



Urbanwise.London

(The Urban Studies Centre)

Welcome to our latest *Urbanwise.London* School Newsletter! JULY 2019

We love to explore... so get in touch for a chat about how we can help you make the most of *your* local area and *Discover Your London!*

What we've been up to....

Children's Parliament on the Environment

Our annual programme involved Y6 children from 10 primary schools carrying out research on a range of environmental, social and global issues, then meeting at Kensington Town Hall in March to make their final presentations. Many congratulations to all the schools that took part and particularly to those who won awards!

IF YOU ARE A SCHOOL IN LBHF OR RBKC, AND WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART IN CHILDREN'S PARLIAMENT SPRING TERM 2020 PLEASE CONTACT US TO DISCUSS FURTHER AND BOOK YOUR SPOT.

Local studies sessions

We were joined by many schools, including Good Shepherd, East Acton Primary and Servite to learn about Riverside environments, Shepherd's Bush market and the history of The White City Olympics. We also enjoyed Map Detectives with Y3 Wendell Park, whilst St Vincent de Paul were fantastic mini mappers!

Science week with St Joseph's, Westminster, enabled the younger children from Reception to Y3 to explore the habitats found on Paddington recreation ground.

LBHF 'Mudlarks' Conference

Our biggest project this summer term was a great success! Working in partnership with many organisations, children from John Betts, St John's Walham Green, Avonmore, Brackenbury and Miles Coverdale discovered all about the impact of plastics in our rivers and waterways. The aim was to raise awareness, take action and help improve environmental practises in LBHF. Activities which included aspects of science, music and art ranged from visiting the WRWA recycling centre, investigating micro plastics in the River Thames, creating wonderful art work and making musical instruments out of plastic. We finished off with a conference and networking session at the Lyric theatre, where each school shared their learning and intended actions. Thank you to all our partners for their support and for LBHF for funding this very worthy project. Why not watch the short film which can be found on our website or by following this link <https://youtu.be/Es6O9WGxXqM>.



To book Local Studies sessions or enquire about our other projects, please call

0208 741 7138 or email learn@urbanwise.london

Earlier in the year....

We enjoyed working with Y5 at St Paul's on a special extended history project around the life of Queen Caroline of Brunswick who lived in Hammersmith over 200 years ago. The children learned about well known local characters and what life was like in Georgian times. They celebrated their learning with a 'Horrible Histories' style comedy and musical show presented in Queen Caroline Community hall. Thank you to Hammersmith United Charities for your support.



A royal encounter!

Children who have worked with us at Urbanwise, were invited as special guests, to a gala performance of the Darwin exhibition and production 'Wider Earth', at The Natural History museum where they met The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, who were representing the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy.



CPD Old Oak teachers participated in our Outdoor and Local learning training sessions. NQTs from LBHF, Westminster and RBKC also attended our professional development course. Please keep an eye on our website for future sessions and book your place with the **Lilla Huset PDC**

Work with Families and Adults

We enjoyed some Nature Discovery Days Out with North Kensington families including Holland Park Ecology centre, for a nature craft workshop, London Zoo and Odds Farm Park. The West Kensington Seniors group had some lovely visits to Kensington Palace, Kenmont House and the Tower of London. St Andrew's Youth club had fun at Kidzania, The Sky Garden, Pitch and Putt at Queen's Park. Thank you to our funders, City of London, Big Lottery and London Community Foundation.

Urbanwise were approached by QPR and Notting Hill Genesis to deliver a project for local primary school children to investigate changes to their local area, connected to the Oaklands Regeneration Project. We delivered four sessions to Old Oak Yr 6 classes including a [discovery trail of wormwood scrubs](#) and making a time capsule!

FREE! School Travel Project

We now have spaces available for LBHF schools wishing to participate in the spring Term. Call **0208 741 7138** to book your FREE KS2 programme.

Bookings for September 2019: We have already booked a number of sessions for schools to work with us on Local Studies, School Travel and other special projects. If you normally book a session with us for the first term, please do get in touch asap as our diary is already filling up! Calls and emails will be answered during the summer holidays.

What's next? ESTEEM club: A pilot project with support from Imperial's College Community Science Seed Fund working with young people from North West Kensington looking at how to invent solutions to local environmental issues using technology.

We continued our work with

West London Zone on the Natural Explorers project. Small groups of children from White City and North Kensington schools, including Old Oak Primary EYFS, Harmony Nursery and Oxford Gdns were able to spend some time each week in a local park or nature space, taking part in activities that help with their school work and emotional development.



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