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# Pre-Prep School Newsletter

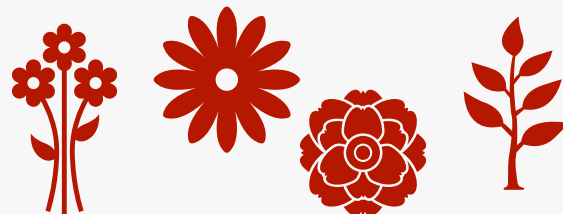


As the School Year draws to a close and the temperatures reach summer heights, we take a moment to look back at another successful term in the Pre-Prep. In a Term awash with special events, our children have shown us their prowess across the curriculum. From Sports Days to STEM week to the summer fair, we have seen our core values of Kindness, Respect and Curiosity reflected in all that the children have done.

Thank you to the wider Runnymede community for your trust, support and engagement throughout this school year, and especially through our special events this term. We hope you enjoy this newsletter sharing a snapshot of all the incredible achievements we have seen in the Summer term.



# Head Teacher Message —



The Summer Term has brought joy and celebration at the end of a wonderful year of learning for us in Pre-Prep. Despite the calm exterior, staff have not stood still for a moment, busily supporting children's learning, embedding new and improved data systems in EYFS and re-enlivening the curriculum for next year. We see the exciting progress that these changes are delivering and cannot thank the Pre-Prep staff team enough for their dedicated work to support our children.

Alongside ambitious progress, every year group has enjoyed the other key ingredient of a joyful summer term - fun! The Sports Days have been a riot of competition, colour and teamwork. It was wonderful to share these with parents and to see the effort and pride that such memorable experiences bring to the children. All children have taken their learning beyond the school gates this term with trips to educational farms, Roman archaeological sites and Layos adventure camp.

We have enjoyed some high quality performance opportunities for Year 1 and Year 3 in the form of the 'Spring Chicken' Year 1 Show and the Year 3 Graduation. I know all of you lucky enough to have been in the audience will have been impressed with the confidence on stage that was displayed and the quality of spoken and sung English in front of an audience.

The Choral Poetry Presentations are always wonderful showcase among different year groups to celebrate sorry telling through dramatic poetry performance. Each class works so hard to perform with intonation, creativity and synchronicity that it is a real highlight of our assembly calendar. 2S performed the poem, "I saw my teacher on a Saturday" which was well-timed as we did in fact see each other at the Summer Fair! This was another wonderful event, celebrating the family nature of our school.

Although Ms Mashford is moving onto her next chapter as a SENDCO in Windsor, Ms Albery will be ready to welcome everyone back from their exciting holidays.

We wish you all a wonderful and restorative summer!

## —Fun in the Summer Sun—



A highlight of the Summer Term is always our water fights and slip and slide, organised by the PE department. The children had a wonderful time sliding along the lawn and firing their water pistols at each other and the staff. This was a very well earned celebration of all their hard work this year, and we would like to thank all our PE and class teaching staff for getting involved and enabling them to happen.



# — Farewell Year 3 —



As the academic year draws to a close, we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 3s who are preparing to make the step up to the Prep School in September.

We were able to celebrate all their wonderful achievements in our Year 3 graduation ceremony. Every child was awarded a certificate celebrating their unique strengths, and some children gave speeches talking about their favourite memories from Year 3. All children performed a moving rendition of 'A Million Dreams' and raised the roof off the dining room with an energetic performance of 'We're all in this together'. Thank you Ms Lawrence and the Year 3 team for all your hard work to make it happen.

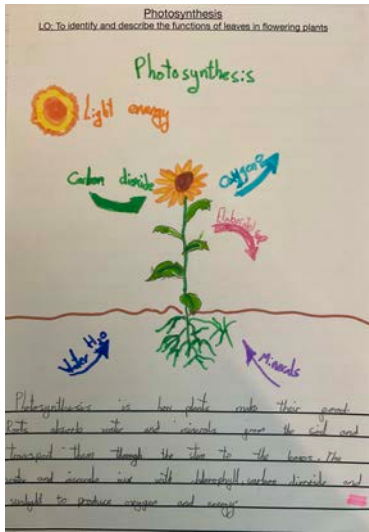


This half term, Year 3 enjoyed their much-anticipated residential trip to Layos. For many children, it was their first time spending a night away from home—and they took it all in their stride! The experience was a fantastic opportunity to build independence, strengthen friendships and create lasting memories. We're so proud of how well the children represented the school throughout the trip.





# — Wow Work —



Alejandra in 3D wrote a brilliant explanation of the process of photosynthesis.



As part of their learning on 3D shapes, 3E created our own using plasticine for the vertices and cocktail sticks for the edges.



As part of their 'Extreme Earth: Floods' geography topic, 3F made their own model cities and tried their hardest to create reliable flood defences; such as flood walls, proper drainage and raised houses to ensure minimal damage. They then tested out their flood defences by flash flooding their cities!



