

The Weekly Buzz

29 May 2023





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DATES FOR THE DIARY

More details to
follow

Summer Concert - Thur 22 June
RADA Studios

Sports Day- Fri 23 June
Perivale

Celebration Day & Upper
School Art & Design Exhibition
Thurs 29 June
Regent Hall & GPS

Carol Service - Tues 5 Dec
St Marylebone Church

Christmas Concert - Mon 11 Dec
Regent Hall



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The LGBT+ Club

***A lunch time group:
Every Thursday at 1.15pm in the GPS
Art Studio 1. Starts in June!***

A safe space for **LGBTQIA+ and ally students to meet, learn and get support. Email Mr Lalande any questions and to sign up.**



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PORTLAND PLACE SCHOOL

Music Department

presents

Summer Concert 2023

Thursday 22nd June

6.30pm

RADA Studios



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END OF YEAR MATHS EXAMS

JUNE 2023



YEAR 7

PAPER 1

THURSDAY JUNE 15
PERIOD 5

PAPER 2

MONDAY JUNE 19
PERIOD 3

YEAR 8

PAPER 1

FRIDAY JUNE 16
PERIOD 6

PAPER 2

MONDAY JUNE 19
PERIOD 2

YEAR 9

PAPER 1

THURSDAY JUNE 15
PERIOD 6

PAPER 2

MONDAY JUNE 19
PERIOD 1

YEAR 10

PAPER 1(NON-CALC.)

FRIDAY JUNE 9
1:30PM

PAPER 2(CALC.)

TUESDAY JUNE 13
9AM



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MATHS & COMPUTER SCIENCE FACULTY
&
DT DEPARTMENT
PRESENT

MATHS,
COMPUTING & DT

LIVE
2024

BRING/EMAIL
YOUR CONFIRMATION
SLIP TO:
MISS MCBAIN

BOOK
YOUR
SPOT!!

WHERE: DISNEYLAND PARIS	WHEN: SUN FEB 4 TO WED FEB 7
WHO: 2023- 2024 YEAR 10 & 11S	COST: £710



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Positive Wellbeing

Half term is a perfect opportunity for students to check in with their wellbeing. Below are a few ideas to help them listen to themselves, pay attention and understand ways forward.

I would like to wish all of the students, parents & guardians at Portland Place School a very relaxing half term break.

Thank you for your support, Ms Florea



CREATIVE CURRICULUM

CORE
THEME 5

HEALTH
& WELLBEING

What is positive wellbeing?

It is a state of overall good health in both body and mind and can include:

- ✓ **Intellectual** (cognitive stimulation such as problem solving puzzles),
- ✓ **Spiritual** (understanding sense of purpose and beyond your own existence, can be through prayer or exploration of a higher power, etc)
- ✓ **Social** (building relationships and community support through friends and family and neighbours etc.)
- ✓ **Physical** (Movement, whether in sports or walking, movement that brings joy.)

11 TOP TIPS FOR POSITIVE WELLBEING

Taking breaks from technology. It can create strain on the eyes, disrupt sleep, overstimulate your brain and normally technology is linked to a lack of movement.



Spend time outside in nature. Nature is healing, going to your local park or green space and taking a walk is a great way to destress. .

Spend time with people who support you. Social interaction and a strong network of support is important for mental health, sharing problems and building social skills.



Eat fresh fruit and vegetables daily. Food helps to build and nourish your body, it provides energy and helps you when you're not feeling well. Aim for at least 5 portions daily.

Year 10 Exam Timetable 2023

Year 10 exams which will begin immediately after half term (week beginning 5th June) and will all take place in **PP Hall**. A reminder that students must bring their own laptop (fully charged) for every exam, if it is their provision entitlement. It is the student's responsibility to be adequately equipped for exams. Wishing everyone the best of luck!

