





# Lunch Menu

The FUTURE of FOOD

W/C 9th October 2023



Classic Mac & Cheese served with topping (crispy onion, bacon bites, torn chicken)

Quorn, vegetable and basil ratatouille pasta

Crunchy coleslaw, roasted cauliflower

Mixed fruit jelly pots

## TUESDAY

Beef chipotle chilli coriander with corn taco

Lentil, grated carrot, mixed bean chilli with corn taco

Taco toppers, shredded lettuce, pickled red onion, grated cheese and tomato salsa, Mexican dirty rice

Chocolate cheesecake

# WEDNESDAY

Crispy chicken steak

Curry marinaded cauliflower steak

Wow butter Katsu curry sauce, Kimchi slaw pickled shaved carrots, steamed rice, green beans, bean sprouts and Chinese cabbage

Banana cake and custard

### THURSDAY

Beef, oregano, grated carrot & red lentil lasagne

Baked squash, spinach and white bean lasagne

Garlic bread, glazed carrots and green beans

Lemon yoghurt fruit fool

### FRIDAY

Battered cod fillet with Tartare sauce and lemon

Tomato, roast garlic and basil risotto with Parmesan cheese

Oven chips, peas and beans

Fruit cobbler

### **EVERYDAY**

Seasonal soup of the day with home baked bread (wheat)

Seasonal salads, tomato, cucumber, mixed leaf, coleslaw (egg) & grated cheese (milk)

Yoghurt pot (milk) with seasonal fruit

"MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INGREDIENTS BE UNAVAILABLE"





PORTLAND PLACE SCHOOL

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

MON 16 OCT - FRI 27 OCT - HALF TERM

THURS 9 NOV - NHS NASAL FLU (ALL YEARS), PP HALL

TUES 5 DEC - CAROL SERVICE, ST MARYLEBONE CHURCH

MON 11 DEC - CHRISTMAS CONCERT, REGENT HALL

FRI 15 DEC - END OF TERM

Details to follow













# THE GREAT BIOLOGY BAKE OFF

WE ARE CELEBRATING BIOLOGY WEEK FROM 9-13TH OCTOBER

PLEASE BRING YOUR ENTRIES TO THE SCIENCE OFFICE ON TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER DURING FORM TIME









1st Prize £30 Amazon voucher 2nd Prize £20 Amazon voucher 3rd Prize £10 Amazon voucher









# Black History Month October 2023

Prizes to be won!

> The English Department invites pupils from KS3 and KS4 to enter a creative competition to celebrate Black History Month.

### KS3

Students should design a book cover for a title written by their favourite Black author. It should include a blurb too! Submissions can be digital or handdrawn.

### KS4

Students should write a 500 word literary non-fiction essay about an influential figure from any time in Black history. This can be about anyone you admire, from artists to musicians, sportspeople, activists or other historical figures.

KS3 works will be displayed in the school and the KS4 winner will be published in the Weekly Buzz. Please submit your entry to your English teacher by **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of October.** Please ensure that all ideas are your own.



















# The PPS Parents Network needs your support!

We are currently recruiting for reps, please join us!





We are currently seeking reps, please join us!

We are an informal group of Portland Place School parents who help support the school community.

Being a parent rep is a great opportunity to get to know parents in the school and involves organising and supporting social events for the children and parents of your year group, some of which include:

- Christmas ice skating at Somerset House
- Parents v Teachers Quiz Night
- Parents brunches & drinks

Please contact your Head of Year or Alexis Welch via Classlist if you are interested in becoming a parent rep or would like to know more about the Parents Network.







**PPS Parents Network** 

# Second Hand School Uniform Sale

Wednesday 11th October School Hall (Portland Place) 08.15am—8.45am

> All cash proceeds will be donated to the Gold Standard Trust

Please bring donations to PPS or GPS receptions from Monday 2nd - Friday 6th October. **Both sports kit and uniform please** 

> Please donate only good quality official (new logo) items please!





# THE WALL OF KINDNESS

Oba (Hybrid Y9) wants to nominate Mohammed for the Wall of Kindness because he has been a very good friend to him.

Ella (Y10 Hybrid) writes: My English teacher for being very supportive and helpful to me and making sure l was comfortable with everything.

Thank you to Todd for taking charge of the situation so responsibly when Leo hurt his foot

Thank you to Max for holding the door open for me as I entered GPS building. Ms Florea

Mr Horsley was very kind and patient when I could not figure out how to open the different PowerPoint slides on my computer —Oscar Y8 Hybrid

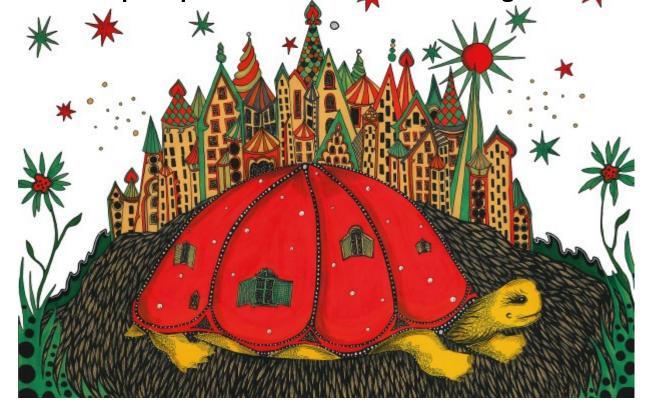




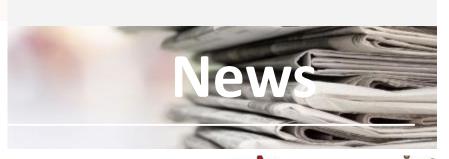


# REFUGE

Y7 Geographers support *National Poetry Day* and compose poems on the theme of 'Refuge'.





