

Celebratory news from across the Koinonia Federation



## Newsletter

### Message from the Federation Executive Co-Headteachers

As we come to the close of the academic year, we are very proud of all that has been achieved by both pupils and staff. We have had so many good news stories to celebrate this year and we hope you have enjoyed reading about them in our newsletter.

We have said farewell to our Year 11s and Year 13s and eagerly await their results in August. We are looking forward to welcoming many of our Year 11s back into our Sixth Form and congratulating our Year 13s as they secure their university places or apprenticeships.

We are saying a special goodbye to Mrs Donaldson who has worked at our Woolwich campus for 30 years. We are very grateful for her many years of service to the Federation and wish her a Happy Retirement!



We hope you enjoy reading this last edition of the academic year with its wide variety of events and successes across all of our year groups and campuses.

With best wishes for an enjoyable and restful summer break.

Mrs Claire Harrison and Mrs Victoria Wainwright

PS We hope you find the last page of this newsletter useful – it has lots of ideas or summer activities (many which are free!)

# FEDERATION – Performing Arts

## Secondary Phase - Matilda

The Performing Arts Department, under the direction of Mr. McInnis delivered an amazing production of *Matilda the Musical* this year. Their performance place on Monday 14th July.

Students from across year groups showcased their talents in acting, singing, dancing, demonstrating the vibrant and creative potential within the school.

Mr McInnis



## Christ Church - Shrek

Year 6 at Christ Church produced a wonderful production of 'Shrek the Musical'. The children did fantastically well to remember all their lines, songs and dance routines.

The parents were in fits of laughter with the classic one-liners we know and love from the film. Well done Year 6 – we are very proud of you.



## Peninsula - Matilda

This week at Peninsula, the hall was filled with music as our talented Year 6 pupils took to the stage for their production of *Matilda the Musical*. One month of hard work, dedication, and teamwork paid off in a magical performance that left staff and parents feeling very proud of the children.

From the opening number to the final bow, the cast brought Roald Dahl's beloved characters to life with confidence and flair. Whether singing powerful solos, delivering witty lines, or mastering some tricky choreography, each child gave it their all and showed just how much they've grown—not only as performers but as young people ready to take on their next chapter.

A huge well done to our incredible Year 6s—you truly were revoltingly brilliant!

Miss Toner & Miss Augustus



## Woolwich

Woolwich Campus played host to the Year 6 Production on Wednesday afternoon. A whirlwind ride through a land of the world's most popular musicals had the audience singing along and tapping their feet. The children really did themselves proud with a performance to remember. ★★★★★

Mr Chamberlain

# PRIMARY

## Rev Jesse's Retirement

At our Woolwich campus Rev Jesse came into school to celebrate his retirement. He came in to share his plans for his future and reflect on the services he has led for us in school, which he has contributed to over many years. The school also visits to the St Mary's church for services. We presented Rev Jesse with retirement cards the children made and a retirement book. We then wished him well with tea and cakes with the governors, friends and staff from the Federation.

Mrs Badesha

We had a collective worship for Rev Jesse as he was retiring from being a vicar. At the beginning Mrs Harrison and Mrs Wainwright shared a few words for Rev Jesse. After that, some of the pupil faith team shared prayers they had written for him and read them out. Soon after, the classes from Nursery to Year 6 presented cards they had made. Rev Dom said a prayer and we lifted out arms to Rev Jesse to give him a blessing. At the end, we sang a song for him some people got emotionally and some thanked him. It was truly a heartwarming collective worship.

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# PRIMARY

## EYFS Graduation

🎓 We Did It!

