

ISSUE 3 | SUMMER 2022

CHEAM LIFE



ECO Day for Pre-Prep



Our Pre-Prep Green Team were inspired by the Spring Eco Day. It was the children's idea to start work on transforming our Sensory Garden so that it has a future as a rich environment for wildlife, a place for growing vegetables and a place to relax and enjoy nature. The group started by clearing some of our raised beds and planting marigolds and nasturtiums to compliment the vegetables that have been planted in Gardening Club. Next on the list was renovating the bug hotel with special homes for all the bugs that the children found in the gardens on a bug hunt! In the future the team hope to be able to enjoy tomatoes from our tomato plants and strawberries, raspberries and potatoes from the rest of the garden.

Over in our woodland area the children made bird feeders for the birds and tried to identify the different calls. It was great fun making houses for hedgehogs whilst learning about their decline in our forests and countryside. It has been lovely to see so many of the children using their breaktimes to water their plants and how exciting to see the seedlings become flowers!

CPC go Kayaking | Messing about on the river

This summer Year 5 donned their wetsuits and embarked on a spot of kayaking in Winchester. Kayaking is a new activity this term for CPC and seems to be a real hit with the children. The groups had a fantastic time with lots of smiles and no capsizes to report!



Sports Day brings us together

Sports Day 2022 brought the Prep school community together for feast of competition, excitement and sportsmanship. Effort and determination was on display everywhere you looked. Congratulations Aldrich on winning the trophy! Special thanks to the Sports Department for organising such a memorable day. The much loved Cheam Relay was a superb example of life at Cheam: teamwork, friendship, doing your best, commitment and fun!



Jazz Evening is an outstanding showcase



The Cheam Foundation hosted All that Jazz, a wonderful evening of music at Cheam. Parents enjoyed champagne on the Loggia in the early evening sunshine, before moving across to the Chapel which had been transformed by a committee of parents into a summer Jazz Club. Parents enjoyed picnic suppers whilst listening to the Jazz Band perform a variety of pieces, as well as soloists performing numbers such as Summertime, Paper Moon and Angels. The Year 8 boys and girls entertained the audience with some big anthems and the Cheam parent band 'Midlife Crisis' rocked the audience in the interval. It was a fabulous night and raised funds for The Cheam Foundation Bursary Fund.

1L | Stream Walking

1L has been getting out in this amazing sunshine, exploring our beautiful grounds during Woodland Learning this week. Here we are stream walking!



Happiest Boarding School

We are thrilled to share the news that we have been highly commended in Muddy Stiletto's category of Happiest Boarding School! With over 400 schools participating in the awards and this category open to senior and prep schools, this is a great result. Huge congratulations to the Boarding Team and all those who contribute to making boarding at Cheam such a success.



Orchestra Day at Marlborough College

The Orchestra were graciously received at Marlborough College where they enjoyed a fabulous away day. Pupils marvelled at the stunning Memorial Hall and listened to an interesting explanation of how the acoustics could be changed according to the nature of the performance. Everyone very much enjoyed rehearsing in two concentrated slots and these sessions were interspersed by a delicious lunch and tea for refreshment and refuelling. Parents were invited to enjoy the amazing setting of the Hall and listen to an informal performance at the end of the day. The children worked hard and were rewarded with warm applause, satisfaction at their achievements and a 'goody bag' from Marlborough to take home with them, a special experience that will remain with them.



First Holy Communion



This month we had a wonderful celebration service for seventeen Roman Catholic pupils preparing for their First Holy Communion Service coming up at Douai Abbey.

Mr Bennett led the Saturday service and talked about the courage needed to profess your faith. It was lovely to welcome Father Budyn from Wash Common Parish who gave a blessing. We were also treated to Year 6 performing another beautiful hymn - This is my Body.

3, 2, 1... go!!!!

Over the year a dedicated group of boarders have been building their own go-kart. During the process the children have learnt a huge amount. Thank you to Mr Rist for overseeing this project.