Year 10 Examination Timetable 2023

	Date	Subject	Start	Length
Week 1	Mon 22 May	Art	9am	All day
	Fri 26 May	Design (Group A)	9am	All day
	Mon 5 June	Design (Group B)	9am	All day
	Mon 5 June	French Paper 4: Writing Higher AND Spanish Paper 4: Writing	9am	Both 1hr 20 min
	Mon 5 June	History Paper 1	1.30pm	45 mins
	Tues 6 June	Business Studies Paper 1 AND Economics Paper 1	9am	both 1hr 30 min
	Tues 6 June	Geography paper 1	1.30pm	1hr
	Wed 7 June	English Language Paper 2	9am	1hr 45 min
	Wed 7 June	Post-16 enrichment	1.30pm	P5&6
	Thurs 8 June	Biology	9am	1hr 45 min
	Thurs 8 June	Geography paper 2	1.30pm	1hr
	Fri 9 June	English Literature Modern text and poetry	9am	1hr 30 min
	Fri 9 June	Maths - non calculator	1.30pm	1hr
Week 2	Mon 12 June	History Paper 2 AND Physical Education	9am	1hr 45 min + 1hr 30 min
	Mon 12 June	Chemistry	1.30pm	1hr 45 min
	Tues 13 June	Maths calculator	9am	1hr
	Tues 13 June	Computing paper 1	1.30pm	1hr
	Wed 14 June	Media Studies Component 2, Section A	9am	1hr 15 min
	Wed 14 June	Post-16 enrichment	1.30pm	p5&6
	Thurs 15 June	Physics	1.30pm	1hr 45 min
	Thurs 15 June	Computing Paper 2	1.30pm	1hr
	Fri 16 June	Music Listening and Appraising	9am	1hr 10 min
	Fri 16 June	Mop - up	1.30pm	P5&6



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Harry Y11

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Jessy Y11



Sid Y11



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DEBATING SOCIETY

As part of Enrichment this half term, **PPS Debating Society** has been hugely successful. The students discussed current affairs, improved their public skills and took part in formal debates each week too. It was so enjoyable and I would like to thank **Pierce, Inigo, Yura, Beckett, Tess, Finn, Nils, Ayub, Rafer, Sasha S** (and a special guest appearance from **Felix** yesterday) for being so positive and wonderful.

Ms Baig





Year 6 & 7 Science Trip

Year 6 & 7 enjoyed their trip to the Science Museum! During the trip we watched a rocket show, explored the Wonderlab and experienced Antarctica 3D in the IMAX cinema.

Ms Silcocks

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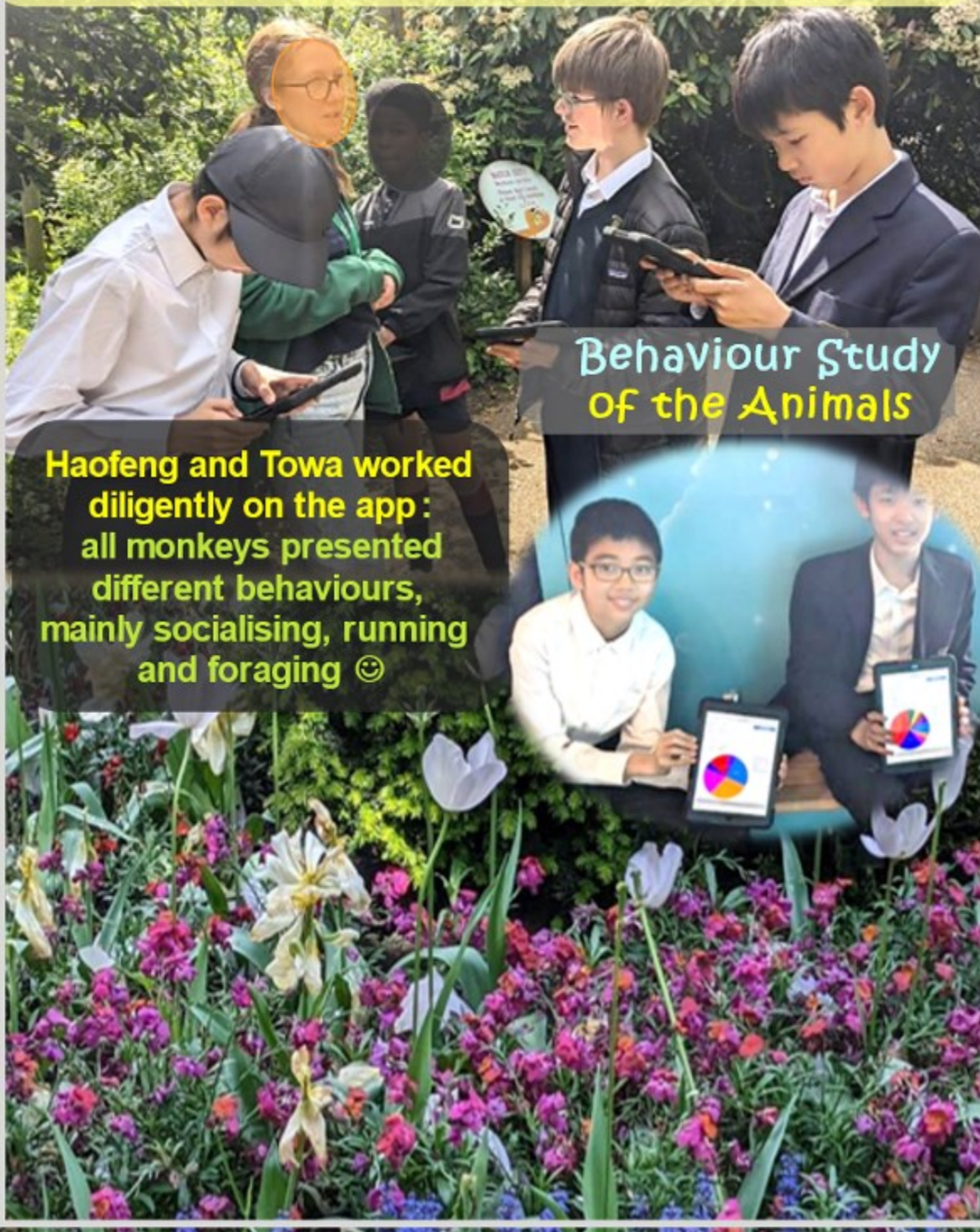


