

# Howard Headlines



Summer 3

## Dates for your Diary

July 3rd—Class Photographs

July 10th—Key Stage 2 Sports Day at Whitgift School

July 11th—EYFS Sports Day (AM)

- KS1 Sports Day (PM)

July 12th—KS1 Dance Club performing at Trinity School

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July 13th—Performance Choir singing at Wandle Park.

July 14th— Year 6 Leavers Party

July 17th—Y6 Tower Leavers Trip

July 20th—Y6 QE2 Leavers Trip, Reception Trip to Park Hill Park

## Reception

Reception children enjoyed a visit from Mitcham Zoo. As part of our Amazing Animals topics children got to meet and even hold some reptiles. The children were incredibly brave and respectful and inspired the teachers to be brave too!



## Year 1

Year 1 have been really enjoying finding out the History of The Crystal Palace, they have not only been asking really good questions about what happened, they have also been using different sources to infer why it may have burnt down.

We have also been busy recapping and revising all of the maths skills we have learnt this year so far and have enjoyed playing games which involve these skills.



## Twitter

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Our Twitter Handle is @HowardCroydon. Follow us for regular updates of all the fun learning and successes going on in our school!

## Eid al-Adha



We would like to wish all our families celebrating Eid this week a very happy and peaceful Eid!



## Year 2

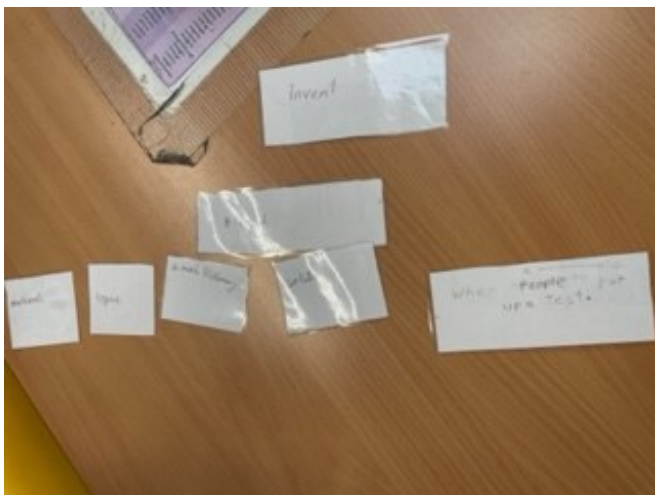
Our Science topic this term is all about plants. The children learnt about the life cycles of plants and created a lifecycle of their own. We then linked this to Art – children manipulated clay in different ways – squeezing, pulling, pinching, rolling and creating a hollow etc. They then used these techniques to make pinch pots and flowers. Once the clay dried, we painted the flowers in bright colours.



## Year 3

Children in Waterloo LOVE making their own Maths and English games when they have the time. We have a new addition and subtraction game and a matching new vocabulary to their definitions game.

We're hopeful that next year's class will love playing the games too!



## Year 4

Over the past 2 weeks, Year 4 have been busy making their very own rainforest themed bags using their sewing skills. We then designed them using fabric crayons and evaluated them to test their strength.





## Year 5

Both Year 5 classes have enjoyed fantastic trips to Sutton Ecology Centre recently, in connection with their Science topic on Life Cycles. They had the opportunity to engage in pond dipping, looking at the creatures they had found under a microscope in order to categorise them and making observational sketches. Among the wildlife they found were newts, tadpoles in various stages of development, snails, leeches, water boatmen and nymphs. It was brilliant to see the awe and wonder they experienced on finding each specimen!



We have also been enjoying a new fascinating History topic—the Kingdom of Benin. To help us understand the significance and chronology of this civilisation, we each donned tabards, taking us back in time through history. We learnt that the Kingdom of Benin lasted longer than the majority of time periods we have already learnt about, including the Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Romans, beginning in around 900CE and coming to a drastic end in 1897, the same year in which our school was built!

