



16 May 2019

Dear Parents

Another wonderful week at Dolphin! Please read on for a flavour of all the exciting learning that has been taking place.

Upper School DT Day- The Amazing Marble Run

Design Technology is, in its purest form, a beautiful process. From inspiration to conception, then development, building, tweaking and finally, evaluating - it is a full, complete and satisfying process.

Last Friday our Upper School pupils engaged in the Amazing Marble Run! This was a DT challenge that proved to be an inspiring experience (and neatly fulfilling all of the various aspects of an excellent design project)! Pupils in the Upper School were put in mixed age groups and given the challenge to create an ingenious Marble Run. The concepts were varied (and wonderfully creative). There were many moments where pupils had to rework ideas until they finally came up with a working solution - not unlike the story of James Dyson!

In the end, each group voyaged around the school, marbles in hand, to test each other's marble runs. The pupils voted and determined our 3 finalists. In the end, one group, 'Aqua Rush' stood to hold the DT Day Trophy high above their heads - crowned DT Day Champions 2019. The feedback from both pupils and staff alike, was resoundingly positive. A triumph.



Upper School DT Day







Lower School Assembly

Lower School enjoyed their very own Assembly last Friday when the children unpacked the memory verse together.

Year 2 illustrated how God's love cannot be measured using mathematical apparatus, and Reception acted out the parable of 'The Lost Son'. Year 1 helped us understand how God's love can be described, and led us in prayers of thanksgiving.



Year 4 Emeralds – Museum of London

Our curious Year 4 historians trotted off to The Museum of London on Monday. There, they investigated the different stages of our prehistoric home town in the 'London Before London' gallery, actively locating artefacts and diligently recording their findings in a chronological fashion. There was even an iron age shield from Battersea! Following this, they were treated to a shadow puppet show of our topic and were actually allowed to handle replicas of historical objects and prehistoric artefacts which were thousands of years old! What an amazing experience and what a supersonic group of pupils. Their engagement and behaviour was outstanding and made their teachers beam with pride.





Year 1 Pearls – Wandsworth Recycling Centre



Yesterday Year 1 visited Wandsworth Recycling Centre. We enjoyed watching the rubbish trucks bring in the rubbish, which was weighed, and then sorted, using conveyor belts and a huge magnetic claw. We went outside to see the containers, which carried the rubbish that could not be recycled, down the Thames to an incinerator, where it is burnt and used to create electricity. We took part in a very interesting workshop on the 3Rs – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. We learnt about how glass, paper, plastic and metal can be recycled, and what we can do to reduce waste in the first place.

This is what the children said about their trip:

My favourite bit was having a tour and seeing hundreds of worms in the compost.

It was interesting when we saw all the machines in the video.

I liked the machine that picked up the rubbish and moved it along.

I liked the caves that they heaved the rubbish into.

My favourite part was seeing the claw grab the rubbish.

My favourite part was seeing all the tin cans crushed into cubes.

Year 1 Pearls – Clay Modelling



On Friday Leo's Mum, Tanya, visited Year 1 to lead a workshop with the children on clay modelling. Tanya has her own gallery, and began by showing us some beautiful examples of her work, which



provided a great inspiration as a starting point. Then she helped the children to make their own animals. The children loved working with the clay, and we are very grateful to Tanya for sharing her time and her talents. Thank you!

Lower School Reading Session

Thank you to those who joined us for the Reading Information Session on Monday; we hope you were informed, encouraged and entertained!

If you missed the session, but would like a copy of the pack (which contains a few resources), please request one from Mrs Saunders.

Talk on 'Emotional Well-being' - Wednesday 22 May: 18.00-19.30

Natalie Costa from 'Power Thoughts' will be at Dolphin to give a talk designed to help parents support their children's emotional well-being and ability to cope with challenges. If you would like to attend this talk, please register [here](#)

Whole School Sports Day – Friday 24 May

Sports Day is next Friday. Attached is the schedule of events and parking arrangements at Wimbledon Stadium. We would encourage you to use public transport where possible, as parking is limited.

Children will be looked after by a team of staff in their House groups during the track events, and carefully supervised as they move around the field events. **In order to keep the track clear and everyone safe and settled, we would really appreciate it if you could avoid coming over to the House mats until it is time to collect your child at the end of Sports Day.** We are keeping an eye on the weather forecast! Please see the attached map and Parents' Programme for details of the day.

