GCSE Drama Performance Evening
Thur 30 Mar (TBC), Drama Studio

Year 6-8 Creative Arts Showcase
Thur 25 May, RADA Studios

Summer Concert - Thur 22 June
RADA Studios

Sports Day- Fri 23 June
Perivale

Celebration Day - Thur 29 June
Regent Hall & GPS

More details to
follow



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PPS Parents Network Events

PARENT/TEACHER QUIZ NIGHT



THURS 27TH APRIL

Details to follow

PPS Parents Network

COFFEE Morning

Thurs 4th May
8.30am-10.00am

Dining Room,
Great Portland Street Building

All parents & carers welcome

Helpful Hints for Parents:

The *Assessment and Reporting Timetable* can be found on the PPS website in the 'Parents & Students' section



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Parents Network Theatre Club

**Discounted tickets £40pp
for students, family & friends**

**Deadline to purchase tickets 8th March
To purchase a ticket or for further info please
email joanna@me.com**

The Wizard of **Oz**

**The London Palladium
Thursday 29th June
7.00pm start**



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French, German, Russian & Arabic
GCSE Speaking Mocks

WHEN?

Next Tuesday for Hybrid students, then Thursday
and Friday

WHERE?

GPS, Third & Fourth Floors

Please make sure GPS corridors remain
quiet on those days. Thank you!

Mr Lalande





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Drama + Music Department Presents,

GREASE

RYDELL HIGH

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Don't
Miss
This!

Running Exclusively from, 22nd - 23rd March.
See You At 19:00
Venue: JW3



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5 ^{MORE} **Easy Ways** TO HELP CHILDREN BUILD EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

1. PLAY EMOTION CHARADES. HAVE YOUR CHILD ACT OUT HOW THEY ARE FEELING AND YOU TRY TO GUESS. SWITCH AND HAVE THEM GUESS TOO. 😡

2. GO TO A PUBLIC PLACE AND OBSERVE PEOPLE'S FACES AND BODIES. HELP YOUR CHILD MAKE A GUESS ABOUT HOW THEY ARE FEELING. 👁️

3. THROUGHOUT THE DAY, CHECK IN WITH YOUR CHILD AND ASK HIM/HER HOW THEY FEEL.



4. INTRODUCE A NEW EMOTION VOCABULARY WORD EACH WEEK. TALK ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS, LOOKS LIKE AND FEELS LIKE. 💬

5. HELP YOUR CHILD BE AN EMOTIONAL DETECTIVE AND LOOK FOR THE EMOTION OF THE WEEK IN PHOTOS, MEDIA OR REAL LIFE. 📷

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

... IS THE ABILITY TO BE SMART ABOUT EMOTIONS.

AT PORTLAND PLACE WE ENCOURAGE OUR STUDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT THEMSELVES AND APPLY THAT WISDOM TO THE WORLD AROUND THEM.

PLEASE SEE BELOW A FEW WAYS THAT YOU CAN DO TO DEVELOP YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE AT HOME.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT,

MS FLOREA



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SUGGESTIONS BOX



A REMINDER THAT A SUGGESTIONS BOX WITH PEN AND PAPER ARE IN THE OFFICE. POST YOUR GOOD IDEAS AND THE SCHOOL COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER THEM!

Library News



World Book Day is an event celebrated annually in the UK to promote the love of reading. It is aimed at both primary and secondary school children.

Our school will celebrate it with a range of activities in the school Library and in classes, including a visit by award-winning author, **Jack Meggitt-Phillips**, who will do a creative workshop for Years 6-8 on **Friday 10th March**.





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Digital Book Tokens

WORLD
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2 MARCH 2023

Every year the **World Book Day** event organisers give free £1.00 vouchers to students which can be exchanged for a free World Book Day book or audio-book or as part exchange for a full-priced book/audiobook. They are valid from Thursday 16 February to Sunday 26 March 2023.

This year the World Book Day book tokens for secondary schools will be digital. Please see your book token here:

[Secondary digital token - World Book Day](#)

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2 MARCH 2023

£1 Book Token

Secondary Schools (UK)

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- Only **ONE TOKEN** can be used per transaction.
- Token is for young person's individual use.
- Offer valid **16 February 2023 – 26 March 2023** inclusive.
- The book token barcode can either be scanned from your phone/tablet screen or printed out and shown in-store. Please check with your local bookseller before visiting if they can accept the barcode on mobile devices.
- The digital £1 book token cannot be redeemed online.