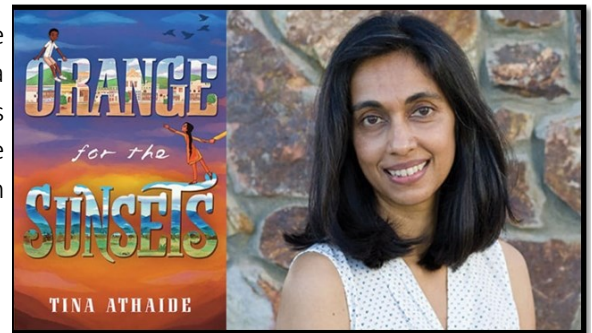


## Year 6

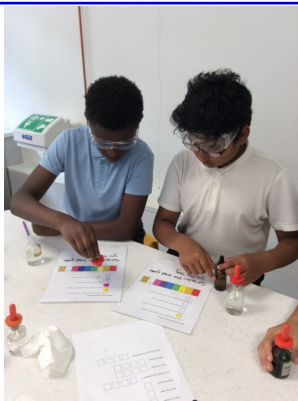


In our History lessons, we have been learning about Migration to Britain. In our most recent lessons, we have been learning about the Windrush Generation. Children have created a series of Google Slides to display their knowledge and have been sharing their presentations with the class.

In English, we have just finished our core text *Orange for the Sunsets*, by Tina Athaide. In a few weeks, we shall be having a Zoom Call with the author to share our recent work, which has been based on her novel. Very excitingly, children will be given the chance to ask her questions about the text that they have been thinking about throughout our unit.



## Science at Whitgift



Recently in Year 6, six individuals (Elakya , Dhiyanesh, Nathan, Abigail, Alex and Wan Ru) were chosen to participate in a Science competition held at Whitgift School.

The event consisted of many miniature experiments which they had to complete, in order to discover the hidden code buried inside of the challenges. As it was later announced, the group had to split up into teams of three: a girl's team and a boy's team!

In addition, the main task that was set was to reveal the contents in the box, which had two padlocks, to obtain the prize.



In conclusion, the representatives came out feeling triumphant and victorious, winning the competition! (Words by Wan Ru Lin, Y6)



On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023, several girls from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 travelled to Croydon Arena, where they participated in an interschool athletics competition, which included challenges such as: 100m sprint, long jump, high jump, and various long-distance races

depending on your age group.



Despite the hot weather, everyone enjoyed the competition and overall, the day was a great success. Zuzanna, from Year 6, was chosen by our PE teacher, Miss Handley, to perform a high jump, and I'm very happy to say that she was one of the 7 athletes who qualified for the final happening on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>



June 2023. Also, going to the finals

is the group of relay racers, which included: Ameliya, WanRu, Zuzanna and Joanna from year 6, and Sackena from year 5. They all did incredibly well, and together came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their heat! Bella in Y5 performed exceptionally well in the high jump and Danielle (y3) got through to the finals for the sprint. (Words by Zosia, Year 6)



Croydon Arena is where a few children were chosen to do many different athletic sports. I was tasked with the Year 5 75m sprint and fortunately I won first place! The children chosen for the boys' event were Alex, Dhiyanesh, Max, Nicolas, Jacob, Micah, Magnus, Mohammed and Lionel. All of the children were given a great opportunity in taking part in this event. Dhiyanesh also got through to the finals for the throwing event. (Words by Micah, Y5)



## Trinity Photography Competition

We were delighted to welcome James Robertson, Director of Art at Trinity School yesterday to present the prizes for the Trinity Primary Partnership Photography Competition. The competition was open to 12 Croydon schools but the standard of entries from Howard Primary was so high that not only the winner but the two runners up came from Howard! The theme was 'Explore Croydon'. One runner up was Freddie Bishop from Year 3 with his brilliant photograph of Surrey Street Market, and the other was Brady Bali (Y4) who entered a very atmospheric picture of Fairfield Halls. The overall winner was Kye Cave (Y5) who captured some of Croydon's street art and was particularly commended for his creativity with angles. Huge congratulations to the winners—we are so proud of you!



## Assemblies

Although we are only three weeks into the new half term, we have already had a fantastic range of informative assemblies to extend our wider curriculum! We have learnt about different kinds of families, how to stay safe in the sun, World Ocean's Day and our Zones of Regulation. Other highlights have been a visit from Imam Inaam-ul-haq Malik, from Croydon Mosque, who taught us about Eid, and a digital drama performance about the 75th Anniversary of Windrush, through Big Foot Education.



# WINDRUSH 75



Challenges Songs Games Fun Craft



# BACKPACKERS Holiday Club

For children in Reception to Year 6  
Monday July 24th to Wednesday July 26th  
10 – 12.30  
£8 per child  
At Christ Church Methodist Addiscombe  
114 Lower Addiscombe Road Croydon CR0 6AD

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- Croydon Music and Arts performers

**THURSDAY, 13TH JULY 2023, WANDLE PARK 5:30PM – 8:00PM**

Tickets are required for entry and are available for free from Eventbrite or through scanning the QR code. For more info, visit [www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk/cr-talent](http://www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk/cr-talent)

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