

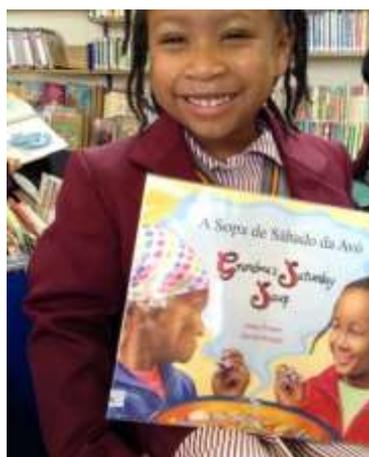


EYFS Editorial

Nursery News

An amazingly short term jam-packed with exciting events and activities.

April brought us back after the Easter break with yet more new friends to get to know. Mrs Barr and Ms Ludlam kicked the term off with a trip to Beckenham library with some of the children. We had a great time reading some of the books and joining together for a story on the carpet. Excellent behaviour children.



Our planning for the first half term focused around “Maths and Science” and we embraced our through school status with a visit from Ms Ruston who taught the children all about digestion and some other fun and messy experiments! Thank you Ms Ruston.



May came and the children enjoyed a Drama workshop. The children threw themselves into the spirit of it wholeheartedly – clearly some future Oscar winners out there.



We also celebrated our school's birthday at Founder's Day Mass – the children's behaviour was so good that the whole school gave them a round of applause. One of our youngest pupils in the school got to help blow out the candles on the cake.



May is, of course, the month of Mary and the nursery joined the Junior Department for a wonderful May Procession led by Mr Lohan, the school Chaplain. We learned to say The Hail Mary and the children took flowers to the altar to honour Our Lady. A beautiful occasion.



June saw the start of our last half term and what a short and busy half term it has been! On our first week back, the whole nursery packed up for a family day out to Godstone Farm. The weather was absolutely glorious and all of the families had so much fun. The children had an amazing day; riding on the tractor, looking at the large farm animals, handling some smaller creatures and playing on the enormous adventure playground. What a great day out – the children keep asking when we're going back.



July saw us mark some real achievements. The oldest children celebrated their transition to Reception with a delicious Barbecue. Ms Ludlam cooked hotdogs in the nursery outdoor area and everyone enjoyed a day of own clothes, making our oldest children feel rather special. We always use this occasion to remember those less fortunate than ourselves – this year we raised £61 for Great Ormond Street Hospital.



Sports day was very hot indeed. The poor field reflected the degree to which the heatwave has struck in recent weeks and was rather more like the desert. The children raced terrifically showing real resilience in the heat. A lovely family picnic was shared and everyone had a hot, but wonderful time.





Term ended on the 9th of July. Our graduation ceremony was a wonderful opportunity to highlight our marvellous Dolphin and Butterfly groups who are now moving onto Reception. The children performed some wonderful songs, including a complicated signing piece that we are so proud they managed to learn. Each child received a certificate. I don't think there was a dry eye to be seen.



Sadly, our Graduation ceremony was also a time to wish fairwell to Mrs Barr who is leaving us after 21 years at Bishop Challoner Nursery. We are so grateful for all her efforts over the years – she will be greatly missed.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for their support over the last year and to the children who lighten our lives every day. May you all have a restful and enjoyable holiday and we look forward to welcoming back our current Rainbows in September.

Ms Ludlam

Reception News

What an exciting term we have enjoyed in Reception.

The children have taken part in many fun and engaging learning experiences over the Summer Term. 'World Religion Week' saw us working with Year 4 to learn about 'Buddhism'. The children took part in an outside Yoga workshop, which was a huge success.



The children created and then painted their own Manadala's and wrote about Buddhist Values.



Our Topic this term has been on the theme of 'Pirates and the Sea'. The children have enjoyed many first hand role play, writing, maths, science and creative tasks.



In maths the children have learned about the concept of sharing, with Pirate Pete and his gold coins. We have been on a mathematical journey, learning new concepts and consolidating all the maths skills that we have covered this year. Problem solving has been at the heart of our learning and the children have had to think, develop and show their workings!



I am so proud of the journey the children have made this year. They have grown in independence and resilience and have shown great determination in all they have set out to do and achieve.

Thank you so much to all our wonderful parents for your warm welcome and support. I wish you all a very happy summer break and look forward to seeing you in September.

Mrs P Salisbury, Reception Teacher