Visit our FAQ page to answer all your questions: worldbookday.com/about-us/frequently-asked-questions
To contact the World Book Day team, email wbd@education.co.uk

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WORLD BOOK DAY 2023 SECONDARY DIGITAL BOOK TOKEN INFORMATION SHEET

HOW TO DOWNLOAD THE £1/£1.50 DIGITAL BOOK TOKEN:

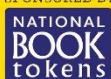
- Click on the relevant button to [download the book token](#) in pdf format.
- Forward the digital book token link or downloaded pdf to students/parents by email or via your school app. The book token pdf can be printed out for students who don't own a mobile device. Please ensure each child only has one token.
- Students can also download the token by scanning the QR code on the World Book Day poster sent to your school. Posters are also available to download and print [here](#).

**REMINDER: THE WORLD BOOK DAY DIGITAL BOOK TOKENS ARE
VALID FROM THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2023**

HOW TO REDEEM THE £1/£1.50 DIGITAL BOOK TOKEN:

- Show the digital book token on your mobile phone/tablet at the checkout to exchange the book token for a free World Book Day £1/£1.50 book, or to get £1/£1.50 off a full price book or audiobook costing £2.99/£3.99 or more.
- Not all retailers will be able to scan the digital barcode and some may require a printed version of the book token, please check with your [nearest participating retailer](#) before visiting.
- The digital book tokens are 'single-use only' and should only be used once by each student. Teachers should forward the same digital token to all students which will work for all students within the school.
- The digital book tokens cannot be redeemed online. For more information please visit our [FAQs](#).

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Ski Trip!

On a sunny Saturday morning, 17 students and 4 teachers met at Heathrow Terminal 4 to embark on a rather long journey to the Dolomites....



Despite a last-minute flight change, spirits remained high as the promise of sunshine and skiing loomed large. We hopped from London to Rome and then to Milan, where we travelled through the night, finally arriving at the Hotel Union, Folgarida. After a few hours' sleep, we hit the slopes and what followed can only be described as a week of so much fun and joy! There was an unusually large beginner contingent in this group, and by the start of the second day, they were all more than comfortable on their skis and impressing their instructors to no end. Intermediate and advanced groups made their way higher up the hills each day and enjoyed some truly excellent skiing. In fact, on our final day of skiing there was more than one cry of "do we really have to leave?"

Each day dawned sunny and completely clear, and after a morning of skiing students devoured delicious pasta and lasagne at the restaurant Malghet Aut while a DJ kept us all entertained on the decks. Our evenings were spent in the hotel's restaurant feasting on Italian classics or heading down into Folgarida town for wonderfully authentic pizza. Students enjoyed a quiz night and ice skating too, so there was never a dull moment. Back at the hotel a few games of football (real and FIFA!) were watched, and hot chocolates and snacks shared all round. On our final day, the group spent an afternoon in beautiful Modena, soaking up the atmosphere and exploring the cobbled streets and cathedral. Plenty of gelato and biscotti were consumed too!





No ski trip is complete without a few thrills and spills, and we want to commend George in Year 10 for being incredibly brave and laid back about sustaining a fractured radius - an example to us all!

As teachers, we were constantly impressed by the friendship, camaraderie and genuine sense of fun our students brought from that first day at Heathrow. Snacks were shared, lost gloves were picked up, and our students just generally looked out for one another and supported their peers throughout the week. Older pupils ensured younger ones were cared for and included, friends were made and it was an absolute joy to witness our PPS pupils at their very best. It is an immense gift and privilege to be able to go skiing and we hope that our students have had a lifelong love for this wonderful sport instilled in them.

An enormous thank you to Mr Tasic for arranging this trip during a very challenging time for the industry, and thank you to our brilliant pupils who made this trip such a pleasure to be on - we'd love to welcome you all back!

Mrs Wolfe Murray, Mr Tasic, Mr Kubik and Mr Lalande





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MUSIC EXAM SUCCESS

Huge congratulations to the following
students who had success in ABRSM
Examinations before half term:

HELENA S – GRADE
2 PIANO – PASS
TAISHI K – GRADE 1
TRUMPET – MERIT

WELL DONE! MR HILL

2:22 A Ghost Story



Year 10 and 11 GCSE Drama students had the pleasure of going to see **2:22 A Ghost Story** this week at the Lyric theatre and it most certainly did not disappoint! I think that it's safe to say that both staff and students were kept on the edge of their seats throughout; especially after a most terrifying and unexpected twist of an ending! If you haven't had chance to see this play yet, then I cannot recommend it highly enough.

