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FROM SPELLING BEES TO INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY:
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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

STUDENT VS STAFF



We were thrilled to host a women's basketball competition. The event tied in perfectly with this year's International Women's Day theme, **'Give to Gain,'** which celebrates the idea that by supporting, encouraging, and uplifting others, we all grow stronger together. Through teamwork, determination, and friendly competition between staff and students, the game highlighted the power of collaboration both on and off the court.

The match created a lively and enjoyable atmosphere, showing just how important fun and positivity are when playing basketball. The game was incredibly close, ending in a 28–26 victory for the students (completely unrigged, of course).

Both staff and students said they had a fantastic time playing together in a relaxed and supportive environment, while also having the opportunity to showcase their impressive basketball skills.

A Year 13 student commented:

“It was surprising how good the teachers were at playing basketball and how close the scores were!”

Overall, the International Women’s Day basketball competition was a success and an enjoyable event for everyone involved.



PADDINGTON ACADEMY'S FIRST STUDENT EXCHANGE

Paddington Academy proudly hosted its first Spanish exchange, welcoming 13 students from Colegio Alameda and Colegio Arcángel for three days.



The exchange gave Paddington Academy students the opportunity to develop their Spanish skills, experience a new culture, and build friendships beyond the classroom.

During their visit, the exchange students took part in lessons including Art, PE, and other subjects, as well as experiencing everyday life at Paddington Academy.

Each visitor was paired with a Paddington buddy, helping them feel welcome and included throughout their stay.

Students enjoyed sharing stories about their cultures and discovering how much they had in common.

Overall, the exchange was a fantastic experience for everyone involved.



CLIMATE COUNCIL POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS

The Climate Council recently ran a Climate Change Poster Competition, inviting students from all year groups to create posters that raise awareness about environmental issues. They received a wide range of thoughtful and creative entries, both digital and hand-drawn, which were reviewed by the council.

Congratulations to our winners, **Raeesa Ferdous (Year 7)** and **Nasiba Hoque (Year 10)**, whose posters stood out for their creativity, clear messages, and strong environmental awareness. Their work highlighted the importance of protecting our planet in an engaging and impactful way.

Well done Raeesa and Nasiba.



INTERHOUSE SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

Well done to everyone who took part in this year's Spelling Bee. It can be difficult to stand up in front of a crowd and step outside your comfort zone, so well done. The event was a great success and showed the hard work, courage, and dedication of all the contestants. A special shout out goes to Ms Harper Clements and Mr Inseon for organising such a fantastic event.

The winners from each year group:

Year 7 - Hussein Ali and Emeline

Boevink Gomez *Lovelace*

Year 8 - Miia Kim *Hawking*

Year 9 - Khadijah Ahmed *Hawking*

Year 10 - Aiden To *Hawking*

Year 12 - Kia Kalantari *Lovelace*



YEAR 11 AND YEAR 13 - YOU'VE GOT THIS!

Exam season is officially underway, everyone at Paddington Academy would like to wish all students taking their exams the very **best of luck**.

This moment is the result of months - and for many, years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. We are incredibly proud of the effort every student has shown throughout their studies. Remember to stay confident, trust your revision, and do your best in every exam. Most importantly, take care of yourselves and support one another during this busy period.

A special shout out to:

- Year 11: Mr Wegbe, Ms Munroe, and Mr Clarke
- Year 13: Mr Lamrani, Mr Ineson, and Dr Moss
- All subject teachers, who have been working tirelessly every day to support those undertaking their exams



Word Search

Spanish Exchange Edition | Can you find all 8 words?

R L B Y G F N D X T M U R K
D K J V F B R W U Q K X Z D
D A K P A D D I N G T O N J
L E G N A C R A M A D R I D
A N V I X J B Z O K M Y Q T
B U D D I E S J A Y I C Y Q
F B H S I N A P S I G U W L
I N O I S R E M M I H B T Q
E X C H A N G E E M L W U L
A L A M E D A E Y K K Z W X

Find these words

MADRID BUDDIES EXCHANGE ALAMEDA
PADDINGTON SPANISH IMMERSION ARCANGEL

Unscramble the words below

1. DRADIM → _____
2. DEDIUBS → _____
3. GAEXHCEN → _____
4. NISHAPS → _____
5. BALBLSATKE → _____
6. MAETWORK → _____
7. NOITITEPMOC → _____
8. TNSUTEDS → _____
9. TAMILCE → _____
10. RNVMINOETEN → _____
11. TIRVAECTY → _____
12. RSSTOPE → _____