Beautiful collage pictures in the style of Beatriz Milhazes by 2D



Children in 2K created a Bird's Eye View plan of the their classroom as part of our Geography work on maps and plans



2S made a wonderful model of a farm in Art and Design.



1J's beautiful animal puppets



Children in 1L used their computing skills to design their own Mondrian-inspired artwork using an iPad!



Beautiful artwork by Felipe in 1S



# — Wow Work —



RG made marvellous minibeasts out of plasticine



Jaime in RT wrote about his weekend.



Wonderful spider webs in RMA



NM created beautiful sunflower artwork



A gorgeous artistic display from Pre-Nursery W



NS observing their growing butterflies



Super STEM work in the water play for PNH



Amazing writing in Nursery F



# — Trips —

## Segóbriga

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to the Roman ruins of Segóbriga near Toledo! We explored a real Roman amphitheatre, saw ancient baths, and walked along Roman roads. It was amazing to imagine what life was like over 2,000 years ago. The visit helped bring our Roman history topic to life in an unforgettable way!



## Y2 Visita a los Jardines del Campo del Moro

Este trimestre tuvimos la suerte de poder visitar Los Jardines del Campo del Moro, situados junto al Palacio Real de Madrid. Esta salida se preparó en colaboración con la tutoría, a fin de apoyar el tema de las plantas, que están estudiando en clase. Fue, a pesar de la llovizna, una maravillosa mañana en la que nos dejamos asombrar por las cosas que en aquel jardín acontecían. Paseamos entre árboles centenarios, y plantas aromáticas. Nos encontramos con el pequeño palacete en el que la reina paraba a descansar. Salieron a nuestro encuentro pavos reales que nos saludaron con elegancia. Y entre ramas y hojas nos esperaban cientos de historias y leyendas. Todos regresamos con una gran sonrisa, ¡y muchas ganas de seguir aprendiendo!



# —On the Farm—



EYFS had an exciting trip to the farm. From horse riding to bread making to a trip on a rowing boat, there were new and exciting experiences for all.





# —On the Farm—



Years 1 and 2 also visited the farm and enjoyed a range of exciting activities. They particularly enjoyed rowing across a river, working together to navigate their boats.





# — Shows —

## Year 1 - Spring Chicken

Year One pulled off an incredible performance taking to the stage with *Spring Chicken*! Taking us on a moving adventure from the farm to the big city, Chickalita taught us that nothing and no one should stop us from chasing our dreams. Year One proved exactly that with their well-rehearsed and wonderfully-polished performance — well done Year One!



## Year 2 - Choral Poetry

Year 2 amazed us with their poise, clarity and projection in their choral poetry assembly. All three classes performed poems which allowed them to show variation in their vocal inflection, from implying humour to creating a reminiscent tone.







**EYFS**  
The Children in Pre-Nursery, Nursery and Reception showcased their athletic talents in their Sports Days. All children demonstrated skills and passion for sports and earned a gold medal for their hard work!





# — Sports Days —

**Years 1 and 2** came together for a morning of athletic competition. All the children showed their sporting prowess through a range of races and challenges as they competed to earn points for their house. This year, Locke were victorious, taking home the cup for Years 1 and 2.



The **Year 3 Sports Day** was a fantastic event filled with energy and excitement. All the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the fun activities. Congratulations to Newton House for their impressive performance and well-deserved victory!



# — Topic Highlights —



## Year 2 San Isidro

Year 2 students and teachers transformed into 'chulapas' and 'chulapos' to celebrate Madrid's patron saint, San Isidro. The festivities started with learning the history of Isidro Labrador, and what makes him such a special person to the people of Madrid. Each class participated in a parade showing off their beautiful traditional clothing, and, following tradition, enjoyed a picnic of sparkling water and 'rosquillas'. Finally, Year 2 tried their hand at dancing 'chotis'. A wonderful day celebrating tradition and culture was had by all!



## Year 3 Roman Day

Year 3 had an amazing Roman Day, making their own shields and using them in a thrilling pretend battle with the tortoise formation. They also enjoyed a Latin lesson from a Sixth Form student and tasted traditional Roman food during a festive Roman feast!