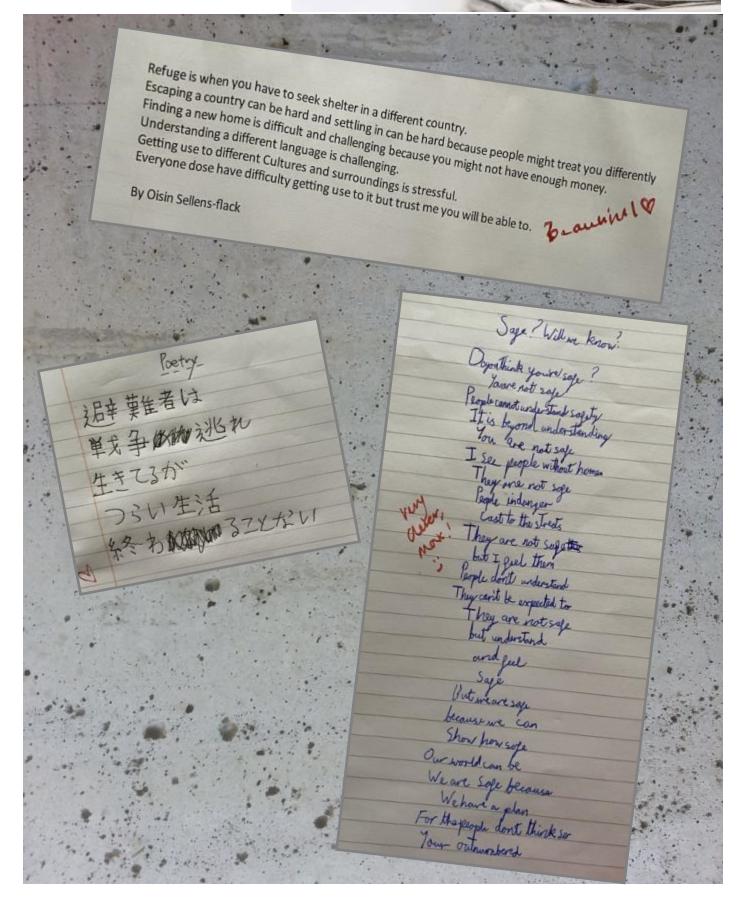






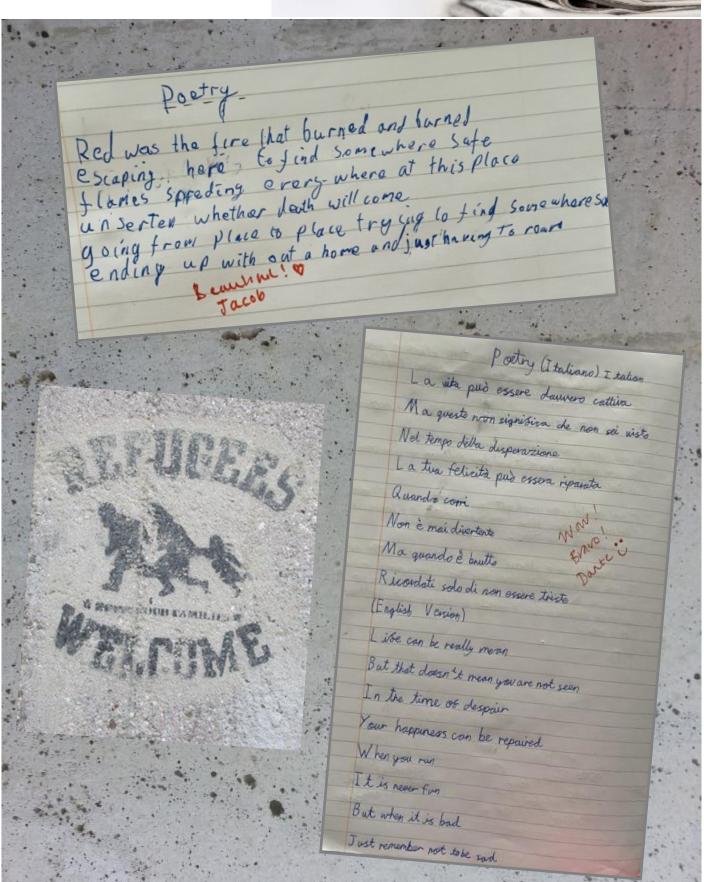
















Refuge gives shelter, spells salvation,

Refuge gives hope, in our nation,

The enemy is near, but we are safe.

You are allowed to fear, we are under strafe.

Help is here, no need to run,

Do not be afraid, beam like the sun,

For you are strong, and do not need a gun.

The enemy is gone, and doubt is cleared.

By Jamaal

# EVERYONE 15

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In a cool valley under a blanket of stars full of darkness, a mass of fear filling ancient people.

They had created a stone labyrinth under the valley that was now being sealed off by a stone circle hiding the cold steeple.

Families huddled together in fear, scared of what they will hear.

Their hearts beat with the Gods and their souls come together in pods.