A special poem:

We've learned to write; we've learned to read. We've planted every learning seed. We've laughed and played and had our fun. Our time in EYFS is done! With caps on heads and gowns just right. We marched with smiles, oh what a sight! A special cert in every hand. We stood so proud, a happy band. Miss Baptiste cheered with joyful heart, for every child has made a start. Now Year One is drawing near— A brand new chapter, full of cheer! So off we go, it's time to grow, with all the things we've come to know. Orchard Class, we're proud, it's true— The future's bright because of you! ✨

Orchard Class at Peninsula have officially graduated from EYFS! To celebrate the end of their amazing first year at school and the exciting journey ahead, we held a special graduation ceremony in front of all our proud parents. The children wore their caps and gowns with pride and received special certificates to recognise all their hard work, growth, and achievements.

Miss Baptiste is incredibly proud of each and every child in Orchard Class. She can't wait to see them continue to blossom and shine as they move into Year One! ✨

Miss Baptiste



Last week at Woolwich Campus, we marked a special milestone as our Reception children attended their Graduation Ceremony! It was an amazing opportunity to celebrate all the progress they've made during their first year of school. The children were so proud to come up and receive their certificates, and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as families shared in the moment.

Reception is such an important year, full of new experiences, learning, and growing in confidence. We are incredibly proud of each and every child for everything they've achieved, whether that's making new friends, learning to read and write, or simply coming into school each day with a big smile.

We look forward to seeing them continue to shine as they move up into Year 1!

Miss Kuijper and Mrs Bdeir





# PRIMARY

## Greenwich Ecology Park

### Christ Church

The Reception children at Christ Church enjoyed their visit to Greenwich Ecology park. During which, they encountered many different types of wildlife, holding a variety of different animals.

The newts were very popular and we were to surprised by how fast they could run!

Ms Battey



### Peninsula

Orchard class visited the Peninsula Ecology Park. We met Tony who showed us around the area. We first did bird watching and got to have a look at the different birds in the area such as a warbler. We looked at the plants that grow in the park and smelt the different scents they give off and the insects that like it.

We got to see grasshoppers, spiders and different beetles. We were lucky enough to hold a newt and a stag beetle. Thanks to the parents who helped.

Miss Baptiste



### Woolwich

Makeba Class at Woolwich had an incredible day out on their recent trip to the Ecology Park! From start to finish, the children showed excellent behaviour and enthusiasm for learning.

Upon arriving at the Ecology Park, their adventure began with bird listening – they were amazed to learn that some of the birds they could hear had flown all the way from Africa to build their nests here in Southeast London. The children explored the world of minibeasts, closely observing tiny creatures and learning about their habitats. They also discovered some fascinating plants – some used to make medicine for things like headaches.

A highlight for many was playing with toy birds, where they learned to recognise the different sounds, birds make. The thrilling experience was holding newts and beetles, looking closely at their features and movement.

The children were absolutely fascinated by the tiny details they could see - a wonderful way to wrap up a day full of hands-on learning.

Mrs Bdeir



# PRIMARY

## Mental Health Champions Assembly

We are pleased to share our Mental Health Champions Bronze school award. At the Koinonia Federation, we focus on improving our children's mental health and wellbeing.

Our Mental Health Champions across the federation led a whole school assembly and shared strategies on how to support their peers with their mental health. This was an opportunity to develop a better understanding of mental health and its importance.

Ms Okungbowa



Years 3 and 4 children at the Woolwich campus took part in our PSHE club which helps our students build and maintain positive relationships. These sessions equip and develop our children's self-confidence and self-esteem.

We learnt about showing kindness to others, ways to manage money and how to look after our mental health.

Ms Okungbowa

## RSE Parent Workshop



## Refugee Week

This year's theme for Refugee Week, was 'Community as a Superpower.' We had an assembly to raise awareness and promote understanding about the experiences of refugees.

Children were asked to imagine they had to flee their homes, what would they take with them and how would they feel about this? Some responses included; taking their mobile phones, favourite toy or book and feeling extremely upset. We discussed how as a community we can help refugees build their resilience and cope with challenges, trauma and adversity.

PSHE Team





# PRIMARY

## Garden Puppet Show

To celebrate the end of the academic year, Reception and Year 1 children from Woolwich were invited to enjoy a garden puppet show at Woolwich Library.

