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# Churchill Gardens Primary Academy Journal



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## A message from Mrs Tylee

Dear parents and carers,

What a busy term, and whilst I always feel like I say that, this one has been the busiest!

First, I have to congratulate our Year 6 pupils. This half term they have sat their end of KS2 assessments and I am incredibly proud of the commitment and courage they demonstrated. Given the turbulent times of the past two years to catch up on missed learning and apply themselves in the way that did is a credit to them. It is not only a credit to them, but also to the support of our families and the hard work and dedication of the staff team here at Churchill Gardens.

We also had the Year 2 SATS this week and again I could not be more proud of the effort and perseverance the pupils showed. At such a young age to sit a test takes bravery and they had that in bucket loads. Well done again to the KS1 team for all their hard work.

Whatever the results for both these year groups we can all be satisfied that every effort was given to ensure each child achieved to their full potential.

In early May, we held our Eid party in recognition and celebration of our diverse community. Pupils ate party food, wore their best party clothes and danced to music. What a great day, thank you to all the parents who sent in food. This is in addition to our usual range of enrichment activities which you can read more about further on in this journal.

We have also voted in our official PTA committee this term, these are the people that will lead and coordinate the PTA events alongside the school committee members, Zita Lopes and Ursula Rose.

Samantha Eldridge – Chair

Noha Mohamed – Treasurer

Stephanie Henry-Garvin – Vice Chair

Douaa Benkacem – Secretary

Thank you to everyone who put his or her names forward!

Today we have our Jubilee celebrations and there will be a summer fete before we finish for the six weeks' holidays. However, the committee will be working hard over the next two months to come up with a plan for the next academic year to ensure we run a wide variety of events that are well advertised and spread out.

We always need committee members so it is not too late to take part and become part of the team.

I wish you all a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you on June 6th.

Mrs Tylee

Head of School

## Enrichment at Churchill Gardens



With the return to normality at many of our enrichment venues, children have been able to enjoy more trips to enhance their learning and enjoy a variety of new experiences.

In addition to our curriculum-based enrichment, almost the whole school has paid a visit to the Bookshop Upstairs, where children enjoyed the opportunity to choose and take home a free book.

This term, Reception went to Battersea Zoo where they greatly enjoyed seeing a range of exotic animals, enhancing their learning about growth and Nature.

Year 1 and 2 children attended the road safety puppet show run by Westminster City Council on how to be safe when crossing the road.

Year 3 children will be going on a trip relating to their science curriculum.

After their exciting week at Wick Court in Gloucestershire, a unique chance to understand the life of a farm, Year 4 also had a fabulous trip to the Planetarium at Greenwich, alongside a wonderful trip by boat down the River Thames. What a way to experience London!

Year 4 children received cricket lessons as their enrichment from the specialist Platform Cricket Charity and will be taking part in a Cricket Festival next term.



As part of their geography curriculum, Year 5 will be visiting a museum next term and have also taken part in Bikeability training and a talk about the climate.

Having finished with their examinations, Year 6 will be having a visit to a prominent university. Some children also attended Stamford Bridge and yet more have joined in a cricket tournament. Children will also be learning to ride bikes safely with Bikeability next term.

All of KS2 will be joining in a cross-trust Sports Day on the 11th July, while KS1 sports day will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

In the autumn, those classes that were due to have swimming lessons this year will be making up for lost time: all children will at some point attend swimming.

Our clubs have been well-attended and have the added advantage of being largely free for children to join, with a Homework club and extended day care available at our sister school. We will be running some holiday club provision over the summer holidays with Greenhouse Sports providing a Sports Club for KS2, and a broader offering for children in KS1 (general arts and crafts, music, movies and science fun). Watch this space!

## Greenhouse Sports

“Greenhouse Sports uses sports coaching and mentoring to empower young people who are facing disadvantage and help them unlock their full potential.

Our evaluation shows our young people attend more school, get physically fitter and grow in confidence and resilience as a result of our coaching and mentoring”

Beginning in September 2020, Greenhouse Sports began a flagship primary programme at both Churchill Gardens and Pimlico Primary with Coach Lucy. This school year, we have launched another primary programme at Millbank Academy and have welcomed two new coaches; Coach Max and Coach Anton.

As well as delivering a high quality PE curriculum, Greenhouse Sports a variety of extra-curricular opportunities including after school clubs and competitions. This includes inter-school tournaments and events ran by the local school sports partnership.

This summer term, we are excited to deliver two cross-trust sports days!

KS1 Sports day will take place on Friday 8th (unfortunately, due to the amount of children competing, parents will not be able to spectate from inside the premises).

KS2 Sports day will take place on Monday 11th of July.

We will also be running a Multisports Camp for KS2 children over the summer holidays – please listen out for more information!



## Curriculum Focus: Art

Year 1 and 2 have been learning about the architecture of London. They learnt about the different buildings around the capital and some history behind the buildings. They learnt about the oldest building and the tallest building in London and lots more information on a variety of buildings that make the city of London.

Using different pasta Y1 and Y2 built their own building and painted their version of the building they created.



The tower of London and the Gherkin by Y1.



The Big Ben and the Tower Bridge by Y2.



KS2 had the same subject and although they all learnt about the Scarab Beetle and Tutankhamun they got to do different activities.

They all learnt about the importance of the beetles to the Ancient Egyptians and they all learn about the tombs and after life for the Egyptians.

Y3 made their own Scarab Beetle using homemade salt playdoh and their fine motor skills.



Y4 made their own Scarab Beetle using homemade salt playdoh and their fine motor skills and playdoh cutting tools.



Y5 made their Scarab Beetle by using clay and tools and after it dried they got to paint it. Lastly they will add some string to turn it in to a necklace.



Please note, that these dates are subject to change and more workshops may be added throughout the year. We will be in touch with any additions to our key dates so do please make sure your contact details are up to date!

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Jubilee Cake Sale**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – School reopens for term 6**

**W/c Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Y1 Phonics Screening**

**W/c Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Y4 Multiplication Check**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 3:40pm – Parents Evening**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – EYFS and KS1 Sports Day**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 10am – Y6 Leavers Assembly**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (Time TBC) – Y6 Leavers Disco**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – KS2 Sports Day**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Summer Fete**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Summer Reports go out**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 at 12:30pm – Term 6 ends (please see attached letter for timings)**