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On Wednesday 17 May, we had a very exciting session- we entered the enclosure of the **squirrel monkey** to study and record their behaviour. Have a look at our students and their results displayed on the 'Observe to Learn' app. Enjoy!

Ms Coates



Behaviour Study of the Animals

Haofeng and Towa worked diligently on the app: all monkeys presented different behaviours, mainly socialising, running and foraging 😊



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Socialising



Aggression



Observing animals in the ZOO allows to compare their behaviour to their species in wilderness, and to add stimuli to even out any differences in the environments

Grooming



Foraging



Inactive



Climbing



Running



Stimulus: a change in the environment that causes a response



Computing

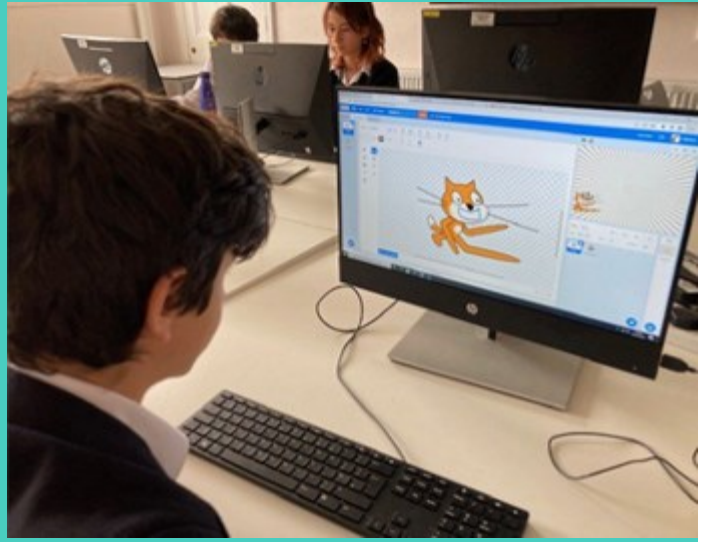
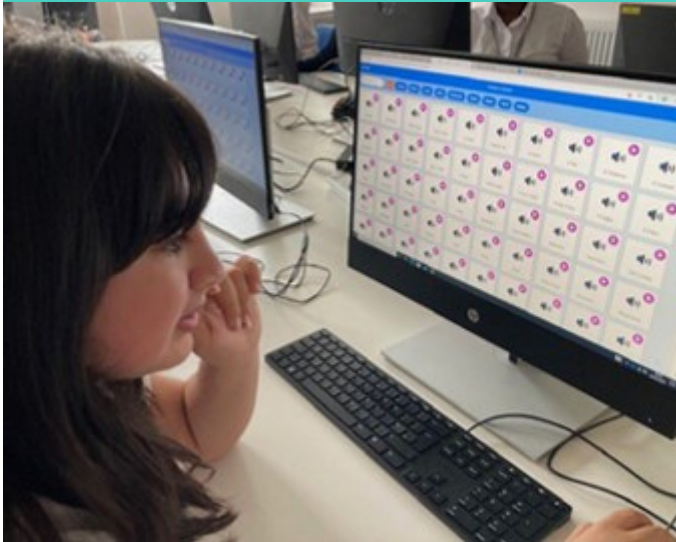
On Tuesday, Miss McBain's year 7 computing class took part in Code Club's *Summer CodeAlong*. Students used Scratch to practice using variables and forever loops to create an animated garden or underwater scene. They also had the chance to customize their 'sprites', add sounds (even their own voices), change the angle and direction of the moving sprites, and some created multiple scenes.

