

STREAM Children's Book Festival

Streatham & Clapham High School (SCHS) held its second **STREAM South London Children's Book Festival** on **Saturday, 8 November**. The Festival was opened by illustrator, author and Children's Laureate Chris Riddell together with poet, writer and performer Michael Rosen with their first book together, *A Great Big Cuddle*. The audience of over 500 were charmed and entertained by Michael's poetry accompanied by simultaneous drawing by Chris.



David Baddiel at STREAM Book Festival

Visitors also attended a session with Francesca Simon, author of the *Horrid Henry* series, and Steven Butler, author of *The Diary of Dennis the Menace*, for a hilarious battle out over which of their characters was the naughtiest. With almost 30 events to choose from, there was something for every reader from nursery school age through to Young Adult. Members of SCHS, other schools and the wider community filled events in nine venues and were delighted to meet their favourite authors at the book signings. The school was filled with avid readers and engaged children, together with their families, attending the Festival. *Planning for STREAM2016 has started!*

New nursery in Wandsworth

The Playtime Nurseries have been voted number One day nursery in South East England by parents and number 7th in the U.K! They told us: "We understand the importance of choosing the right childcare that's why we make sure that all our nurseries are run to the highest standards." Wandsworth Playtime is opening in January 2016 with 3 open planned childcare rooms, a relaxing baby suite, wonderful kitchen/dining area, CCTV and up to date technology. Do visit their website for more details at playtimenurseries.com



Party with the crocs

Check out the only not-for-profit children's party provider in the UK. Smiles and Crocodiles has been steadily growing for 8 years and now takes party bookings in and around London. Choose from a selection of children's entertainers for your little one's next bash, knowing that when you book



a party with them all profits go to The Flying Seagulls, a project that travels the world bringing fun and laughter, circus skills and magic to some of the world's forgotten children and communities in Cambodia, Ghana, Albania and Romania. Find out more at theflyingseagullproject.com or email Smarties and Crocodiles at parties@theflyingseagullproject.com

Youngest entrepreneurs in Dragons' Den

Sisters Kia and Sky Ballantyne, aged 14 and 12, became the youngest entrepreneurs to ever pitch to the formidable Dragons' Den panel. Their clever product, a harness for children who are learning to ride their bike, started as school homework, and has grown into a business. They are now selling their Crikey Bikey® harness on their website crikeybikey.com and in national retailers such as Evans Cycles and Mountain Warehouse. The girls are running their business largely by themselves. A clever idea!



News from Parsons Green Prep

Parsons Green Prep, an independent day school in Fulham for 200 boys and girls from 4 to 11 years of age, has just launched a brand new website parsonsgreenprep.co.uk. The in-depth site is easy to navigate and has sections covering the curriculum, the school's extensive after-school clubs programme and school news. Galleries include everything from academia to the Christmas play and the site also contains a parents-only area featuring an events calendar, forthcoming sporting fixtures and weekly news emails.

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