



7 February 2019

Dear Parents

Last Thursday was the inaugural POD quiz night. Teams of parents, staff and governors pitted their wits to answer on a wide range of topics. Mr Schmidt was our enthusiastic quiz master and the whole room echoed to cries of delight – or anguish – as the answers were revealed. Above everything, there was a wonderfully happy vibe of friendship and laughter throughout the evening.

Mrs Gates and Mrs Devine and the tremendous team of class reps ensured that the event was a complete success. Even the falling snow did not dampen the spirits of our community. A huge thank you must go to all who organised the event. It was a brilliant occasion which raised the grand sum of £720.

### **Hot off the press!**

Excellent news about the Dolphin School Learning Garden! We have recently received permission from Wandsworth Council to continue using the garden for educational purposes – with no end date. So, between the hours of 09.00-16.45, on weekdays during term time, our children can enjoy the benefits of an outdoor classroom. The staff will now be able to plan lots of exciting and interesting “hands on” outdoor learning opportunities. We are so thrilled for our children.

### **Year 6 Aquamarines – Enterprise Day**

On Monday 4 February, Year 6 took part in a one-day workshop on teamwork, leadership and enterprise. The pupils started the morning with team dynamics by building towers with masking tape, spaghetti and marshmallows. They were invited to reflect on how they participated in their teams and how they could improve on their interpersonal skills.

The pupils were introduced to the basics of business and learned how to market, develop, create a brand and to price a new healthy snack product.

They finished the day by presenting their finished product and their advertisements to the class. This empowered each and every one of them to start developing their own products to raise money for the forthcoming Lenten charity project.



**Prom Praise – Ticket Update**

Good news! Parent tickets will be available for purchase beginning on **Monday 11 February at 10.00am**. These tickets are at discounted prices, and will be available until all tickets are sold out. Dolphin school will be seated on the **WEST CHOIR** in the Royal Albert Hall. Please keep this information in mind when you are selecting your seats for the concert.

Loggia Boxes - £22, Grand Tier - £22, 2nd Tier - £15 and the Circle - £10



Tickets may be purchased directly through the Royal Albert Hall box office in person, online or by telephone.

The Royal Albert Hall Box Office is located at Door 12 of the building and is open daily from 9am – 9pm. It can be called on **020 7589 8212** or contacted at

<https://www.royalalberthall.com/tickets/>

### **World Book Day – Thursday 7 March**

World Book Day will be celebrated on Thursday 7 March this year and we are inviting all of our children to come to school dressed as a book character of their choice.

The day itself is a wonderful opportunity to promote reading and books both in and outside of school and we are planning a range of exciting activities for the children to enjoy.

### **Author Visit - Reception - Year 2**

We are delighted to announce that Lynne Russell will be visiting the Lower School on the morning of World Book Day. She will be reading her latest book, '*Stinky Dog... Where are you?*' and the children will have a chance to ask questions and complete some engaging related activities. Year 2 will then be learning how to create their very own book.

We have attached more information about her book and if you would like to pre-order a copy (signed, dedicated to your child and with a cartoon illustration included), please bring £7, in a sealed envelope with your child's name on the front, to the Office before Monday 4 March. Lynne will also be available after school on World Book Day if you wish to meet her, see her book and purchase a copy then.

### **Return of the Dolphin Book Sale!**

Following the success of our 2017 Book Sale, we plan to run our very own Book Fair again on 7 March for all pupils to enjoy.

In order for this to be a whole-school event, we are relying on *each and every family* to donate some good quality children's books to the sale. We would therefore encourage you to delve deep into your book shelves, boxes and cupboards and select a few books that you and the family are willing to part from and that you would consider to be suitable for children aged between 5 and 11. Donations will be received through the Office and they will be welcome right up until the 5 March.

Our hope is that each child will have an opportunity to choose and purchase a book for £1. The proceeds raised from the sale will go to our Lent Charity.



We thank you in advance for your donations and trust that the sale will be a great success!

## **Literacy Events**

Some of you may be interested in number of book/reading related events (storytelling, performances and visiting authors and illustrators) being held in and around London over the Half Term break:

- *Imagine Festival* at The Southbank Centre celebrates the power of storytelling: <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/festivals-series/imagine-childrens-festival>
- Children's Book Festival at Dreamland Margate: <https://www.dreamland.co.uk/events/listings/eventdetail/6121/9/children-s-book-festival>
- Discover Children's Learning Centre in Stratford: <http://www.discover.org.uk/all-events/>.

## **Sports Report**

### **Tuesday 5 Feb Y3/Y4 Girls' Hockey Tournament**

Both the Dolphin teams enjoyed a very successful afternoon. The B team reached the final of their Tournament and were very unlucky to go down 2 - 1 against Streatham and Clapham. The team had played amazingly all afternoon especially in their semi-final against Eaton House. Special mention to Jette and Phoebe.

The A team were just as good, playing some great hockey. As with the B team, the girls came second to a strong Streatham and Clapham team. Special mention to Lourdes and Emily. Well done all the girls.

### **Wednesday 6 February Y5/6 Girls' Hockey v Eaton House**

We had five teams playing. Although everyone tried very hard it was not one of our more successful afternoons, as we finished behind in all the matches, but the girls should not feel despondent as they have played some great hockey this term.

### **Wednesday 6 Feb Y5/Y6 Boys' Hockey v Newton Prep**

Each of our three teams played two Newton Prep teams meaning there was a total of six matches played. All the boys played well and we finished the afternoon with honours about even with 2 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses. Well done all the boys.

## **Second Hand Uniform Sale**

You may have school uniform which you no longer need and are willing to donate to the school. If so, please bring along any good condition, freshly laundered items to the school office for a sale on Tuesday 26 February at 15:25 – 16:00 in the hall.

## **Reception Diamonds – International Day**

On Friday 8 February it is International Day in Reception Diamonds. We invite every child to come in dressed as someone from their special place. On this day the children will swap classes and tell friends in other classes why the places they have chosen are special to them. There is no need for Reception children to wear school uniform tomorrow.

### Tomorrow

It is the turn of parents in Reception and Year 2CB to pop into classrooms at 'drop off'.

Parent Prayers will be held as usual at 8:50. If you are joining us for this you are asked to sign in at the office first before making your way to the Music Room.

Our Friday Assembly will be at 11.15, and parents are warmly invited.

### Reminder

Please note that next Friday 15 February is Theme Day, which means that there will be **no** Parent Prayers or Assembly.

With best wishes

*N. S. Baldwin*

**Mrs N S Baldwin**  
**Principal**

### Forthcoming events

Date	Event	Times	Venue
Monday 11 February	ISA Cross Country	07.30 – 14:00	Sherfield
Monday 11 February	Y3 visit to Windsor Castle	08.30	Windsor Castle
Tuesday 12 February	Y3/Y4 Girls' Hockey v Eaton House	14:30	Ferndale
Friday 15 February	No Parent Prayers		
Friday 15 February	No Assembly		
Friday 15 February	Theme Day	All day	School
<b>Half term holiday 18 February – 22 February</b>			