The children listened beautifully to the storytelling and enthusiastically joined in with the songs. It was a delightful experience and a perfect way to conclude a wonderful year of learning!

Mrs Bdeir, Ms Kuijper, Mrs Okungbowa  
and Ms Reid



## Talk Money Workshop

The Just Finance Foundation Team worked with our Year 5 and 6 children in Woolwich and Year 5s in Peninsula. The session encouraged pupils to learn, discuss and share their thoughts on financial concepts such as investment, shares and taxes.

There was focus on the meaning of investing, the positives and negatives of investing. Real-life scenarios were used to help children's understanding on the topic.

Our children were empowered with skills and confidence to manage money wisely. Angel, year 5 said she enjoyed playing spin the wheel game and Naila in year 5 used paper money to pay for items. Taylor Year 6 Walker, "I think the finance workshop was helpful because it taught me how to invest and what to do if I want to start a business." Simeon Year 6 Einstein "the workshop showed me how to invest wisely and this was very helpful because it taught us about investing in safe products and how to spend money on useful items."

Year 5 & 6 Team/PHSE Team



## Bubble Club

During Bubble club this term, children have enjoyed playing games and completing art activities. It has been an opportunity for our children to find a calming zone to relax and regulate their emotions.

Ms Okungbowa

# PRIMARY

## Horniman Museum

On 2<sup>nd</sup> July Fonteyn and Cooper Year 4 classes went to Horniman Museum. The children really enjoyed themselves and explored the butterfly house, aquarium and different animals from different countries.

The children saw a range of fish, jellyfish and starfish from around the world and were fascinated by these!

Miss Cleanthous



## RSE Parent Workshop

Parents of pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 were invited to the PEN primary campus for a workshop on Relationships and Sex Education. An overview of the curriculum for each year group was shared.

PSHE lessons in Year 4 will explore the physical and emotional changes that occur during puberty. In Year 5 PSHE lessons will be exploring personal identity, mental wellbeing, recognising individuality and different qualities. PSHE lessons in Year 6 will explore human reproduction, birth, increasing independence and managing transition. All through these lessons, guidance will be provided on how to openly discuss these topics with a trusted adult.

Mrs Ajayi

## Road Safety

Ann from the borough came in to give Orchard class a workshop all about being safe when out on the road. Orchard practised crossing at a zebra crossing and the important job of a lollipop person. We remembered the road rules of stop, look, listen and think! And we remembered to dress brightly in our reflective clothes.

Thank you Ann!

Miss Baptiste





# PRIMARY

## Art Project

Our budding artists at Christ Church have been busy creating stunning masks and props with Emergency Exit Arts! These incredible creations were then showcased at the local Greenwich Fayre.

"We used Rafia and sticks to make a mask for the local East Greenwich fayre." - Tiana M

"I worked with on my own to make my mask." - Sasha

"I tried it on and it was amazing." - Chidera

Ms Akin



## London Fire Brigade

On the 25<sup>th</sup> June at Woolwich, we had a fire safety talk from Sandra from the London Fire Brigade. It was very interesting and informative, and Alex W from Faraday class learnt the following:

Touch the door with the back of your hand. If it is hot don't go through because there might be a fire through the door. If it is cold, it is safe to go through.

If there is a fire, stay low because smoke goes up.  
Don't use the lift if there is a fire.

Mr Smith



## British Museum

Last week, Year 3 at Woolwich went on an exciting trip to the British Museum! We explored the Africa gallery and saw lots of amazing objects from different African countries.

We saw beautiful masks, sculptures and clothes made by people many years ago. Some were made from wood, metal or beads.

Miss Smith

Freya- I liked it because the sculptures were interesting.

Aaron- It was very fun and we saw lots of beautiful statues

Evi- We saw ancient African artefacts.



# PRIMARY

## Work Showcasing

Year 2 at Christ Church did a brilliant job presenting the learning they have done this academic year to their parents and the whole school.