If you have a child in the Lower School, please send two snacks and a named bottle of water for your child. The day's activities can be busy and younger children may require more frequent refuelling, so they will therefore have a snack before and after their field events. Upper School children will be supplied with energy bars for their snack.

Prop and Set Building Party

The much loved story of Toad and his wild antics will come to life in our year end production of Wind in the Willows. The set and props will, of course, be a celebration of our wonderful English heritage and a multitude of vintage modes of transportation. We would like to invite all parents to join us on our two weekends dedicated to building a platform and props which will allow our pupils to shine. If you are a builder, painter, maker, helper or just a 'let me help' person, please join us on Saturday 15 June and/or Saturday 29 June for our two set building parties. If you are able to help please contact Mrs Saunders: receptionist@dolphinschool.org.uk

E-Safety Evening

A reminder that we have the privilege of Karl Hopwood of Esafety Ltd coming to spend the day with us on Monday 3 June (the first day back after half term). He is an international expert on e-safety issues for children, parents and schools, and will be speaking about the current issues and pressures for children surrounding online usage, computer games and social media. Karl will spend the day working with children and staff, and **a special session for parents will be held from 19:00 – 20:30.** We would encourage family representatives to attend if at all possible as safe use of technology is

becoming an increasingly important issue in our lives. Spaces are limited. To reserve a place, please register [here](#)

School Photographs – 12 June

School photographs are scheduled for Wednesday 12 June this year. As in the past we will take both class and individual photographs. We will again be offering the opportunity for Dolphin siblings (Reception - Year 6) to have their photographs taken together.

If you would like your children to have a siblings photograph taken, please click [here](#) and complete the form.

Assembly Date - Reception

Looking ahead, our Reception Diamonds will be leading our school assembly next half term, on Friday 21 June.

Sports Report

Y3/Y4 Girls' Cricket v Eaton House - Tuesday 14 May

This was the girls' first ever match of cricket and they played brilliantly, finishing with two wins and a loss. Special mention to Lourdes and Phoebe.

Tomorrow

It is the turn of parents in Reception and Year 2KV 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 led by our Year 6 Aquamarines at 11.15. All parents are warmly invited.

With best wishes



Mrs N S Baldwin
Principal

Upcoming events in the Summer Term 2019

Winter or Summer uniform until half term

Thursday 16 May	Senior School Fair	18.30 – 20.00	School
Friday 17 May	Parent Prayers	08.50	Music Room
Friday 17 May	Assembly – Year 6 Aquamarines	11.15	Church
Friday 17 May	Y5/Y6 Girls' JAPs Cricket Tournament	13.30	JAPs
Wednesday 22 May	Y5/Y6 Girls' Cricket v Eaton House	13.30	Clapham Common
Wednesday 22 May	Emotional Well-being Parent Talk	18.00 – 19.30	School
Friday 24 May	Sports Day	09.15 for 09.30	Wimbledon Park

HALF TERM 27 May – 31 May

Summer uniform

Monday 3 June	School resumes	08:30	School
Monday 3 June	On-Line Safety Talk (Karl Hopwood)	19.00 – 20.30	School
Wed 5 – Fri 7 June	Year 6 Camp (Viney Hill)		Residential Trip
Wednesday 12 June	School Photographs		School
Friday 14 June	POD School Fair	16.00 – 18.00	Wandsworth Common
Tues 18 – Sat 22 June	'The Life of Christ' production		Wintershall Estate, Surrey
Friday 21 June	Assembly – Reception Diamonds	11.15	Church
Friday 21 June	New Parents' Tea	13:30	School
Mon 24 – Wed 26 June	Hooke Court (Year 5)		Residential Trip
Wednesday 3 July	Piano Workshop	15.45	Hall
Tuesday 9 July	Summer Production	10.30 for 10.45	School
Tuesday 9 July	Summer Production	16.30 for 17.00	School
Wednesday 10 July	Summer Production	18.30 for 19.00	School
Thursday 11 July	Final Assembly	11:00	School
Thursday 11 July	End of term	12:30	School