This was great practice for their projects after May Half-Term, where they will be tasked with creating Scratch games and animations!



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French Lessons in Virtual Reality!

Year 9 students this week have been practising Role Plays in French, buying train tickets, eating out, checking in at hotels. Some have even went into the universe (well Metaverse really!) to learn about the solar system in French!

Really exciting use of technology that Mr Lalande is rapidly becoming a sought-after expert in – thank you to him and the Year 9s for pushing the boundaries and getting stuck in!

Mr Tasić



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Year 8 Hybrid testing the reactivities
of different metals.

Ms Silcocks



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Fantastic Beads



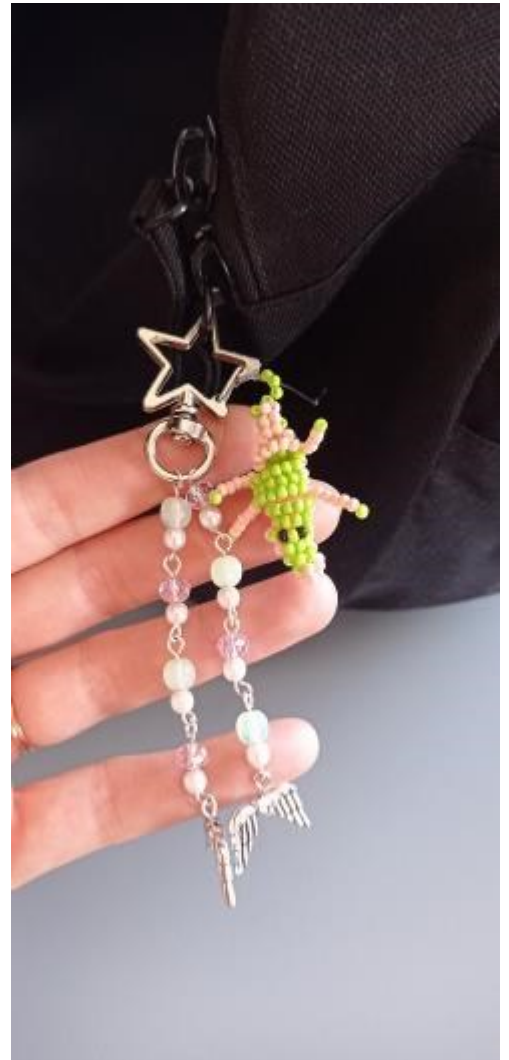
Here are the last creations of the **Fantastic Beads Enrichment**. Well done to **Rosie, Harrie, Bibi W, Sara, Esther, Sophia, Maddy, Bibi U, Rhiya** and **Avalon** for their fantastic work this half-term!

Mrs Flack



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CREATING DEPTH

PHOTOGRAPHY ENRICHMENT





GIVING PICTURES

A 3D FEEL





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Baking Enrichment

This week we had the challenge of baking sponge cake and frosting them. Careful measurement of our ingredients, mixing our butter and sugar into a light fluffy mix and adding eggs for most. A couple of egg-free cakes made the most of milk and salt as a substitute. Cake mixes were added to our cake tins once they had been greased with butter and lined with baking paper. **Lara** and **Lily** made the butter cream frosting, which we added some colour to before frosting our tasty sponge cakes.