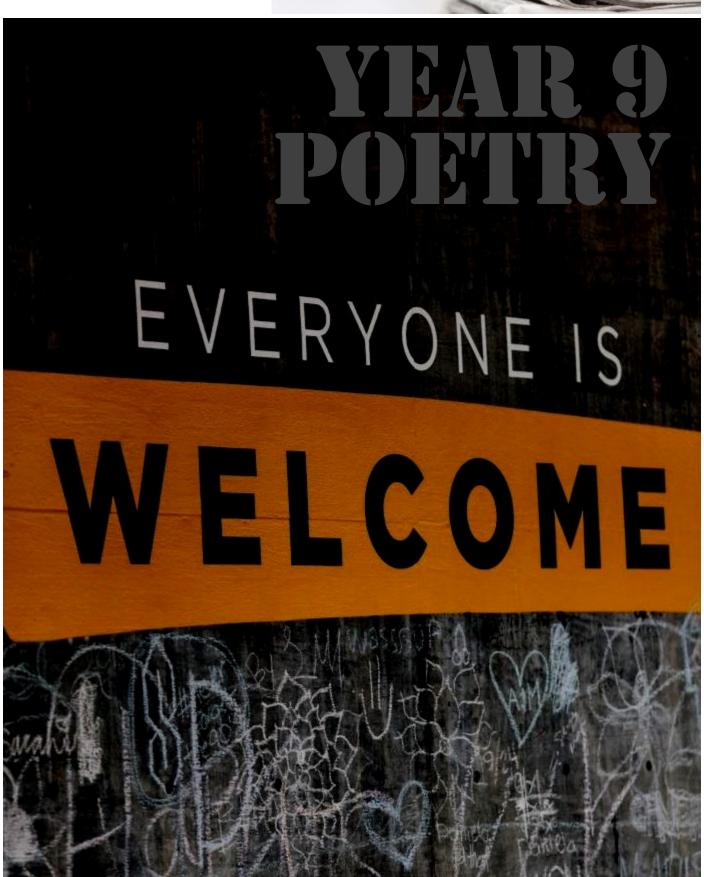
Their power would be gauged

Against the Gods rage.

By Noah











A tale of migrants a story of strife
Their journeys long, their struggles rife
Leaving homes, leaving all they know
To seek a new life, to reach a new glow.
Their paths are fraught, their roads unpaved
Their journeys marked by joy and grave
Their hopes and fears, their every thought
As they seek a new life, a new found sought.
But though their road is long and hard
Their spirits unbroken, their hearts
unharmed
For they know that in a new land

They'll find a brighter future, a new found

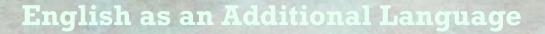
stand.

All I want to do is run away
I want to be free but I can't leave
I am stuck here in Syria waiting to be free
But all I see is war
I want to see the blue sky, green trees and my friends
again
But yet there's just the grey sky, the rain and the
distant sound of guns and bombs
I'm stuck here and there's nothing to do.

By Eddie







# **National Poetry Day**

I've asked my students about their favourite poet and Gleb (Year 8) expressed his admiration for the famous Russian poet, Aleksandr Pushkin.

Thank you, Gleb, for sharing your passion for poetry.

Ms Florea

# **TO THE BABY (1824)**

My child, I dare not, over you,

To start the blessing's simple citation.

You're – with your peaceful heart and view –

An Angel, bringing consolation.

Let all your days be fully clear,
As fully clear is your look now.
Amidst all fates, the world's to bear,
Let yours be beautiful and proud.

Translated by Yevgeny Bonver







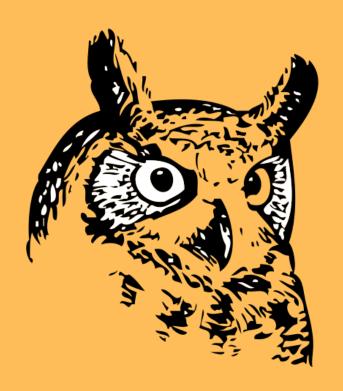
# **National Poetry Day**

Thursday marked National Poetry Day across the nation, so we hope you enjoy this beautiful contribution from **Oba** from the Hybrid School! There is still time to enter our competition, so sharpen your quills and get composing!

The English Department







Wet the owl stands patiently its pupils dilated filled with awe the bird slowly raising his wings enjoying the warm radiant rays of the sun the owl's feathers slowly dry out taking weight off it sharp beak glinting from the sun's light Its skinny legs like twigs stand straight bare while its tiny talons clutched the brown branch ready, it jumps off and flies into the great gold horizon

By Oba











# ISA COMIC STRIP COMPETITION



Pupils at ISA Members' schools are invited to draw a comic strip based on these subjects:

KS1-2: Friendship KS3-5: Heroes from history

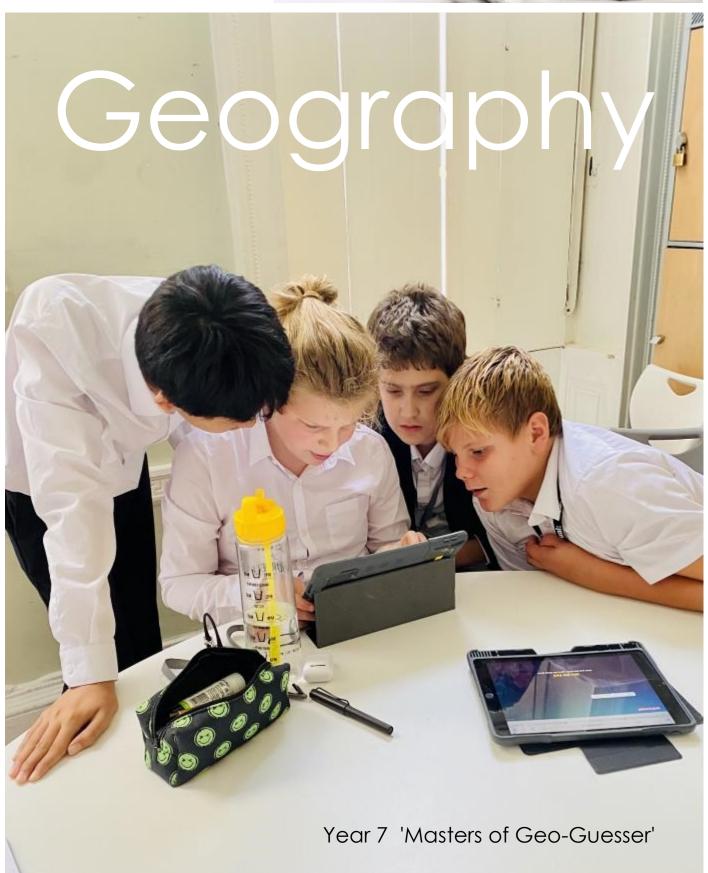
Deadline to enter: Thursday 11 January 2024





