



# SYBIL ELGAR SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 2019









July 2019

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Havelock Road

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Updates

#### Dear Parents/Carers

#### Havelock Rd



A group of pupils and students from both Havelock and Woodlands attending a two night residential trip to Malvern. The group enjoyed hiking, archery and climbing among many other

fun activities.

We have our own 'garden classroom' at Sybil Elgar which is a wonderful way to reconnect us with the natural world and teach valuable gardening skills. We have made our learning fun and now teach essential life skills that not only help physical and emotional health but integrate several subjects, such as



math, science, art, health and physical education, supporting social and emotional development.

Our bug hotel is a structure created by KS2 class to provide shelter for in-



sects. Our guests are butterflies, moths, worms, snails and slugs, spiders, beetles,



and bees - we attract them and give them a home in a variety of ways, from planting insect-friendly

plants and flowers, to building habitats for them to live.

Our Primary and Secondary depart-

ments all enjoyed the Great Get Together to celebrate togetherness and community. Children and staff





enjoyed a delicious picnic, as well as fun games and music.

As part of our communi-

ty links programme, the children have enjoyed a wide variety of school trips to Oxygen Free Jumping, Fruit Picking, Canoeing, Bushy Park and the British Museum to name just a few.

Members of the Student Committee visited the Houses of Parliament. The children learned about the history of British politics and were also introduced to Virendra Sharma, member of parliament for Ealing.

<u>Woodlands - Sybil Elgar School 16-</u> 22 Campus

This year's summer performance



was dedicated to Joan and Jackie who have given 53 years of wonderful service between

them at Sybil Elgar School. Jackie is still involved at Sybil Elgar House but Joan will be retiring this summer. We wish her joy and peace for the future and we are thankful to have so many positive memories to share.

The performance was a massive success with special guest Euan Cheeseman making an appearance to sing a few songs. He graduated in 2012 and continues to entertain with his beautiful voice.

Congratulations to all of our graduates, who were presented with certificates and a card of from Jane Asher, President of the National Autistic Society. We wish our young people who are moving on all the best in their future endeavours.

Our Art Exhibition at Gunnersbury House was a huge success, with contributions from children from bot our Secondary and 16-22 departments. We very much look for-



ward to planning for another exhi-

### bition in 2020.



#### Sybil Elgar House Children's Home

After another very busy term, we are all looking forward to the Summer, with our 52 week children and others

who will be accessing short breaks with us.

We are very lucky to be situated in London and have numerous options for days out with the children. We are also not very far from of our lovely coastlines and beaches, which always proves to be a very popular day out. Wishing you a very happy summer from all at Sybil Elgar House.

#### Summer Social





Another wonderful and emotional Summer Social, with the theme of Hip-Hop-Oscars'. We thank our very special guest, Councillor Dr. Abdullah Gulaid, for attending to officially open proceedings and to present the awards to our very deserving young people. Plans are already under way for next year.

## Congratulations to all of our award winners:

Tony Kay Cup of Excellence For Biggest Contribution to School **TB** 





Sybil Elgar School Highest Achiever Award **Melanie** 

Veronica Santhirasenan Shield For Poetry

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Joshua Bellot Memorial Cup Outstanding Personality **Elijah** 

Sports Woman of The Year Aliza & Yasmin

Sports Man of The Year Samire & Clive



Chris Marris Memorial Cup The Most Progress Made **Rinu & James** 

The Leban Farah Cup for Bravery

Gabby & Boston

Michael Baron Cup for Most Inspirational Student **Jennifer** 

Thankyou for all your support and wonderful partnership in making Sybil Elgar such an outstanding school. I wish you a calm and enjoyable Summer break. We look forward to our pupils and students returning on:

#### Monday 2nd September 2019

Kindest Wishes, **Chloe** Chloe Phillips **PRINCIPAL** 

#### Dates for your Diary

Please note that the following dates are subject to change. We will always confirm dates of school events in good time. Please also check the school website for any updates. You will also find our term dates fro 2019-2020 on the website.

www.autism.org.uk/sybilelgar

Monday 2nd September 2019 Return to school

Tuesday 1st October 2019 Award Ceremony, Woodlands

Friday 18th October 2019 Break up for half term

Tuesday 5th November 2019 Return to School Friday 20th December 2019 Break up for Christmas