Mr Alexander, Head of Drama



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Gala Y10 Hybrid



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Rajan Y11 Hybrid—Still Life Reflective Series.



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This week our group followed the Blue and Pink routes, marking the opening of the ZOO Enrichment program.

We were very lucky to see the new tiger and gorilla families, the Australian and African section with kangaroos, emus, giraffes, zebras, okapis, and pygmy hippos.

We enjoyed watching the bathing penguins, the "Butterfly Paradise" and noisy macaws.

See a sneak peek of this week..!

Eesa, Arlo, Stanley, Abdullah, Humphrey, Ruby, Eric, Maxim and Doruk.

Ms Coates

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BLETCHLEY PARK VISIT

On Tuesday Feb 21, the Year 7, 8, 9 students took a trip to **Bletchley Park** in Milton Keynes. When they arrived, they were split into groups and took part in a few different activities.

Each group took part in a workshop where they learned about the Enigma machine used by the Nazis in WWII and the Bombe machine created by Alan Turing to help speed up the process of cracking the Nazi code, as it changed each day! They learned morse code and used a digital Enigma machine to translate the code from jibberish to English!

All of the students also took part in a guided tour, where they watched a short film in the newer D-Day exhibit and saw the Bombe replica. The rest of the day was theirs to explore all of the sites of Bletchley park, which included some interactive pieces and, of course a playground.

Here are some thoughts from some of our Year 7 students:

I really enjoyed the trip because the theme that we learnt about was a big part in the history of our world. I loved the place and the tour was great. I think it would have been better if we had a bit more time to visit the place and explore with more time. I think there should be more educational tours like this. **Maïté**

I liked when we got to try and do morse code because I've never done it before. I learned that it wasn't just people in the army who were helping with the war, it was code breaking people who helped know where and what was happening and if they needed help or not.

Helena

I liked the playground because we got to have fun and burn off some energy. We watched a video about D-Day and I thought it was really interesting to see how life was in the old days.

Lara

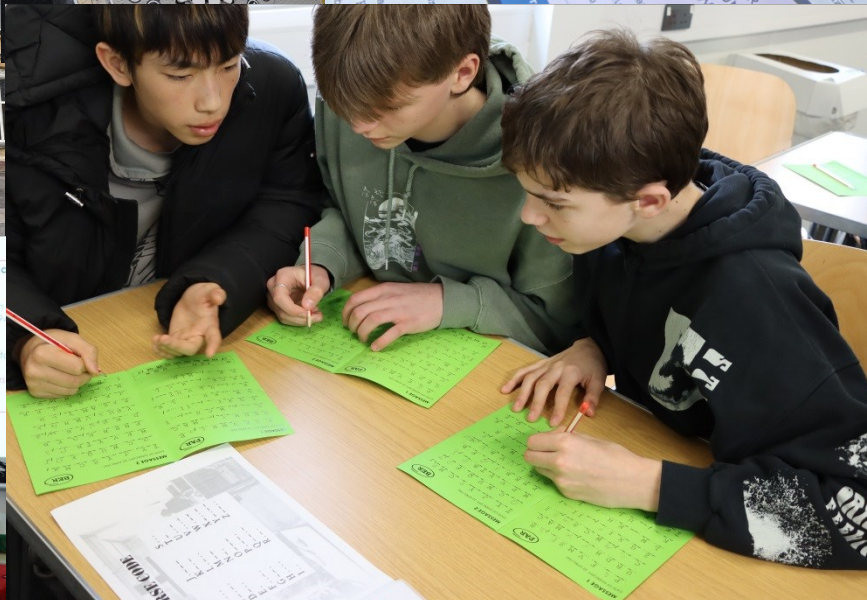
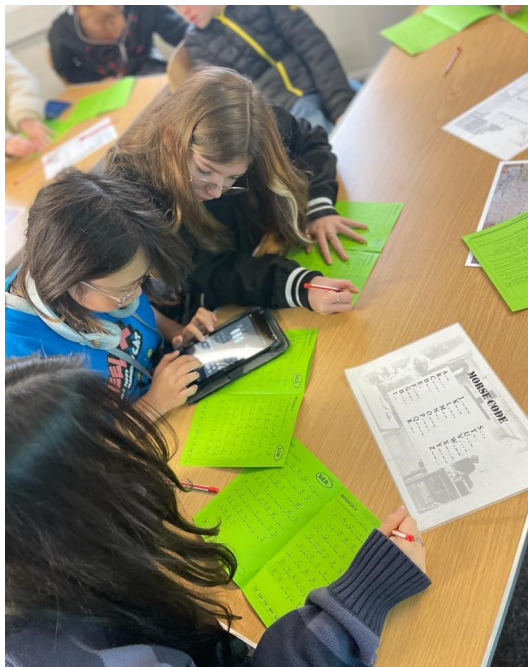
My favourite part of the trip was the D Day video because I personally thought it was really interesting and historical as well as important as it led to the victory of the allies. I learned that D Day was vital and crucial for the allies but came with the cost of 100,000 British, American, and Canadian deaths. **Mark**

