



# AROUND THE PALACE

Dear all,



I hope that all Old Palace families managed to enjoy the Bank Holiday sunshine last week; it was a welcome sight to help us through these difficult times.

On Monday, we opened the doors at Melville Avenue for some Nursery children, Reception and Year 1 and opened the Old Palace Road site for Year 6. It was wonderful to welcome these students back. Both sites look different with all the expected safety measures and social distancing in place but Old Palace students and staff showed their

true spirit and adaptability and quickly settled into the 'new normal'.

In the meantime, it is so uplifting to see all the wonderful activities that Old Palace students are doing during this period as shown in the newsletter. Well done everyone!

Jane Burton, Head

## Return to School



Don't forget that all Covid-19 Letters Home plus a new **Return to School: Guidance for Parents** section can be found here:

<https://www.oldpalace.croydon.sch.uk/contact/covid-19/latest-updates/>



## Return to School *continued*

After what seems like a very long ten weeks of lockdown, we are delighted to welcome back a number of pupils from Pre School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. School may be a little different now but it is wonderful to see the girls coping with the new rules whilst still having fun.





## Return to School *continued*



## House Homeletics Results

Well done to all who took part in the House Homeletics before half term.

Here are the results:

Place	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1st	Anselm	Laud	Hatton	Stafford
2nd	Hatton	Hatton	Stafford	Laud
3rd	Laud	Anselm	Laud	Anselm + Hatton
4th	Stafford	Stafford	Anselm	

A big thank you to the PE department for organising!

**Miss Richards**

## Libby Racing

Libby in Reception spent half term running a half marathon for the Centurion Running One Community Challenge.



## Year 6 House Athletics

Year 6 weren't part of the Croydon Athletics (although word is out that there may be a Primary Schools Competition at some point), but the pupils followed a similar idea and worked for House Points!

The results – based on the number of entries – were:

1st	Stafford
2nd	Laud
3rd	Anselm
4th	Hatton





## Croydon Schools Years 7-13 Virtual Athletics Competition: Homeletics

Congratulations to ALL those who took part in the Croydon Schools Homeletics Competition during the week prior to half term!

**We competed against 12 other schools and, you can see from this table, we won four year group competitions, which is fantastic!**

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Year 7 Girls	Old Palace School	Woodcote High School	Royal Russell School
Year 8 Girls	Old Palace School	Woodcote High School	Royal Russell School
Year 9 Girls	Old Palace School	Woodcote High School	Royal Russell School
Year 10 Girls	Old Palace School	Royal Russell School	Oasis Academy Coulsdon
Year 11-13 Girls	Coloma Convent Girls' School	Woodcote High School	Riddlesdown Collegiate
Relay Champions	Coloma Convent Girls' School	Woodcote High School	

The events included:

- Lockdown Long Jump
- Homemade High Jump
- Try at home Triple Jump
- Motivating Marathon
- Socially distanced Sprints
- Sock Putt
- Household Hurdles

The number of entries from Old Palace students was fantastic. You all did really well.

The photos show some of our students really working hard to produce their best effort – well done!

Link to the results video:

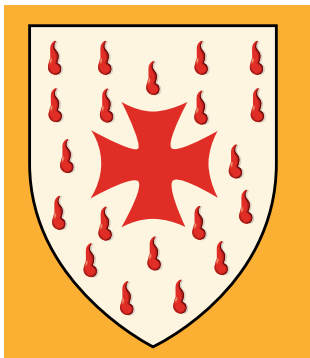
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shb0cCfqLCo>



## House Leader Election RESULTS

They're in! Here are the results of the House Leader elections. Many congratulations to Olivia, Piriyanika, Isobel, Varsha, Olivia, Khushi, Maya and Shreya. I am sure they will do a great job alongside Demi (Head Girl) and Lisa (Deputy Head Girl).