"My dad wouldn't stop talking about how well I presented." – Daphne

"I liked how I remembered my lines." - Esmae

"My dad loved the actions to our song joy." Sasha

"I think it was great because we practised really hard and our parents videoed it because that's how good it was." - Saoirse

Ms Akin

## Business & Economics

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June Year 5 at Christ Church enjoyed a session with business and economics teacher, Mr Ogunmefun from the secondary phase.

We learnt about the evolution of our money system, from bartering to the financial exchanges we make today. We even designed our own currency with values up to a million!

Ms Ewusi-Aikins



## Woolwich Carnival

At Woolwich campus the Year 4 classes had the pleasure of working with the Taru company to prepare for the upcoming Tenth Woolwich Carnival, that takes place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 12pm to 8 pm. It promises to be an event not to be missed.

The children took part in a trio of workshops: dancing, where they choreographed dance moves to step in time to the parade, drumming where they found the beat and drummed out rhythms to guide the dancers and costume design where they upcycled materials such as crisp packets and drinks cartons to assemble and create vibrant headdresses for the dancers.

We look forward to seeing you all at the carnival.

Ms Mattin





# PRIMARY

## National History Museum - Explorers

Last week, Year 2 at Christ Church had lots of fun at the National Maritime Museum learning about many infamous explorers. They particularly enjoyed studying Christopher Columbus who is a notable explorer but for many a villain. We supplemented our learning in school by finding out lots more about his voyages.

My favourite part was seeing a big picture of Christopher Colombus at his exhibit. – Perez

I learnt about where Christopher Columbus sailed, and where he was born. – Esmae

I loved going to the Cove, big ship park outside. – Evie

The cove playground was named after an octopus that destroyed many ships. – Arlo

At the cove there was this big ship and a cracken to play on. – Chloe

I liked the cove playground because there was a big ship and we've been learning about Christopher Columbus who sailed on ships. - Theo



## Cutty Sark – Sailor Day

The children had an exciting visit to the Cutty Sark. They explored what life was like for sailors on board and got a chance to see the tools and equipment that would have been used.

One of the highlights was learning how to tie different types of knots, just like real sailors! The children found out what the Cutty Sark was used for and even got to create their own "Shanty Shambles".

Mrs Lairu Yu & Mr Smith





# PRIMARY

## Planting

Last term, Orchard Class at Peninsula planted potato seeds in our outdoor area, and they've finally grown and were ready to harvest! We put on our gardening gloves and carefully pulled the plants out of the soil. To our delight, we discovered that over 25 potatoes had grown!

We harvested two types of potatoes: pink Sharon potatoes and white Casablanca ones. Orchard Class is now excited to wash, cut, and turn them into delicious chips!

This has been a fantastic learning experience. Throughout the term, we explored what plants need to grow, identified the parts of a flowering plant, and regularly checked and cared for our crop. We've truly loved every part of this journey.

Miss Baptiste



## 'My local Area'

Year 4 visited Greenwich Park, where we explored the Royal Observatory and the National Maritime Museum.

We learnt amazing things about Greenwich's history, like how it is the home of time! We also visited the Cutty Sark, a famous clipper that once sailed around the world bringing tea. Its name comes from a nightdress called a "cutty sark," worn by a witch named Nannie in a Scottish poem. She appears as the ship's figurehead, holding a horse's tail because, in the story, she was chasing someone who escaped on a horse!

Ms Hurtado

"My favourite part was learning how people in the past used the red ball to tell the time. Every day at 1:00 pm, the ball would drop." Hannah – Elliott class

"I really enjoyed visiting the observatory, taking in the amazing view of London, and learning interesting facts about the Royal Observatory." – Isaiah – Palmer class



# PRIMARY

## Rumble in the Jungle

Reception children at Woolwich had a wild time during our exciting Rumble in the Jungle workshop! They explored the jungle environment by identifying different animals that live there.