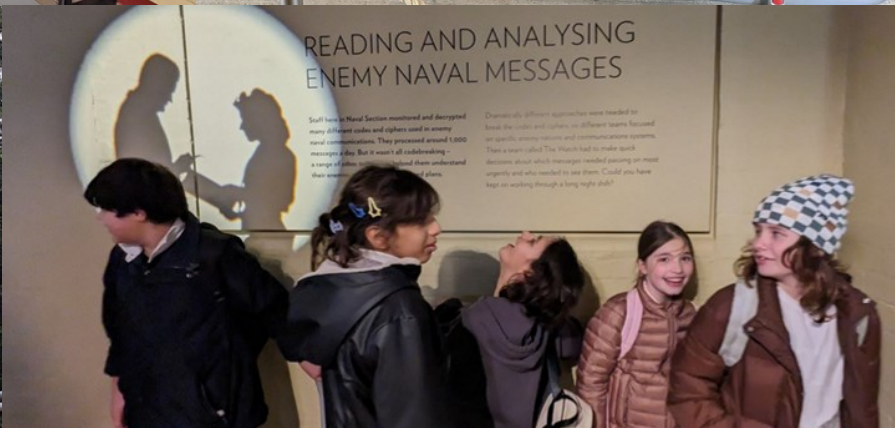
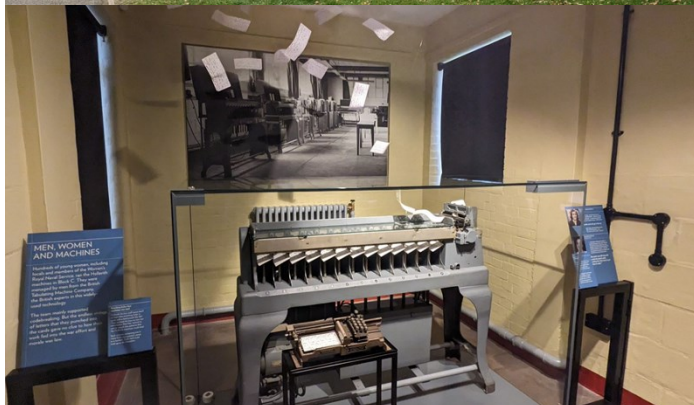
I really enjoyed the trip. I think the Enigma Machines were super cool and it was also nice to be outside. **Noah**

I really enjoyed playing in the playground with my friends. **Year 7s**

Ms McBain







THE WALL OF KINDNESS

Sonny would like to thank Mia (Hybrid Y10) for helping him with his Maths work.

Papaya Hybrid Year 7 would like to thank her subject teachers who taught her on her own whilst others went on the Bletchley trip!

Many thanks to Henry (Hybrid Y₁₀) for helping me with my English work—Mason

Hybrid School would like to thank Ms McBain and Maths for organising a brilliant trip to Bletchley Park.

THEO (especially—for coordinating the cake sale on the student side and making the profit higher—I can see a future entrepreneur!), also KAI and YURA for stepping in to sell cakes. The students in all year groups who contributed with cakes to the Cake Sale/Donation.

Ms Coates



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A close-up photograph of several heart-shaped cookies. Each cookie is covered in white icing and decorated with three small red heart-shaped sprinkles. The cookies are individually wrapped in clear plastic bags, which are piled together. The entire image is framed by a thick red border.