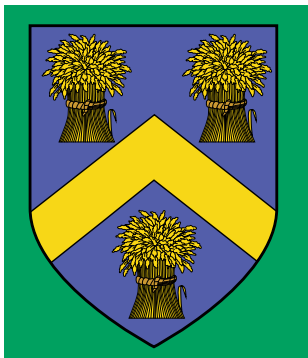
# Anselm



House Leader  
Olivia F

Deputy  
Piriyanka

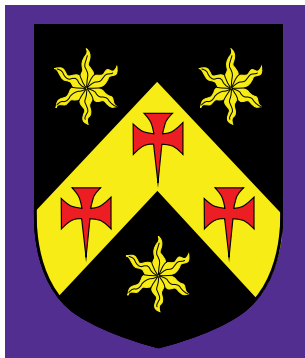
# Hatton



## House Leader Isobel

## Deputy Varsha

# Laud



House Leader  
Olivia O'S

Deputy  
Khushi

## Stafford



## House Leader Maya

Deputy  
Shreya



# Open Day

Virtual Nursery & Prep  
School Open Morning  
Thursday, 11 June @ 10.15am

[www.oldpalace.croydon.sch.uk/admissions/open-days](http://www.oldpalace.croydon.sch.uk/admissions/open-days)



# Open Day



Virtual Senior School  
Open Afternoon  
Thursday, 18 June @ 12.30pm

[www.oldpalace.croydon.sch.uk/admissions/open-days](http://www.oldpalace.croydon.sch.uk/admissions/open-days)

## Carnegie Shadowing Group

The Old Palace Carnegie Shadowing Group has been running from March to June every Friday lunch time since lockdown. Shadowers from Old Palace have been reading and discussing the shortlisted books for this year's award. Read their reviews of some of the shortlisted book on our [Old Palace Carnegie Shadower's Review page](#).

<https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/reading-group/old-palace-of-john-whitgift-school/>

The Carnegie Award is the oldest and most prestigious Children's Book award, now in its 84th year, with past winners including the authors Arthur Ransome, C.S.Lewis, Neil Gaiman, Terry Pratchett, Philip Pullman, Sally Gardner and Elizabeth Acevedo. This year's Carnegie Medal winner will be announced on Wednesday 17th June.

This year, the additional Shadows Award, the award that our Carnegie Shadowers get to vote for, has been **extended until October**. This means you can join in too! Get hold of the

shortlisted books as eBooks/eAudiobooks from your public library (and soon our eBook platform, more information to follow) and help Old Palace choose their Shadower's Award Winner! You can also take part in the ALCS writing competition too: <https://tinyurl.com/y7y5x4b4>

For further information on how you can get involved and take part, email [schevalier@oldpalace.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:schevalier@oldpalace.croydon.sch.uk)





## Hiru Awarded a Blue Peter Badge

Congratulations to Hiru who was awarded a Blue Peter badge for her Sunrise painting.



## GCSE Dance and Infra

Wayne McGregor CBE is a multi award-winning British choreographer and director. He is the Artistic Director of Studio Wayne McGregor and is Resident Choreographer of The Royal Ballet. In 2008 McGregor choreographed the abstract ballet *Infra* where 12 dancers portray the emotions beneath the surface of human interaction – the title *Infra* comes from the Latin word for 'below'.

This contemporary ballet is one of the six professional works studied as part of the GCSE Dance course which

explores the feelings we keep hidden from those around us. Year 10 GCSE Dance students have been developing their physicality and technical skills required of ballet by completing online classes. Here are Sarra and Temi practising in the garden, can you identify any of the positions and movements they're doing?

The work *Infra* is a contemporary ballet which perfectly combines the two dance styles maintaining the strict ballet technique whilst adding fluid contemporary movements.

Whilst learning about *Infra* I have been able to improve my ballet technique as much of the dance focuses on Pointe work and balletic movements. McGregor defies gravity with many of his hyper extended movements and seeing how he has created this work incorporating perfect ballet technique has really helped me focus on achieving perfect alignment whilst still maintaining passion and fluidity.

**Sarra, Year 10**



Some lovely balletic garden shots of Sarra and Temi who are studying GCSE Dance.

*Above:* Temi's Grande Jete

*Right:* Temi 5th Position



*Above:* Sarra in 5th Position and 4th Retire



## A letter from Mrs Nike



After many weeks of empty classrooms, we heard the sound of laughter, fun and learning fill the corridors as we welcomed the Transition Room, Pre Prep, Reception and Year 1 back to school. The girls have been great at following the social distancing guidelines and despite the need to keep washing our hands, everyone is in good spirits and have been enjoying learning and playing together.