The fun continued with a game of musical statues, where the children froze in the poses of various jungle creatures.

Moreover, they got creative by pretending to speak in "banana language," using expressive facial expressions and body language to communicate their jungle messages. It was a fantastic!

Mrs Bdeir



## Space to Flourish

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June, Makeba class welcomed Cathy from Space to Flourish Art project to observe how far the children have come in their imagination and creativity. It was a joy to see the classroom buzzing with energy, laughter, and endless ideas.

Cathy was absolutely blown away by the vibrant little communities that have formed in our class. Everywhere she looked, children were immersed in imaginative play and creative expression. Some were astronauts aboard a spaceship, zooming off to space. At the art table, others were busy crafting colourful models and pictures, pouring their ideas into every detail.

Over on the carpet, children had invented their own games, sharing rules and playing cooperatively with excitement and joy. In the reading area, little ones were deep in role-play, acting as families and even reading to one another, showing care and imagination.

The windowsill became a miniature travel hub, with children pretending to take their tiny figures on a trip all the way to London. Meanwhile, the play dough table was a hive of activity, filled with imaginative creations, from creatures to cakes—decorated with gems, leaves, and little plants.

Cathy left feeling inspired and deeply impressed by the children's creativity, collaboration, and confidence. It was a fantastic day, and we can't wait to welcome her back again next year to see how these wonderful young imaginations continue to grow.

Mrs Bdeir





# PRIMARY

## BrightSparks

Year 3 went on an exciting trip to BrightSparks to see the London Philharmonic Orchestra. The orchestra played beautiful music using lots of different instruments like violins, drums, and trumpets. We clapped along and learned some actions to the music, it was a fun and magical experience!

Student voice

I loved doing the actions to the music and singing along to the songs.

I enjoyed watching the musicians play their instruments, my favourite instrument was the drums!

Miss Smith



## Broadstairs

On Wednesday 2nd July, Year 1 pupils from across the campuses went to the Viking Bay in Broadstairs.

We were all really excited when we got on the coach, we couldn't wait. When we arrived, the weather was a bit gloomy but it was dry. We had most of the beach to ourselves and everyone had a great time. The children spent time building sandcastles and playing games on the beach. They looked for and collected pebbles. Everyone enjoyed their lunch in peace under the shelter away from the seagulls and then we all enjoyed having a paddle in the sea.

Before we got on the coach, we all had a delicious ice-cream. The weather was very kind to us, it only rained just as we were getting on the coach.

The Year 1 Team

Student voice

"I liked making myself into a Mermaid with the sand."

"The seagulls were very big."

"We enjoyed making sandcastles!"





# PRIMARY

## Blackheath Halls

On Tuesday 20th May 2025, our federation primary choirs came together for the first time as one united group at the Peninsula campus. Under the guidance of Ms Blades and Ms Steele, they rehearsed in preparation for their evening performance at the prestigious Blackheath Halls.

Having practiced separately on their respective campuses of Christ Church, Peninsula, and Woolwich, this marked not only their first time singing together but also their first experience performing in a concert venue. Accompanied by Ms McCullough, Mr Smith, and Reverend Dominic, the students travelled to the venue by minibus for a pre-concert rehearsal.

It was truly remarkable to witness them come together and sing with a level of professionalism rarely seen in children so young.

During the soundcheck, they received stage directions and conducted themselves with grace as they took the stage to perform their solo piece, *My Lighthouse*.

Later, they were joined by six other schools to perform four group songs: *Better When I'm Dancin'*, *All Night Long*, *Love Like You*, and *Mr. Blue Sky*, accompanied by a live band, which was an exciting first for many of our students.

That evening, the students returned to perform in front of a public audience at the 600-seat theatre. Dressed smartly in their black and white attire, they sang beautifully and were met with enthusiastic applause for their solo performance. They represented our federation with pride, showcasing not only their talent but also their dedication and hard work.