Charity Enrichment CAKE & POTTERY SALE

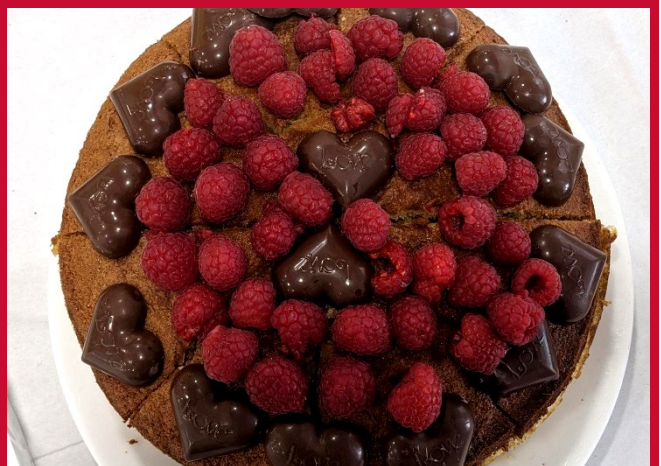
Thank you to EVERYONE who contributed to the fundraiser on 9th February. Due to your kind generosity, a total of £900 was raised! This fantastic amount will be shared between our non profit charities: Charity Begins at Home, The Elderly & Disabled Charitable Trust and Shadow to Shine.

Ms Coates



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Well done to **Joel** in year 9 who has designed and made a Memphis inspired clock.

Also well done to the prop making enrichment who are making some wonderful things for Grease.

Mr Wood

Design

U12/13 Girls' Badminton vs North Bridge House Canonbury



On Tuesday 7th February a PPS u12/13s girls badminton team took on North Bridge Canonbury. The girls competed in a doubles ladders tournament, with the emphasis very much on enjoyment and gaining some experience in playing a new sport! **Jazz , Eva, Beatrice, Helena, Lily and Maya** all played some great badminton. The girls are all making noticeable improvements and starting to play with good shot variety, footwork and power! The games were competitive throughout the ladder tournament format which saw winning pairs move up towards the top position of the table and losing pairs move down towards the bottom of the table.

Overall Northbridge took the win as they had more pairs in the top half the table but PPS put in some excellent performances with each pair winning at least one game!

U13 Rugby vs Kew House



If not for the outstanding ball carrying of one of the Kew players, Portland may well have won this game. However, Kew's inside centre ran in 10 tries and was just too quick and agile for our boys. He had scored four times within the opening ten minutes, and it looked as though Portland were going to have a miserable afternoon down at Chiswick Cricket Club. Although struggling to make their tackles, PPS looked good with the ball and managed to secure a penalty 10m out from the Kew line. Up stepped **Eddie**, making his Portland Place debut. Receiving a short pass from scrum half **Enzo**, he smashed his way through the defence to touch down amongst a tangle of players.

Portland elected to receive the kick and drove towards the Kew line once more, with Eddie scoring a second just a minute after his first. This pattern repeated itself a third time with Eddie bulldozing his way over from a close-range penalty to claim his hattrick. Portland were back in the game, but the flow of tries from Kew could not be stemmed by our defence who were just unable to stop their best runner. Before the break, **Tyler** went over, picking up on the fringes and stepping past a defender on the line.



Sports report

In the second half Portland managed roughly one try for every two of Kew's, with **Abdulelah** forcing his way over the line and Tyler adding a second to his tally. As Portland began to tire some of the other Kew back's began to find space, but Portland never gave up in their attempts to tackle. **Humphrey** scored the last try of the match and was rewarded for some fine kicking and chasing that he and both **Dexter** and **Spike** had been using through the second half.

The final score was 60-35 to Kew.





U13's and 14's Cannot Catch a Break

Even with a flurry of shots towards the end of the game, Portland Place's U13 and 14's were unable to grab an equaliser against Northbridge Hampstead, losing 1-0 in a tight affair at Regents Park.


With nerves running throughout the team and a number of students having friends on the opposing team it was a confident start by PPS who started to dominate possession, pushing the North Bridge defence further and further back into their half. **Kadi** and **Olivia** headed the strike force and were constantly pressuring the backline, with **Mia Lipkin**, **Cora** and **Jazz** encouraging the play to go forward from the midfield. The attacks were forthcoming from the PPS squad who utilised their dominance up front, by passing balls round the defence to an on-rushing Olivia, but some last ditch defending stopped the Northbridge goal from being taken.