Congratulations to Hiru in Year 2 who was awarded a Blue Peter Badge for her artistic talents this week. This is a prestigious award that I have long wanted to get my hands on!

This week, I am extremely impressed with Elena in the Reception Class for her hard work and dedication for running 2.6k in under 19 mins. Well done Elena! Keep it up.

If you are still learning at home and your year group hasn't yet returned back to school, keep going just like Elena did when she was running. Sometimes, life can feel like a race. You can want to give up when it gets hard or you get tired of doing the same thing, but if you keep running with perseverance you will find there is much joy along the way. So, don't grow weary or lose heart, keeping going because you are doing a great job!

**Mrs Nike**  
*Head of Nursery & Preparatory*

## Year 2 DT Picnic



Mrs Coster, Mrs Elliot and Miss Wilks were lucky enough to receive an invitation to Arya's picnic. Although they weren't able to be there in person, Arya thought it was only right to ensure their presence was honoured appropriately

Picnic preparations included lots of planning, checking, calculating, weighing, mixing and icing, which Arya thoroughly enjoyed!

Arya's mummy and daddy only received their invitation after making sure there were enough wraps!

## Eid in Lockdown

Eid was very different this year. It was strange not to accompany my parents to the traditional Eid prayer at the mosque and to stay at home. Yet my family and I tried to make it a fun one.

I woke up early on the day and got ready in my bright traditional Shalwar Kameez. I was allowed make up on the day! Yay! The best part of the morning was opening my presents and helping my mummy make the traditional sweet dishes - Saweiya (sweet vermicelli) and Suji Halwa (semolina pudding). They were very yummy and sweet.

I had a fun day playing games, flying my kite and eating lots of delicious food.

**Safah, Year 1**



Safah showing the sweet dishes she prepared for Eid



## Years 7-9 Record a Thank You Message to their Teachers

Over the past few months, our teachers have been working really hard in order to try to help us through these difficult and uncertain times. We wanted to thank them for all their hard work in lessons and for trying to keep us positive in both the good and bad times.

<https://youtu.be/mnmW8rsP2oA>

All of our tutors, year leaders and teachers have been really supportive and tried to make things seem as normal as possible. A huge thank you to Miss Espie for being amazing and producing some amazing lessons to keep us busy during lockdown. Thank you so much and we hope to see everyone soon!

Chrissy F



## Year 9 DT



Lily in Year 9 has been very busy making a plant ladder, a bird feeder and a wood store. She is really thrilled with the results - especially the plant ladder. She had to use power tools to make them and really enjoyed the experience.

Lily made them all from the reclaimed wood she found on skips and a building site.



## House Poetry Winners!

Year 6-8

**Ayesha SB** Year 7

Year 9-10

**Deborah A** Year 9

Year 11-13

**Sarah S** Year 12

**Overall Winner: Stafford!**

### House Laureates:

Ayesha SB (7S)

Mayowa O (7S)

Elsie J (7S)

Tahalia A (8L)

Deborah A (9L)

Akchanah (9H)

Sarah S (12H)

Thank you all for entering!

*Poetry Society*

### Time

Tik toc, tik tok

There goes the clock

A day, A week, A month, A year

The end is creeping very near

Tik toc, tik tok

There goes the clock

Faster than fire spreads on wood

running faster than you ever could

Tik toc, tik tok

There goes the clock

A second, a minute an hour

Time is something you can never  
overpower

Tik toc, tik tok

There goes the clock

It's a constant reminder

and doesn't need a winder

Tik toc, tik tok

There goes the clock

Before you know it a day's gone

Before you know it's going to be dawn

Tik toc, tik tok

There goes the clock

Time shan't be misused

As it won't be able to be reused

**Ayesha AB**, Year 7

### Time changing inside my mind

Inside my mind not everything is  
perfect

Every edge of my mind is piercing,  
hurting, I'm concentrating on this goal  
I can't get.

I let others hurt me  
and I can never forget.

How times changed so drastically  
Randomly, every bad memory

Attacking me

And I'm fighting it

I've been trying to build up broken  
pieces of my heart

but it's shattering,

I've been holding onto grudges a long  
time,

that I'm battling

And now all the times I heard you say  
I hurt you

I accepted it, because really this whole  
time that's what I've grown with.