2R | Lighting up 2R

2R have been making houses out of Lego and lighting up the rooms with our electrical circuits. The children have designed and created their own toys and used the wires, bulbs and batteries to make them light up.



Off to Lumbago Island we go!

Year 3 weighed anchor and set sail on their voyage to Lumbago Island! With pirates, mermaids, buccaneers and a desperate parrot, they entertained parents and children alike with their beautiful singing

and wonderful acting as well as imparting the important message that when we work as a team we succeed. A truly memorable performance that they all clearly enjoyed sharing with the school. Bravo Year 3!

Cheam Foundation Art Exhibition

We were delighted to hold the first Cheam Foundation Art Exhibition in April, raising funds for The Cheam Foundation. The event was a huge success and has highlighted the incredible wealth of artistic talent within the school. Every child in the school, from Nursery to Year 8, had their work on show and had written an explanation of their piece on the theme of 'What matters to me.'

Thank you to our four judges: Oliver Akers Douglas, Louise Pragnell, Miranda Donovan, Jenna Burlingham and our guest auctioneer,

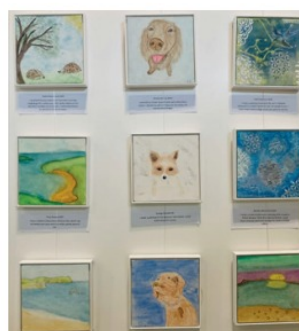
Mark Durden-Smith. Our judges looked at all the entries and then joined the Prep and Pre-Prep for Awards Ceremonies.

Congratulations to all the children and especially to our Prize Winners: **Year 8** Nancy, Max, Alasdair, Posy | **Year 7** Conrad, Sam, Arthur, Clementine | **Year 6** Sophia, Charlie, Robert, Ned | **Year 5** William, Cora, Berkay, Vincent | **Year 4** Felix, Arthur, Florence, Sebastian | **Year 3** Brodie, Alexander, Violet, Fred | **Year 2** Jeremy, Cici, Ludo | **Year 1** Margot, William, Lily | **Reception** Monty.

Olympic Park brings Geography learning to life



Year 7 enjoyed a splendid Geography trip to the Olympic Park on Monday. The children looked at how the park was built in an environmentally friendly way and how sustainability was considered when building the venues and the athletes' accommodation, East Village. They carried out questionnaires and sustainability surveys and enjoyed seeing the main 2012 sporting venues. It was a fantastic day out and amazing to think of the legacy the 2012 Olympics has left in this area of East London. The children were a credit to Cheam and enjoyed the outdoor learning!



Incredible Fundraising Effort! | £25,000+

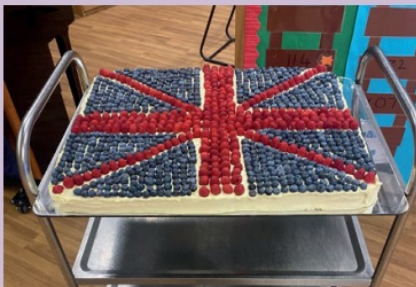
A huge well done to the Cheam pupils who took part in the Flight Centre Schools Triathlon in May. The day was great fun and it was lovely to see such brilliant team work. Cheam Triathletes have raised an incredible £25,756.69 for Restless Development. A special mention should go to our top three fundraisers: Wilbur, Charlie and Alexa who went above and beyond with their fundraising. For news from the charity please see their LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter or Instagram to keep up to date with the latest successes.



