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The weekly newsletter for parents, guardians & carers

Paddington Academy open to the public

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On Tuesday 2nd October we opened our doors officially to year 6 parents for the very first time. It was a very proud moment for all of us as we welcomed in prospective new students and their families for a guided tour of the new building and its fantastic new facilities.

Principal, Phil Hearne met with all parents and presented to them exactly why they should think about sending students to Paddington Academy. Put quite simply 'we want the best for your children'.



All staff took part in the welcome. Every subject area went into competition to show their subject at its best. With some breathtaking performances from Drama and Dance in the Theatre and Dance studios, to explosive performances in the Science department (Not to mention the surprise appearance of Ant 'n' DeK!) There were also lovely smoothies and quiche baked for visitors in Catering; a chance to speak in a different language, and all subjects demonstrating their wares in a lively and entertaining manner. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make the evening such a success and so enjoyable for all concerned. The feedback from parents was very good and many were extremely impressed with the facilities, staff and opportunities for all.

The students who took part in this evening were the best part of all. Over 100 gave up their evening to help and support the Academy. Many helped in subjects and over 70 acted as tour guides, showing parents around and describing life at Paddington Academy.

One parent summed it up as she left

'You teachers must be so proud, I knew it would be a wonderful building and facilities...but your students are amazing, so friendly and articulate'

On Thursday 6th October, we opened our doors again for visitors to 'see us in action'. Over 100 visitors went around the school in groups and watched lessons, saw the facilities and met with the staff and students. It was a day that everyone enjoyed and again the feedback was great.

Another parent quote that sums up our day 'I am so disappointed that I did not bring my child, it would have been worth bringing her out of primary school, she would have loved it'

A huge thank you to all those staff and students who worked so creatively to make this event a great success. Recruitment to year 7 next year should be fantastic

Snakes on a plane

brand new assembly hall floor...



Students in the sparkling new Paddington Academy building

were quaking in their boots last Thursday as London Zoo revealed some fine and fearsome special guests to astonished faces.

Charlie, a Madagascan hissing cockroach and Bella, a beautiful corn snake were the stars of the 'Man v Monkey' show: an interactive workshop where students were given the chance to discuss the topical issues of sustainable development and man's impact on the environment.

Kate Oliver from the Zoo was amazed both by the students' knowledge of scientific issues and by their lack of exposure to animals in the wild.

'The snake was wicked' said Jeffrey Wegbe in Y9.

Well, we know what he means!



Theatre Productions: "FOLLOW THE STAR"

Paddington Academy's Christmas Pantomime

Auditions have been taking place over the last two weeks for Paddington Academy's Christmas show 'Follow the Star'.



Around 100 students auditioned over three days showcasing their singing and

dancing skills and we now have a cast of 35 aspiring stars who will be busy rehearsing with Arts and Technology staff over the next six weeks to get the show off the ground.



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FOOTBALL

Paddington Academy,

Year 9

V

St. Augustine's

4 - 2 Victory!

Right from the start the boys were ready to take charge of this game. With both teams trying to get a sense of what the other team had to offer. Our boys were quick to take control of the game. With some excellent ball movement, **Jessy Osadebay- Kayit** managed to slip through the defence while a nicely placed ball by **Ibrahim Ahmad** set him up and **Jessy** buried the ball in the back of the net. The next few minutes were tense as St. Augustine's tried to pick up their pace but could not find the back of the net. **Ishmil Ajab** made a great run down the middle while **Jessy** returned the favour by finding **Ishmil** for our second goal of the night. Just before half time St. Augustine's managed to find a friendly bounce and score one for their side. After some encouraging words at the half, the boys were ready to increase their lead. However St. Augustine's would not be denied and drew the game level with another goal. At this point Paddington Academy showed true grit and got a fantastic goal from our Captain **Petrit Kasabaqi** with the assist coming from **Dion Humolli**. The boys were not finished though, late in the game **Abraham Safo-Frimpong** found himself free after a brilliant run through 5 defenders and tapped in the 4th goal.

Players of the Match

Ishmil Ajab: Beautifully denying the opposition a goal late in the game by sticking his leg out and deflecting the ball and then heading another attempt away. Leaving the opposition flustered.

Strachan College in Court!

