



Yardley Primary School Newsletter July 2025



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A Mr Tiritanou special to round off our newsletters for this year...

KS2 witnessed one of Mr T's trademark celebratory 'cartwheels' this morning as the Teachers' team were victorious against the Year 6 pupil team in our traditional Tug of War competition. Mr T had briefed the teachers the day before to 'wear appropriate footwear, be in bed by 10pm and have a good breakfast' and most importantly issued the warning that, 'They [Year 6] are a formidable opponent and must not be underestimated.'

This proved to be the case. The team from Epping won the pupil competition and the chance to take on the teachers and they battled bravely, winning one of the heats, before ultimately losing 2-1 whilst being roared on by the rest of the pupils. Congratulations to the Epping team for their sterling effort.



Also, in his role as 'Sporting Director', Mr T has christened this year's Quad Kids Athletics teams as the Yardley Invincibles as all five teams, from Year 2 to Year 6 won this year's Waltham Forest competitions. Over 20 schools and just under 900 pupils competed in these events so this is an amazing result. Well done to all that were selected for the competition but also to those who went to extra training sessions during lunchtimes, the parents that helped supervise and of course, Coach Claire.





In non-Mr T related news

Construction updates

- **Canteen building.** Following on from the public consultation, the plans are to be submitted to planning imminently. I have put the presentation on the school website if you didn't get a chance to see them when they were displayed in the school or if you simply want to have another look.

<https://www.yardleyprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Expansion+Plans&pid=96>

- **Children's Centre.** Work will start this weekend to convert the smaller classroom into a larger classroom so that all three Reception classrooms will be in the same building. The sensory room will relocate to one of the current Reception classrooms.
- **Heating/Boilers.** There have been a lot of surveys and plans drawn up and staff will be packing up classrooms on Monday and Tuesday ready for work to start on Wednesday. From my understanding from the meetings I've been attending, this first stage is mainly going to involve drilling a lot of holes. The scheme of works is planned that all the main and messy works are completed over the summer with the contractors continuing to work nights and weekends from September. If there is any change to this, I will communicate it as soon as I know.

Soho Theatre Trip

For the second year we were able to take part in the Soho Theatre Primary Playwrights scheme. All the year 6 pupils spent 6 weeks working with a professional playwright to write their own play. The theatre then chose one from each school which were then performed very enthusiastically by a troupe of professional actors in the stunning surroundings of the new Soho Theatre Walthamstow. Our school's winner was Noelle Mercer with her entertaining play, 'Ice and Spice'. It was an excellent day out and all the year 6 pupils were a credit to our school with their impeccable behaviour in the theatre and on public transport.





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Some other points

Pupils last day is tomorrow, Fri 18th, with a normal 3.25pm or 3.30pm finish.

Pupils return on Wednesday 3rd September. Apart from those pupils whose flights get suddenly cancelled at the last minute and can't return until a later date...

New Reception pupils start on either Thursday 4th or Friday 5th.

From September, the school gates will not be open for parents to access the school grounds until 3.15pm.

Also from September, we will have to raise the prices of our Wraparound Care to cover inflationary food costs and staffing costs. The new prices will be £6.50 for Breakfast Club and £12 for Afterschool Club.

Mrs Hizlioglu will be changing role from Special Needs Assistant and will be training to be a teacher with us. She will be working in Year 2, predominantly in Mrs Hegerty's class.



Finally, I'd like to say a farewell to our year 6 pupils. They've worked incredibly hard during their whole time at Yardley culminating in their excellent performances of 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits' which highlighted what a united, resilient, talented and funny bunch they are. We've ended today with a huge year group water fight on the field which was great fun! I hope they enjoy their well-deserved leavers event next week and wish them all the best at secondary school and beyond.

Have a nice summer.

Mr Evans
Headteacher