Love can't change me,

Because half the time it's fake

How do you expect to trapped me in  
these bars,

Then put me around your waist.

You'll be hiding all these secrets

Like we in another realm.

I've spent last night praying that I  
could break through

And maybe be myself  
Yet

You made me feel this way

Loved and protected

You bought that smile

That made my heart pound.

And as I write this

I prepare my bags for me to leave.

I look at the click of the clock

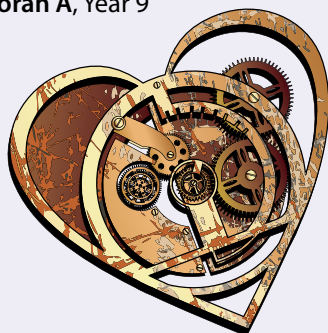
And the one thing I would remember  
is what you said to behind the tree.

You're perfect but just not enough for  
me

It hurt

But may that's how it was meant to be

**Deborah A**, Year 9



### Time

One face, so much power  
The possibilities of a single hour

Keep an eye out, don't lose track  
After one tick, there's no going back

Wasted, lost, forgotten, abused  
Gifting the past a painful bruise

Hold on, it might just fly away  
You may never get another day

The beauty of time, pretty as a  
flower  
One face, so much power

**Sarah S**, Year 12



## Poem by Jessica, Year 3

Corona-V = poem.

Everything might be strange right now,  
because everyone is wearing a huge gown in the town.

When you go to the shops,  
it might feel funny because,  
your not allowed to touch, anything,  
you see with your mummy.

Everytime you got home,  
you have to wash your hands,  
otherwise the virus will spread in your land.

As my poem comes too a close,  
just one more thing,  
make sure the virus doesnt come too close.

## 2.6k Challenge

Here is a photograph of Elena in Reception after her 2.6k run, which she did in under 19 minutes (18:56).



## Puzzle Fun

In 1990 a new size 5p coin was minted. The old size weighed 5.65g while the new size weighs 3.25g.

How much lighter will your pocket be if it contains £5 worth of the new size coins instead of the old size?



Answer on page 16

## Year 2 DT Picnic: Hiru



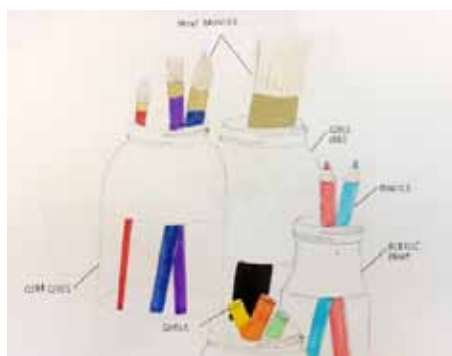


## Year 10 DT Upcycling

Year 10 DT students were set a mini upcycling project to complete starting during the Easter Holidays and which they have just completed.

It involved researching two current designers who work using recycled and upcycled materials.

They had to design and make their own upcycled product using materials they could find around their homes during this lockdown period.





## Year 3 Design a Mini Garden

Every year, Mrs Wallis goes to Guernsey on holiday where they hold an event called the North Show. In the show tents they have lots of different competitions that children enter. One of them always catches my eye and my imagination and that is the one where children have designed their own miniature gardens.

Over half term, Mrs Wallis set Year 3 the task of designing their own miniature garden. The results are very impressive.



Jessica



Annabelle



Tamalia



Caroline



Avika



Fatima





Whilst the school is closed, we will be wishing happy birthday each week to students whose birthday falls during this time.

## June

Jeevikkaa	Year 8	1st
Kisa	Year 7	1st
Shanjana	Year 12	1st
Navinaa	Year 8	2nd
Aarna	Year 6	4th
Amrita	Year 10	4th
Lila	Year 7	4th
Dilusha	Year 8	5th
Amelia	Year 7	6th
Stephanie	Year 8	6th
Ashyre-Mae	Year 11	7th
Eden	Year 8	7th

## Year 4 Art



Ellie in Year 4 has created her own artwork in response to the work of land artist, Richard Long.