Well done to everyone for their efforts this half term and to the Kitchen for hosting us and Mr Lee for helping. Happy Baking!

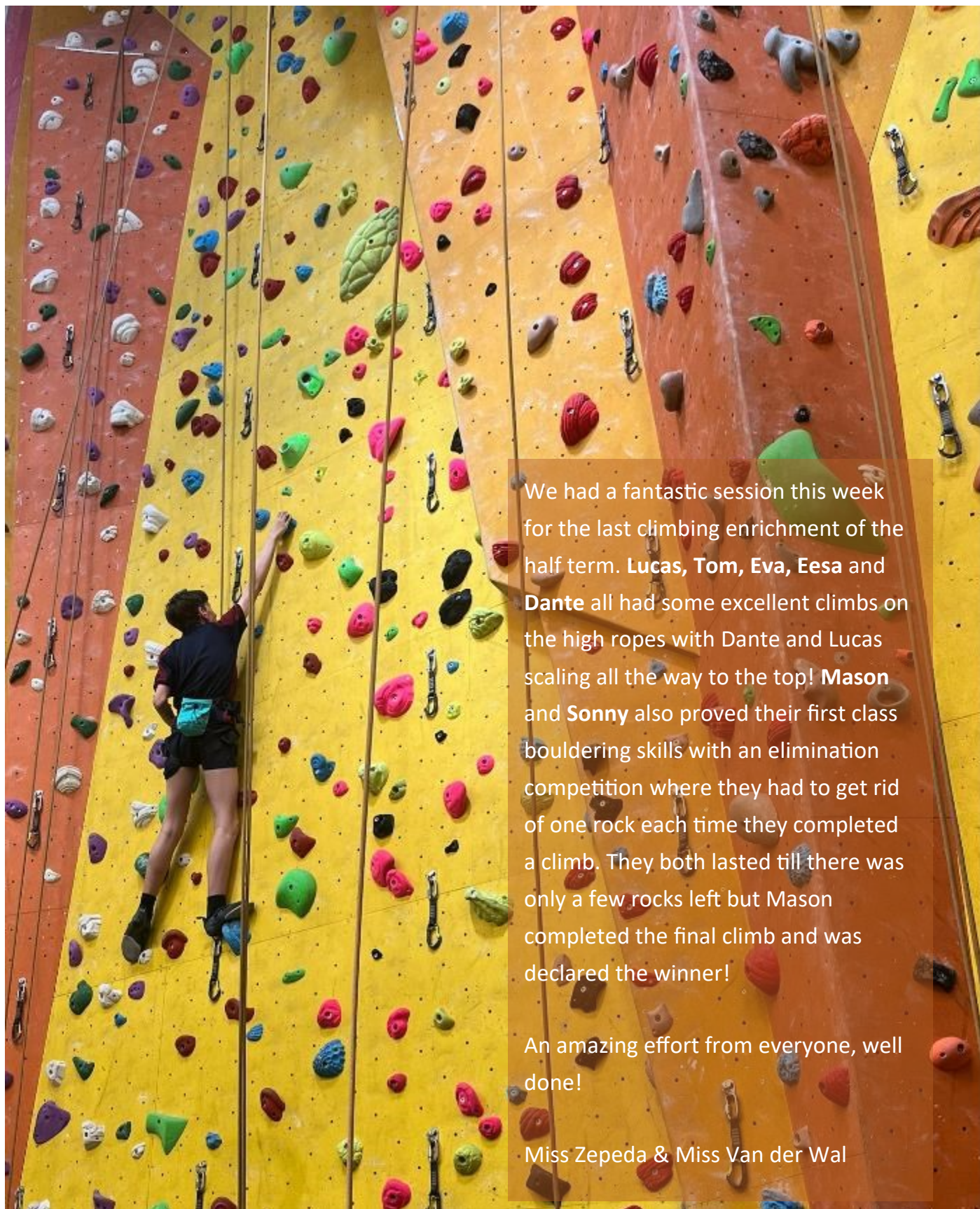
Miss Patten





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We had a fantastic session this week for the last climbing enrichment of the half term. **Lucas, Tom, Eva, Eesa and Dante** all had some excellent climbs on the high ropes with Dante and Lucas scaling all the way to the top! **Mason** and **Sonny** also proved their first class bouldering skills with an elimination competition where they had to get rid of one rock each time they completed a climb. They both lasted till there was only a few rocks left but Mason completed the final climb and was declared the winner!