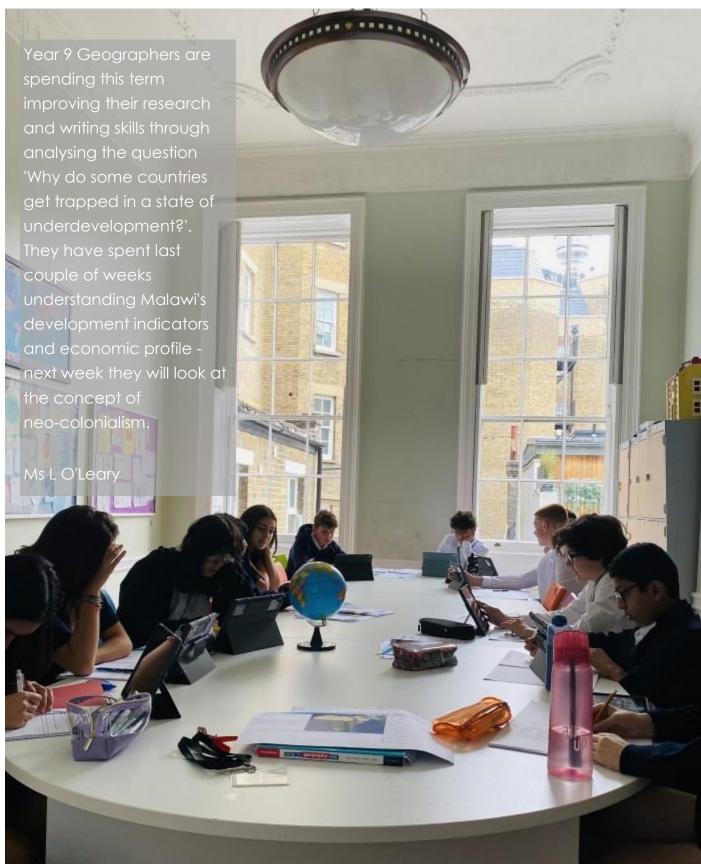
















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# SIRELLI





Last week we were very fortunate to have the well-known Italian street-artist

Massimo Sirelli (massimosirelli
@instagram) join us to 'leave his mark' at Portland Place School in the GPS building.

We were introduced to Massimo through the parents of one of our students,

Catherine in Y8.

Massimo came armed with spray cans and marker pens to create one of his signature Robots, adding a sense of humour and pop of colour in the stairwell between floors 4 and 5 in the GPS building.

A huge thanks to Massimo for taking the time out of a busy schedule to do this for us and to Catia Lagrotteria for the introduction. Grazie mille!