Jubilee Week

The Jubilee Week at Cheam was nothing short of spectacular! It has provided so many opportunities for us to come together as a community; from the Jubilee Service, led by Wellington College Headmaster, James Dahl on Saturday to the whole School Assembly and our 'red, white and blue' day when the children enjoyed tugs of war, traditional 'Punch and Judy' and treasure hunts. The Jubilee Banquet and, of course, the Parent and Staff Quiz night were also highlights of the week. Chances to photograph the community came both formally for the

annual school photograph and informally by drone as we captured everyone together, shaped as a large 70, on the cricket pitches. Our thanks for everyone's enormous efforts in making this such a memorable and magical week for the children, these days are surely ones for the memory bank of childhood. For those looking back at their childhoods from much further down the track, we were thrilled to welcome a senior group of Cheam Alumni. They delighted in treading the paths from their pasts at Cheam and enjoyed school lunch in the dining room.



Pre-Prep Jubilee Quilt

Huge thank you to all our children who contributed to the wonderful Jubilee Quilt, this vibrant masterpiece is now hanging proudly in the Pre-Prep foyer for all to see. What a superb team effort and special thanks goes to Mrs Williams who lovingly sewed together the children's creations.



Cheam Jubilee Dog Show

A big thank you to all the families and dogs who joined our Jubilee Dog Show. With over 100 dogs involved there was some tough competition for Waggiest Tail, Best Royal Handler, Musical Sit and the very popular Jubilee Fancy Dress. Congratulations to those who went home wearing a rosette, we loved having you at school. Thank-you to all involved in organising the event - special thanks to Mrs Long and to our visitors from the Dogs Trust.

Waggiest Tail - 1st - The Oppenheims with Truffle 2nd - Lily with Slinky 3rd - The Seherr-Thoss Family with Betty.
Best Royal Handler - 1st Ellie with Timba, 2nd Mathilda and Louis with Bluebell, 3rd Felix with Harley.
Jubilee Fancy Dress - 1st The Paines with Hector, 2nd Lily with Orca, 3rd - Camilla with Hampi.
Musical Sit Competition - 1st Martha with Inka, 2nd Phoebe with Otti, 3rd William with Daisy.



Year 8 Graduates

We are exceptionally proud of all the Year 8 pupils who are graduating from Cheam this summer. We know that you will contribute enormously to your future schools, who are very lucky to have you joining their communities. Congratulations to those who were awarded Scholarships to their Senior Schools.

Academic | Bradfield, St. Edward's, Wellington

Music | St. Edward's (2), Wellington

Drama | St. Edward's

Sport | St. Edward's

Art & DT | Bradfield, Marlborough (3), Sherborne Girls', Wellington

All Rounder | Marlborough (3)



DNA discoveries

8S have been learning about the structure of DNA and how it was discovered by collaboration between different research teams. They have started by extracting DNA from strawberries. They then went onto learn about the structure of DNA and constructed a chromosome out of sweets. A very tasty lesson indeed!



Buzzing about pollinators | Wild Meadow



Year 5 were keen to inspect the wild flowers in the new Wild Meadow and to observe pollinators distributing pollen. Some of the flowers have already been fertilised and are setting seed. The children will be investigating how and why plants disperse their seed and what are the ideal conditions for germination. Hopefully enough seed will germinate so that the meadow returns next year even stronger.

Year 4 go into battle!

Year 4 have made a stunning collection of Roman shields during their DT lessons, which they will have brought home this week, but not before a quick group photo. They're ready for war... for Rome!!!



1K and 1L | Cotswold Wildlife Park

Year 1 had a great trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park this week to support our topic on Africa. We particularly loved hearing facts about the lions, rhinos and giraffes. We enjoyed walking through the lemur enclosure and spotting the baby ring-tailed lemur!



Independent School Awards Shortlist - 'Independent Pre-Prep School of the Year'!

We are delighted to share the news that we have been shortlisted for the Independent School Awards in the category of 'Independent Pre-Prep School of the Year'! Congratulations to Miss Hillman and her wonderful team.