## Praise Certificates Awarded This Week



AR Word Champion. **Lydia** Year 4



**Fatima** Year 3 with her certificate for excellent work in maths.



**Elissia** Year 2 with her Silver certificate



**Lola** with her 500,000 accelerated reader certificate.



**Charlotte**, Year 1, with her certificate awarded for growing strawberries.



**Tamalia**, Year 3 with her certificate for her English and DT mini garden.



## Year 2 Green Fingers

Year 2's Science topic this term has been plants. We carried out a comparative test to find out what plants need to germinate and for photosynthesis to help them to grow.

With sun, heat and water, the two seeds germinated and grew very healthily. The two seeds in the cupboard with water germinated too but grew very tall and pale because they were looking for light. Eventually they died. One of the seeds in the dark without water did germinate. We think the soil may have been damp to start with. The other seed did not. The two seeds in the light but without water did nothing.

We concluded that water is needed for germination but not light, as the seed

has a store of its own food to get going. After germination, a plant does need sunlight for photosynthesis in order to grow healthily. The seeds without water are now being given water and have already sprouted!

Many of us have also planted seeds at home, some in the pots we made for DT.

As well as Science, plants has also been one of our topics in Art. We have painted sunflowers using Seurat's Pointillism, recreated Picasso's Bouquet of Peace and also painted flowers close-up in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe.

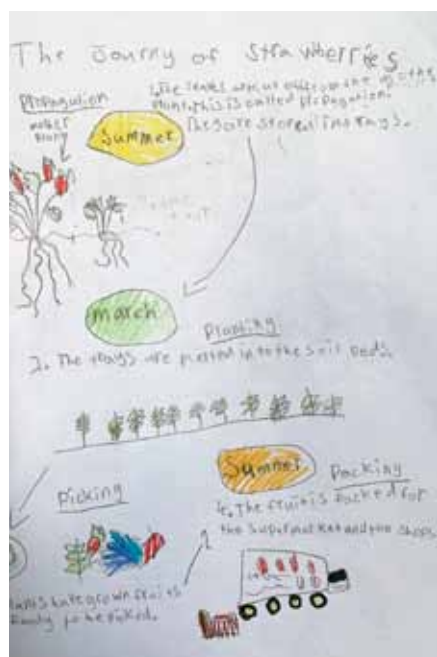
We have learnt about the parts of plants that we eat – roots, stems, leaves

and flowers – and planned our own Teddy Bears' Picnics including some of these foods.

We have also researched the origins of our favourite foods and drawn their journey to get to us.

We asked a lot of interesting questions, like – can plants be grown without a seed? What makes the leaves green and the petals different colours? How do nutrients and water get into the roots? If it's winter, how do plants make the food without sunshine?

We also tackled a beanstalk investigation in Maths, working out the mathematical relationship between one day's growth and the next!

