



2 May 2019

Dear Parents

I am delighted to tell you that this week a group of our Upper School children with a keen interest in eco issues, such as reduction of single use plastic and promotion of environmentally friendly actions, met with Miss Clark as we start upon the path to being a 'reduced plastic' school. How inspiring for us all to see the passion and purpose of our young people when identifying the need for action in this area.



Senior School Fair – 16 May 18.30-20.00

It is very exciting to be hosting such a variety of excellent Senior Schools who will be exhibiting at our Senior School Fair on 16 May.

The Fair will run from 18.30-20.00 to allow parents to pop in to find out more about any of the 32 schools who are attending. Whether you are considering single sex, co-ed, boarding or day options for the future, you will find schools which you may already know alongside others which may be new to you. Do not pass up this excellent opportunity, when so many schools will be together at Dolphin. Thank you to those of you who have already registered that you will be attending. You are welcome to invite other friends to come to benefit from this event, but they too, need to register. For more information and to register, please [click here](#).

Reception Diamonds – Holland Park



Reception Diamonds crossed the Thames last Thursday to embark on an intrepid Minibeast Hunt starting from the Ecology Centre at Holland Park. On our arrival we were greeted by peacocks and learned about Milo of Croton whose statue and inscription amongst the tulips reminded us not to show off! We then ventured across a waterfall in the Kyoto garden and encountered enormous fish.



Our next stopping point was a huge sundial with sculptures of tortoises at the base. After lunch we met Trevor in the Ecology Centre who taught us about the difference between different groups of Minibeasts. It was at this point we entered the wildlife area and collected as many Minibeasts as we could including beetles, slugs, centipedes, millipedes, woodlice and spiders. We even discovered a couple of toads under logs. We were careful to return each creature to its home.

On our return to the Ecology Centre, Trevor showed us an African Giant Land Snail and a Tiger Hissing Cockroach. Some of us were brave enough to hold or stroke them! We enjoyed a great day of fun and courageous investigation!

Year 2KV Sapphires – Garden Expedition

Year 2 have been out and about in the garden. All the children planted their own sunflower. As a class we are currently carrying out an investigation about the conditions for growth of a bean plant by comparing how plants grow in light and dark conditions and with or without water.





Invitation to Parents: 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.

Parents will be offered practical techniques with regard to helping their children manage 'big' emotions and cope with stress and worries, and insights will be shared on the importance of developing resilience.

Natalie conducts regular pupil workshops at Dolphin in Year 5 and 6, and is a warm and engaging communicator. If you would like to attend this talk, please register [here](#)

Y6 Life of Christ production - Wintershall

We would like to remind the Y6 parents that the Wintershall application forms which were sent home on 1 May need to be completed by a parent and then returned to Mrs Saunders at Reception by **Friday 10 May** along with a **photocopy of your child's birth certificate or passport**.

POD News

Summer Fete - Friday 14 June

Plans are coming along with talk of bunting, donuts, face painting and ice cream!!

As mentioned previously, entry to the event will be by wristbands and these (as well as the tokens you'll need to visit our stalls) will go on sale from next Tuesday.

Reps will be selling a family ticket (covering parents and child entry) for £5. Additional individual tickets for grandparents/ nannies/ older siblings will be £1. Tokens for each stall cost 50p and can be purchased in multiples of 10. Reps will be at both entrances at drop off and pick up next week.

We still need RAFFLE PRIZES so please do let your reps know if you can offer a unique prize/experience.

Sports Day – Friday 24 May This is such a great opportunity to have fun, get dressed up in house colours and support our children who are very excited about competing for their houses.

Please watch out for next week's newsletter where POD will be letting you know who the main contact is for each house.

Tomorrow

We look forward to seeing parents at Assembly tomorrow at 11.15. Parents' Prayers will take place as usual at 08.50 in the Music Room.

With best wishes

N. S. Baldwin

Mrs N S Baldwin
Principal



Upcoming events in the Summer Term 2019			
Winter or Summer uniform until half term			
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday		
Thursday 9 May	Y5/Y6 Boys' Cricket v Honeywell School	13.30 – 15.30	Wandsworth Common
Friday 10 May	DT Day (Upper School)	During the day	School
Monday 13 May	Reading Information Session (Lower School Parents)	14.20 – 15.25	Hall
Thursday 16 May	Senior School Fair	18.30 – 20.00	School
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		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	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