



7 March 2019

Dear Parents

All the Mr Men and Little Misses at Dolphin School wish you a very happy World Book Day!



This week our excellent Year 6 captains presented three charity options to the school on Ash Wednesday, at the start of Lent. The presentations were all very well researched explaining the valuable work of each charity and presented in an engaging and convincing manner. All classes are now voting (democracy in action) and our Lent charity will be announced in assembly on Friday.

World Book Day

“Once you have read a book you care about, some part of it is always with you.” – Louis L’Amour

We have had a terrific day celebrating books! All the children (and staff) have made such a huge effort to dress up and embrace the day; thank you to everyone involved!

Lower School started their day by hearing our visiting author and illustrator, Lynne Russell read her book, ‘*Stinky Dog, where are you?*’. Afterwards, they had the opportunity to ask insightful questions and complete follow up activities in the classroom.

Year 2 then attended a workshop with Lynne where they learnt about the importance of storyboarding and how illustrations can be a helpful starting point when building a plot. This inspired them to plan and create their own stories using a storyboard and book template.

Year 3 and Year 6 looked at Charlie Mackesy's work based on his beautiful and profound illustrations. Year 4 created book reports based on the book their chosen character was from and Year 5 created author profiles.

After break, every child was able to make a purchase from the book sale. Thanks to all of your donations, we had an abundance of high quality items on sale.

A special thank you to the parents who helped sort the books in preparation for the sale; many hands did indeed make light work!

During afternoon break, the children who wanted to stay inside were treated to Mrs Absolam, Mrs Green, Mrs Shahpazova and Miss Valori reading from their favourite books.

Amazingly, we have many bags of books left over which will be sold after school tomorrow in the Church, so please join us to pick up a few bargains!

A montage of photos for World Day Book will be available on our website as soon as possible.

Parent Teacher Interviews

It is such an important part of our home/school partnership for staff and parents to meet to talk about each child. Thank you to all those parents who came on Tuesday evening, and we look forward to seeing more parents tonight. Each teacher puts great thought and care into the preparation for these meetings and I would like to thank them for their dedication.

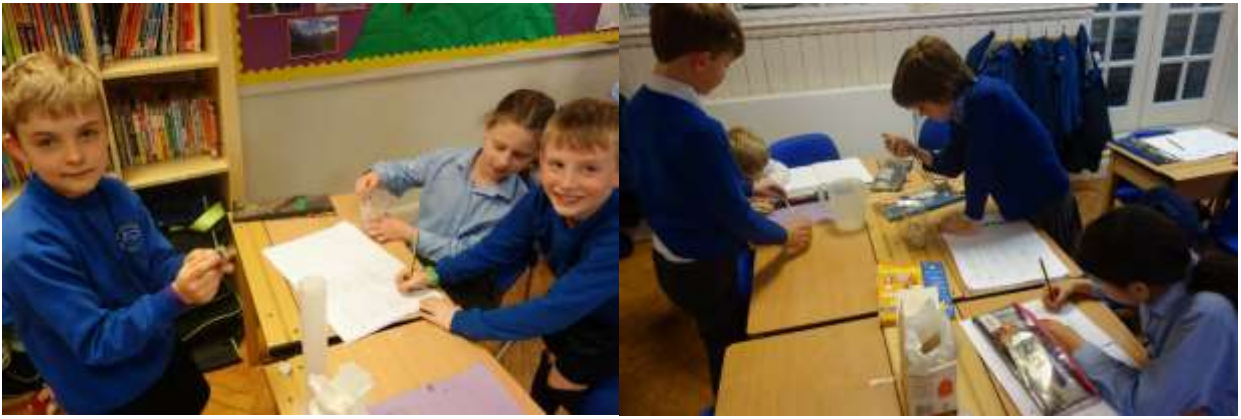
Year 4 Emeralds – Science

This term Year 4 have been learning about solutions and on Wednesday we completed an experiment to see if the size of sugar crystals changes the dissolving time. It was a close call but the icing sugar came out as fastest to dissolve. Well done to all of the class who ensured their test was fair by keeping some of the variables the same.

"I loved doing the experiment because we got to use a timer to test the different sugars." Lourdes.