Ms Steel



# SECONDARY

## Year 11 Leavers

Leavers Week for our Year 11 students was a truly special way to mark the end of their secondary school journey.

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Students enjoyed a fun-filled day out at Adventure Island in Southend, making memories with friends and staff.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, was a more emotional occasion, as we came together to celebrate five amazing years at school with a heartfelt leavers' assembly and awards ceremony recognising students' achievements and growth.

The week concluded on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July with a fantastic Prom evening – a glamorous event featuring live performances from two local artists, great music, and an incredible atmosphere.

We're so proud of our Year 11s and wish them all the best for the future.

Miss Woolsey



# SECONDARY

## Healthy Relationships in Tender Workshop

### Our Students Featured on ITV News – Tackling the Topic of Healthy Relationships

On 25th June, St Mary Magdalene C of E School was proudly featured on ITV News as part of a special report highlighting the vital work of *Tender*, a charity that educates young people on how to recognise and respond to controlling behaviours in relationships. The news segment showcased a recent PSHE session delivered at our school, focusing on promoting healthy, respectful relationships.

The featured session involved a mixed group of 21 Year 10 students, who took part in discussions and activities exploring the signs of unhealthy relationships and how to respond safely and supportively. We are incredibly proud of the students who took part. Their thoughtful contributions and the mature, respectful way in which they represented the school were a true reflection of our core Christian values of Family, Faith, and Fellowship.

This important work is just one example of how St Mary Magdalene C of E School continues to address the crucial issues that affect the lives of young people. As a school community, we are committed to being part of the solution—ensuring our students are equipped not only with knowledge, but with the confidence and compassion to make a positive change in the world around them.

Please follow the link below to watch the full news story: <https://www.itv.com/watch/news/schools-teaching-the-next-generation-to-respect-women-in-a-world-toxic-masculinity-and-social-media/33zc7tv>

Mr Gayle





# SECONDARY

## Great Debate

This month three of our brilliant Year 9 students, Precious, Favor, and Deborah represented our school at the Great Debate hosted by John Roan School. Facing fierce competition, they put their persuasive powers to the test against none other than our long-standing rivals, Eltham Hill.

Despite a valiant effort and some seriously sharp arguments, the girls were narrowly pipped to the post, earning a well-deserved 2nd place. Special congratulations go to Deborah, who received a standout award for her exceptional contribution to the team.

The event was not only a showcase of eloquence and teamwork, but also a valuable lesson in resilience and sportsmanship. The girls returned inspired, having gained new skills, fresh confidence, and a healthy dose of debating spirit!



Miss Grant – Ogunshakin



## Axiom Maths Taster Event



On Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July we ran a Taster event to introduce Year 5 students and parents to the Axiom Maths program that we run at St Mary Magdalene Secondary. Axiom Maths is an enrichment club to stretch and challenge the brightest mathematicians in the school and spread the love of mathematics.

A group of twenty Year 5 students from across the federation took part in a 45-minute Axiom maths taster circle where they tackled a variety of mathematical problems. Firstly, thinking about the conditions needed to prove or disprove a conjecture, then entering the exciting world of game theory.

I then held a talk for parents and students about the aims of the Axiom maths program, how we run it at St Mary Magdalene, and our drive to challenge our high attaining students and foster their love for mathematics across their school journey.

Both sessions were very well attended and the response from both students and parents was overwhelmingly positive. It was fantastic to see all the students enjoying the challenge and enthusiastically working together on some fascinating mathematics; they were a credit to their respective primary schools.

We will be recruiting our new cohort of Axiom Maths students from the incoming year 7s in September as the program grows and look forward to more exciting mathematical challenges in the future!

Mr Todd

# SECONDARY

## Art Exhibition

The highly anticipated annual Secondary Art Exhibition was another great success! Guests were deeply impressed not only by the exceptional artworks on display, but also by the stunning new gallery space used this year. Many commented on what a beautiful and unexpected gem the venue was within the local community.