Girls cricket round up



In the last full block girls fixture of the season for cricket and tennis the sun shone brightly for conditions more likely to be seen at The Gabba than the Cheam cricket pitches! It was wonderful to see the 1st XI girls complete an undefeated season out on the main cricket square with Lexie scoring 46; the high standard of cricket was fantastic to watch. Nina came in to bat at number 6 for the 2nd XI girls, scoring a superb 49 and putting on a partnership of 64 with Tiger to complete a turn around to take the win! Our 4th and U11C girls performed well with wins to finish off their seasons. Martha Butler took 5 wickets for the U11A girls who have one more game to go to complete a whole year undefeated in the 3 main sports! Well done to all our girls, it was fantastic to see so many out playing!

Fit for a King... or Queen | Regal Art Workshop

Darcy Turner ran his fantastic 'Stixx' workshops this week and the children were delighted to make life size thrones. They created newspaper 'Stixx' using large rolling machines and cable ties to join them together before construction began! The thrones are very impressive. Everyone had a great time and the children worked brilliantly in groups.



Nursery | Wonderful Winnie won us over

We had a special visitor to Nursery on Tuesday, Winnie the pony. We had a wonderful time learning how to brush his mane and coat to keep him clean. We fed him an apple and took him for a walk in the sensory garden.



Charlie and The Chocolate Factory

Nine weeks ago Year 6 and Drama teacher, Mrs Long embarked on the junior production of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. Together, they have experienced a very short but sweet journey to bring this marvellously imaginative classic to the stage. It was brilliant to see confident acting and such a polished performance. Costumes, make-up, set and lighting, as well as backstage crew all came together to ensure the stage look fabulous! Huge thanks must be extended to all the staff involved. None of this could have happened, however, without the wonderful support of parents and some extremely hard work put in by the Year 6 pupils; what a special moment for them all to reflect on in years to come. Congratulations to all involved!



Project Week Fair showcases pupil's wonderful work



For Project week the children were all off timetable but despite no normal lessons in Years 3, 4, or 5, it was not a quiet week. The children worked in groups from all three years on one of Julia Donaldson's much loved books. They were tasked with recomunicating the story in an imaginative way. This ranged from playing mathematical Pooh sticks with the Stick Man, changing Zog and Flying Doctors to the Flying Vets, creating a puppet show of The Gruffalo's Child, to creating a web of all the characters in the books. The children have also had breakaway activities where they learnt semaphore and how to communicate instructions to a blindfolded person and even had some code-breaking to do in their prep slot. We finished off the week with a Project Fair in the Sports Hall where the children had the opportunity to see what the other groups had been up to. Throughout the week, many conversations were overheard as the children compared their activities and recomunicated their stories to each other.

Mill on the Brue



Year 2 enjoyed a trip to Mill on the Brue over half-term, which was another energetic, enthusiastic and exciting event for everyone involved. The children threw themselves into every activity and learned new skills as well as overcoming some fears and challenges. They learned how to canoe and how to safely navigate the assault course; we managed to overcome fears of heights through the climbing wall and the zip wire and we zoomed down the water slide in the rain! As a staff we were very proud of the way the children grew in confidence over the course of the two days and how they managed to support their friends throughout the activities as well as enjoy their company in the accommodation. Well done Year 2 and thank you staff for almost matching the children's energy even after the 5am wake up!

Prize Giving

Prize Giving 2022 was a celebration of the children's achievements, especially our Year 8. We will miss them hugely- they have been a credit to the school. We wish them every success and happiness at their Senior Schools.



Making Memories | Year 8

Year 8 have had a marvellous time at Mill on the Brue, where the end of an era has been celebrated with fun, action and laughter. Like the Nemesis Inferno, we've had ups, downs, twists and turns. However, it has been heartening to witness the camaraderie on display, with children encouraging each other to take risks and confront challenges head on. It has been a 5-day whirlwind, but we hope that the Year 8s will look back on this shared experience with fond memories, reflecting on the friendships that have shaped their time away, and their days at Cheam.

EXPLORE CHEAM OPEN MORNINGS

Friday 3rd February 2023, 10am to 12.30pm

Saturday 20th May 2023, 10.00am to 12.30pm



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