



Hammersmith & Fulham

# Urban Studies Centre

Welcome to our Winter 2015

# NEWSLETTER

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Here's a look back at what we've been up to this term.

## Tales of the Thames Path



The Tales of the Thames Path project is now well under way. With support from the Heritage Lottery Fund we are celebrating 20 years of the Thames Path from Hammersmith to Battersea through the eyes of children. We will produce a guide and create a short film as we explore interesting people and places along the river. This term children from St Peter's Primary enjoyed discovering the contrast between William Morris and his Arts & Crafts movement against the backdrop of Victorian Industries in Hammersmith. All Saint's Primary discovered the history of Bishops Park and Fulham Palace further along the river. Children from both schools had the chance to learn outdoors, be film makers, research local heritage and produce amazing artwork and creative writing. We can't wait to start working with Queens Manor and Sullivan Schools next term!

**Tri-borough Project** Our work with schools in RBKC and Westminster continues to grow with new sessions and CPD delivery. This term we've enjoyed working with St Thomas' (RBKC) where Year 4 became Map Detectives and enjoyed a four week transport project in their local area. Servite Year 3 uncovered the heritage of Chelsea Creek, Lots Road Power station and surrounding area. Many thanks to all who've taken part. If you are a RBKC or Westminster school, please be in touch to discuss taking part in the project!

Join us for a **NEW YEAR RIVERSIDE WALK**  
**Thursday 7th January. 10.30am**

A friendly, sociable and exploratory walk along the Thames Path from Hammersmith Bridge to Hammersmith Terrace looking at interesting stories and the people behind them along the way. This 2 hour walk will be followed by a light lunch at our (warm) classroom and a brief talk about the Tales of the Thames Project volunteering opportunities.

**Meet under Hammersmith Bridge** (North side)  
Booking necessary. Phone 0208 74138 or email [carlos@hfusc.org.uk](mailto:carlos@hfusc.org.uk)

## Earls Court Project

Year 2 from Servite Primary School worked with us on a project discovering all about their local area and changes at Earls Court. They found out about the history of the local area, visited Brompton Cemetery with Nick Lane from The Royal Parks and enjoyed a trip to Seagrave Road building site and the Marketing Suite, interviewing people construction the Lillie Square Development. Children created some wonderful maps exploring their ideal Earls Court. Their work and ideas will be exhibited along with other schools at the end of the project.

## FREE! Learning in Nature Programme

Lena Gardens Reception class and Queens Manor Year 1 took part in this active, nature based programme in their local green space. We are looking for two Reception or Year 1 classes to partner with us in the Summer Term for three half day sessions where we will explore a local natural habitat, and enjoy child-led active learning in a natural environment. Please be in touch for more details.



## Welcome Carlos!

As our new Education Officer, Carlos Iszak is leading our Tales of the Thames Path project. It's great to have you on board and we wish you well in your new role!



## Geography and History Co-ordinators Network Meeting

With support from the PDC here at the Lilla Huset, we are continuing to facilitate these meetings. The next is scheduled for Thursday 4th February. Please be in touch with us or the PDC for more information. 020 8846 2580

## FREE! School Travel Project

Well done for all to the great work of children from Flora Gardens Primary School and All Saints Primary School for taking part in School Travel Projects this term. Call 02087417138 to book your FREE KS2

**Local Studies** We've had a jam-packed term exploring interesting spots and curriculum learning with local schools. In September we kicked off by becoming **Map Detectives** and exploring the **Development of a Settlement** with Melcombe Primary Year 5. Latymer Prep Year 4 also explored historic Hammersmith in this lively session looking at land use change over the past 150 years. We enjoyed discovering the wildlife (a 1 foot eel!) in the River Thames as **Foreshore Explorers** with Bousfield Primary School Year 4 and Sinclair House School Year 4. Year 3 St Paul's Primary and Avonmore Year 5 both got scientific thinking about **Rocks in the Environment**. November started with Larmerier and Sacred Heart Year 3 being **Traffic Investigators** with surveys and thinking about local pollution issues before John Betts Year 6 joined us to explore **Victorian Hammersmith** as part of their local history topic. Fox primary visited us again to explore **Riverside Environment's** along the River Thames and The Fulham Bilingual School enjoyed a fun session in South Park learning all about **Classification**. We welcomed back Kensington Prep whose current Year 2 became **Mini-Mappers** in Bishop's Park. Finally, it was very special to finish the term with a fun and interesting local history walk with St Augustine's Year 6, as **World War One Explorers**, uncovering how WW1 impacted our local Fulham.



## White City Play Day - Read in the Park

In October half term we had a great time supporting the White City Play Day. The wonderful story teller Grace Quansah led our Read in the Park activities and together with Hammersmith & Fulham Community Gardens, we enjoyed meeting local children at our stall full of healthy living activities and word detectives trails nearby.

## Portobello and Golborne Market Food Heritage Project

Partnering with the fantastic Food Explorers CIC, we have been delivering lively sessions with Fox, St Mary's and Barlby Primary Schools 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. Congratulations on your brilliant award nominated film 'The Children of Portobello and Golborne'.

## CPD

Thanks to Essendine Primary School for an engaging and fun **twilight staff training** session exploring outside and local area learning in their geography curriculum. After the success of our **Taking the Primary Curriculum Outdoors**, with Holland Park Ecology Centre in Spring 2015, we will be re-running the training on 20th April 2016. If you are interested in booking CPD for your school, please call Emily on 02087417138 or email [em@hfusc.org.uk](mailto:em@hfusc.org.uk)

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