An amazing effort from everyone, well done!

Miss Zepeda & Miss Van der Wal

THE WALL OF KINDNESS

Vie (Y8 Hybrid) wants to thank Eva from day school for being very kind this week because she lent her mangas!

Thank you to all of my students for their hard work, motivation and determination. I wish you all a very relaxing half term break. Ms Florea

Thank you to Ms Zalesny who invigilated a student with compassion and care way above and beyond the call of duty! I appreciate it so much. Ms Baig

Many thanks to Nico in Year 7 who kindly looked after and brought to school a student's medical bag that had been left behind at the showcase. Gary

I would like to thank Eesa in Year 6 for supporting me during my performance at the showcase. I was really nervous then I saw him in the audience giving me a thumbs up which really helped my confidence! Maite Year 7

ISA London North Athletics Championships

On Monday 22nd May, Portland's athletes travelled up to Bedford for the London North regional championships at Bedford's International Athletics Arena. This annual meeting is the qualifier for the London North Team and any pupils winning gold would be automatically selected to represent the area at the national finals in Manchester later in the year.

Portland's athletes performed very well in what was a very high standard meeting. There were some exceptional performances in this competition, particularly on the track, with some very strong schools in attendance. Portland's team won 12 medals in total with three golds, two of which came from Y6's **Jacob**, who won the Y6 shot put with a throw of 6.41, and the Y7 boys' discus with an effort of 18.39m. Jacob was keen to throw the discus and has been practising during his Wednesday afternoon enrichment session, but was thwarted by the field event schedule which included no discus for Y6 pupils. Undeterred, Jacob was





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entered for the Y7 category and won a closely fought contest with a personal best toss.

Y7's **Helena** took Portland's third gold of the day in the Y7 girls' high jump with an excellent leap of 1.15m. She had already taken bronze in the 1500m where she made a great improvement on her run at the Westminster Champs, with a 6:38.4 personal best. Helena has performed superbly in a variety of sports this year and she, along with Jacob are well-deserving of their chance to compete at the national finals.

Silver medal performances came from **Olly** in the U15 boys' high jump, where he achieved a height of 1.35m, and the 80m hurdles where he completed the course in 13.7 seconds – not bad for his first proper hurdles race. Year 8's **Eddie** produced a throw of 23.82m to take 2nd in the U15 boys' discus. Eddie will have another year in this age group, and we are hoping for big things from him in the future. The final silver was awarded to **Charlie** from Y10 who cleared 1.45m in the high jump. Charlie was recently successful at 1.60m and was therefore a bit disappointed with his effort. Unfortunately, he also slipped at the start of his 100m, despite wearing spikes, but recovered well to take the bronze in a time of 12.5 seconds.

Y10's Sonny Brendon ran an excellent 800m, coming home second in a time just outside his personal best of 2:19.1. He led for much of the race but was overtaken on the back-straight in the second lap and gradually lost contact with the winner.

A bronze medal was claimed by **Hazuki** in the javelin, who threw 27.24m. He also jumped 4.59m in the long jump but finished just outside the medals. Other noteworthy performances included **Lucy** running 14.9 seconds to win her heat of the 100m. Jacob's brother Roman also had a good day, taking 6th in the 600m with 2:09.2 and running well in the 80m sprint.

Congratulations to all the pupils that took part and good luck to Jacob, Helena and any others who may still be selected at the National finals.



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U15 Cricket vs North Bridge House Canonbury

It was a player of the match performance from **Hazuki**, who helped Portland place take a dominant victory over North Bridge House Canonbury.

With summer edging closer and the sun shining over Regent's Park, Mr Steward was in danger of getting a great suntan and Portland Place were in danger of running away with this fixture. It started well for the PPS students as **Charlie** and Hazuki took advantage of some lacklustre bowling with Hazuki being retired when he hit an unbeaten 20 in the timed 1st inning. Hazuki wasn't the only player to find his hitting hand as **Miles** proved that he had not lost any confidence. After telling Mr Steward that he didn't think he would be able to find his old form, Miles was able to hit a classy 24, hitting a number of fantastic sweep shots, many of which ran off to the boundary.