Staff from across the federation, along with students from both the secondary and primary phases, engaged with the creative works of our Year 11 and Year 13 students and were inspired by their skill, imagination, and talent.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the GMV Community Centre for generously providing the gallery space for this year's exhibition. Their support played a vital role in bringing people together and enabling our school to connect more meaningfully with the wider community. Their partnership truly enhanced the impact of the event.

It was also heartwarming to see so many parents come along to celebrate their child's achievements.



Ms Anderson  
Art Lead



## UK Supreme Court

Our Year 10 GCSE Citizenship students enjoyed a fascinating visit to the UK Supreme Court this week, where they learned about how key legal decisions are made and the role of those involved in the Justice System.

The trip offered valuable insight into the way laws are applied in the UK and brought their classroom learning to life. It was both an educational and enjoyable experience for all of them.



Miss Okorie



# SIXTH FORM

## A Joyful Farewell: Year 13 Leavers' BBQ Marks a Memorable End to the School Journey

The Year 13 Leavers' BBQ was a heartwarming and unforgettable event that brought together students and staff to celebrate the end of an incredible chapter. With the sun shining and spirits high, it was the perfect send-off for our final year group.

Set against a relaxed and welcoming backdrop, the BBQ provided students with a chance to reconnect, share memories, and enjoy each other's company one last time before going their separate ways. Laughter echoed across the grounds as friendships were celebrated and futures were toasted (with pop of course!) An impromptu game of football and some fun activities led by Ms Da Costa allowed us to enjoy each other's company one last time.

Delicious food (thank you Mr Flanagan), great music, and a joyful atmosphere made the day one to remember. It was not just about saying goodbye—it was a celebration of everything Year 13 students have accomplished, and the many possibilities that lie ahead.

The event was well-received by all who attended and left everyone with full stomachs and full hearts. As the school looks to the future, this first-ever Leavers' BBQ has set a wonderful precedent for years to come filled with nostalgia, unity, and excitement for what's next.

Sixth Form Team





# SECONDARY SPORTS UPDATE

## Girls Flag Football

Our Girls Flag Football Team rounded off an excellent second season in the NFL UK Girls Flag League. The team qualified for the NFL UK London Championship Finals Day where they competed against the best teams in London. Our girls were excellent throughout the tournament, finishing third overall and collecting the 'Spirit of Flag Football Award'!



## Athletics – Cambridge Cup

Our Y7, Y8 and Y9 Athletics Squads competed in their first 'meet' of the season at the Cambridge Cup. This competition is held for all schools in the Greenwich Borough with pupils competing across various Track and Field Events.

## Y11 Boys Football – BH Cup

Our Y11 Boys Football team played their Blackheath Final vs St Thomas More. Despite a very evenly matched first half, the team went into half-time 2-0 down. A spirited fightback and performance in the second half were enough to get two goals back but not enough to win the game as St Thomas More finished



## Y7 Boys Football – BH Cup Final

Our Y7 Boys also narrowly missed out of Blackheath Cup glory after a 2-1 defeat to Woolwich Poly. This was a very closely contested game between two excellent sides. Congratulations to the Y7 team for getting to the final, we will all be cheering you on to go one step further next year!

# SECONDARY SPORTS UPDATE

## Y8 Cricket Team Trip – The Oval: Surrey vs Yorkshire

The Y8 Cricket Team attended a reward trip to The Oval to watch a professional County Cricket match. The boys were fortunate enough to meet some of the Surrey players and even play on the pitch!



## Y7 and Y8 Netball Tournament

Our Y7 and Y8 Netball teams recently hosted a tournament with The John Roan and Royal Greenwich Trust – well done to all pupils who participated; there will be more Netball throughout the summer term to look out for!

## Y7/8 Cricket

Our Cricket Team had another fixture against Northfleet Technology College. We were fortunate enough to host this fixture at SMM on the Hard Court, a great occasion! It was also brilliant to welcome a former SMM colleague, Mr Shimirty; who bought the opposition team over from Northfleet Tech.