Despite being hardly troubled in the first few moments of the game **Marta** and **Bibi** continued to hold strong in the defence, working together to make sure that no attacks were breaking through on goalkeeper **Iasmin**.

The game was back and forth, end to end, goal to goal for the majority of the first half with both teams seeking the elusive golden goal and it came to Northbridge. After holding the defence, a slick move from the opposition saw Portland's scramble defence come up short as the attacking player side footed the ball past the diving Iasmin in goal.



Sports report



The break brought the students in, and a team talk highlighted the positives in the team's performance. They were still in the game and were dominating the possession. It was time for the girls to really pile the pressure onto their opposition and try to secure a well-deserved draw or even win.

Ella, Zaya and Maya were the impact players that were introduced at half time and an impact they did bring. Ella was controlling and forceful in the midfield, with Zaya holding her own up front with Olivia. Maya became the driving force between the defence and midfield and between the whole team they started to create a number of chances that either deflected for a corner or were snapped up by the opposing goalkeeper.

Portland Place kept knocking on the door for an equaliser, with every player having a shot at goal but there was no way through. Even when it looked like Northbridge were going to grab another it was Jazz in goal and a back tracking defender in Ella and Cora that stopped them.

With only a few moments left in the match, it was all out attack for Portland Place as the students pushed further and further up the pitch and when a shot from Marta hit the post and a blocked shot, hit goal bound by Kadi didn't go the PPS way it was an unfortunate defeat to have suffered.

There were a number of positives to have been taken away from the game, the comradery from the squad, the elegant phases of play that they produced and the teamwork that nearly got them that goal but, unfortunately, they left Regents Park with a 1-0 loss.



Portland Place Come Away With Healthy Number of Medals at Westminster Meet

It was a spree of medals as **Portland Place Swimming team** came away with a number of Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards in the WSU Swimming Gala at the end of half term.

A large squad of students from Year 7 up to Year 11 took the bus to Victoria on a cold winter day ready to take part in what was to become a very tough battle between PPS and a number of schools from around Westminster. The Portland place students were ready to show what they could do, supporting each other throughout the gala and cheering at every opportunity, especially when one of the students came back with any coloured medal.

It started off with a bang with **Zane** clinching a bronze medal in the Yr 7 Boys backstroke and it continued with a number of students gaining backstroke medals. A shout out goes to **Felix** who took on students from Yr11, 12 and 13 but came away a close 4th in the race. It wasn't just Felix who was swimming against the older

years with both **Leo** and **Lily** just falling short in their hopes to get a medal.

It was a fantastic show of comradery from PPS, as **Nicky** was cheered to the gold in her Yr10 Breaststroke. Gold was the colour at that time with PPS as **Enzo** and **Humphrey** bringing home the medals in freestyle and butterfly respectively. The medals were to dry up during the day with the students as **Finn** took gold in the Butterfly to continue the medal tally which included **Helena** taking bronze in the backstroke and **Jessy** taking the bronze in the Yr 10 breaststroke. After struggling with a couple of races it was back to medal winning ways with another fantastic gold from **Catherine**, who managed to beat 5 other competitors to gain the gold for PPS. The medals kept flowing throughout the afternoon and the support continuing race after race. It was a Year 6 student who came away later in the day to gain two silvers. One for the freestyle and one alongside his peers in the freestyle relay. **Eesa**, one of the younger students within the group was able to grasp silver with both hands making sure that the medal tally continued to rise.



Sports report

With the individual events coming to an end, it was down to the team relays to take centre stage. It had been an exhausting few hours for the students some of whom had swam a number of times before the relay but that wasn't going to stop them from gaining even more medals as a team. It began with the Year 7's teams who both managed to beat stiff competition to both receive bronze medals in the relay, teams that included **Mark, Joe, Beatrice and Lucy**. This was a fantastic start to the team relays and it continued throughout the events with the Year 9 Boys of **Jake, Max D, Max C and Tec**, snapping up silver in a very close race. Unfortunately the girls of **Georgie, Kadi, Annabelle, Cora** were pipped to the post in one of the races of the event. The event was coming to a close and it saw the Year 10 and 11 boys fight to the very end in their race to gain bronze in the final event of the meet. The team of **Lawton, Finn, Gabriel and Jessy**, pushed and pushed throughout the swim

to battle from 4th on the final touch to grabbing third at the line. Another brilliant show was from **Annabelle, Ted, Toby, Taishi, Spike and Dexter**, who fought hard throughout their swimming events. Some came away with a medal and some just missing out.