Captain, **Felix**, put himself forward for the middle order and it all looked well, with a good start that saw him slip off the mark, but it was all brought down by some miscommunications which resulted in Miles "accidentally" running out his captain.

Although there was no rain forecast and the sun was shining, it didn't stop the ducks from coming as **Max** was hit by a golden one in the first innings. The year 9's were not to be left behind with their batting and when **Olly** came in to partner **Todd**, he unleashed the Andrew Flintoff within as he continued to find the boundary, hitting some powerful shots past the diving fielders.

With the first innings ending, the PPS squad were in a fantastic place within the game. Felix managed to get the team off to a fantastic start in his first over taken two wickets and bowling a maiden over. The captain saw Hazuki take one standard catch and one fantastic diving catch to leave Canonbury with 0-2. Hazuki continued to dominate the game with his first bowl in the over hitting the middle stump and you could see North Bridge start to struggle as not a single run was put on the board in the first two overs.

The wickets kept falling as Charlie and Olly managed to get themselves on the sheet. Olly's wicket came as Max C was able to make up for his Golden Duck as he managed to get under a high shot, fumbling the ball but catching it with one hand before it hit the ground.

The spectacular catches continued. After a few runs were given away by Ethan, his short ball saw a fly shot from the Northbridge batter which hit the sun in the sky only to be caught by Charlie, with a great full one hand.



Canonbury were unable to get anywhere near the score set by Portland Place in their first innings and the 2nd continued the same way the other ended.

Olly and Todd continued to put bat to ball with Olly finding a number of holes in the field. With the timing of the inning being shortened, it was time to bring in the young calvary with **Danny, Ethan** and **Finn** all of whom pushed up the score making it more and more difficult for the opponents to get back on terms.

The 2nd innings was coming to a close, the spectators started to disperse but a stray fox popped along to watch the final few overs. It was a pleasure for the fox to witness, wicket keeper turned bowler, Miles take two wickets. One with his first bowl in over a year hitting the middle stump with pure accuracy. With the final ball of the game, it was all or nothing for the Canonbury team and as Miles powered in and the, the pressure saw the batter swing, clip the ball and Todd thankfully caught the ball. it was a very impressive performance from the Portland Place squad who can take the progress into the next fixture.

U12's Cricket vs Kew House (pairs cricket)

PPS 75 v 95 Kew House





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On Tuesday 23rd May PPS u12s had their first cricket fixture of the term at Regent's Park against Kew House School. The boys played pairs cricket - batting pairs had 2 overs each to score as many runs as possible and everyone had the opportunity to bat and bowl. PPS opened that batting and got off very positive start. **Joe** hit some excellent shots finding gaps in the field, scoring a brilliant 4 and a couple of 2's, **Zane** also had a solid innings – with Joe and Zane registering 17 runs off 12 balls. Mid-way through the innings PPS started to find it more difficult to score as Kew's bowling started to improve. The boys didn't concede many wickets and by the end of the innings had scored 75 runs.

Kew stepped up to bat and in the early overs Zane produced an excellent delivery that clipped the batsman's off stump. As the innings progressed it was clear Kew had some good batters and whilst PPS fielded well a couple of mistakes led to Kew scoring 4's that they shouldn't have. One batter also scored the only 6 of the game. **Noah** took a wicket in the latter overs and **Towa** bowled really well in his first ever game of cricket. By the end of the innings Kew House scored 95 runs and took a deserved victory.

This was a positive opening game for our U12 team who are not regular cricket players. The boys batted well and the communication between the pairs of when to run and wait was fantastic. Some inaccurate bowling really cost PPS and there will be some work needed to improve this. Zane had a solid all-round game and did a great job helping his more inexperienced teammates. Noah, Towa and **Neak** all bowled with good accuracy.

Player of the match goes to Joe who scored the most runs when batting and also gave away no runs in his bowling over. He was also always communicating with his teammates.

Unlucky boys!