Ms Dever









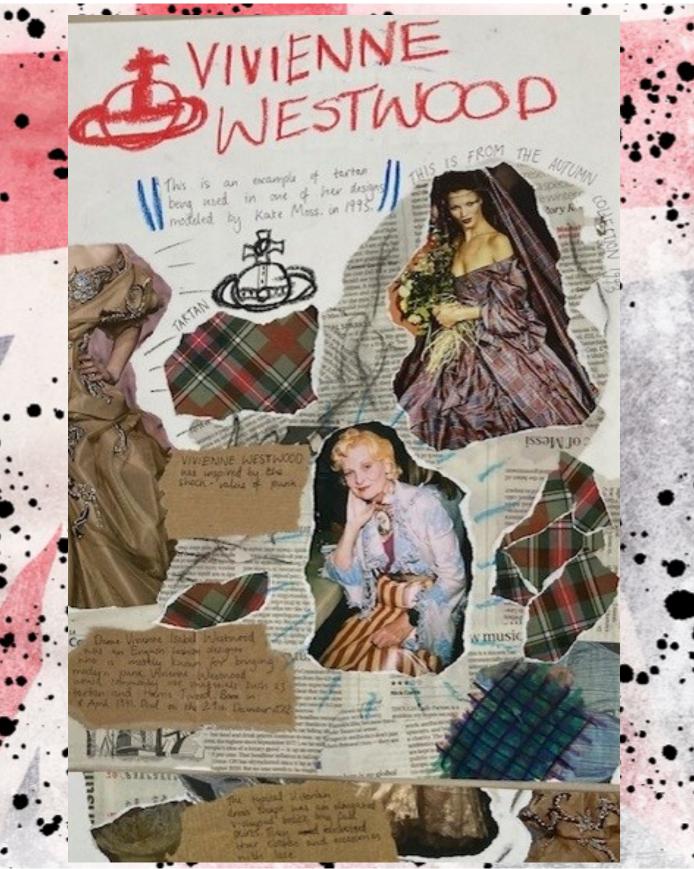












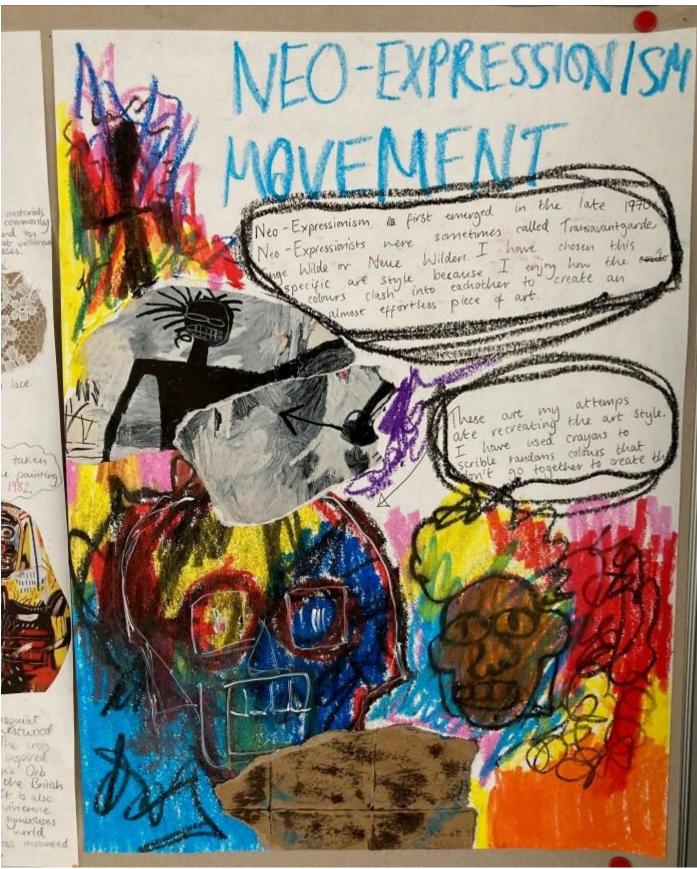












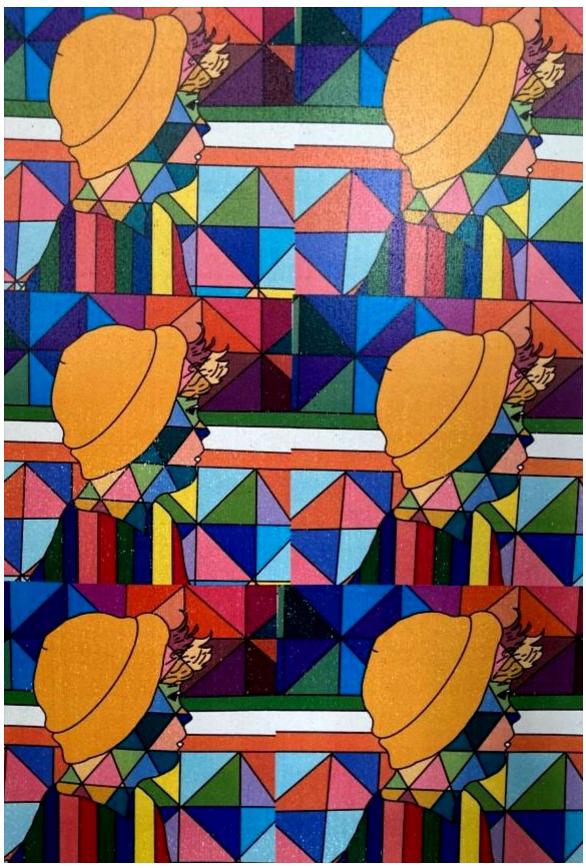


















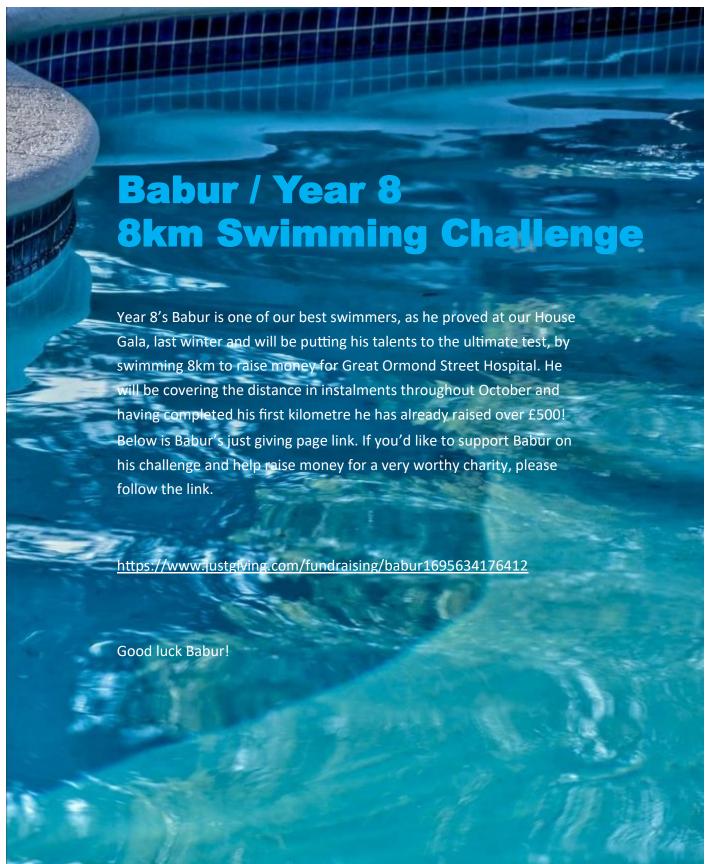
















### **Year 8 Netball vs St James'**

Squad List: Helena, Lucy, Esther, Lily, Bibi, Farida, Catherine, Angelica

The Year 8 netball team made their way to St James' last Monday for an exciting netball match. We knew it was going to be a hard game but were confident as we have been making heaps of progress in netball recently, lots of practise and lots of determination.