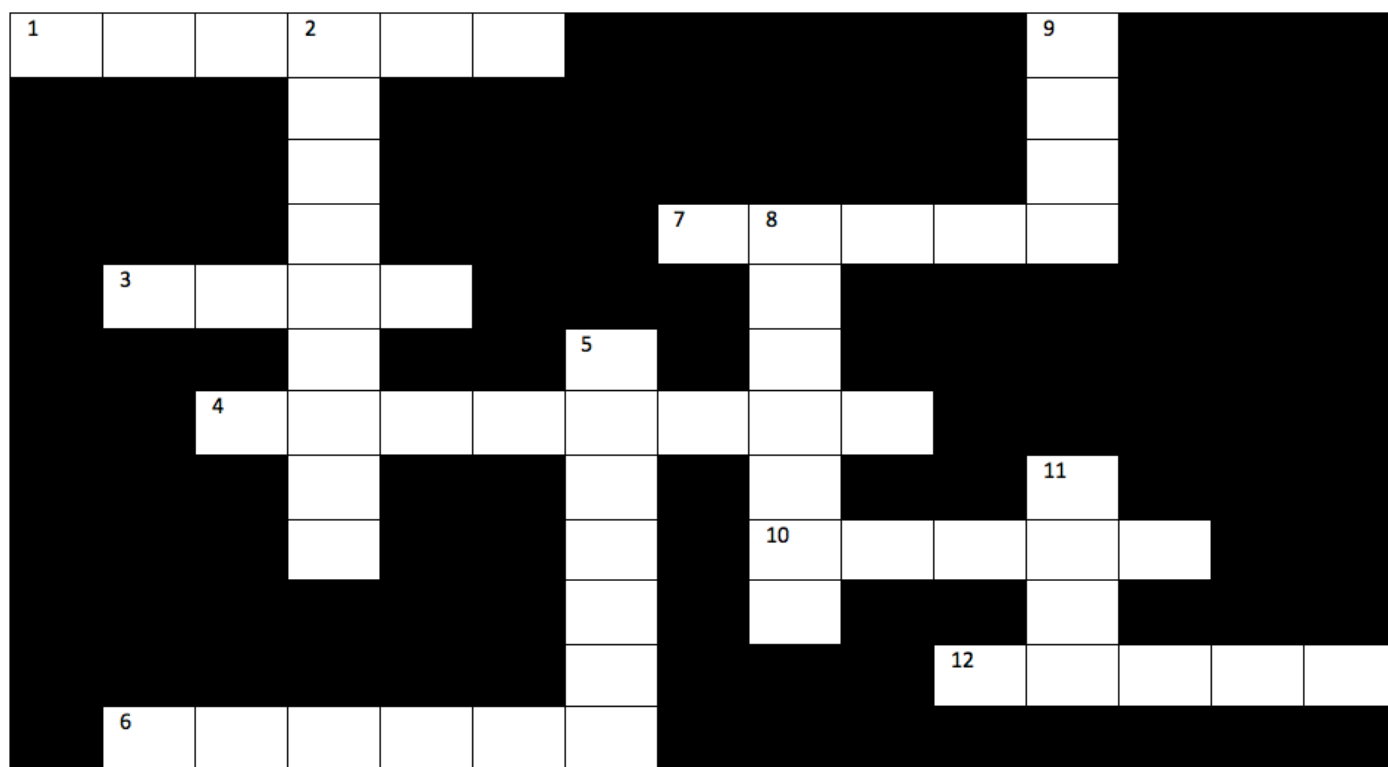




## Amelie Makes Space Biscuits



## Crossword Puzzle Created by Flora Year 8



### Across

1. Magical land you may get to through a train station, is Aslan's home (6)
3. Who found the Secret Garden? (4)
4. Wizarding school attended by Harry, Ron and Hermione (8)
6. Finish the title: Black\_\_\_\_\_ (6)
7. Main character in 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' (5)
10. According to the Roald Dahl book, who was the champion of the world? (5)
12. Which Jacqueline Wilson character lived in Victorian times and has a last name to do with birds? (5)

### Down

2. In which fantasy book does Morrigan Crow cheat death by crossing through a clocktower? (9)
5. Where does Charlie go in the Roald Dahl book? (7)
8. What is the name of Percy Jackson's magical sword/pen? (7)
9. Who wrote Les Miserables? (4)
11. Who was married to playwright William Shakespeare (first name)? (4)

Answers on page 16



## Year 5 Afternoon Tea

Just before half term, Year 5 pupils enjoyed a virtual Afternoon Tea.

Mrs Frost reports: 'Catherine led Year 5 in making Banana bread. As this took an hour and a half to bake, we decided that we would come back on Teams in the afternoon for Afternoon tea. After our morning baking session, we got out our best china and tablecloths and laid up our tables ready for our tea with the Banana bread taking pride of place. At 3pm, we sat down with our families at home and with everyone else on Teams and enjoyed a delicious tea and good company'





## Celebrating Eid during Lockdown



Celebrating Eid on the first weekend of half term, to mark the end of Ramadan, was very different this year. Due to the lockdown restrictions people were not allowed to go to the Mosque, so prayers were done at home.

Usually many people including myself would be dressing up in traditional clothes, visiting relatives and going to their houses to eat together but as this wasn't possible, we dressed up and used Zoom to communicate and eat together. We also swapped dishes with some of my relatives (outside their houses, still keeping to social distancing rules). It was weird but still fun and nice to be able to see everyone!

**Sarah S, Year 12**

## Answers to Crossword on page 14



## Answer to Puzzle Fun on page 8

£5 is 100 5p coins. So old coins weighed 656g and new coins weigh 325. The difference is  $656 - 325 = 240\text{g}$

## More Kandinsky Artwork



**Alexandra**



**Sonia**



**Summer**