



10 October 2019

Dear Parents,

Reception Diamonds

Last week we learnt about the importance of yeast while looking at our memory verse 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast' so we decided to bake bread. It was delicious! We then made bread without yeast, compared the two and talked about the difference the yeast made.



Year 4 Emeralds

On Thursday 3 October, Year 4 Emeralds went on their much-anticipated trip to the Thames Explorer Trust at Kew Bridge. We started the day finding out where much of our London water is stored. Who knew there were water tanks for the whole of London so close to us here at school! Much to our delight, our entertaining leader Simon, gave us a very interactive and hands on experience learning all about the River Thames, from where it starts at the source, to the mouth which flows into the North Sea. After a

spot of lunch, once kitted out in our wellies and donning protective gloves, we excitedly set off for the Thames foreshore. You can only go onto the foreshore when the tide is out as otherwise the foreshore would be covered with the water from the river! With much enthusiasm all of Year 4 measured the cleanliness, acidity and speed of the river, and found different creatures that live within it. Did you know that the River Thames is one of the cleanest rivers in the world? All in all, we had a very exciting and enjoyable trip, even if we were followed by a very persistent swan!!



Logic Cup Competition

On Tuesday, four of our children from Year 5 and 6 competed in the Lord Wandsworth College Logic Cup competition. It was a fun-filled day of Maths challenges, problem solving, and team work and involved competing against twelve other prep schools. The day began with a quiz which included complex number sequences, mathematical abbreviations, number investigations and even a 'Countdown' number challenge. This was followed by a Maths trail around the campus requiring our team to solve clues at various locations and use mapping skills to navigate the grounds.

A delicious lunch was provided in the school's new dining room, which resembled more of a stylish restaurant.

The day finished with a mathematical relay challenge requiring our group to be split into pairs to solve a range of word problems against the clock. Speed and accuracy were key because after each pair solved a problem, they had to race to the examiner who would determine if they could take the next question to the other pair, and so it continued. Mr Williams, the Headmaster, greeted the groups and announced the winners before we dashed to catch our train back to London.

- My favourite part was the trail when we all had to work with a team. We had to find words and fractions to find the next clue. **Irina**
- In the morning activity, we were able to share our ideas and work together. Overall, I would love to do it again. **Emily**
- The day was an amazing experience. My highlight was the quiz because we worked really well together as a team. **Oliver**
- I really liked the last activity because you had to work together to solve the Maths problems. It was all really exciting and everyone was talking to each other. We got to know lots of people from different schools. **Oskar**

National Poetry Day

First placed and Highly commended poets from Dolphin School.

At the end of the last academic year, LoveReading4Kids launched a poetry competition for children from across the UK, backed by the National Poetry Day, and inspired by theme of Truth. Many of our students entered fantastic poems and we are truly delighted to congratulate the winner of this national competition, our very own, Edward Pugh with his poem The Truth About School.

Edward is awarded a trophy and certificate, a visit to Dolphin School from National Poetry Day ambassador and award-winning poet [James Carter](#), an annual subscription to the gorgeous children's magazine 'Scoop' and £250 of books for Dolphin School!

Furthermore, Dolphin School was celebrated on the LoveReading4Kids blog for supporting poetry by entering dozens and dozens of their students into the competition, including a Highly Commended for Tabitha Bax's poem (previously of 4CR). They stated that 'It was an incredibly rewarding and inspiring journey of creativity reading the hundreds of entries'

Well done, Edward! Keep up the creative word play Dolphin!

Take a look at Edward's winning poem below.

Edward Pugh, Age 9
Poetry Prize Winner 2019
The Truth About School

*School can be as fun as your 9th birthday party
 School can be as bumpy as a roller coaster
 School can be as calm as the Mediterranean sea
 School can be as desperate as the desert
 School can be as splendid as a ride on a funfair
 School can be as isolated as Antarctica
 School can be as freestyle as a pop band
 School can be a life of friendship
 School unlocks doors to the best you can be
 School is a world waiting to be explored*



Track Suits and Fleeces

Now that the weather is turning and becoming less predictable, we ask the children to wear tracksuits and fleeces at playtime to keep their uniforms clean and tidy. As a reminder, we would ask that all children have their tracksuit bottoms and fleeces in school every day.

Love In a Box – Mustard Seed Relief Missions – Shoebox Appeal.