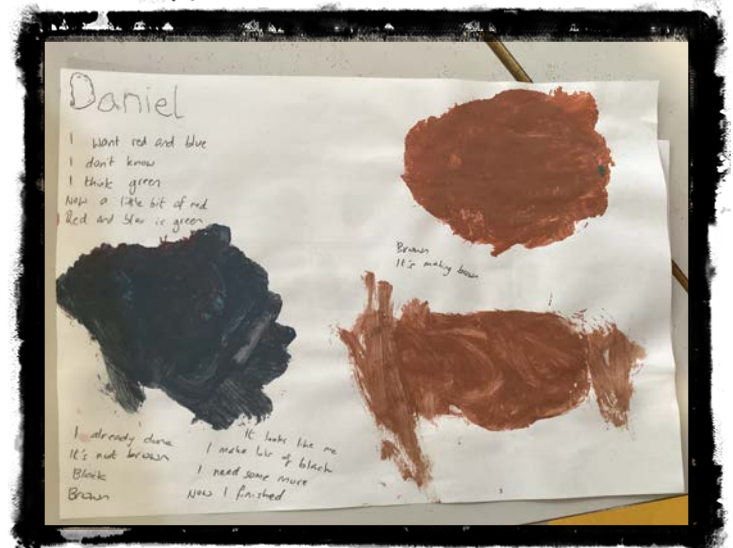




# We are all Artists!



Pre-Nursery's collaborative art



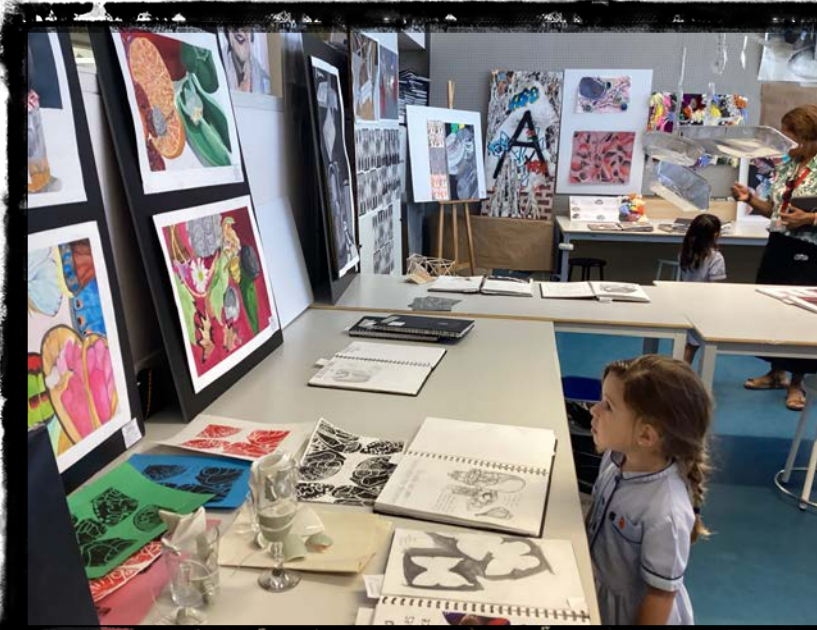
Colour mixing and exploring texture in Nursery



Amazing Minibeast art in Reception







Children from EYFS had a wonderful time exploring the GCSE and A level art exhibitions. It was fantastic for the children to see all the amazing creations and where there art education can take them as they grow up.





# EYFS Minibeast Day



EYFS had a wonderful time celebrating their minibeast topic at the end of May. All the children dressed up as minibeasts and we had a parade through the playground. In the afternoon we gathered on the lawn to play some bug themed games. Thank you to all our EYFS staff for an unforgettable day.





# STEM Week



Pre-Prep enjoyed an exciting STEM Week themed *Change and Adapt*, packed with hands-on learning and scientific discovery! Some highlights included Pre-Nursery's pirate-themed investigation about sinking and floating. Reception and Year 1 were joined by Year 12 students for an experiment exploring how colours mix and change. Year 2 were amazed by a science magic show, where bubbling potions and surprising reactions brought chemistry to life. Meanwhile, Year 3 used a homemade pH indicator from red cabbage to test whether everyday household items were acidic or alkaline. It was a fantastic week of curiosity, collaboration and creativity across all year groups!





# — Forest School —



This term in Forest School, EYFS have explored the changes that occur in Spring and Summer. All children had the opportunity to plant seeds and care for growing plants. A particular highlight for Nursery was releasing the butterflies that had grown from caterpillars in their classrooms.





# — Important Dates Term 1 2025/26 —

<b>Wednesday 3rd September</b>	New students visiting morning for Reception to Year 3, welcome meetings for Pre-Nursery and Nursery.
<b>Thursday 4th September</b>	First Day of Term, all children back at school and staggered start begins for Pre-Nursery and Nursery
<b>Monday 8th September</b>	Reception Welcome Meeting, 4.30-5.30pm
<b>Tuesday 9th September</b>	Year 1 Welcome Meeting, 4.30-5.30pm
<b>Wednesday 10th September</b>	Year 2 Welcome Meeting, 4.30-5.30pm
<b>Thursday 11th September</b>	Year 3 Welcome Meeting, 4.30-5.30pm
<b>Friday 13th September</b>	Curriculum maps for Term 1 published

We hope you have a wonderful and  
restful summer break.

We look forward to welcoming students  
back for the new academic year in