



Hammersmith & Fulham

Urban Studies Centre

Welcome to our Summer 2015

NEWSLETTER

WELCOME. School's nearly out for summer! Here's a look back at what we've been up to this term.

Children's Choice Conference

EPIC CIC and our team ran a children's conference exploring the issues around children's voice. 60 children from LBHF and RBKC schools participated in workshops exploring the importance of children's voice, expression and being heard before sharing their thoughts, ideas and creations in a Q&A with participating adults and their peers. A special congratulations to the Children's Working group who helped to plan and run the event. Well done!



Portobello and Golborne Market Food Heritage Project

We had a lot of fun partnering with Food Explorers CIC and Bevington and Fox primary school children to celebrate the market's 150th anniversary. Children explored the market and its diverse community by meeting local food entrepreneurs to learn about how its history has influenced the goods and food sold at the market. Food Explorers will be producing a short film about the market. Give us a call if you're interested in booking a food heritage session.

North End Road Project

Year 3 from Fulham Primary worked with us on a project discovering all about North End Road. They found out about the history of the market, interviewed customers and stall holders, conducted some high street surveys and found out about new developments in their local area. The project was rounded off with some lovely tee shirts designed by the children which they showed off at the wonderful North End Road Summer Market on Saturday 27th June.



Local Studies

Summer's brought an action-packed schedule with some ideal weather to get out there and explore interesting spots with local schools. In May we enjoyed Black History walks of Hammersmith with Ravenscourt Prep School



Year 6 classes and exploring Riverside Environments with Year 4 of St Augustine's. Good to see children from Marie d'Orliac school again for Development of a Settlement, and minibeast hunting in Fulham Palace gardens with Kensington Prep. June kicked off with St James Senior Girls Y7 exploring the changing geography of Fulham Reach and Langford setting out into Chelsea Harbour to become Imperial Investigators. Nature was in full swing in Ravenscourt Park where we found all sorts of animals in their habitats with Y4 children from Westminster Catholic Cathedral School. Rounding the term off nicely in July we've braved the blistering heatwave, exploring Riverside Environments with Y5 at St Thomas of Canterbury and conducting surveys about different ways to look after Marcus Garvey Park with Y4 classes at St James junior school.

CPD Taking the Primary Curriculum Outdoors, Holland Park

Teachers from the Tri-borough area spent a fantastic day at Holland Park Ecology Centre in April with us, learning about using their school's outdoor areas for teaching science and geography. Many thanks to Trevor Bowyer and the RBKC Ecology Service - everyone enjoyed learning about pond-dipping, minibeast identification, trail orienteering - and making clay dragonflies!

The **Headteachers fair** in April was a great opportunity for Moya and Hilda to get out and speak to Headteachers about the work we do helping schools use their local area for learning. And it's always great to meet new teachers so

thanks to all who attended **KS1 Outside and Local Learning CPD** for NQTs, discussing and sharing ideas to help build skills and confidence for taking children out to learn more often. Good luck with the year ahead!



Marcus Garvey Park Picnic The Urban Studies Centre had a stall at this lovely local event organised by the Friends group and we had a great time doing some creative crafts with local children and helping them make smoothies with the smoothie bike!



Join us for **READ IN THE PARK!**
Thur 13th August at Wormholt Park for storytelling, readings, fun & games + free books!



Ecology Riverside Day

With thanks to the British Ecological Society and London entomologist Alice Laughton, we ran a family community event at Fulham Wharf Jetty recording creatures and plants and learning about the ecology nearby. Through wild bug hunts, bird watching, flower identification and craft activities, we explored the unique riverside habitats of this corner of London. Thanks to all who came along.



A big thanks to Tyrell and Ryan, **Yr 10 work experience students** from Ark Burlington Danes Academy, who've been a great help with their ideas and hard work on final round-up project work at the Urban Studies Centre. We wish them well for the future and you can read their interesting [blog](#) pieces on our website.

School Travel Project

Well done for all to the great work of children taking part in School Travel Projects this term, from Pope John RC, Sullivan, Wendell Park and Wormholt Park primaries. Call **02087417138** to book your FREE KS2 programme.



Learning with Nature Programme

We are looking for one Reception or Year 1 class to partner with us on a programme of learning with nature. During these 3 half day sessions we will explore a local natural habitat, learn about the creatures and plants that live there and enjoy child-led active learning in a natural environment. Please be in touch for more details.

Tri-borough Project Emily has enjoyed working with some new schools and making discoveries in our expanded local area. Thanks to Barlby and Essendine schools for being Map Detectives, to Westminster Catholic Cathedral School for being Pimlico Explorers and St Mary Magdalene for having us along to their whole school Humanities Day.

Fond farewell... Our education officer Hannah waves goodbye this month, setting off for Bristol after 4 and a half



happy years with Urban Studies. 'It's been a privilege to do this brilliant work, huge thanks to Moya and Em; you and USC will be much missed!'

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