Lily, our team captain took the first centre pass, and we were off to a flying start. We scored the first goal of the game, and it was scored by our fantastic GA, Lucy. The first quarter was extremely tight as it was goal for goal. St James' scoring, followed by a goal from us.

The second quarter saw St James' take a lead. Their defence was extremely strong and were giving Esther (GS) and Lucy (GA) a difficult game. They were making it difficult for us to get a successful ball into our attacking circle. Lily and Beatrice had to think outside the box when trying to get the ball into our attack. Both players were determined and did some great sneaky bounce passes trying to outwit the opposition. Unfortunately, St James' started to pull away, their GS was not missing any shots. Helena and Farida, our defence, made some great interceptions and were able to create some goals out of these turn overs.

Sadly, it was not our day as St James' continued to successfully score from every shot they took. We had a great a match but lost 14-9. Our player of the match went to Helena for her great interception and pressure she created in the circle.







Well done, Year 8!





## Year 7 Netball vs North Bridge House



*Squad: Lincoln, Nathaniel, Beatrice, Billie, Rosie, Talia, Sonia, Millie (Captain)*  On the 26<sup>th</sup> of September the Year 7 netball team made their way to an exciting away match against North Bridge House. We had a great team out and we were confident we could win.

We made an excellent start with our first goal being scored by Lincoln within the first minute of the game. North Bridge House took the second centre pass and our team captain, Millie was able to intercept the ball and turn it into our second goal. We took the lead and we held most of the possession. What a great start!

After the second quarter we were leading by several goals. Nathaniel and Lincoln were demonstrating great teamwork in the circle and were on fire, hardly missing any of their shots. Centre court players, Talia, Sonia and Beatrice were delivering great balls and turn overs.

The whole team played exceptionally well, and we secured a win, 9-4!
Fantastic effort from the whole team.
Nathaniel received player of the match for his amazing shooting!





## U13/14 football vs North Bridge House Canonbury

On Monday afternoon, Portland's Year 8 and 9's faced North Bridge at Regent's Park. The squad of 13 players made a bright start, dominating possession and territory. Spike and Nico were getting plenty of ball in the middle and Humphrey was causing the defence no end of problems as he ran at the NBH back four. A couple of shots went wide, and Portland probably should have created some better chances. Their period of dominance ended as NBH began to find their shape. The PPS work rate began to drop off and North Bridge started stretching our defence. A couple of pacy players proved difficult for our back line to tackle, but it was Portland's own mistakes and failure to clear balls when the opportunity was there that allowed NBH to take the advantage. In a ten-minute period that saw Portland in momentary disarray, Canonbury put three past Dexter in goal. The first was a high shot that he couldn't reach, whilst the second came from an intercepted square pass. A minute later NBH were awarded a free kick on the edge of the area which they once again looped beyond our keeper's reach, just under the crossbar.

In the second half, PPS sought to steady the ship. Nate continued to make a great deal of tackles and interceptions, whilst Richard saw plenty of possession, linking with Spike and Humphrey. Oba looked pacy on the left and at the back, Harrison had a very solid game at centre back





## Sports report







#### U13's win a 9-goal thriller at Ibstock

After a tough and disappointing fixture against North Bridge, this was a fantastic comeback as the Portland Place U13's squad beat Ibstock 5-4.



A tense beginning to the match saw both teams go back and forth, passing with slick elegance and testing the keepers. It was a debut in goal for Neak and boy! What a debut it was! Straight from the start, the Ibstock strikers put Neak under pressure, but he came out on top, diving down to the low balls, using a strong hand to parry a shot away and talking with his defence throughout.

With Enzo and Nico controlling the middle of the park, it allowed Oisin and Roman to run down the wing and sling balls into the box for Josh to attack and attack he did! The young striker used his footballing knowledge to test the defence, turning, pushing, and passing pass the defenders who really struggled to hold him off.

The defence seemed to be strong and seemed to be working together with Noah and Ted being bossed around by Jacob who played a fantastic game throughout. It wasn't all positive but that's the nature of football. The Ibstock team continued to put pressure on the defence and some great play by the attackers opened-up the defence and in a matter of minutes PPS were 2-0 down and it was an uphill battle for the boys.







A fightback was on the cards and Nico continued to dominate in the centre of the park and help provide endless attacks being rained down on the Ibstock keeper. Although the keeper was able to hold out and some scramble defence blocked a number of shots, Josh broke the deadlock. A fantastic low driven corner from Enzo saw Josh use the heel of his boot to guide the ball past the helpless keeper.

This was the start of PPS taking the game by the horns. Breaking down the defence became easier for the PPS squad whose confidence began to rise and after a fantastic solo run, which saw Nico take on 5 of the Ibstock players, before slamming a shot into the back of the net, PPS went into the half on level terms.

The second half started with a flourish. PPS continued where the first half had ended and put huge pressure on their opponents. Roman, who continued on the left wing, was magnificent in pushing his opponent further and further back and it was this that led to the third goal. The lbstock right back was struggling to get out of his own quarter and after stealing the ball back, Roman whipped in a pass and after an elegant touch, it was a Dennis Bergkamp style turn and







volley. It was a classic goal from Josh to allow PPS to take the lead.

It was now all Portland Place. The midfielders started passing the ball more frequently and with Dario and Zane both adding extra energy to the team and it was Dario who got his first goal for PPS later in the half. The wings were the main source of attack for Portland; some silky passing in the middle saw Enzo have a strong run down the wing and after a double assist from Oisin and Josh, Dario was able to knee the ball into the net. The celebrations were wild, screams and shouts and Dario running towards the players with a huge smile on his face. It was an unforgettable moment.

