



FROM THE STUDY

As the academic year draws to a close, the idea of slowing down is not one our pupils adhere to, I can honestly say that the past few weeks of the Summer Term have been action packed! I am extremely proud of all our pupils, who on a daily basis, excel and achieve so much.

This edition of Parkgate Update recounts just some of these successful events, workshops, concerts and sporting achievements enjoyed at Parkgate this term. Pre-Prep and Prep pupils have been working hard throughout the year to win house points for their houses; competition between houses has been fierce these past few weeks as every merit and house point

potentially takes the House Captain closer to claiming the house cup.

Many congratulations to the Romans this year, under the leadership of their house captain Jessica Tabraham and Vice Captain Oliver Fiddy their house was lead to victory. The presentation of the house cup was made on Sports Day to the winning house by Mr Mckinlay. The photograph above speaks volumes.

I hope you have a fantastic summer holiday and that our boys and girls have a well earned break, they certainly deserve it!

Catherine Shanley

PREP DRAMA PRESENTATION - AMERICA THROUGH THE AGES

On Tuesday 25th June in the Grand Hall at the Battersea Arts Centre, the Prep Department performed their end of year presentation 'America through the Ages'. Each class presented different scenes from a variety of eras in American history.

Prep 3 were the first to take to the stage with their play "Rodeo". The audience were treated to some beautiful dancing by the girls and a very humorous campfire scene by the boys! Despite their differences, both sides were able to let bygones be bygones and sang together reflecting on the changing times.

The Prep 4 girls were next to contribute to the evening with a truly beautiful presentation of "Little Women". As well as looking the part in their stunning costumes, the girls were able to convey the lives and relationships of the March family with great poignancy. There was not a dry eye in the house. The Prep 4 boys followed with their version of "The Blue and the Grey". Looking resplendent in their soldiers' uniforms the boys were flawless and their performances were a tour de force.

Next up were the boys and girls, or rather the stars of Prep 5. They brilliantly encapsulated the movie actors of the era delivering their lines with hilarity in their class play "Hooray for Hollywood".

Finally Prep 6 took to the stage and portrayed the gangsters and gals of another famous period in "The Not-so-smooth Criminals!" What a talented bunch they are who, I'm sure you'll agree, are more than ready for senior school drama - certainly some names to watch in the future...

It truly was amazing to watch every child have the opportunity to experience and express themselves creatively through the medium of drama. Congratulations to the Prep Department and Mr Shiels for another wonderful and memorable night at the theatre!



A ROYAL DELIVERY FROM PARKGATE HOUSE

Parkgate's Prep 4 pupils had the unique experience of working with On Cookery Club to make a showpiece of the Queen's Coronation Crown using macarons as a tribute to the Queen's important and valuable work.

Part of Parkgate's ethos is to support the local community and local charities through community projects, so the opportunity to work with On Cookery Club was not one we could miss! On Cookery Club is a social enterprise designed to teach food lovers different

styles of baking in their school. Goods made during the classes are donated to local charities such as Battersea Arts Centre and Comic Relief. The cookery school teaches patisserie making such as macarons, éclairs, croquembouche and chiffon cake. The aim of the school is to one day have an apprentice programme available for young adults.

Our Prep 4 pupils gathered at the On Cookery Club kitchen in Clapham on Thursday 27th June where they were coached by trained chefs as to how to decorate the macarons in the shape of the Coronation Crown. The workshop gave the children the opportunity to express their creativity with a medium

that is not usually used in the classroom: a macaron! Working with chocolate, they replicated the precious stones on the Jubilee Crown. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were encouraged to use their own imagination and creativity. The crown was then delivered to Her Majesty, the Queen, by Deputy Headteacher Miss Treherne and three Parkgate pupils; Sadie Soverall, Charlie Humphreys and John Hoh.

Described as amazing, delicious and exciting, it was a truly extraordinary experience that the children were thrilled to have been a part of and will long be remembered!



TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

On a morning when the skies were threatening to pour with rain, the typical British summer weather held off long enough for the Nursery and Reception children to enjoy our annual Teddy Bears' Picnic in the playground.

There were micro pigs, face painting, hook a duck and cakes galore. All the children at Parkgate House brought their bears to school and the best dressed bears won prizes.

A huge thank you to our Parents' Committee for organising the event and a special thank you to the Prep 6 children who did a fantastic job with all the different activities, a fabulous time was had by all.

We are very pleased to announce that a total of £1000 was raised for the nominated charity, Action Medical Research.



PARENTS' COMMITTEE FUNDRAISING TOTALS 2012-2013

As we draw to the end of the academic year, the Parents' Committee are thrilled to announce the grand total of donations made this year following the numerous successful fundraising events of September 2012 - July 2013.