The boys were very pleased with their new Cricket Polo Shirts and look forward to representing the school again soon!



# GENERAL

## Could you be entitled to free school meals and clothing grants?

To find out more information and to see if you are eligible, please visit the RBG website below:

[https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200244/benefits\\_and\\_financial\\_help/395/apply\\_for\\_free\\_school\\_meals\\_and\\_other\\_grants\\_for\\_school\\_pupils](https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200244/benefits_and_financial_help/395/apply_for_free_school_meals_and_other_grants_for_school_pupils)

The summer holidays can feel quite long with children. Here are some tips on helping you get through the weeks before school re-starts.

### Home:

- Remember that a routine is good for everyone. Draw up a calendar for everyone to see.
- Reading, drawing, and storytelling cost very little. Check out local library opening times – some may even have family sessions.
- Think about doing one thing per day and encouraging the children to play or entertain themselves at other times where appropriate.
- Think in advance about how much screen time you think is reasonable and make a plan for what children can do instead of screen time. Simple chores around the house to 'help out' are good too.
- Think about snacks – what can they have, how often, can they help themselves from a limited daily selection or do they need to ask.

### Parks and Playgrounds (free):

- Google local parks and playgrounds...
- Royal Victoria Gardens in North Woolwich (Foot tunnel and turn right on the other side).
- Greenwich Park, Maryon Wilson Park (with animals), Charlton Park (with skate park), Kidbrooke.
- Adventure Playgrounds: Plumstead, Woolwich, Greenwich (Nr Waitrose).
- In the city: Corams Fields (Nr Russell Square), Diana's Playground (Queensway Station), Jubilee Gardens (Waterloo), Diana's Fountain (Hyde Park Corner), Tumbling Bay Playground (Stratford).
- Tumbling Bay Playground (Stratford).  
Most of these have play areas. Remember you can go to parks without play equipment and take a blanket and a picnic. Or buy some rolls and sliced cheese and cartons of juice for a quick lunch.
- Green Park, Kensington Gardens, Hyde Park, St James' Park - See the palace and the pelicans.

### Things to do out and about (free):

- Natural History Museum or Science Museum (go EARLY to avoid the crowds) (South Kensington)
- Young V&A (Bethnal Green) Museum about childhood and children and toys etc.
- Museum of London, St Katherine's Dock. (Tower Hill)
- Mudchute City Farm (Mudchute DLR) or walk through the Greenwich foot tunnel and follow the signs.
- National Maritime Museum (Greenwich), British Museum (Tottenham Court Road).
- Galleries like National Gallery, National Portrait Gallery (Charing Cross).

### Things to do (Not free):

- Swimming: Greenwich is small but good, Woolwich is big and more expensive, Deptford is lovely and the water is warm.
- [www.kidsweek.co.uk](http://www.kidsweek.co.uk) Buy one get one free on theatre tickets in August if one person is under 18.
- Uber boat down the Thames or the Cable Car from North Greenwich
- Cinema – Children's films or Saver films are cheaper than normal ticket prices. (Buy snacks at the supermarket BEFORE you go!)
- You could get an Annual Family Membership for a museum...Greenwich Museums (£60), Historic Royal Palaces – includes Tower of London (£70), London Zoo (£134). They are pricey but may mean seeing things again and again throughout the year. (prices based on 1 adult family tickets)

### Useful Websites:

<a href="http://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk">www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk</a>	<a href="http://www.visitlondon.com">www.visitlondon.com</a>
<a href="http://www.timeout.co.uk">www.timeout.co.uk</a>	<a href="http://www.visitgreenwich.org.uk">www.visitgreenwich.org.uk</a>
<a href="http://www.kidsdaysout.co.uk">www.kidsdaysout.co.uk</a>	<a href="http://www.londonforfree.net">www.londonforfree.net</a>



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