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NEXT WEEK'S CLUBS & FIXTURES

Mon 5th June:	Table Tennis Club, PPS Hall, 1.10-1.40pm U13/14 A & B boys' cricket vs Maida Vale, Regent's Park, 1.45pm U13/14 A & B girls' cricket vs Maida Vale, Regent's Park, 1.45pm
Tues 6th June:	Weight Training Club, 12.50-1.25pm, PPS changing rooms U12/13 boys' cricket vs North Bridge House Canonbury, Regent's Park, 2.00pm Cricket Club, 3.50-5.15pm, Lord's Indoor Cricket Academy
Wed 7th June:	Running Club, 12.50-1.25pm, Regent's Park Karate Club, PPS Hall, 4.00-5.00pm
Thurs 8th June:	Y7 rounders vs North Bridge House Canonbury, Regent's Park, 2.00pm Y8 cricket vs North Bridge House Hampstead, Regent's Park, 1.30pm Weight Training Club, 12.50-1.25pm, PPS changing rooms
Fri 9th June:	—

Enrichment — First Half of Summer Term 2023

Activity	Staff	Room
Advanced Maths	TTO	G21
Athletics	SRI, LST & JKU	Offsite. Meet PE changing rooms at 1.40pm
Baking Club	KPA & RLE	Dining Hall & Kitchen
Carnegie Book Club	JWO & GBL	Library
Climbing	AZE & LVW	Offsite. Meet Room 1 at 1.30pm
Debating Club	ABA	Room 22
Digital Drawing	LDE & CHU	Art Studio
EPQ	SSA	Room 36
F45 Fitness	CBY & TLA	Offsite. Meet PE changing rooms at 1.50pm
Fantastic Beads	CFL	Room 34
Fashion & Styling	FSY	Room 35
Horse Riding	AIS	Offsite. Meet PE changing rooms at 1.20pm
Kayaking	MMC & JVA	Offsite. Meet Room 10 at 1.30pm
London Zoo	ECO	Offsite. Meet Library at 1.30pm
Park Sports	RAL, AJU & CBO	Offsite. Meet Room 1 at 1.50pm
Street Photography	PZA & DFL	Room 24
Tennis	BSO	Offsite. Meet PE changing rooms at 1.50pm
Velo Park	TTC, HIS & WBR	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
Y11 Independent Study 4	PLE	LAB 3

Clubs for Summer Term 2023

Day	Time	Activity	Staff	Location	Year Groups
Mon	12:50-13:50	Table Tennis Club	JKU	PP Hall	All
Mon	12:50-13:45	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	16:00-17:00	Karate Club	PE	PP Hall	All
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	12:50-13:30	Weight Training Club	PE	Changing Rm	All
Tues	13:15-13:45	Physics Revision Club	WBR	Lab 3	10 & 11
Tues	15:50-17:15	Cricket Club	PE	Lords	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	MJO	B1	10 & 11
Wed	12:50-13:45	Music Theory Club	ZBO	R42	All
Wed	12:50-13:45	Percussion Ensemble	J Morrison	R2	All
Wed	12:50-13:50	Running Club	PE	Regents Park	All
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	12:50-13:30	Russian Club	PZA	R24	All
Thurs	13:10-13:45	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	PE	Boys C/ Rooms	All
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	13:15-13:45	Y6 Design Club	JVA	B1	6
Thurs	13:15-13:45	LGBT+ Club	TLA	Art Studio 1	All

Clubs for Summer Term 2023

Day	Time	Activity	Staff	Location	Year Groups
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	16:00-17:00	KS4 Design Drop-in Clinic	MJO	B1	10 & 11
Fri	12:50-13:45	Brass Ensemble	W Brown	R2	All
Fri	12:50-13:50	Japanese	Yekta	R24	7 – 9
Fri	13:15-13:45	Science Exam Skills	DBL	Science Lab 1	10 & 11
Fri	13:15-13:45	Music Tour Choir	SHI	PP Hall	Invited
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	13:15-13:45	Music Tour Choir	SHI	PPH	Invited

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

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Tuesday 25 April
 Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May (school closed)
 Coronation Bank Holiday: Monday 8 May (school closed)
 Half Term Holiday: Monday 29 May—Friday 2 June
 End of Term: Friday 7 July

Autumn Term 2023

Staff Inset: Thurs 31 August (closed to students)
 New Student Induction Day & Staff Inset:
 Friday 1 September
 Term Starts: Monday 4 September (all other students)
 Half Term: Monday 16 October—Friday 27 October
 End of Term: Friday 15 December



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