On Friday 5th October, 6th Form Law students and Year 11's took part in a mock murder trial at West London Magistrates Court after school. Students selected from a range of London schools played the role of lawyers, witnesses, court staff and jurors. Their job was to present both the prosecution and defence. Their recent studies of Criminal Law and the offence of murder enabled them to offer expert advice to fellow jurors. This event offered students an excellent insight into the workings of a real court and to see justice in action.

6th Form Learning Support

Many 6th Form students have volunteered to give up their free time to offer support in lessons for younger students. The students will be assisting teachers and students in a range of different subjects and activities and giving the benefit of their experience and knowledge of the subjects they have studied in the past. This is an excellent opportunity for the leaders among the student community to provide an example to others and to support the learning of all students.

Year 11 Work Experience

Year 11 students are currently spending two weeks of term on a variety of work placements. The students will be taking the opportunity to experience a wide range of careers in placements located all over London. The placements include jobs in law, business, hospitality, farming, child-care and retail. Students will gain an understanding of how workplaces operate and an opportunity to develop skills of problem-solving, time-management and communication.

We look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return to the Academy after half term.



Often abbreviated as simply Eid, is a Muslim holiday that marks the end of Ramadan, the month of fasting. Eid is an Arabic term meaning "festivity" or "celebration" while "Fitṛ" means "to break the fast" and can also mean "nature" from the word "fitrat" and therefore symbolizes the breaking of the fasting period.

Eid ul-Fitr commemorates the end of the month of Ramadan. Fasting is forbidden on this day as it marks the end of the month-long fast of Ramadan.

On the day of the celebration, a typical Muslim family after praying the first normal everyday prayer, is required to eat in a small quantity, symbolizing the end of Ramadan. They then attend special congregational prayers held only for this occasion in mosques, in large open areas, stadiums or arenas. The prayer is generally short, and is followed by a sermon (khuṭba). Worshipers greet and embrace each other in a spirit of peace and love after the congregational prayer. After the special prayers, festivities and merriment are commonly observed with visits to the homes of relatives and friends to thank God for all blessings.

For Muslims, Eid ul-Fitr is a joyous occasion with important religious significance, celebrating of the achievement of enhanced piety. It is a day of forgiveness, moral victory, peace of congregation, fellowship, brotherhood and unity. Muslims celebrate not only the end of fasting, but also thank God for the help and strength that they believe he gave them throughout the previous month to help them practice self-control. It is a time of giving and sharing, and many Muslims dress in holiday attire.

Ahmed	Abdul Khader	Yr 9
Samantha	Abusham	Yr 12
Samah	Ahmed	Yr 8
Mohammed	Ali	Yr 9
Yamina	Aloui	Yr 12
Michael	Amaning	Yr 13
Loren	Ancheta	Yr 11
Adam	Atour	Yr 12
Shahida	Bibi	Yr 12
Hanan	Boufas	Yr 9
Stacey	Brennan	Yr 12
Yassine	Cabral da Silva	Yr 7
Gene	Dalloway	Yr 7
Khamica	Deabreau	Yr 7
Sami	El-Kassmi	Yr 12
Troy	Fournillier	Yr 12
Shantariya	Freckleton-Campbell	Yr 8
Lundrim	Gashi	Yr 8
Nicana	Gowie	Yr 9
Abdullahi	Hassan	Yr 12
Hawa	Hassen	Yr 13

FOLLOW THE STAR CAST LIST

Robert	Hayfron	Yr 12
Samuella	Hotobah-During	Yr 10
Lina	Ishak	Yr 7
Miriam	Jaber	Yr 12
Daniella	Joseph	Yr 10
Julia	Kassem	Yr 9
Marlon	Legister-King	Yr 12
Joy	Li	Yr 7
Djeni	LUBWA-ZALO	Yr 11
Bianca	Mostafa	Yr 7
Ali	Muhsin	Yr 12
Nora	Nassir	Yr 7
Goodfaith	Nwaogu	Yr 12
Daniel	O'Sullivan	Yr 7
Chelsea	Phillips	Yr 9
Samieur	Rahman	Yr 7
Ameera	Rajabali	Yr 11
Vincent	Sumera	Yr 12
Lorraine	Tan Gana	Yr 8