



Spring Newsletter

Art Week at St Paul's School



Evrin Asutay, an actress and puppet maker, also visited us to work with Year 1. The children constructed their own puppets and made up a short play which was filmed. The puppets were displayed and the films shown at our Art Exhibition.

David Tovey's visit

Our Art Week began on Monday 25th March with a visit from David Tovey. He took an assembly where he talked about the costumes he designed for his opera. He shared some examples, explained how they were made (many from recycled materials), and let the children feel them. For the rest of the day he ran workshops in each class inspiring the children to be creative.

During the week each class worked on their own theme to produce works of art that could be displayed at our Art Exhibition:

EYFS Jackson Pollack and Guiseppe Arcimboldo

Year 1 Eric Carle

Year 2 Henri Matisse

Year 3 David Hockney

Year 4 Veronic Richterova and Robert Bradford

Year 5 Katsushika Hokusai and Claude Monet
Year 6 William Morris

Our Art Exhibition took place on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th April in the school hall when parents and families were invited to view the work that the children had produced.

Thank you to all who attended the exhibition and special thanks to Ms O'Reilly for organising our Art Week and to Ms O'Reilly and Mr Jacob for setting up the Art Exhibition.

We are very excited to announce that David has very generously donated an original piece of art for the school to auction or raffle at our Summer Fete. Look out for details. Or you can buy your own at:

<https://davidtoveyart.co.uk/art-sale>



After School Clubs

Following the consultation period on a proposal to make a small charge for children attending our After School Clubs (ASCs) this will be put into practice from the summer term.

There will be a flat fee of **£10 per club per term** or (£5 for a club that only runs over half a term). We will ask for the fee **to be paid at the start of the term**. These fees will be **non-refundable** once the club begins.

There will be no charge for clubs preparing for Tower Hamlets sports competitions and there will be no change to the charges for our Breakfast Club (£1.00 from 8:00 to 8:30 am and free after 8:30 am).

Please note that on Friday 4th May the school will be closed for staff training. This

STAFF TRAINING DAY - Friday 3rd MAY

is a Bank Holiday weekend, so the school will also be closed on Monday 6th May.

International Women's Week



For International Women's Week, St Paul's and Shapla Schools had three activities taking place across three mornings: 4th, 5th and 6th of March.

On Monday, a group of 38 went to watch "On the Basis of Sex", at the Genesis cinema. This was a movie that looked at one woman's contribution to gender equality. The movie generated so much discussion around how women can change their future and the impact they can have. Many mothers discussed how the life of their daughters could be changed.



A discussion around wellbeing and sustainability took place on Tuesday. Over tea and cake there were presentations and discussion. Many of the women were going to look into food apps such as Olio. Being able to sit relax and discuss, in a safe environment. The atmosphere encouraged mothers from the two schools to mix and get to know each other.

Wednesday saw a 'Ready Steady Cook' challenge of creativity, team work and ingenuity in our kitchen classroom. It was lovely to see how, when placed in teams, leaders emerged and how everyone worked together and rose to the challenge. The food that was created was then



judged with marks for taste, creativity and presentation – it was fun to see how competitive it became between the two schools. Of course everyone was a winner!

We considered how we need to look at all aspects of health (especially food and diet related). How we look after ourselves was not overlooked.

All four teams left feeling they had accomplished something useful.

The feedback was extremely positive with mothers asking for more similar events in future. They enjoyed how the film gave a glimpse of what determination and belief can achieve. They gained a great deal from discussions over tea and developed a sense of adventure and accomplishment from the Ready Steady Challenge.

Janice



Well done to...



...our girls hockey team who won their tournament in Wapping beating Shapla and St Peter's schools.



...Aqeel, our recently-crowned Times Tables Rock Star Champion



...our Year 5 Maths Mentors who help Year 2 children.

School news in brief...

Sadly two of our chickens have passed away, Lucy and Riley. They have lived a good long chicken life and have been extremely well cared for by Jade, Sneha and our other chicken monitors. The children said a prayer for them at the end of Tuesday's assembly.

Our second Golden Bus trip took place on Thursday 4th April with a trip to the Rich Mix cinema in Bethnal Green to see 'Spiderman: into the Spideverse'. Children had a chance to be chosen for this trip if they had received a Golden Ticket for following our Golden Rules consistently.

Reuben, in Year 5, carried an air pollution monitor around for a week as part of air quality project run by Hubbub (hubbub.org.uk). Reuben was one of ten Londoners across the capital chosen to carry a monitor. We will keep you informed of the results of the research.

We wish a speedy recovery to three members of our staff team who have been unwell recently, Ms Bassi, Mrs Veysey and Mrs Peak (Brenda). Our very best wishes go out to each of them.

The building works under way in the playground should improve the school's water supply which is somewhat erratic at present. We are sorry for any inconvenience this causes.



Are you a boy aged 7-12 years old?

Would you like to join a research study about the brain?



We are doing a research study about the emotion system of the brain, and how it works in a condition called DMD (Duchenne muscular dystrophy). DMD mainly affects the muscles, but it can also affect the brain.

We are looking for **healthy male volunteers aged 7-12 years** to do some tests of brain and emotion system function. We are also doing these tests in boys with DMD. The study tests last about 2 hours and include:

- **question and puzzle tests** to help us to see how your brain works
- **sound and picture computer tests** where we check your skin and how fast your heart beats

Doing these tests will help us to find out better ways of testing for brain problems in DMD.

Your travel expenses will be reimbursed and you will receive a voucher and a 'Brain Scientist' certificate as a thank you for taking part. If you are interested please contact us:

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Address: Dubowitz Neuromuscular Centre, UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London, WC1N 1EH

Title: A Study of Emotional Function in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (EmoDe Study)
Study approved by: London - London Bridge Research Ethics Committee (18/LO/1575); IRAS Project ID 250508; R&D no. 17NM38
Study funded by: Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity
Principal Investigator: Dr Kate Maresh, Dubowitz Neuromuscular Centre, UCL GOS Institute of Child Health

St Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary School Term Dates and Holidays - 2018/ 2019

Spring Term 2019 (55 days)

Last Day of Term Friday 5th April

Good Friday Friday 19th April
Easter Monday Monday 22nd April

Summer Term 2019 (65 days)

First Day of Term Tuesday 23rd April

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

Half Term Monday 27th to Friday 31st May

Last Day of Term Tuesday 23rd July

Ramadan begins 5th May 2019*
Eid Al-Fitr 4th June 2019*
Eid Al-Adha 11th August 2019

190 School Days, 5 Staff Training Days

* to be confirmed

Final Thought

*"Treasure the love you receive above
all. It will survive long after your gold
and good health have vanished."*

Og Mandino



St Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary School Term Dates and Holidays - 2019/ 2020

Autumn Term 2019 (73 days)

Staff Training Monday 2nd September
Tuesday 3rd September
First Day of Term Wednesday 4th September
Half Term Monday 21st – Friday 25th October
Second half of term Monday 28th October
Last Day of Term Friday 20th December

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December
Boxing Day Thursday 26th December

Spring Term 2020 (59 days)

New Year's Day Wednesday 1st January
Staff Training Monday 6th January

First Day of Term Tuesday 7th January
Half Term Mon. 17th to Fri. 21st February
Second half of term Monday 24th February
Last Day of Term Friday 5th April

Good Friday Friday 10th April
Easter Monday Monday 13th April

Summer Term 2020 (58 days)

First Day of Term Monday 20th April

Staff Training Friday 1st May
May Day Bank Holiday Monday 4th May
Half Term Monday 25th to Friday 29th May