Not to be out done by Dario, Josh got the final goal for PPS. Another great cross from the wings saw an easy tap in for Josh who ran off to celebrate, not just his first goal for Portland Place but for a great Hat Trick.

The whole team had a fantastic performance, but special mentions go out to Nico (controlling the midfield), Neak (making some vital saves), Ted (fantastic performance in defence). All in all, it was a great performance after the week before.

Player MoM - Josh Mr Steward MoM - Jacob





## Under 15's Netball vs North Bridge House

Squad: Cora, Marta (Captain), Isabelle, Mia, Annabe<mark>lle</mark>, Sasha, Leal, Kansas

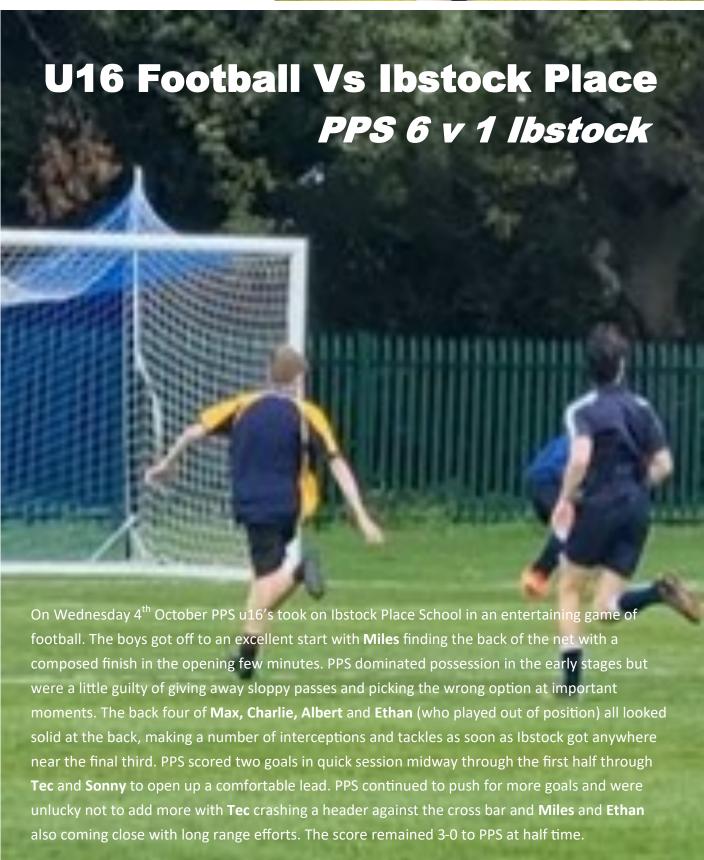
The U15 netball team had an action-packed home game against North Bridge House last Wednesday. The game was high energy and had a nail-biting finish!

North Bridge House took the first centre pass, and our defence, Leal and Isabelle were able to successfully prevent them from scoring by making a fantastic interception. The game was fast paced, and all players were digging deep! Cora made some great assists and was able to outwit the tall oppositions defence. Marta's shooting was exceptional, she scored 9 of the 12 goals we accumulated. We finished the third quarter on a draw, and we knew we needed to fight a little harder to secure a win. Kansas injected our team with some much-needed energy. She was able to help the defence make some turn overs which would help us win the game.

The final minute was nail-biting and exciting. We were drawing 1111 and desperately needed a goal to win the match. Sasha set up
a centre pass and we all knew time was against us. Centre court
players Sasha and Annabelle delivered a great ball into Marta.
With seconds left on the clock Marta scored the winning goal. We
won 12-11! Player of the match went to Marta and the oppositions player of the match went to GD who was marking Marta.
Both played exceptionally well and gave each other a tough time.











In the second half PPS once again got off to a great start with **Tec** scoring in the first couple of minutes after capitalising on a mix up between the keeper and centre back. **Miles** then added a second. **Sonny** drove down the right wing and cut the ball back to **Miles** who whipped the ball first time into the roof of the net! **Lucas** and **Albert** linked up well on the left to create further chances and before the end of the match PPS found one more goal when Maxim played a neat pass to **Ethan** who rifled the ball into the bottom corner with his weaker right foot! This goal was celebrated more than others as it was **Ethan's** first goal for Portland Place School! The only blight on an excellent performance was that Ibstock did manage to score with the final kick of the game to deny PPS a clean sheet!

This was a very positive performance from our u16 team. PPS moved the ball well as a team, there was some excellent individual quality on display and the boys adapted to a different formation very well. **Todd** showed good footwork and an excellent passing range in midfield. **Lucas** had a very positive game in left midfield. **Miles** was a constant threat with his pacey, direct running on and off the ball and scored a fantastic brace. Player of the match goes to **Ethan** who showed great composure and game awareness at centre back. He constantly communicated with his teammates and set the tone for a very positive performance. He also finally got his much deserved first goal for PPS! Well done boys!