It was an excellent Gala for the Portland Place squad who came away with a great number of medals. The swimmers worked tirelessly to support, help and cheer on their fellow PPS students and never did any of them shy away from a battle. Miss Boyce and Mr Steward, who took the students were extremely happy with the swimmers and were even happier with the bright stars that are coming through the year groups.

The buses were very quiet on the way home but by looking at the photo below you can see some tired and exhausted faces after a fantastic meet.



Portland Place House Swimming Gala

Over the next week our pupils from Years 6-11 will be signing up to race in the house swimming gala, on Friday 10th March 12pm – 3pm, Queen Mother Sports Centre, Victoria. Further details will be coming soon, but it should be a fantastic opportunity for our school's swimmers to show their talents.



 **Portland Place** 
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House Swimming Gala

Friday 10th March 12pm – 3pm, Queen Mother Sports Centre, Victoria

Years 6-11, boys and girls

If you want to swim for your house, sign-up with your **House Captain**

Events: 50m freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke, 25m Butterfly, Freestyle, and Medley Relays



NEXT WEEK'S CLUBS & FIXTURES

- Mon 27th Feb: Y9&10 boys football vs Fairley House, Archbishop's Park, 2.00pm
Y6&7 boys basketball vs North Bridge House Canonbury, London Met, 4.00pm
Table tennis club, PPS Hall, 1.10-1.45pm
Karate Club, PPS Hall, 4.00pm-5.00pm
Football club, Regent's Park (transport provided), 3.50pm – 5.15pm
- Tues 28th Feb: GCSE PE football, practice assessment, Regent's Park, 11.00am – 1.00pm
ISA London North cross-country competition, Abbott's Hill School, 10.30am - 2.30pm
- Wed 1st Mar: Y10 Basketball vs North Bridge Canonbury, Seymour Centre, 2.00pm
Y7&8 and Y9&10 girls 5-a-side football vs North Bridge House Canonbury, Sobell Centre, 4.10pm
Running club, Regent's Park, 12.50pm – 1.20pm
GCSE PE Revision Club. Rm G31, 1.10pm – 1.45pm
Fencing club, PPS Hall, 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Thurs 2nd Mar: Y8 boys basketball vs North Bridge House Hampstead, away, 2.00pm
Y6&7 Boys Basketball vs North Bridge House Canonbury, London Met, 4.00pm
Weight training club, PPS changing rooms, 12.50pm -1.30pm
Dance club, Rm 11, 12.50pm -1.30pm
Basketball club, Church Street Leisure Centre, 4.00pm -5.15pm
- Fri 3rd Mar: Y11 girls football vs North Bridge House Hampstead, Regent's Park, 2.00pm
GCSE PE football final assessment, Regent's Park, 11.55am-1.50pm

Enrichment—Second Half of Spring Term 2023

Activity	Staff	Room
Advanced Maths	TTO	G21
Basketball (Senior)	JKU	Offsite. Meet PE changing rooms at 1.50pm
Boxing	JKU	Offsite. Meet PE changing rooms at 1.50pm
Climbing	WBR & LVW	Offsite. Meet in Room 1 at 1.30pm
Cooking Club	KPA & RLE	Dining Hall & Kitchen
Cricket Nets at Lords	LST & AIS	Offsite. Meet PE changing rooms at 1.50pm
F45 Fitness	CBY & TLA	Offsite. Meet in PE changing rooms at 1.50pm
Fencing	JVA & FSY	PP Hall
Filming Techniques	BSO	G31
Horrible Histories	PLE & JWO	Room 22
London Zoo	ECO & CMH	Offsite. Meet in Library at 1.30pm
Prop Making	DWO, LDE & CHU	B1
Production—'Grease'	RAL, SHI, AJU & CBO	Drama Studio & Room 1
Spring Crafts	CFL & CBI	Room 36
Velo Park	TTC & HSI	Offsite. Meet outside PP at 1pm
Y11 Independent Study 1	DBL	LAB 1
Y11 Independent Study 2	MTH	LAB 2
Y11 Independent Study 3	KOL	G22