A fantastic £16778.87 has been raised and donated to a range of charities supported by Parkgate.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Committee's events this year and we look forward to matching (or even bettering!) these totals in the year to come.





Winners of the 'Best Dressed Bear' competition



RECEPTION SUMMER CONCERT

The Reception children pulled off an impressive performance of the Native American folklore story from the Ojibwe nation 'How the Rainbow was Made'.

The colourful tale told of how Nanabozho and his little bluebird friends created the rainbow. With wonderful songs and dances, the children produced a fabulous display and there wasn't a dry eye in the house as they enthusiastically sang the finale song 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow'. It was a truly magnificent show and we are all so proud of each and every one of you. If you look carefully I think you will find that 'From that day to this, whenever Brother Sun shines his light on the rain or mist, a beautiful rainbow forms. It is a reflection of the mighty rainbow that still stands over the waterfall at Nanabozho's house!'



PRE-PREP SUMMER CONCERT

What a great treat it was to watch the Pre-Prep Summer concert, "Tall Tales from the Wild West". Each class performed plays based on a variety of characters from American folklore.

Pre-Prep 1A presented their wonderful version of "Yankee Doodle Donkey" and told us all why Yankee Doodle, (you've guessed it) a Donkey, went to town. Pre-Prep 1B followed with "The Legend of Lightening Larry the Lemonade Lover", a classic story of good triumphing over evil where everyone ends up with a smile on their face.

Next on the programme was "Jesse James and the Widow" presented by Pre-Prep 2B who showed us that even a notorious outlaw should learn not to mess with a strong-willed woman.

The final piece, "The Tale of Pecos Bill" was presented with equal verve and enthusiasm by Pre-Prep 2A and recounted how a lost boy became one of the greatest cowboys of all time.

It was clear to see that the children had a huge amount of fun performing and gave a great representation of the Wild West.

Congratulations to everyone in Pre-Prep for a rootin'- tootin show.

Yee Haa!



NURSERY AND RECEPTION SPORTS DAY

What a difference a year makes. Dreary, cold and soaking wet conditions were replaced with bright sunshine and this enabled us to put on the most fun filled Nursery and Reception Sports Day in years.

I was so proud and impressed with all of the children and after seeing the determination and efforts on the day, I cannot wait to see how these children develop as sportsmen and women. The future of sport at Parkgate is certainly looking bright.

Congratulations to all the children who took part and thank you to all of the parents for their support and to the staff who helped out on the day.



PRE-PREP AND PREP SPORTS DAY

Pre Prep & Prep Sports Day is always one of the most hotly anticipated events in the summer calendar and this year's event didn't disappoint. Each year the children manage to create such exciting races and the huge crowd that had gathered at the Millennium Arena (who could be heard cheering for miles around apparently) watched with baited breath as the drama of the afternoon unfolded.

As always there were some really exciting events throughout the year groups; whether you were watching the racing,

throwing or jumping, all the children showed a great competitive edge and as always it's great to see many a dark horse turn on the style on the day.

It's hard to pick out individuals, however Emma Bower demonstrated the toughness and resilience required to succeed by winning a Silver medal in the 400 metres, two Bronzes in the 100 metres and the cricket ball competition all with a recently broken arm. This epitomized the character that we are instilling in these children and although Emma's story is quite staggering, all of the children who took part really proved to all watching what brilliant little sportsmen and women we have at the school and I can certainly speak on

behalf of the Sports Department when I say how excited we are about the future of sports at Parkgate.

Congratulations must go to the Romans who were pushed hard all the way in this year's competition; a much deserved 2nd year as house Cup winners, let's see if you can make it three in a row!

Well done to the Egyptians who came second and to our third and fourth place houses the Aztecs and the Greeks, all of whom put in a fantastic effort on the day.

A final mention of thanks to all the parents for their support and to all of the staff who helped run the event and contributed to making it so successful.