# NEXT WEEK'S CLUBS & FIXTURES

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct:

Year 7&8 football vs Maida Vale, Regent's Park, 2.15pm

Year 7&8 netball vs Thames Christian College, Battersea

Sports Centre, 2.00pm

Football club, 3.50-5.15pm, Regent's Park

Netball club, Regent's Park Tennis Club, 3.50-5.15pm

Karate Club, PPS Hall, 4.00-5.00pm,

Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Oct: Table Tennis Club, PPS Hall, 1.10-1.45pm,

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct: GCSE PE Revision Club, G21, 1.10 – 1.45pm

Year 11 football vs Maida Vale, Regent's Park, 2.00pm

Year 10&11 9-a-side football vs Maida Vale, away, 2.00pm

Year 9&10 netball vs Maida Vale, away, 2.00pm

Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y7 House Fitness Challenge, Regent's Park, 9.05-10.50am

Y9 House Fitness Challenge, Regent's Park, 11.05-12.50pm

Year 9 netball vs Maida Vale, away, 2.15pm

Year 10 B football vs Maida Vale, Regent's Park, 2.00pm

Running Club, Regent's Park, 12.50-1.30pm

Weight Training Club, PPS changing rooms, 12.50-1.30pm

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct:

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## Enrichment — First Half of Autumn Term 2023

Activity	Staff	Room		
Climbing	AZE & LVW	Offsite. Meet Room 24 at 1.50pm		
Digital Drawing	LDE & CHU	Art Studio 1		
F45 Fitness	CBY & EKA	Offsite—meet outside PP at 1.50pm		
Fencing	PZA & JVA	Change in PE at 1.50pm then R11		
Glee Club	CBO & AJU	Room1		
Horse Riding	AIS	Offsite—meet PE changing rooms at 1.20pm		
Museum Investigators	PLE	Room 10		
Netball	нна	Offsite—meet PE corridor at 1.50pn		
Polymer Clay	CFL & FSY	Room 35		
Robotics	MMC & TTO	Room 33		
Senior Football	SRI, JKU & LST	Offsite—meet PE corridor at 1.50pm		
Strive & FPQ	SSA	Room 22		
Table Tennis	RAL	PP Hall		
Table Top Gaming	DBL	LAB1		
Ultimate Frisbee	JWH & RLE	Offsite—meet outside PP at 1.50pm		
Velo Park	TTC, HIS & WBR	Offsite –meet outside GPS at 1pm		





## **Clubs for Autumn Term 2023**

Day	Time	Activity	Staff	Location	Year Groups
Monday	12:50-13:15	Y11 Chemistry Revision	HSI	Science Lab 2	11
Monday	12:50-13:45	String Ensemble	R H'white	R2	All
Monday	12:50-13:45	Russian Club	PZA	B3	All
Monday	12:50-13:45	Italian Club	TLA	R23	All
Monday	12:50-13:45	Woodwind Ensemble	S Sarvamaa	R1	All
Monday	12:50-13:45	Mandarin	TLA	G34	All *
Monday	13:10-13:45	Table Tennis Club	PE	PP Hall	All
Monday	13:20-13:45	Board Games	DFL & ECO	R11	6 – 9
Monday	13:20-13:45	Business Studies Clinic	JMA	G21	10 & 11
Monday	16:00-17:00	Karate Club	PE	PP Hall	All
Monday	16:00-17:15	Football Club	PE	Regents Park	All
Monday	16:00-17:15	Netball Club	PE	Regents Park	All
Tuesday	12:50-13:50	GCSE Art Club (Hybrid only)	LDE	Art Studio 1	HS 10 & 11
Tuesday	12:50-13:15	Y11 Biology Revision	RLE	Science Lab 2	11
Tuesday	12:50-13:45	Spanish Club	CFL	G34	All
Tuesday	13:15-13:45	PPS Choir	SHI & CBO	R1	All
Monday	12:50-13:45	Guitar Group / Rock Band	DMC	R2	All
Tuesday	15:45-16:45	French Club	TLA & CFL	R36	All
Tuesday	16:00-17:00	Macbeth Rehearsals	RAL & AJU	Drama Studio	Invite only
Tuesday	16:00-17:00	Design Club	MJO & JVA	B1	All
Tuesday	15:45-16:45	Speed Learning – GCSE Geographers	KOL	10	10 & 11
Wednesday	08:00-08:30	Essay Building Skills	MTH	G33	10 & 11





** Art Scholarship holders must attend							
Wednesday	12:50-13:30	Y7 Haunted House Rehearsals	RAL	Drama Studio	7		
Wednesday	12:50-13:45	Music Theory Club	ZBO	R42	All		
Wednesday	12:50-13:50	GCSE Drama Club	AJU	Drama Studio	10 & 11		
Wednesday	12:50-13:45	Percussion Ensemble	J Morrison	R2	All		
Wednesday	13:10-13:45	GCSE PE Revision Club	PE	GPS tbc	10 & 11		
Wednesday	16:00-17:00	Fencing Club	External Coach	PP Hall	Sign up with PE		
Thursday	12:50-13:40	Weight Training Club	PE	Changing Rooms	All		
Thursday	12:50-13:40	Running Club	PE	Regents Park	All		
Thursday	12:50-13:15	Y10 Science Revision (Combi & Triple)	FKH	Science Lab 2	10		
Thursday	12:50-13:50	GCSE Art Club	ТМО	Art Studio 1	10 & 11		
Thursday	12:50-13:45	Digital Hub	SEN Dept	R33	All		
Thursday	12:50-13:15	Y11 Physics Revision	WBR	Science Lab 3	11		
Thursday	13:10-13:45	History Revision	PLE	G21	10 & 11		
Thursday	16:00-17:00	PPS Chamber Choir	СВО	R1	All by audition		
Thursday	16:00-17:00	Design Club	MJO & JVA	B1	All		
Thursday	16:00-17:15	Girls Basketball Club	PE	Church St Sport Centre	All		
Thursday	16:00-17:00	Art Club	TMO & LDE	Art 1 & 2	Invite only **		
Friday	08:00-08:30	Geography Revision	EWE	10	11		
Friday	08:30-09:00	LGBT+ Club	TLA	R23	All		
Friday	12:50-13:45	Brass Ensemble	W Brown	R2	All		
Friday	12:50-13:45	Japanese	TLA	G34	All*		
Friday	12:50-13:30	Y10 Science Revision (Combi & Triple)	DBL	Science Lab 1	10		



#### **FOLLOW US**





