



Hammersmith & Fulham

Urban Studies Centre

Welcome to our Spring 2016

NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO OUR SPRINGTIME NEWSLETTER Here's a look back at what we've been up to so far in 2016



Children's Parliament on the Environment

Many congratulations to schools who participated in the Children's Parliament on the Environment this year. The final event took place on March 14th when Year 6 children from ten schools across LBHF and RBKC shared their projects in lively and inspiring presentations to other schools and a panel of judges at Hammersmith Town Hall.

Projects included Marlborough Primary who in 'Project Playtime' set about improving their playtime and outdoor spaces at school, Fulham Primary looked at local changes in the Earls Court area in 'Earls Court – For the Future Children of Fulham', Miles Coverdale Primary got busy exploring local changes at Shepherd's Bush Market and John Betts Primary helped to clean the Riverside in 'A Cleaner Thames'. Good Shepherd sought to improve their travel habits at school in their 'Tracking Terrific Travel Project' and Wormholt Primary school discovered all about the heritage and future of their local green space in 'Wormholt Park – past Present and Future'.

The work undertaken and presentations on the day were of a really high standard, meaning that the judging panel including Simon Clarke, Director of the Thames Explorer Trust and Mary-Lou Wedderburn, Trustee of the Urban Studies Centre had a difficult job deciding. Many thanks to Councillor Caroline Needham for chairing the event and thanks too to all of the community and professional friends of the Urban Studies Centre who gave their time to support the projects and share their expertise and experience with the children.

A special congratulations is offered to these schools on receiving awards for their outstanding projects and presentations:

- *Environmental Action Award:* Queens Manor Primary School for 'Rowberry Mead Remade'
- *Presentation Award:* Ashburnham Primary School for 'Light Pollution'
- *Research Skills Award:* Park Walk Primary School for 'Air Quality - not a walk in the park'
- *Children's Award:* St Francis of Assisi Primary School for 'Love Food, Haste Waste'

Riverside Family Fun Day

We held a successful and fun event on the 20th March at the Fulham Jetty with River inspired local history, nature and craft activities as part of the Find Your London Festival.



Families came from all over London and had the chance to look at the River Art exhibition of works produced by children from local schools (part of the Tales of the Thames Project), participate in a treasure hunt around Imperial Park and become brilliant bird watchers with help from Kevin (one of our amazing volunteers!). Carlos also led a walk from Bishops Park to Fulham Wharf Jetty and shared some of the secret stories along the Thames Path. Thanks to all who came along!

Tales of the Thames Path

This fantastic project continued last term looking at interesting history and places from Hammersmith Bridge to Craven Cottage. Queens Manor's Yr 5 children went on a trail of the Hammersmith riverbank.

They explored the industries that were based here, such as the BBC Riverside Studios and the Manbre & Garton sugar factory and looked at what remains of the many wharves that used to be in this area. Children even saw part of Palace Wharf, being demolished! They also visited Craven Cottage, home to Fulham FC, the oldest football club in London.

Sullivan Primary School explored the area around Broomhouse Lane and discovered that their school is named after Charlotte Sullivan, whose family lived at Broom House. They learned how she helped shape and support Fulham and its people. For instance, did you know that the striking building that stands in the corner of Daisy Lane and Broomhouse lane was a ragged school built by the Sulivans in 1855?

Next term we look forward to working with Langford and Ashburnham Primary Schools exploring the area between Wandsworth and Battersea Bridges.



Local Studies Year 3 and 4 at Essendine Primary School kicked off this term's sessions as **Market Detectives** exploring the cultural and food heritage of Portobello and Golborne Markets. Wendell Park's Year 1 classes enjoyed **Plant Magic** Sessions at Ravenscourt Greenhouses. St Augustine's Year 3 discovered the Plant Magic of Normand Park whilst their Year 4 class took part in our new **Classifying Living Things** Session. It was lovely to investigate **Victorian Hammersmith** with St Thomas's of Canterbury Year 5 children, **Development of a Settlement** near Sullivan Primary School and **Riverside Environments** with Good Shepherd. All Saints Year 1 loved making their own maps in our **Mini-Mappers** session and we were able to explore exciting new limestone **Rocks in the Environment** with both Avonmore Year 5 and Year 3 at Heathfield House School in Turnham Green.

To book any Local Studies sessions, please call 0208 741 7138 or email learn@hfusc.org.uk.

Healthy Living Day

Our smoothie bike received a good work out in a Health Living Event at Hammersmith Academy in March. Over 100 Year 10 and 11 children explored issues of healthy eating, food growing and living habits, making fruit kebabs, vegetable smoothies and planting their own seeds to grow at home.



FREE! School Travel Project

Well done to St Stephen's, Good Shepherd, Larmenier and Sacred Heart's Primary Schools and St James Girls School who all completed their school travel projects with us this past term. We now have spaces available for LBHF schools wishing to participate in this coming Summer and Autumn Terms. Call 0208 741 7138 to book your FREE KS2 programme.

London Children's Flower Society

The London Children's Flower Society has been encouraging School children to grow Spring Bulbs, Summer flowers, vegetables and herbs for over 70 years. They run flower growing competitions to inspire a love of gardening in children from a young age. To find out about their work, please contact their Director, Mrs Helen Inman on 01689 821288 or email info@lcf.sbtconnect.com



Children's Choice Participation Conference Bookings for schools now open!

We are delighted to be co-running the Children's Choice event again this year with EPIC CIC at Kensington Town Hall on Friday June 17th.

Organised with the help of a children's working group, young delegates will attend a conference with speakers and workshops on themes exploring health and wellbeing.

We are now taking bookings from schools with pupils interested in attending. To find out more please call 0208 741 7138 or email learn@hfusc.org.uk.

Outdoor Learning CPD Events

Essendine Primary School Staff Team, Roehampton Geography PGCE students and Tri-Borough NQT's joined us on separate events for a day's training in outdoor and local area learning, trying out new activities and exploring ways in which their team's and practice can include more opportunities to get outside to learn in and about the local area.

Call 0208 741 7138 or email em@hfusc.org.uk to enquire or book a CPD session for your school.

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