Every year we participate in the Shoebox Appeal and send off gift-filled shoeboxes to children in Eastern Europe. If you would like to join us in this project, please bring your filled shoeboxes to the school office during the week beginning 18 November. Mustard Seed Mission will then collect the boxes on **Monday 25 November**.

To support this initiative, please follow carefully the instructions on the leaflet which is in your child's book bag and make sure that you include the **£4.00** as requested. Thank you so much for participating; it means a great deal to the children who give and also to those who receive. It is also an enjoyable, fun and meaningful activity to do on a rainy day during half term.

Reminders

Reading Information Session for Lower School Parents

Just a reminder that this will be held on Friday 11 October, for parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It will be an opportunity to hear more about how we teach Reading at Dolphin and how you can help support reading at home. Please note that the session will be very similar to the session held in the Summer Term of last year.

It will take place in the Hall and so entry will be through the Staff Door. Tea and coffee will be available from 08.45 and we will begin promptly at 09.00, aiming to finish by 10.00. If you would like to attend, please inform the School Office by email

receptionist@dolphinschool.org.uk.

Nasal Flu Vaccination

Please remember to return your form to the school office by **Friday 18 October** for the nasal flu vaccinations are being offered by the NHS to all pupils from Reception to Year 6 on **Thursday 14 November** at Dolphin School.

Sports Report

Friday 4th October Y5/Y6 Consortium Shield

On Friday, the year 5/6 A and B teams played in our Consortium Shield on Wandsworth Common. In two competitive groups, the A team progressed into the semi finals, finishing unbeaten in their group. The B team battled impressively throughout, gaining creditable draws, but did miss out on the knock out stage. The A team faced Honeywell in the semi finals and despite our efforts, we lost 2-0. Well done to both Dolphin sides for representing the school so well.

Monday 7th October Y4 A Team Eaton Square Tournament

Monday saw the Dolphin Year 3/4 A team attend the Eaton Square Tournament at Battersea Park against some very prestigious schools. Dolphin started brightly with

some impressive displays of strong defending, narrowly losing to Dulwich College, beating Newton Prep and drawing with Knightsbridge.

Tues 8 October Y3/Y4 Girls and Boys v Oliver House

The girls played very well in their first netball fixture of the term. The two teams swapped around throughout the fixture playing against several Oliver House teams, so no overall scores were kept. But there is a special mention to Sofia and Ruby for their excellent play.

The boys' football teams were equally well matched, and we finished with one win and one loss.

INALA – a South African Dance Musical

We are pleased to be able to advise you that Dolphin families are being given a discount to attend the performance outlined below:

Sisters Grimm will be holding a one-off event showcasing 'INALA - a South African dance musical' at The Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday 23 October 2019. See the [INALA Trailer](#) here for a taster.

This will be a spectacular one off gala starring a cast of over 35 world-class dancers and singers, including 2019 Grammy Award winners Soweto Gospel Choir, current and former dancers from the Royal Ballet, Rambert and Alvin Ailey with a band of some of London's best musicians.

Book your ticket now and get a 40% discount.

TO BOOK YOUR 40% DISCOUNT* Just quote **INALA40** when booking your tickets online [Inala Tickets](#) or by phone 020 7589 8212.

Assembly tomorrow

Our Friday Assembly will be led by Year 3 tomorrow. Parents are always warmly invited.

Parent Drop in and Parents' Prayers

Tomorrow morning from 08:30 – 08:45 Reception and Year 1KH parents are invited to visit their child's classroom. Parents' Prayers will take place in the Music Room at 08.50.

Wish best wishes

N. S. Baldwin

Mrs N. S. Baldwin
Principal

Upcoming Events and Sporting Fixtures

AUTUMN TERM 2019			
Summer or Winter uniform until half term			
Date	Event	Time	Venue
Friday 11 Oct	Reading Information Session (Lower School Parents)	08.45 - 10.00	Hall
Friday 11 Oct	Year 3 Assembly	11:15	Church
Tuesday 15 Oct	Y3/Y4 Girls' Football v Honeywell	13.30 -15.00	Wandsworth Common
Tuesday 15 Oct	Y3/Y4 Boys' Football v Broomwood	14.15 - 15.30	Wandsworth Common
HALF TERM 21 October – 1 November			