OPEN DAY AND CURRICULUM FAIR

On Saturday 8th June, Parkgate welcomed many prospective parents through the gates for our Summer Open Day. We also invited our current parents to come and enjoy the Curriculum Fair, for which we had a range of different work displayed, based on our curriculum

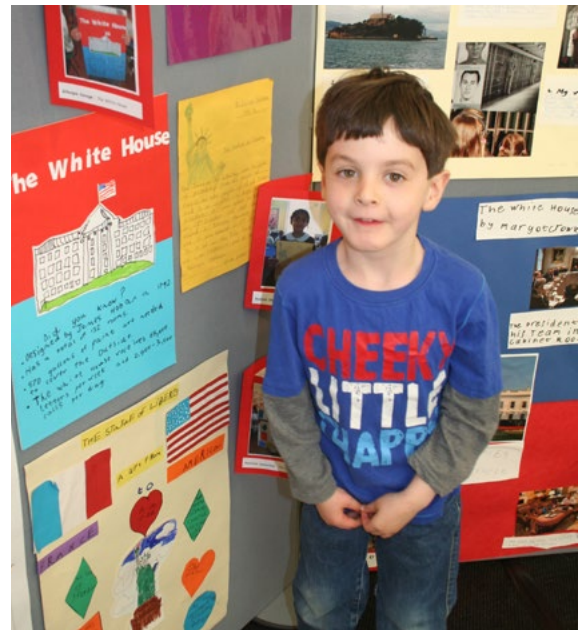
focus for the year; 'The Continent of North America'.

It was delightful to see the pupils take their parents and other family members around the marquee and point out their work. We had models of landmarks from across the continent, posters on influential people past and present as well as posters on culture through the decades, projects on specific cities and countries, and a plethora of things on

show created by our Nursery pupils, from ponchos to flags.

You may have spotted Abraham Lincoln wandering around, who was there to add some American history to the day!

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed exploring the focus of the continent of North America and we would like to congratulate them on the wonderful work produced.



RECEPTION VIOLIN PERFORMANCES

Reception A and B pupils took to the concert platform in style during the last week of term to demonstrate and celebrate their violinistic prowess.



performances. Two memorable concerts; an abundance of applause and proud smiles all round- the perfect end to a year of violin lessons in Reception! Pupils were very proud to receive a certificate to congratulate them on learning to play the violin.

VOLUNTEERING AT TRINITY HOSPICE'S GARDENS

Earlier this term Prep 6 went to Trinity Hospice in Clapham Common to help in their grounds for a morning.



Trinity Hospice provides compassionate care for families in the local community. They are funded by donations from individuals or organisations such as Parkgate House. Whilst at the Hospice Parkgate pupils tended to the facilities garden and learnt a little more about how the organisation works.

The Hospice were very grateful for the assistance and it was an enjoyable experience for the pupils as they were able to help out a local charity and give a little back to the community.

PONY CLUB AWARDS

Congratulations to Prep 6 for passing their Pony Club test with flying colours!

The children all performed superbly demonstrating their abilities at a range

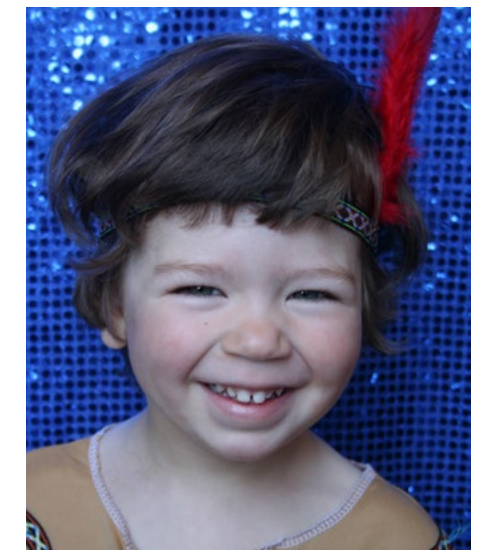
of skills, which included a rising trot and sitting trot without stirrups.

The rest of Prep also entered into a gymkhana and were awarded rosettes for their excellent team work and handling of the horses. Well done to them all!



NURSERY SUMMER CONCERT

The Nursery concert certainly got off to a big bang with the Nursery 2 children opening the all American extravaganza with a fabulous parade. With some endearing ballet pieces from our youngest children in Nursery 1 to some very impressive performances from our Pandas, Cygnets and Goslings, the nursery children certainly did us all proud. There were gasps from the audience when the children from the state of Washington recited the pledge of allegiance and resounding cheers as the New Yorkers strutted their stuff! It was a truly memorable experience and as the great excitement reached its climax in the grand finale, it was quite evident that 'We Love to be in America!!' Well done, Nursery children; you are amazing!



SWIMMING - PERSONAL SURVIVAL LEVEL 1 & 2

Each summer, our Prep 5 and Prep 6 pupils take part in their Personal Survival Badges where they're tested on a range of challenges whilst fully clothed. The premise is extremely exciting and at first a bit silly, being fully clothed in a swimming pool is a bit of a strange experience.

However, this is an extremely important life skill and it is seen by us as the final piece of the jigsaw in terms of the children's swimming education. Below

is the list of the different challenges that the children will be tested on to earn their Level 1 or Level 2 badges. Everyday clothes must be worn as this test replicates what may happen when you fall into water fully clothed.