Clubs for Spring Term 2023

Day	Time	Activity	Staff	Location	Year Groups
Mon	12:50-13:50	Table Tennis Club	JKU	PP Hall	All
Mon	12:50-13:30	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11
Mon	12:50-13:45	String Ensemble	R H'white	R1	All
Mon	13:15-13:45	Chemistry Revision Club	HSI	Lab 3	10 & 11
Mon	13:15-13:45	Year 9 Science Clinic	RLE	Lab 2	9
Mon	12:50-13:45	Chinese Club	TLA	G33	All
Mon	12:50-13:45	Rock Band	DMC	R2	All
Mon	13:15-13:45	UKMT Maths Challenge	AIS	34	All
Mon	13:15-13:40	Board Games	DFL & ECO	R11	6-9
Mon	15:45-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11
Tues	12:50-13:30	KS3 Design Club	DWO	B1	8 & 9
Tues	13:15-13:45	Year 9 Science Clinic	RLE	Lab 2	9
Tues	12:50-13:45	PPS Choir	SHI & CBO	R1	All
Tues	13:15-13:45	Physics Revision Club	WBR	Lab 3	10 & 11
Tues	13:15-13:45	English Language Surgery	JHU	R43	11
Tues	15:50-17:15	Football Club	tbc	Regents Park	All
Tues	16:00-17:00	KS4 GCSE Art Club	LDE	Art Studio 1	10 & 11
Tues	15:45-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11
Wed	12:50-13:30	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11
Wed	12:50-13:45	Music Theory Club	ZBO	R42	All
Wed	12:50-13:50	Russian Club	PZA	R24	All
Wed	12:50-13:45	Percussion Ensemble	J Morrison	R2	All
Wed	12:50-13:50	Running Club	LST	Regents Park	All
Wed	15:45-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11
Wed	16:00-17:00	Fencing Club	Fencing coach	PP Hall	All
Thurs	12:50-13:45	Woodwind Ensemble	J Slack	R1	All
Thurs	12:50-13:30	KS3 Drama Club	TNO	Drama Studio	6-9
Thurs	12:50-13:50	Dance Club	CBY	R11	All
Thurs	12:50-13:50	Beginner French / Spanish	FSY	G33	6 – 9
Thurs	12:50-13:30	Weight Training Club	SRI	Boys C/ Rooms	All

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Day	Time	Activity	Staff	Location	Year Groups
Thurs	13:15-13:45	Biology Revision Club	RLE	Science Lab 2	10 & 11
Thurs	13:15-13:45	Coding Club	MMC	33	6-8
Thurs	13:15-13:45	Spanish GCSE Club	CFL	G33	10 & 11
Thurs	16:00-17:00	PPS Chamber Choir	CBO	R1	All by audition
Thurs	16:00-17:00	Art Club	TMO & LDE	Art 1 & 2	All **
Thurs	16:00-17:15	Basketball Club	SRI	Leisure Centre	All until 26/1
Fri	12:50-13:45	Brass Ensemble	W Brown	R2	All
Fri	12:50-13:50	Japanese	Yekta	R24	7 – 9
Fri	12:50-13:30	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11
Fri	13:15-13:45	Science Exam Skills	DBL	Science Lab 1	10 & 11
Fri	13:15-13:45	KS4 Maths Club	KPA	Science Lab 1	10 & 11
Fri	13:15-13:45	KS3 Maths Club	AZE	33	6 – 9
Fri	13:15-13:45	French Bilingual Club	TLA	B3	7 – 9
Fri	15:45-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-In Clinic	DWO	B1	10 & 11

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Term Dates

Academic Year 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022

Staff Inset (closed to students)	Wednesday 31 August – Thursday 1 September 2022
Induction (new students)	Friday 2 September 2022
Term Starts	Monday 5 September 2022
Half term	Monday 17 October – Friday 28 October 2022
End of term	Friday 16 December 2022
Christmas holiday	Monday 19 December 2022 – Friday 6 January 2023

Spring Term 2023

Staff Inset (closed to students)	Monday 9 January 2023
Term Starts	Tuesday 10 January 2023
Half term	Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February 2023
End of Term	Friday 31 March 2023
Easter holiday	Monday 3 April – Friday 21 April 2023

Summer Term 2023

Staff Inset (closed to students)	Tuesday 24 April 2023
Term Starts	Tuesday 25 April 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May (school closed)
Half term Holiday	Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June 2023
End of Term	Friday 7 July 2023



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