"It was a fun experiment because we got to do a practical activity to help understand the science behind dissolving sugar." Jette





Year 4 Emeralds – St David’s Day



Year 4 were treated to a visit from our own Mrs Gates last Friday. Not only is she the lovely mummy of Edward and Rachel, our marvellous POD lead and an allround supersonic busy lady but she has another claim to fame. She is also, in fact, from the land of giant red dragons and fluffy white sheep, where songsters are bred and thespians bellow across Mount Snowdon in the beautiful countryside of Wales!





Yes, we had a real live Welsh speaker who came in to share aspects of her culture with our Year 4 pupils on St David's Day. This is a feast day to celebrate the patron saint of Wales, so we feasted on Bara brith and heard wondrous things about St David and this spectacular land. Thank you Mrs Gates, we're working hard to impress you with our pronunciation of 'Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch' - we'll keep you posted.

Year 2 Sapphires – Chicks

This week Year 2 have been very excited because the long anticipated wait of the chicks is over as they are now hatched. We luckily got to see the first chick hatch at 10:00 yesterday and were thrilled to see it in such early stages of life. The chicks are healthy, fluffy and warm. The children will be observing them in the coming week.





Online Evening with Karl Hopwood

We are thrilled to have international online safety expert, Karl Hopwood, back to Dolphin School on Wednesday, 20 March to work with pupils, staff and parents on issues relating to this ever changing area of life. We would like to invite you, our parents, to join us at 19.00-20.30 when Karl will be looking at up-to-date and current issues surrounding online usage, computer games and social media.

We would strongly recommend that one parent from each family attends the evening, where possible. Feedback has always been really positive from those attending. The session is for adults only and not for children and will run from 19:00 – 20:30. To reserve a place, please register online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/ZbNL34wm1fX2stQ92>

Y6 Aquamarines - Dolphin does the Apprentice

Our budding Year 6 entrepreneurs have been working hard and will be creating some incredible products that they would love you to buy during the week beginning 18 March! Please see the attached adverts and order form to get a flavour of what is on offer! All the profits raised will go to our chosen charity.

Sports Report

Monday 4 March Y3 Boys' v Hornsby House Tag Tournament

The boys had a very successful afternoon, playing amazingly. The team beat Broomwood and Hornsby and drew against Dulwich thanks mainly to a James B. hat trick. This was a great effort. Nat and Bertie need a special mention for the excellent play throughout the tournament.

Tuesday 5 March Y3/Y4 Boy's Tag Rugby Match v Broomwood

This proved to be another highly successful afternoon for Dolphin with all four teams winning handsomely. Special mention to Frankie and Stanley for scoring lots of tries.

Wednesday 6 March Y5/Y6 Girls' Hockey v Finton House

This was a challenging fixture results wise as the girls lost all four games. However, two matches were lost by just one goal. The Finton A team were very strong and contained several highly experienced players.

Class Assembly

Y1 Pearls will lead a Friday Assembly on 15 March.

Tomorrow

It is the turn of Reception and 1KH to visit classrooms. Parent Prayers will take place as usual at 08.50 in the Music Room.

With best wishes

N. S. Baldwin

Mrs N S Baldwin
Principal



Forthcoming events

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Friday 8 March	Y5/Y6 Boys' Rugby v Roche	13.45	Wandsworth Common
Mon 11 - Wed 13 March	Hooke Court (Year 6)		Residential Trip
Tuesday 12 March	Y3/Y4 Boys' Football v Honeywell	13.30	Wandsworth Common
Thurs 14 - 15 March	The Mill (Year 4)		Residential Trip
Thursday 14 March	Y5/Y6 Claremont X Country (selected team)	12.00 – 16.00	Claremont KT10 9HZ
Friday 15 March	Class Assembly – Year 1	11:15	Church
Tuesday 19 March	Prom Praise (Y3 – Y6)	13.00 – 20.20	Royal Albert Hall
Wednesday 20 March	'Online Safety' Talk for parents	19:00 – 20:30	School
Tuesday 25 March	Lower School Reading Session for parents	14.30 – 15.25	Hall
Wednesday 27 March	Art Exhibition open to parents (Reception - Year 2)	14:45 – 15:30	Hall
Thursday 28 March	Art Exhibition open to parents (Year 3 – Year 6)	13:40 – 14:20	Hall
Thursday 28 March	Dolphin Concert	14.20 – 15.20	Church
Friday 29 March	Art Exhibition open to all parents	08.30 – 09.15	Hall
Friday 29 March	End of term	12:30	School
Easter Holiday Monday 1 April – Tuesday 23 April 2019			