To make it even more challenging these sequences are completed continuously and at the end of both tests the children are asked a series of questions on survival in the water. I am delighted to report that all children passed this year and it was great to witness how hard the children worked for these awards.

Well done Prep 5 and Prep 6.



The Prep 5s and 6s before their survival badge test

HUGE MEDAL HAUL FOR THE RUNNING CLUB CHILDREN

All of the early mornings... the cold, wet, windy, icy mornings. They were tough; ask anyone who's had to go through it.

There were times when you're shivering in five layers of clothing and two pairs of

gloves when you wonder what on earth you're doing there. But it is the days such as 1st July that make all of that effort worth it.

Sure it has been a LOT of hard work; however that hard work paid off in spades as out of the 75 medals available for running events on Sports Day, the boys and girls of the running club came away with 41 of them. This number isn't even taking into account the long jump

and throwing events which had a host of running club members to its name.

I would like to say a big well done to all of the children who attend running club and to Miss Hall who helped me run the club so well this past year.

Aspiring athletes, join the toughest club in the school and you too could be reaping the rewards.

KARATE

Year on year Mr Meli produces a fantastic karate programme and I was delighted that this year he was able to put forward fourteen pupils for their Karate Exam.

Each child is tested on their Kata technique; a sequence or combination of punches, kicks and blocks. These sequences get progressively harder depending on which belt the pupil is working to obtain. It was obvious how hard Mr Meli has worked on these with the children as each one of them passed. This was no easy feat considering the examiner was none other than Sensei Rami who is the President of the Fudokan Karate Association.

Sensei Rami was also kind enough to put on some demonstrations for us and he even bought out the iconic wooden boards for the children to punch



through. Most managed it, I won't name names but not everyone managed to break the boards (...Mr Meli) but all really enjoyed the experience. It's hard to pick out any individual, but Max Cain fulfilled not only his ambition but his long known talent after being

awarded his Black Belt during the examination. He put on such a great demonstration and I could tell by looking at the other children how much they looked up to him and let's hope one or two are able to emulate him.

GRAND ASSEMBLY

On Friday 5th July we welcomed parents to our Grand Assembly at the Battersea Arts Centre. This is a very special event, during which awards are presented to the Pre-Prep and Prep pupils in the different subject areas across the curriculum.

Our Prep 6 pupils did us proud and presented their leaving speeches to the audience with poise and confidence. This emotional farewell to the pupils, staff and parents marks their imminent transition to their senior schools, which they have all worked so hard to get to. Yet again we were astounded by their stage presence and remarkable ability to deliver such well written and engaging speeches. Our John Andrew Shanley Academic scholarship and Hanora Music scholarship pupils were presented with their awards, as well as the presentation of our Character Cup to Lucy Oliphant.

We also had musical performances from Alexander Srivastava on violin, Mona Salolainen on piano and a group performance by members of our music staff; Emma Johnston, Sudeshna Chakravarty and Charlotte Luddington. There was much anticipation to find out who the next Head Boy or Head Girl was to be and it was wonderful to see an absolutely delighted Charlie Humphreys invited to the stage to be awarded the cup. Many congratulations to Charlie, who I'm sure you will all agree thoroughly deserves this role and will make a wonderful Head Boy. Thank you to Sadie Soverrall for all her hard work as our Head girl this year.

We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the pupils' successes across the curriculum and to say farewell to our Prep 6 pupils. We wish them the best of luck for their start in their senior schools in September.



"I went." This was my very first entry in my weekend recount book in Reception. We will never know where I went, who I went with, or why I was going to that place! The important thing, however, are the encouraging words at the bottom of the page from my teacher which said, "Well done Raph!" Parkgate has always encouraged me through the good pieces of work and the bad. The staff have supported me from the start to the end.
Raphael Salmi

A huge highlight of my time at Parkgate was the delight of hearing my name called out to collect my first scholarship. As a result of that achievement, I have never given up on attempting to achieve other awards and so I achieved yet another scholarship.
Max Cain

WHERE ARE THEY GOING?

We are delighted to announce that our Prep 6 pupils have successfully secured places at the following senior schools:

- Alley's (2 places, Art Scholarship)
- Dulwich College (2 places)
- Emanuel (7 places, Academic Scholarship, Drama Exhibition)
- Hall School Wimbledon
- More House
- Queen's Gate
- Streatham & Clapham High School (2 places, Drama Scholarship)

We would like to congratulate the Prep 6 pupils on their hard work and determination.

"Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school." by Albert Einstein. It is not the lessons that have taught me most but it is life experiences at school. Like PGL, Prep 6's advertising project and curriculum focus. Parkgate gave me the opportunity to do other things as well as the National Curriculum, for example, horse riding and The Mill. These are just some of the things that make Parkgate such a lovely place to grow up in.
Lucy Oliphant

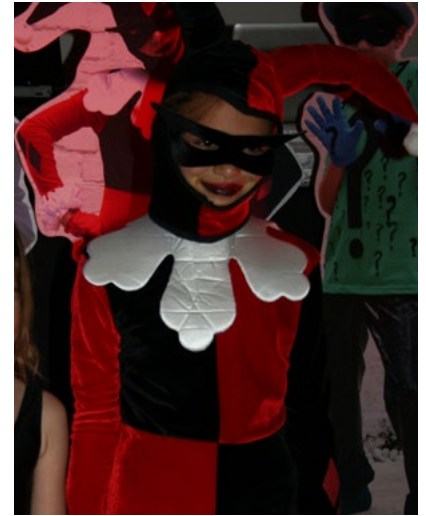
LEAVERS' PARTY

Batman, Superman, Wonder woman and even Hercules were all V.I.P. guests at Parkgate's Head Girl's Leavers' Party.

All of the costumes were spellbinding; it was clear that much hard work and possibly even blood, sweat and tears had gone into making them. Prep 6 and the rest of the leavers certainly had a

memorable occasion to say their final goodbyes and for Pre-Prep 2, in this time of transition, it was enjoyable for them to be able to socialise and have fun with the children they will be joining in the Prep department. The children and the Prep 6 Parents undoubtedly deserve our thanks for putting in such a great deal of time into preparing a wonderful send off for all our leavers.

Thank you, and good luck Prep 6!



Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2013

SEPT		
Tu	3	Goslings, Ducklings, Ladybirds & Reception A Induction Afternoon – PHS, 2.00pm – 2.45pm
Tu	3	Cygnets, Pandas & Reception B Induction Afternoon – PHS, 3.00pm – 3.45pm
W	4	Beginning of Term
M	9	Second Hand Uniform Sale – PHS, 8.30am – 9.15am
M	9	Reception - Prep 6 Curriculum Evening – PHS, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Tu	10	Prep Mouthguard Fittings – PHS, 9.00am – 11.00am
Th	19	Reception Parents Phonics and Reading Presentation – PHS, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
F-M	27-30	Prep 3-6 Educational Activity Weekend - Hillcrest, Herefordshire, 10.00am (Depart from BAC, returning Mon 30 th at 3.30pm)
OCT		
Tu	1	Nursery Introduction to Pre-Prep Meeting – PHS, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
S	5	Open Day & Harrods Uniform Sale – PHS, 9.30am – 12.00pm
M	7	Parkgate Charity Fun Run for Trinity Hospice (Pre-Prep 1, Pre-Prep 2 & Prep) – Clapham Common 1.30pm – PP1, 2.00pm – PP2, 2.30pm – Prep
F	18	Parents' Committee Quiz Night – BAC, Grand Hall, 7.00pm
F	25	Parents' Assembly "Mathematics" (PP2B, P3, P4) – BAC, Lower Hall, 8.50am
M-F	28-1	Half Term
NOV		
F	8	Headmaster's Coffee Morning with Prep 6 Parents – PHS, 9.30am – 10.30am
M	11	Individual, Sibling & Class Photographs – PHS, 9.00am
W	13	Parent Seminar – E-Safety – PHS, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
F	22	Nursery Christmas Concert – BAC, Grand Hall, 11.30am
F	29	Parents' Assembly "Science" (PP1A, PP2A, P5) – BAC, Lower Hall, 8.50am
DEC		
Th	5	Reception, Pre-Prep & Prep Christmas Carol Concert – Holy Trinity Church, Clapham Common 2.00pm
T	10	Goslings End of Term – PHS, 3.30pm Goslings Visit from Father Christmas – PHS
W	11	Visit from Father Christmas – PHS End of Term, 12.00pm
Th-W	12-18	Christmas Holiday Activity & Sports Week (Nursery, Reception, Pre-Prep & Prep) – PHS, 10.00am – 3.00pm -

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2013

Commences - Wednesday 4th September
Half Term - 28th October – 1st November
 Term Ends - Wednesday 11th December (12.00)

Spring Term 2014

Commences - Wednesday 8th January
Half Term - 17th – 21st February
 Term Ends - Wednesday 26th March (12.00)

Summer Term 2014

Commences - Thursday 24th April
Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May
Half Term - 26th – 30th May
 Term Ends - Friday 4th July (12.00)