



# AROUND THE PALACE



## Welcome

Welcome back to Old Palace. I hope you all enjoyed a peaceful and relaxing summer break.

Clearly all our new students are settling in and finding their way around the School.

Good luck to all for the term ahead!

**Carol Jewell**  
Head

## New classes in Juniors

34 girls have started in Reception this month and they are already settling into the routines of the school day.

They are thoroughly enjoying making new friends and learning both in and out of the classroom.

We wish them every success during their years with us at Old Palace.

## New web site

Old Palace invites you to enjoy our redesigned web site.

It contains a lot more information about school life, the curriculum we offer and forthcoming events.

Future developments to the site will include a password protected area for each parent.

## Life at Juniors

It has been a great start to the new term at Juniors and the girls, parents and staff have been enjoying settling into the routines of the new school year.

It has been lovely to see how proud the girls are to be wearing their smart new uniforms and the care they have been taking as they start their new books. We are all looking forward to having a busy and successful year!

## Green fingers



Old Palace Nursery students are now reaping the rewards of working hard growing their own food.

This week they harvested the pumpkins that have grown from seed in the vegetable garden - there were 4 of them in total. The children have been very patient caring for, and watering the pumpkins through the summer and watching them grow.

The Nursery chef, Ozelle, is now going to make a pumpkin pie for all the children to taste. The parents will receive a copy of the recipe too.



**Saving  
a life**

**Old Palace students on the recent World Challenge trip to Uganda helped save the life of one of their helpers.**

A girl called Dorothy was a porter chosen from the local community to assist the girls with carrying bags on the first trek. The students noticed the large lesion on her leg and they discussed with Dr Bannister the possibility of providing treatment. The students had decided that they would pay for her treatment from their own funds. She had a tropical ulcer on her leg and the doctor told her that if the infection had spread to her bone she would have died. The treatment cost equated to £5.

## Forthcoming events

### **Tues 20**

Year 13 Biology field trip returns

### **Tues 20 - All day**

Year 8 History trip, Hampton Court

### **Tues 20 - 16:00**

Yrs 10 and 11 Netball, OP v Virgo Fidelis

### **Wed 21 - 18:00-19:00**

Years 6 and 7 Pastoral Evening, B. Hall

### **Thurs 22 - 16:00-16:45**

Years 7 – 10 Crown Lecture, Chapel

### **Thurs 22 - 16:00-16:45**

Silver DoE Parents' Meeting, Whitby

### **Fri 23 - All day**

Year 9 Geography trip, Chessington

### **Sat 24 - 10.00-12.00**

Head's surgery, Guard Room

# Palace Group event



**Our year 9 and 10 Palace Group students took part in a special after-school mathematics session this Monday led by Mrs Morris.**

The students worked together on difficult mathematical puzzles and then shared their ideas with the whole group. All the students worked hard and really stretched their brains on these tough problems and were thoroughly satisfied when they found the solutions. Over the next half term, they will continue to work on these investigations individually.

Palace Group events will run throughout the year and will provide further opportunities for the students to enhance their learning and knowledge.

## Meet the Head

**At Old Palace, the welfare of our students and families are of the utmost importance.**

It can be difficult for our working parents to get time off work to come and speak to the school with any concerns.

As from September, Carol Jewell, Head of Old Palace, will hold a surgery to work with families on an individual basis on a number of Saturday mornings throughout the Autumn term.



She will be available between 10.00-12.00 on 24 September for her first surgery.

Gill Stone, Head of Old Palace Juniors, will also be holding surgeries throughout the year. Surgery time is every Tuesday, 3.30-5.00pm.

## Speech and Drama success

**The Performing Arts are a great strength and a source of enjoyment in the Juniors.**

Under the expert guidance of Lucy Morgans, a grand total of 81 girls took LAMDA examinations in Speech and Drama in Juniors in the Summer term and achieved outstanding results. Of the 81, 78 girls passed with distinction and the remaining girls passed with merit. The certificates were presented to the proud recipients in Praise assembly this week.

